



## Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 1st December 2025

This week we will be continuing to learn about Advent and the way in which we prepare for Christmas. We will talk about the advent candles and what they mean.

We continue our new Talk for Writing text - 'Stick man' by learning the story with actions and thinking of other things that a stick could be using our imagination.

In maths we will be securing our understanding of the concept of cardinality - that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether - and begin to apply this concept to count more abstract things, such as claps and jumps.

**White T shirts and black leggings/jogging bottoms need to be sent in to school as soon as you can this week in a named bag.**

**Focus words this week:** Prepare, calendar, advent, wrap, Nativity

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

### Focus Story:

Stick man



### Rhyme of the Week

Here is a link to our Christmas play songs if children would like to practise at home.



### Maths Focus: Positional Language



Go on a treasure hunt around your house using position words as clues:

On, underneath, between, next to, behind

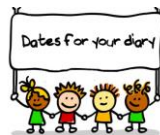
### Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Come in and choose a book with your child!

### This week the children will:

- Writing lists and letters in our Christmas post office
- Wrapping presents, posting letters and designing stamps
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in their writing.
- Learning to blend sounds together to read.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- Playing games in our classroom and on an obstacle course to practise using position and direction words.
- Rehearsing our Christmas Nativity
- RE topic - Advent - thinking about things that we get ready for and the candles of advent
- Writing about stick man and other things that a stick could be.



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December -Advent Mass 2:30pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - KS1/EYFS Performance 2pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - KS1/EYFS Performance 9:30 am

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - KS1/EYFS Performance 9:30 am

-Christmas dinner day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre after school in the hall

-Christmas Jumper day

**Monday 15th December Nursery & Reception Christmas Visit to Tanglewood - Payment and forms need to be in as soon as possible (any problems come and let us know!)**

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 18th December Class Christmas Parties during the afternoon-Children to wear uniform to school but they may bring 'party clothes' or Christmas outfits with them in a bag to change into after lunch.

Friday 19th December Christmas Culture Day - children are encouraged to come to school wearing something that reflects their own culture e.g. national dress, colours of the flag etc. A day to celebrate our differences and be proud of our cultural background! On this day the children will spend time learning about Christmas celebrations around the world. Break up for Christmas!

Monday 5th January School closed to pupils - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 6th January School re-opens to pupils for the Spring Term