

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 8th December 2023



Nursery

We are all SO proud of the children for taking part in our Nursery Nativity this week. It was an amazing performance! Well done to everyone! Thank you to all of our families for supporting the children.

This week we have continued learning about patterns in Maths and challenged ourselves to make repeating patterns using 3 colours! For our mark making we did Christmas 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' and practised drawing wavy lines, circles and arches in the air. Then we decorated Christmas tree templates by drawing baubles, lights and tinsel on them. For messy play we made our own reindeer food! We weighed, scooped, poured and stirred glitter, sparkles and oats!

Next week we are looking forward to completing lots of activities based on the book 'Dear Santa'.

Reception Class

This week our Nativity has really come together. The children have worked really hard to learn the songs and have loved trying on their costumes. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend on the day that suits them next week.

In Maths we have been learning about sorting objects that represent different amounts. The children have been subitising amounts (looking really quickly rather than counting) to work out how many of each object there is. We then sorted objects into different groups. In Phonics we have continued to practice some of our set 1 Sounds which are:

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, r, v, x, y, z, sh, ch, th, ng, nk and qu. We are using our fingers to sound out words that we can then write. If possible encourage your child to have a go at pinching the sounds on their fingers and writing some simple three letter words.



Key Dates:

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