

Reception News

With just over a week to go to our 'Twinkly Nativity' the children are working really hard to practice the songs and their lines. It is starting to come together although we do need children with lines to continue practicing them at home using big voices.

We are continuing with our 'Once Upon a Time' theme and will be reading Cinderella and The Princess and the Pea. We will be thinking about what rules we would enforce if we were Kings and Queens and will be thinking about how we could change some traditional tales, so the Princess doesn't need to wait to be rescued, adding a little Princess Power!

This week we are learning:

Phonics – this week we are learning the sounds y, z, zz & qu and the tricky words he, she, my & by.

Maths – we are learning about the number 9. We are looking at pairs and thinking about odd and even numbers as well as practicing counting 9 objects. We are also looking at shapes and will be using a variety of shapes to make pictures.

Jigsaw – we are talking about making friends. We will think about how to make friends, how we should treat our friends, and what to do when things go wrong with our friends.

Music – we will be continuing to practice songs for our nativity.

Other –we will be reading Cinderella and The Princess & the Pea. We will be making crowns, wands & shields, looking at different materials to find the comfiest bed for a Princess, thinking of alternative endings to traditional tales with a focus on 'Princess Power' and will be playing games such as Sleeping Dragons.

Reminders

- The deadline for costumes was yesterday (Monday). We are doing our first dress rehearsal tomorrow (Wednesday). If we have asked for a costume and you haven't sent it in yet, please do so asap. If you are unable to provide a costume, please let us know as soon as possible so we can try to find something for your child. For those who haven't been asked for a costume, it may be worth sending a T-shirt in for your child to wear under their costume as some of them are quite thin and the hall can be a little chilly.
- Many of the children who have words to say in our Nativity still do not know their lines. Our first performance is next Monday (for Y1 & Y2 children). Please practice lines with your children at home. Our rehearsals are taking way longer than they should because we are having to feed lines to so many children. Please also try to encourage children to say their lines in a loud voice so you are able to hear them during our performance.
- Could you please practice zipping up coats with your children at home? We still have lots of children who say they don't know how to do it. Also, could you please make sure that your child has **named** gloves and hat in school?
- Bug Club – we have noticed that a lot of children are not using Bug Club regularly and a few children have never logged on. We are finding that children who are using Bug Club regularly or are playing practical games at home to learn sounds and practice blending and segmenting are doing much better with reading and writing than children who do not practice regularly. If anyone has forgotten log in details or is having problems logging in, please let us know.