



Reception Weekly Newsletter

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This week the children have been doing lots of storytelling, using their 'mini-me' character puppets. They are beginning to put a beginning, middle and end to their story, which is great! Over the next three weeks the children will be creating their own story books with their own writing in them. Watch this space!

It has been lovely to see the children practising writing their names and numbers when they come into school in a morning. This is an opportunity for the children to develop their writing skills and settle in to the routines of the day.

This week in phonics we have learnt the phonemes e, u and r. The children have practised writing the graphemes (letter shapes), reading words and simple sentences and they have written labels for pictures, like rat, rug and run. Next week we will be looking at the phonemes f, l and the digraphs ll, ff and ss. We will continue to read the tricky words on sight.

This week our number of the week has been 8. The children have learnt that "eight is one more than seven". They have also learnt that the prefix 'oct' means eight (octopus - eight tentacles, octagon - eight straight edges, Octoblock - a Numberblock with eight blocks). We have also practised writing the numeral 8 ("Slither down the snake, back up don't wait"). We will continue to learn about the number 8 next week.

On Monday 3rd December at 2.15, the whole school is inviting families into classrooms to help with decorating them up for Christmas. There will be a prize for the best decorated classroom! If you are able to come and spend some time with us making/putting up decorations we would appreciate your help! Also, if you have any spare decorations at home for us to use we would be most grateful. If you just want to come in and play with your child during that afternoon, you are welcome to do so too. Thank you!

Diary Dates

Monday 3 rd December (pm)	Class Christmas decorating
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fair 3.15 - 5.30
Tuesday 11 th December	Stay and Play 8.55 - 10.30
Wednesday 12 th December	Stay and Play 1.30 - 3.15
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 19 th December	9.30 + 2.15 Christmas Play
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas

Have a good weekend. Mrs Houghton, Miss Horner and the Reception team.

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