



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 4th December 2023

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 begin our new Talk for Writing text - 'Stick man' starting off with some adventures outdoors collecting sticks and making a stick man.

In maths we will be using positional language by playing games in our classroom and outdoors using an obstacle course.

Don't forget to fill in your letter regarding Nativity tickets! 😊

Focus words this week: Advent, Prepare, calendar, post office, wrap

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

Focus Story:

Stick man



Maths Focus: Positional Language



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

On, underneath, between, next to, behind



Rhyme of the Week

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITxjfZzAQjw>

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



EYFS & KS 1 Nativity Plays

Wednesday 15th November Bollywood Dreams Dance workshops

Thursday 7th December Year 6 National Archive online workshop '4 Days Hard Labour.'

Friday 8th December St Joseph's School & Parish Christmas Fair in the school hall.

3.30pm - 4.30pm!

Tuesday 12th December Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance for families at 9.30am

Wednesday 13th December Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance for families at 2.30pm

Thursday 14th December Nursery & Reception 'Christmas Wishes Trip' to Cannock Chase Museum

Thursday 14th December Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance for families at 2.30pm

Friday 15th December Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance for families at 9.30am

Friday 22nd December Break up at 3.25pm for Christmas Holidays!

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 8th January SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS (STAFF TRAINING DAY)