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30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been busily practising our Nativity play all this week. It's great to see how hard the children have been working at home as well with practising saying their lines in a nice loud, clear voice.

Our School Value for this month is Responsibility.

This week in Phonics we have been focusing on learning our 'special friends'. Special friends are two letters making one sound ie. Sh – shop

Our 'special friends' are

- Sh – shop, ship, fish
- Ch – chop, chip, chat
- Th – think, this, thin
- Qu – queen, quit, quiet
- Nk – pink, think, wink
- Ng – sing, bang, string

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

- Shark – Sulaiman
- Dolphin – Marla
- Turtle – Kiara

Important Information

- Nativity Shows

This year the Reception children will be holding two shows with all the children being in both shows. All parents/carers and families are invited to attend either show.

Show 1 – Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 2pm

Show 2 – Thursday 13th December 2018 at 10am

- Resource Donation

We are asking for a donation of £2 per half term or £10 from each child to cover the cost of cooking supplies and other non-reusable resources (e.g bread for making sandwiches or flour and oil for making playdough).

We aim to ensure our pupils become well-rounded, successful people who are equipped for life in Modern Britain



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Next week

Focus Text: Stick Man – Julia Donaldson

Continuing with our theme of celebrations, we will be beginning to learn about Christmas.

For Maths we will be reviewing topics we have covered over the term as the children's understanding will be assessed by teachers. Topics covered include: counting (forwards and backwards), number recognition, more and less, 2D and 3D shapes, size (small, medium large), height (tall, short, long) and colours.

Reading Books – Children need to be bringing in their reading books and reading log in EVERY DAY as teachers will be reading with them 1:1 during the week and the book will be changed after the teacher has read with them.

- To support your child's reading skills, reading needs to be completed every night at home with an adult supporting.
- When the children are reading they are taught to point and say each sound and then blend the sounds together.
- Each book has a pre-reading page at the beginning of the book which will support your children with their sounds and blending before reading.

Ideas for Home

- Discuss celebrations and traditions in your family. Does your family have a special place you like to visit each year for holiday? Why do you chose to visit this place each year?

Key words:

- Hanukkah
- Eid
- Diwali
- Christmas
- Birthday
- Circle
- Square
- Triangle
- Rectangle

Many thanks for your support,
The Reception Team

Miss Spencer, Miss Gibb, Miss Lowe, Mrs Bachoo, Miss Delany, Mrs Joseph