



Infant Nativity Show

This week, you should receive a letter outlining whether you need to provide anything for the infant Nativity. Costumes are generally provided but you might be asked to give your child some clothes to wear under their costume.

Phonics

This week we are learning:

Chapter 2 Set 6



Maths– There you are 4 and 5

This week we will be focusing on one more, one fewer. Show your child groups of items and ask which has more. Can they say how many more? Give them a small number of items and ask them to add one more each time. How many have they got now? Repeat taking one away each time.

Build towers from blocks or lego. Who has the biggest tower? Who has the smallest?

Reading

This week the children will take books home that have words in them.

Before starting, begin with the vocabulary on the first page. On the first day you might just go through the words and look at the pictures in the book.

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible by following these tips:

- get them to use a finger to point to each word (and each sound in the word)
- remind them to 'sound it, squash it, say it' as explained at the phonics information session.
- if they get stuck, sound the word out for them eg. b-i-g (using letter sounds not letter names) and ask them to copy you. If they still can't say it then sound it out b-i-g and say the word 'big' getting them to copy you afterwards

When children begin reading at home it can be very frustrating for all involved! Remember, you have the same book for a week so take it slowly and if anyone starts to lose patience put the book away and read to your child from their other library book instead.

If you think your child isn't 'getting it' yet please don't worry they will get there.

Your comments about your child's reading in their reading record is very important- please do let us know if they are finding the books too hard so we can offer you some support or think about a different book type.

Book changing days are the same as before but here is a reminder:

Monday- green group, Tuesday- black group, Wednesday- yellow group, Thursday-blue group, Friday- red group.

Christmas stamps

As you may have read in an email sent recently, from next week the children are allowed to purchase stamps at a cost of 3p each to post Christmas cards to their friends (30 stamps will cost 90p). If your child brings in money to buy stamps it must be in the envelope which will be provided for you. **In Reception class, please let your child hold this envelope into school so that it can be taken from them first thing-** this saves us rooting around in school bags! The stamps usually come home on the same day so that you can attach them to your Christmas cards at home. Then your child can give us the Christmas cards to be posted.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no expectation that children give Christmas cards; this is completely optional. Christmas cards should NOT contain any chocolate or sweets.

Thank you for your continued support.