



Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents,

The Gingerbread Man

Following on from observing the children's emerging interests, we shared a traditional tale, 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children loved joining in with the repeated refrains; 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread man'. Because of this the children reacted by painting their own very Individual Gingerbread men and the fox from our story. Some of them focused on colour mixing too! It was great to see them developing their language skills in re-enacting the story too.



Getting very festive in Reception!

Christmas is such a magical time of year and we are now getting very much in the spirit. The enhanced play areas feature the stable in Bethlehem and an area to make Christmas decorations. Next week the areas will be enhanced even more!

The children have also really enjoyed creating a unique Christmas tree decoration using baked orange, lime and lemon slices, cloves and ribbon. This was a fabulous sensory activity. Our classroom has smelt wonderful this week! They then went to one of our magical trees in the hall and made a wish with Mrs. Swinburne!



The children have spent some time this week rehearsing for our class nativity performance of 'Whoops a daisy angel'. They have practised on stage in costume and on Tuesday we even used special lighting! The children will be having a full dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December to all of our children in school. We look forward to sharing this magical performance with you on either Wednesday 13th or Thursday 14th of December 2017.

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Mathematical Development

The children have been learning to add one more so that we can count how many buttons are on the Gingerbread man. They have been practising these skills in the provision areas by creating the Gingerbread man shape then adding buttons, finding the matching numeral and comparing how many altogether using mathematical language such as 'more' and 'less'.



Literacy Development

The children have been so inspired by 'The Gingerbread Man' that they have been choosing to write sentences about the Gingerbread Man story. We are amazed at how much progress our children are making with their writing!

This week, many of our children began reading their first red ditty book. This book will be sent home for children to read with you. It is important that these books are returned each day in their reading folders so that we can follow up in class. Please also make a brief comment in the reading diary just to let us know that you have listened to and supported your child with this. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions with regards to supporting with these.

Christmas Party Afternoon

As you will have seen from the whole school Christmas Countdown, Reception's special Christmas party afternoon will be on Monday 18th December. We ask that children bring a change of party clothes for the afternoon in a labelled carrier bag. We do like to have an array of Christmassy treats for this afternoon, so please can we ask you to donate a Christmas treat such as Christmas buns, crisps, biscuits? 1 item will be absolutely great! We are hoping to also get a visit from Father Christmas on this afternoon too!! We think that maybe he will come to our new log cabin in the outdoor area!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars and Mrs Ward.

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