



## Christmas Nativity

Please accept our apologies - we forgot to send home the letter on Friday about the parts that the children will have in the Christmas nativity play. We will send this home today. The children will be starting to spend some sessions practising the play alongside the Pippin children throughout this week, so hopefully they are able to talk to you about their part, and perhaps even sing some of the songs to you.



## Tree Planting Session

Unfortunately we were unable to take part in the tree planting session last week, as some of the volunteers from our local area were unable to attend. We are looking forward to this be re-arranged in the near future. Please do ensure your child has their waterproof clothing and wellies at school, not only for this event, but also for outdoor learning now that the weather has changed. Thank you.



## Rhyme Challenge Update

Well done to the Year R children, as they have been working hard on learning and performing the nursery rhymes taught each week. The Year 1 children are enjoying being on the judging panel at the end of each performance. Many thanks for your continued support with learning the rhymes at home, as they are starting to get a little trickier now. We will aim to complete the challenge by the end of this term.



## Change of Role-play Area

We will start to change our role-play area into Santa's workshop at the end of the week, enabling the children to continue with their toy themed learning, but also to give them new opportunities to take part in Christmas themed role-playing. If you have any suitable costumes that you are happy for the children to borrow in class, we know they will be well used! For example, elves, reindeer or Mr and Mrs Christmas costumes. Please remember to name any items so that we can return them to you at the end of our topic.



## Our Learning this Week

Some of our English sessions will focus on speaking and listening skills this week, helping the children to gain confidence with performing the Christmas Nativity play. However, we will also focus on over learning the phonic skills taught so far, along with gaining confidence with reading and writing simple captions and sentences. Year 1 children will also be thinking about capital letter formation, as they are not always confident with how to write the capital letter to match the lower case letter. In maths we will recap saying numbers in order forwards and backwards, from 0 to 10, then to 20 and beyond as ready. Year R children will practise counting different amounts of items accurately, by moving or touching objects one at a time to match the number spoken. All children will be ordering numbers into sequences, and correcting muddled number tracks, with Year 1 working with numerals to 100 as ready, deepening their awareness of place value of tens and ones/units. Year 1 will also be thinking about worded numbers from zero to twenty, and matching the word to the correct numeral. They will be aiming to spell the number words with confidence by the end of the week, so feel free to practise with this at home. Our whole school worship theme this week is continuing with the celebration of the Bible.



**Just a reminder...**if you can help with the Christmas Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, please come and let myself, Miss France or a FOCSS parent know.

Thank you in advance if you are able to help! ☺