

# Reception News

We hope you're looking forward to watching our performance of 'The Twinkly Nativity' on Wednesday at 1.45. The children have worked really hard. We've had a lot of songs and actions to learn, and some children have had lines to learn too. For many of the children, this will be the first time that they perform in front of a big audience. We're so proud of how hard the children have worked, and we hope you enjoy the show.

## **This week we are learning:**

**Phonics** – we will be recapping all of the sounds and tricky words that we've taught so far. There will also be lots of Christmas themed reading and writing opportunities available over the next couple of weeks.

**Maths** – we are learning about number 10, focusing on different ways to add two numbers together to make 10. We are also looking at resources that can be used to represent 10 such as Numicon, dice, cubes, tens frames and part-part-whole diagrams.

**Jigsaw** – We are continuing to talk about friends and will be focusing on how to stand up for ourselves if our friends aren't being kind

**Music** – we will continue to practice songs for our nativity as well as singing lots of other Christmas songs.

**Other** – we are learning about puppets this week. We will be reading Stick Man and will be making stick puppets outside. We will also be making finger puppets, paper plate puppets, and peg puppets.

## **Reminders**

- Christmas cards reminder – the postbox is now open in school. If your child would like to send Christmas cards, please ensure that the recipient's **name and class** are written on the envelope.
- Could everyone please check at home for any of our spare school uniform? Our supplies seem to be quite low at the moment.
- 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?
- Could you please remind your child that toys should not be brought into school? Several children have been bringing toys into school recently which invariably end up getting lost or broken. We do tell the children that toys from home stay at home, just like toys from school stay in school.
- As we have been getting changed for our Nativity, we have noticed that some of the children are really struggling with dressing and undressing themselves. In January, we will start PE lessons on Monday afternoons. Children are expected to change into their PE kits independently. We are very happy to help with buttons etc but children should be able to do most of it themselves. If you know that your child is unable to dress themselves, please start practicing now, particularly taking off sweatshirts/shirts and turning clothes in the right way.
- PE kits need to be in school by the beginning of next term (if they are not already).
- Bug Club – please let us know if you have lost or forgotten log in details. We have noticed, already, that some of the children who have been using Bug Club more regularly since our reminders last week have started to make more progress and are becoming more confident with reading.
- **School finishes at 1.45 next Friday (19<sup>th</sup> December).**