



Now the countdown to Christmas really begins and our learning will be based around all things Christmassy. As this is the last learning letter for 2025, we would like to say 'thank you' for all your support this term. Just a reminder that we finish at 1pm on Friday 19th December, and we hope you are able to attend the School Christmas Fair after school that day.

We also look forward to performing our Nursery Rhyme Nativity next week and expect to see your best moves during our final song! A reminder that all Reception children will now attend the Betchworth base next Friday, with our performance at the Church at 2.30. **There is a funeral taking place at the Church until 2.15pm so please do not arrive any earlier than 2.15pm.**

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a very restful holiday.

Please may we remind you to respond to The Hawth trip email if you haven't already done so already!

In the past 2 weeks we have.....

- Shared Spot the Dog, and Gruffalo stories
- Used our sounds to write words
- Used positional language, eg over, under, beside
- Celebrated our differences through our Jigsaw PSHE lessons
- Practised reading and writing our common exception (tricky) words - the, I, no, go, to, into
- Practised looking for 'parts' that make up a 'whole'
- Practised the Nursery Rhyme Nativity

In the next two weeks we will....

- Practise our creativity skills through Christmas crafts
- Solve Mathematical problems linked to Christmas
- Make some Christmas decorations
- Continue to revise the phase 2 sounds

Home learning

Children are bringing home reading books, which match the sounds taught in school. Please encourage your child to read the book to you, using the segmenting and blending skills they have learned in class. You can help by pointing to the letters as they read. When they re-read the book, encourage your child to segment and blend more quickly. Re-reading will help to develop confidence and fluency. Remember to practise the sounds and tricky words at the front of the book every day, as repeated exposure to the sounds is the best way to retain prior learning.

We continue to learn sounds Monday to Thursday. You could encourage your child to form the letters they already know and ask them to spell short words using the sounds they have learned. E.g. cat, mat, pat, rat, pin, tin, in, it, is, cot, got, kit.

Wanted

- Any unwanted wallpaper rolls, wrapping paper rolls and Christmas wrapping paper
- Old Christmas cards/decorations

Notices and Reminders

- Please send your child's reading book and diary in to school every day (books will continue to be changed on a Monday and Thursday). Please also remember to practise the 'tricky words' which you will find inside the reading diary.
- Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle every day.