



Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to spend some quality time with your families. What better way to end the Autumn term than to put on a marvellous Christmas nativity for you all to enjoy! I'm sure that you were all impressed with the children's amazing singing, acting and dancing.

Our topic last term was 'Let's Celebrate'. We learnt about the Gunpowder Plot, Remembrance Day and Diwali. We thought about the similarities and differences between the different events and discussed how people celebrate them. We talked about some people being lonely during the Christmas period and made beautiful cards for them showing kindness to those around us.

The children's confidence with numbers is continuing to grow and we have focused on counting, subitising, recognising and writing numbers to 5. We began learning to add with objects and we will continue to build on these skills this half term. We also learnt about repeating patterns, how to continue them and how to create our own as well as naming common 2D shapes and thinking about their properties.

During our phonics sessions, the children have all absolutely loved learning their sounds and learning to blend and segment to read and write. We have also been learning some tricky red sight words that you can't phonetically blend, like I, the, no, my, you and of. Some of us began to write short captions and simple labels, being sure to leave a finger space between words. We have continued to model commenting and discuss the features of a story, stopping to ask children 'how', 'what', 'why' or basic inference questions, vocabulary definitions and thoughts on the text.

We've also had a big focus on having a go, perseverance, pride and challenge and will continue to develop these and the other Owl behaviours.

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or need any extra support to help your child with their home learning, please post on Tapestry or arrange to meet with Us.

Please continue to read with your child on a regular basis as we know this can make a huge difference to your child and their ability.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mrs Redondo, Miss Kay, Mrs Bruce, Mrs Robinson,

(Miss Hopkins is on a placement at a local school and we hope to see her back soon)

Things to Remember:

- PE day: Friday. Please come dressed in PE kits.
- Library day: **Note that from January, Library day will be Thursday instead of Wednesday.** Please share the library book together, returning it on Thursday to take a new book home to enjoy.
- Reading Folders: Please send reading folders, including the reading record and book each day so that we are able to regularly read with the children.

Dates for your Diary w/b 8th January

Mother Earth Sculpture with Darcy

Friday 12th January

Pause Day (World Religion Day)

Wednesday 31st January

Parent Assembly

Tue 7th Feb



Reception Spring Term 1: The Gingerbread Man & Winter Wonderland

Week	Key Topics for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 01.01 – 5.01	Winter Wonderland	
Week 2 08.01 – 12.01	The Gingerbread Man: Learn the Story Winter Wonderland	
Week 3 15.01 – 19.01	The Gingerbread Man: Retell the Story Winter Wonderland	Cooking: Gingerbread People
Week 4 22.01 – 26.01	The Gingerbread Man: Performance Burns Night Winter Wonderland	Burns' Night
Week 5 29.01 – 02.02	The Gingerbread Man: Innovations Chinese New Year Winter Wonderland	Wednesday Parent Assembly 9-9.15am RSPB Big Garden Eventwatch
Week 6 05.02 – 09.02	Safer Internet Day Chinese New Year Love	St Valentine's Day Cooking: Spring Rolls

