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# Year R Newsletter

Last week the children were super at retelling the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. This week there will be lots of practice for our Nativity on Friday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Phonics Information session last week. The presentation is on the class webpage for you to refer to.

## Reading

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

This may be a small sound blending book, for children who need more practice sounding out and blending, or a book with words together in sentences.

Whichever book your child has, 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 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- black group, Tuesday- yellow group, Wednesday- green group, Thursday-blue group, Friday- red group.

## Christmas stamps

If your child is bringing in money for Christmas stamps please remind them to take it out of their bag when they go in to school- or have it in their hand as they come in so we can take it from them easily. Make sure that envelopes are labelled with the child's name and class and how many stamps they would like to buy.

## Phonics

This week we are learning:



**Thank you for your continued support.**