



Parents in Partnership

Merry Christmas

Number Task : Autumn 2 Week 7

Thank you for a fantastic visit

Yesterday the children enjoyed a visit from Harry's Dad who told them about his work as a marine.

The children were really interested to hear about this work and even had the opportunity to parts of the uniform that Harry's Dad wears.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Harry's Dad for preparing such an interesting and engaging talk for our children and also for giving up his time to help us understand more about life in the forces.

Reminder about Morning Arrangements for next term.

We ask that from the first day of the Spring Term, you bring your child to the classroom door and then let them come into the room themselves.

We believe that by working in this way, the children will get involved in focussed activities from the moment they arrive which will aid them with their learning. It will also help them develop their independence as they bring their own items into the room to organise.

We thank you in advance for your support.



This week in RE

We have continued our work on Advent and this week have focussed on the themes of peace and joy. The children have thought helped compose a prayer for peace and have thought about sharing kindness and joy with those they meet. We thank everyone who supported our reverse advent calendar campaign with donations of gifts. These will be given to the Weymouth Foodbank.



Phonics and Maths

Over the past few weeks we have been focussing on assessment activities linked to the children's phonic knowledge, reading skills and mathematical understanding.

This information is important to us as it helps us plan effectively for our focused groups next term.

To help support your child with their phonics, we assessed 38 phonemes and have detailed below how many your child knew confidently without actions or picture prompts and if necessary, have detailed the specific phonemes that they struggled to recognise. This may help you in your work at home with your child as you could look at these letters together and help your child learn them.

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Phonemes your child needs a little more support with.

Merry Christmas

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we hope that you have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term. It has been wonderful to see the children thrive and we look forward to an exciting Spring Term.

Our topic next term is 'Once Upon a Time.' Within this topic we will be reading a range of traditional tales and well known stories and will also work on storytelling activities.



Handwriting

This week we have continued to work on our pre-cursive handwriting script.

We have started to work on the one armed robot letters.

Please look at the entry strokes and letters below and help them form their letters on this sheet, or in practical ways at home, such as with chalks on the garden path, with paint, with water and brushes outside or with colouring pencils on paper.

Thank you

We explain to the children that the letters all start from the base line and when forming each letter we use the following script.

These letters are the long ladder letters, so please help by using the following script.

Entry stroke-Start on the baseline then up the hill, pencil off.

Letter r - 'Up the hill, down the short ladder, back up the short ladder and over the rainbow.'

Letter n - 'Up the hill, down the short ladder, back up the short ladder, over the rainbow, down and flick.'

Letter h-'Up the big hill, down the long ladder, halfway back up, over the rainbow, down and flick.'