



Russet Class Newsletter 3.12.18



Tree Planting Update

The children really enjoyed helping to plant the trees around our new school boundary last week. Many thanks go to the volunteers who came and helped with this. We are sure the children will enjoy watching them grow not only across the seasons, but also throughout the years to come in their time at school.



Chocolate Tombola



The last day for chocolate donations is Wednesday this week. At the time of writing Russet Class is in the lead - the question is, can we stay there? We have only won the non-school uniform day prize once, so can we do it again? Many thanks for all your donations, the chocolate tombola will no doubt be a hive of activity!

Toy Making Session

Recently the children designed a toy that they would like to make as part of their toy themed topic work. We will be sending home their design sheet this week, so that you can see what sort of toy they would like to make. We would like to take this opportunity to have a shared craft session, where one adult family member can join their child for a making session, in which the toy will be made. This will take place on **Monday 17th December** after morning register. A letter will follow shortly with more details of this event.



Our Learning this Week



This week we will continue to think about the Nativity Story, not only in our spoken English when retelling the story, but also in written work. All children will take part in writing the Nativity story in their own words, from simple sentences for Year R, to longer pieces of written work in a story format for Year 1. Perhaps you can spend some time at home talking about the events of the Christmas story to help the children gain confidence with the order of events. In maths we will continue with saying numbers in order, forwards and backwards. The teen numbers are a little trickier at times for the Year R children, especially when counting backwards, so feel free to help with this at home. Year 1 children will take part in counting in sequences of 2s and 5s, learning how these facts link with the 2 and 5 times tables. A fun way of taking part in number learning at home is for you to write the numbers on post-it notes, hide them around a room, and when the children find them they need to place them into the correct sequence. Our worship theme this week is reflecting on the meaning of Advent. The children will find out about the different candles, along with the symbolism of the Advent wreath. They will also be thinking about how they can show an act of kindness for each day of Advent.



Just a reminder...

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday to join us for the school Christmas Fair. It starts at **2:00, and will finish with the grand raffle at 4:00.**



Thank you in advance for all your efforts with fundraising for the school, the staff and children really do appreciate the hard work that goes into these events - it really does make a difference!