



The News at Derwentwater

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Friday 6th November

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 loud, clear voice.

**The Christmas show is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 pm.**

All family members are welcome to attend both or either show. Just a reminder that our school policy is that any photos which you take need to be for personal use only and are not to be shared and placed on social media. Any Derwentwater siblings will watch the dress rehearsal and will not be able to attend the show on the day.



This week our stars of the week are:

- Turtles – Nermine
- Dolphins - Gloriamae

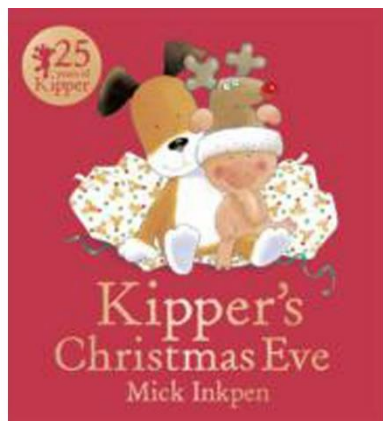
### Important Information

- Class Winter Parties – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December
  - Each class will be having a small end of year party on Monday. Parties will happen during school time and sign-up sheets will be placed outside as we are asking for donations of food, drinks and supplies. PLEASE REMEMBER NO NUTS AND NO FIZZY DRINKS.
- Last day of term – Thursday 19th December, school finishes at 2:00 pm

**Reading Books** – Children need to be bringing in their reading books and reading logs **every day**. Teachers will be reading with children during the week and books will be changed after the teacher has read with your child.

- To support your child's reading skills, reading needs to be completed every night at home with an adult support.
- When children read, 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 child with their sounds and blending before reading.

Week Beginning 9th of December 2019



**Focus Text:** Kipper's Christmas Eve – Mick Inkpen

Next week, we will be learning more about Christmas and also decorating our classrooms with lots of artworks and collage and getting our rooms nice and tidy before the holiday.

In Maths, we will continue learning more about adding and practice counting out amounts and matching them to the correct number as that is the first step when we add.

### Ideas for Home

- Dressing for the weather and looking after our bodies in the cold – Talk to your child about the importance of keeping their bodies warm and drinking lots of water during cold weather.
- Dressing and undressing independently – support your child to independently put on their jumpers, coats, gloves and scarves. Support them to get dressed on their own in the morning before school.
- Being responsible for our own belongings – encourage your child to ensure they look after their hats, scarves and gloves during the cold weather.

### Keywords for the week:

- Christmas
- Wreath
- Christmas Tree
- Santa
- Reindeer
- Presents

Many thanks for your support,

The Reception Team

Miss Gibb, Miss Cornford, Mrs Joseph, Mrs Bachoo and Miss Paxton

Dates for your diary		
9:30	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Show
9:30	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas Show
Lunch Time	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch Book with Harrisons
9:30	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Show

All day	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nursery is being used as a polling station. The Nursery will be relocated to the reception block. Only full-time children can be accommodated.
2:00	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Show
All day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nursery is being used as a polling station. The Nursery will be relocated to the reception block. Only full-time children can be accommodated.
9:30	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Show
All-day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations are welcome)
9:30	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Decembers	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Assembly
10:45	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery AM Christmas Show
2:15	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery PM Christmas Show
2:00	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term. School closes at 2:00 pm
8:45	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Start of Spring Term 2020
9:30	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Reception 2020 Parent Open Morning

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