

# RECEPTION



20th December 2024

## Literacy

This week, the children have been introduced to the 'Sentence Snake.' This is a structured approach that we use to help children to build, say and write sentences accurately. The children were given a variety of images of Elf and were encouraged to write simple phrases or sentences about where Elf was or what he was doing. We were blown away by the children's independent writing and motivation to write.

## Expressive Arts & Design

The children made their own Christmas tree using 3 lolly sticks (joined in a triangle). They then used glitter and sequins to decorate their tree.

## Understanding the World (People, Cultures and Communities)

This week, we have been learning about different types of homes that people can live in. The children learnt about terraced houses, semi detached, detached, cottages, flats, caravans, house boats, farm houses, light houses and castles. The children identified which type of house they live in.

## Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning how to partition a number into two parts. The children explored the composition of the number 2 and the number 3. They used part-part whole diagrams to show the different ways that you can make 2 and 3. The children were able to create number sentences using the part-part whole diagrams to help. Fantastic Maths work this week.

## Read Write Inc

Following our recent Read Write Inc assessments, some of the children have been put into new phonics groups. The children have been going into their new Read Write Inc groups this week to prepare them for the change in January. The children are working so hard to recognise Set 1 sounds and they are making good progress with blending. Please continue to watch the Read Write Inc 'Learning to Blend' videos at home.

## Christmas

The children have been so excited about the build up to Christmas. Thank you so much for all of your lovely cards and generous gifts. We are so grateful. Thank you!

We hope you have the most amazing Christmas and New Year.

We will see you on Monday 6th January 2025.

## Reminders & Notices

- Reminder that we will be starting PE lessons in the large hall in January. Children can come to school in their PE kit on our PE day (this will be Fridays mornings). The children can wear black joggers/ leggings, a white polo t-shirt and black trainers for PE. Children can still wear their school jumper/ cardigan with their black joggers/ leggings. The first PE lesson will be on Friday 10th January.
- Tuesday 7th January. DONUTS FOR GROWN UPS- 2.45pm (Reminder- This is not a Stay and Play, it is an opportunity to come into school and have a donut with your child before he/ she goes home).
- Snack money will be £1 a week or £6 for the term. Thank you!

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan