



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 2nd December 2022

Edition No. 5



Another two weeks have flown by and we have been immersed in our learning. We can't believe it's December already! **Friday 9th December** is a very busy day for us. Not only is it the day of our Nativity performance, but it is also the day of our sponsored Reindeer Run - how exciting! Please ensure your child comes to school wearing trainers, so they can run safely (no laces please). We're hoping you've been able to sponsor your child and support FONDS and St Catherine's Hospice. Thank you for all your support so far!

Christmas Performance

As per the letter from Mrs Douglass sent 30th November, **please be aware that our performance will start at 2:15pm on Friday 9th December.** Children should come to school in their school uniform, and trainers. Please remember a coat too and make sure **everything** is named!

- No book bags on this day, but please bring water bottles and, if your child normally has a packed lunch, bring this too. Breakfast club will operate from Brockham for those Owls children who normally attend breakfast club on a Friday.
- The main entrance gate at Brockham site will open at 2:05pm.
- At the end of the performance, we ask you to wait outside Robins classroom gate, while we collect the costumes in the classroom. Once the children are ready, they will be dismissed as usual.
- Just a reminder that space is limited to **2 adults per child**.

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 our Christmas songs and actions ready for our performance

In the next two weeks we will...

- Perform our Christmas Nativity
- Practise our creativity skills through Christmas crafts
- Solve Mathematical problems linked to Christmas
- Make some Christmas decorations
- Revise the phase 2 sounds taught so far

Wanted

- Any spare clothes, as our supplies are running low (particularly tights and socks for Owls). Please check if you have any 'school' ones at home too!
- Any unwanted wallpaper rolls, wrapping paper rolls and Christmas wrapping paper
- Old Christmas cards/decorations

Help me find a book!

Try these great sites for recommendations and guidance to that perfect text.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/how-to-choose-books/>

<https://imaginationsoup.net/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

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.
- If you have spare waterproof trousers, that can stay in school, please send them in.