

Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years 11.12.23

This week in Early Years	This week the children have enjoyed landing our topic 'Adventures of the Night' where we enjoyed a pyjama party. We have also enjoyed lots of Christmassy things- making Christmas cards, singing Christmas songs, and eating Christmas lunch! In addition, the children have enjoyed a Christmas Around the World day where they learnt about the Christmas traditions of different countries around the world.
Reminder	On Monday 18 th December we will be collecting in your child's book to do an audit before the Christmas holidays. After this date, please use your child's Bug Club account- your child's login details can be found in their reading diary. Thank you for your support. The last day of term is Wednesday 20 th December and our school finishes at 2pm. Thank you for all your support this term, it has been wonderful, and we are very proud of the children. We wish you a wonderful, relaxing Christmas break.
	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Maths	In Maths this week we have been learning about the composition of 4 and 5. We made 'stampoline' patterns, just like the Numberblocks, to find out about the number four and learnt that 4 can be made of 2 and 2 and 3 and 1. We have also discovered that 5 can be made of 4 and 1 and 3 and 2 and so on.
English	This week in English we have thought about different Christmas Traditions and in particular Christmas cards. The children have enjoyed writing their Christmas cards.
Phonics	In phonics this week we have been consolidating all the phonemes taught so far (phase 2 phonemes and j, v, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng). It has been wonderful to see the children's progress as they continue to apply their phonics knowledge to both blending and segmenting. Revisiting spelling of tricky words: I, the, into, no, go, to
This week's sounds:	j/i, z/zz, ch, sh

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- Practice reading tricky words: they, to, the, no, go, I, into. me, be, she, he, my, by, her. .
- Make a Christmas card for a loved one.
- Explore how many ways you can make 4 or 5 using baubles (or other Christmas goodies!) e.g. 5 can be:
 - 3 and 2,
 - 4 and 1,
 - 2 and 2 and 1
 - 3 and 1 and 1 etc
- Have lots of fun with your loved ones.