



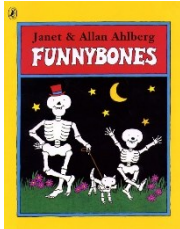
# Reception Class Round-Up

## Friday 26 November 2021



### Some of the lovely things the children have been doing...

In Maths we have been learning all about numbers 4 and 5. We have practised number formation and been exploring ways to make these numbers.



In English we have used *Funnybones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg as our focus text. We have created our own speech bubbles and shared imaginative ideas of what the characters are saying or might say.

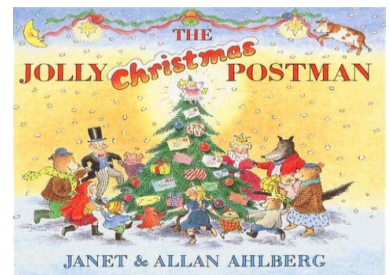
In handwriting we have introduced cursive *σ* and *α* as we continue with Georgia Pig's up and over letter family.

During the last couple of weeks, we've also been busy rehearsing our nativity play *Shine, Star Shine!* The children have really enjoyed trying on costumes and are getting excited about performing soon. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Some of the things the children will be doing in the coming weeks...

There will be lots of Christmas arts and crafts over the next couple of weeks as we decorate the classroom and make cards and calendars. We will be embracing Christmas Art Day on Monday to get the bulk of our preparations under way

Our upcoming focus text will be *The Jolly Christmas Postman* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be writing gift tags, invitations and our own Christmas cards.



In Maths we will be matching spoken numbers and numerals. We will be ordering numbers and writing simple addition and subtraction number sentences.

### In phonics we will be introducing single sounds...

We have reviewed all phase 2 sounds and practiced.

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### How to help your child at home...

- Continue to practise lines for the nativity using a loud, clear voice. Remind the children that they will be performing to a large audience. Talk to them about this being a wonderful opportunity and there is nothing at all to feel worried or nervous about
- Reinforce digraphs introduced at school – see how many words you can find that feature the sounds
- See how many ways you can make 4 and 5
- Talk about the date of the children's birthdays and try to memorise

### What's coming up/ notices/ information

- Our trip to MAC, Birmingham takes place on Wednesday 1 December. Don't forget to send a small pocket sized (to fit in school coat pockets) snack and drink. Ideally these will be disposable
- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named, including hats, scarves and gloves
- Don't forget to sign your child's 'Reading Record Book' each evening.
- Please use pencil when doing handwriting practise and encourage children to think about letter size

