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Phonics and Reading

We are continuing in our different phonic groups this week to help support the children's learning.

In Miss Beckett and Miss Cook's phonic groups, we will be revising sounds we have already learnt and checking which ones we can remember and which ones we need to keep practising. Therefore, there will be no new phonic cards to come home on Friday.

Mrs Gadd and Mrs Sharlott will be learning w, x and y.

Having done assessments with the children we will send home sheets to let you know which sounds they don't know yet and we would appreciate your support with.

The wider curriculum

We are continuing to practice our Christmas performance including singing songs. We are hoping that children with lines will have learnt them by Monday 4th December as this will help rehearsals to go really smoothly.

We are going to begin to learn about the Christmas story and what Christians believe, as well as starting to do Christmas crafts.

Literacy

This week in Literacy we will be focusing on the story of *Stickman*. We will be reading and rereading the story, encouraging children to join in with the repeated refrains. We will then sequence the story. If you celebrate Christmas then hopefully you have started to share Christmas stories with your children. If you don't have any at home do visit the library to see what they have there.



Maths

This week we will be ordering numerals, and focusing on how the next number is **one more** than the number before. Please use the language of **more** and **less** with your children.



Handwriting

We are continuing daily handwriting lessons, now focusing on the window cleaner family, and continuing to revise the abracadabra family as this is a more difficult family.

At home, can you practice the letter formation for 'c'?

Make sure you start at the scared monkey - use the information from the pre-writing workshop to help you.

Regular Reminders

- ⇒ Check everything is clearly named
- ⇒ Keep your reading books in the clearly named folder as some are getting lost
- ⇔ Check you have returned your forms about the Christmas play and movie night
- ⇒ Please can costumes for the Christmas Nativity be in school, in a named bag, by Monday 4th December

Dates for your diary

- ⇒ Year R movie night on the 7th of December 3:15 –
 4:15pm
- ⇒ Performances of our Christmas Nativity, Sleepy
 Shepherd on
 - Tuesday 12th December, 2:15 (adults only)
 - Thursday 14th December, 9:15. (younger siblings and adults)
- ⇒ 14th of December is the last day of term with the 15th being an INSET day.