



## Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Welcome back to a new term. We are so excited to see you all and to hear all about your Christmas holidays. A big thank you to everyone who kindly sent us cards and gifts. We never expect anything but were very touched by your kindness.

Our new topic is 'people who help us'. We begin by learning about jobs – please share your jobs with your child as a starting point. This could include jobs you do at home also!

In maths we learn about zero and the importance of it as a placeholder. We will also recap on counting, one more and one less as well as writing numbers.

In RE we start our Christmas topic and learn about Jesus' birth and about the visitors they received.

**Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home.**

**Focus words this week:** Firefighter Journey Zero Shepherds

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

### Focus Story:

Whatever Next!



### Understanding the world



People who help us

Talk to your child about the jobs that people in your family do. You may want to walk or drive past the local fire/police station too in order to get ready for our learning at school.

Children have also been talking about lollipop people this week – you may be able to take the children to see one working near to the school.



### Rhyme of the Week

#### Carrot Nose

A cute little snowman with a long carrot nose.

Along came a rabbit and what do you suppose?

That cute little rabbit, looking for his lun  
Ate the snowman's carrot nose, nibble,  
nibble, munch.

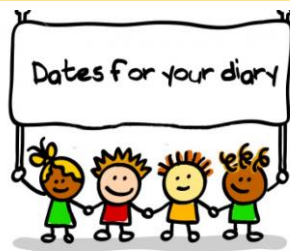
### Story Time

**Reading books will be changed throughout the week.**

**Come in and choose a book with your child!**

**This week the children will:**

- Role play the Christmas story
- Thinking about the visitors and the gifts that Jesus received at his birth
- Learn about zero as a placeholder
- Counting backwards and from any number
- One more, one less
- Think about the important jobs people have and particularly those in our families.
- Daily phonics lessons - blending words and learning our sounds for reading and writing
- Practising writing our letters correctly
- Practising writing our numbers correctly
- Learning a new winter rhyme - carrot nose
- Writing about our story - Whatever Next, learning the story to retell using actions.
- Playing with our new small world fire station and police station and vehicles



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Back to school

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Visit from Police officers

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February-Visit from Fire fighters