



Our 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity', for both Owls and Robins, is on Friday 1st December at 2:15pm at the Brockham base. We have already been busy learning the songs - you may well be hearing some of them at home! No costumes will be necessary, as we will provide everything the children need from school resources. Please keep an eye on the school newsletters for details of other festivities happening very soon, including a visit from Santa at the Christmas fair!

Over the past two weeks, we have...

- Shared dinosaur books, learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction
- Shared Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaur Stories
- Learned about herbivores and carnivores
- Celebrated our differences in PSHE, through Jigsaw
- Learned about cardinality in maths
- Compared quantities, using mathematical vocabulary e.g. 'more', 'fewer' 'equal'.
- Celebrated the festival of Diwali

In the next two weeks we will...

- Use our phase 2 sounds to write words
- Begin to learn how to read and write our tricky words/ common exception words - the, I, no, go, to, into
- Learn positional language and practise using question words with the stories of Spot the Dog and Rosie's Walk
- Use the Gruffalo as a focus story for our learning

Home learning

Children are now 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 new 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.

Uniform Reminders

- As the weather gets colder, please remember **we are outside in all weathers!** Please ensure your child has layers if necessary!
- Please continue to label **all clothes** - this makes our jobs so much easier - a big thank you to all those who do!

Notices and Reminders

- We are looking forward to seeing you, at your respective base, for our reading workshop on Monday 20th November at 2:15 pm.
- We are always appreciative of any donations of play dough ingredients and recycling materials