

# Reception Class Round-Up

Friday 7 December 2020



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

'The Jolly Christmas Postman' has been our focus in English. We have all written to Santa and written his address on envelopes. We have completed character story maps that sequence the postman's journey and identified rhyme in the story.



Money has been introduced in Maths. The children have handled coins and learnt to recognise 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. The children have counted pennies and matched amounts up to 10p.

Christmas art day was exciting (and messy of course) to say the least. We made cards, hats, trees and Santa faces. We also learnt a little about how Christmas is celebrated in Belgium and compared to our own traditions to create a lovely 'Christmas Around the World' display. Our fabulous creations will be sent home for Christmas.

## Some of the things that the children will experience in the coming weeks...



We will be recording our nativity play 'A Bundle of Joy' on Monday morning. The children have been superstars in our rehearsals and I'm sure you'll be delighted to see the performance soon.

Our work in literacy will continue around the Christmas theme. We will be exploring rhyme in 'The Reindeer Hokey Cokey,' and listen to a variety of Christmas stories. We will be writing about presents and describing decorations.



In maths we will reinforce knowledge of spoken numbers and match written numerals to 10 and beyond. We will order numbers and count on and back from a given number.

We will be exploring and celebrating differences in Personal, Social and Emotional Development using Todd Parr's story. 'It's Okay to Be Different.'



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In phonics we have been introduced to digraphs and trigraph;

ai as in rain      ee as in feet

igh as in high      oa as in coat

oo as in boot and cook

ar as in car      or as in corn

ur as in turn

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

- Reinforce digraphs/trigraphs introduced at school. Identify them in words in stories you share
- Practise simple addition in real life contexts e.g. how many red and blue baubles on the tree?
- Talk about the numbers on advent calendars – explore the value of tens and ones in two-digit numbers
- Encourage children to write Christmas cards and gift tags using the cursive letters they know

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

- Just a reminder that children only need to wear one coat to school
- Our class Christmas party will take place in the afternoon of Monday 14 December. Children can wear party clothes to school that day

