

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 1st December 2023



Nursery Class

In Nursery, for our Maths activities, we have been learning about 'repeating patterns'. We made our own repeating patterns using counters, sorting bears and natural objects from the garden. We even painted pasta and made our own repeating pattern necklaces, bracelets and bands.

On Thursday it was tree planting day. We wrapped up warm and had so much fun planting trees with our Year 3 friends.

We have also been very busy getting ready for our Nativity next week.

A few reminders for next week:

-Our dress rehearsal is on Monday 4th December. Children are to come to Nursery at the usual time. Those who have been asked to bring a Christmas top or plain white top are to bring them in on this day.

-Our Nativity performance is on Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am in the school hall. The nativity is approximately 20 minutes long. We kindly ask that only 2 parents/carers attend. (If the children have younger siblings then they are welcome too)

Home Activity: We have started to play the following game this week. If you would like to play it at home we have been working on Level 1 activities.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/christmas-patterns>

Reception Class

This week we have started to explore our new Literacy Tree Text: The Night Pirates. The children have loved this book so far, discussing the pirates and predicting what they think will happen next. We have been reading the Nativity Story and finding out all about the different characters. We talked about how this is the reason Christians celebrate Christmas. The children have been rehearsing our songs for our Nativity and have even been looking at the costumes we will be wearing (very exciting).

Use the links below to practice some Phonics.

[Practice Blending at Home](#)

[Fred's Colours Game](#)

Key Dates:

Wednesday 6th December: Nursery Nativity (morning time, further details to follow)

Friday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre Reception children can also bring a Teddy Bear for Mrs Hindley's Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December 9.45am: Reception Nativity (this is roughly 40minutes). Parents/carers will be able to choose the Nativity performance that best suits them.

Friday 15th December: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 21st December: Term ends 1.15pm

Thursday 4th January 2024: Back to school Reception

Friday 5th January 2024: Back to school Nursery

Reminders:

Reading books for Reception Class are due in on a Friday please and we will change them for a new reading book on Monday.

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

Reception children are going to start more formal PE lessons. Just to give parents/carers advance warning can we please purchase PE kits for after Christmas. Children will be able to come into school wearing their PE kit for the day. We will confirm which day nearer the time. PE kit is a white Sylvester T-shirt, navy blue shorts, pumps or trainers. As the children are wearing their kit for the day they will be playing outside etc so you may want to put long tracksuit bottoms/jacket on them. The tracksuit does need to be black or navy blue please. Thanks