

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fun week it has been: parties, Christmas jumper day and remembering the true meaning of Christmas in our Carol Service at St John's church. You should have received feedback on next steps in your child's maths learning. Please keep practising these next steps in order for your child to become secure with their maths learning. This week in our maths sessions, we have introduced the children to one more and one less working with numbers up to 5. We practised counting forwards and we noticed that the numbers increased in size when one more was added. The children then began to understand that as we count back, each number is one less than the number before. The children then noticed that the numbers get smaller because they are taking one away. We asked the children different mathematical questions such as 'How many are there now?' 'What is one less/more than?' 'What is the number before/after?'



This week we have been practising forming the letters 'c' and 'o' and worked very hard to ensure that our letters sit on the line and are formed correctly using the letter formation phrase to help them.

Thank you to everyone who is regularly logging into your child's Learning Journey via Seesaw and we hope you are enjoying seeing your child's progress, new learning and next steps at school so far. The Learning Journey observations are only a part of your child's overall learning in school and work alongside their communication, language and literacy books, maths books, creative files and their Enquiry learning books. We will continue to send out further Learning Journey observations when we return to school in January so keep an eye on any updates that you receive. You are welcome to respond on your child's online profile with any achievements, work, family celebrations, holidays etc. as these can be celebrated with the class.

In preparation for our new topic, the 'Talking Topic' over the holidays is: **New Year's Resolutions**

My New Year's Wish  
is...

It will be RV's Friday Bake on the first Friday back – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If possible, please bring in some sweet treats for your child to sell. Please remember that we are a **nut free** school. Your child will not need 20p that day as they can have one of their own. It will be RM's Friday Bake on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you!

If you do have any spare time over the Christmas holiday, it would be beneficial to revise the sounds and tricky words we have taught during the autumn term and practise the letter formation in their handwriting books. Throughout the spring term, the children will continue to learn more diagraph and new trigraph sounds as they move onto the phase 3 section of our Little Wandle reading scheme.

We hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine, Mrs Rothwell and the Reception team

<b>Decodable Words</b>	a	is	dad	mum
	an	it	had	but
	as	off	back	put
	at	on	and	him
	if	can	get	will
	in	big	his	that
	up	not	got	this
	then	them	with	
<b>Tricky</b>	is	I	the	as
	has	his	her	go
	no	to	into	he
	she	he	of	we
	me	be		

s	a	t	p	i
n	m	d	g	o
c	k	ck	e	u
r	h	b	f	l
ff	ll	ss	j	v
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