



Reception News

14.12.18

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been very busy getting ready for Christmas in Reception this week. All of the children have enjoyed participating in a range of creative activities and have made lots of exciting things to bring home for Christmas including Calendars, Christmas Cards and Salt Dough Decorations. They have put lots of effort into making their lovely Christmas items, we hope you like them! We have been particularly impressed with some of the Salt Dough Decorations that the children made as they were very creative and imaginative with their choices.



The children have really enjoyed participating in some activities to do with understanding the world that we live in. We have explored ice, looked at a range of materials and thought about how the weather changes and how we adapt to these changes.



On Wednesday the children enjoyed having a special Christmas lunch with Mrs Hall and Mrs Dodds. Whether the children were hot dinner or packed lunch they got to enjoy the Christmas music in the hall whilst they ate and everybody entered into the festivities by wearing their Christmas jumpers. It was a lovely lunch time for all! We also went to watch Year 1 and Year 2 perform their Christmas nativity. We were very impressed with how they performed. Thank you Key Stage One.

After Christmas:

- Our topic will be 'Traditional Stories'.
- In Mathematics we will be doing some '3D shape'.
- In Literacy we will be focusing on sentence structure.
- **EVERYONE** is welcome to participate in 'Show and Tell'. The children can bring in one toy that they got for Christmas and can explain to their friends why that toy is special to them.

Reminders:

- *Please could you send your child into school with a named carrier bag on Monday, this will help them to carry out all of their Christmas creations on Tuesday!*
- We break up for the Christmas Holidays at 3.15pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018.
- We will be back to school in the new year on Thursday 3rd January 2019
- Please send your child's PE kit back into school no later than Monday 7th January 2019.

At home: During the Christmas break you could ...

- Remember to do lots of reading!
 - Don't forget to practise your bookmark words.
 - Recap the phase 2 letter sounds and encourage your children to practise blending the sounds to read words.
 - Encourage your children to do some writing. Maybe they could write a thank you letter to Santa!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your continued support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs Dodds, Mrs Hall and all of the Reception Team.
