

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 15th December 2023



Nursery

This week we have been reading the story Dear Santa. We played a Dear Santa guessing game where the children had to feel wrapped items, describe them and guess what they might be! We also practised our cutting skills by making Christmas stockings. In Maths made repeated patterns by printing wrapping paper and we developed our number skills by playing snowball and snowmen Christmas counting games.

The following website has some Christmas games and activities we have been playing in class:

[Christmas Games](#)

Reception Class

Our Reception children made us so proud this week with their Nativity performances. It was lovely to see their confidence in front of such a big audience! Thank you all for making it such a special occasion. As you know we have all the costumes in school to avoid adding additional costs to parents/carers, if you have family or friends who have had to purchase Nativity costumes that they no longer want or need after Christmas we would be grateful of any donations.

This week we have been creating Christmas Cards and practising writing what goes in a card, using our Phonic knowledge to help. In Maths we have been using some Christmas themed resources to order numbers e.g. ordering gingerbread people. We have also had a very crafty week making Christmas Cards/Calendars etc. We have enjoyed having Christmas themed story times at the end of the day and have read some classic stories such as 'The Night Before Christmas'.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Party Day (children can come in wearing their own clothes).

Thursday 21st December: Term ends 1.15pm

Thursday 4th January 2024: Back to school Reception

Friday 5th January 2024: Back to school Nursery

Reminders:

Please ensure packed lunches do not include any products that contain nuts.

Reception PE kits needed for after Christmas and children can come in wearing them on a **Thursday**. Please make sure it is school PE kit and they have suitable footwear/coat for playing outside still. Thanks