



## Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

This week we will be continuing to learn about Advent and the way in which we prepare for Christmas. We will prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus.

We continue our new Talk for Writing text - 'Stick man' as well as writing a special Christmas letter this week too.

In maths we will practise all that we have learnt in counting with 1:1 correspondance and noting that the final number is the total.

This week we will be performing our Nativity play and going on a trip! It is also the Christmas Fair ☺

**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



### Maths Focus: 1:1 Correspondance



We have been working on counting larger amounts carefully out loud.

Get the children to count the baubles on the Christmas tree or the amount of sweets in a packet!



### Rhyme of the Week

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



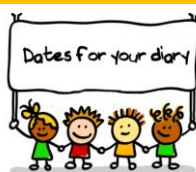
### Story Time

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.
- Performing 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.
- Christmas Letter writing!



Wednesday 27th November (Morning only) School Photographer - Individual and Family photos for children who were absent on 22nd November.

Wednesday 27th November Flu Vaccination Catch-Up Session

Monday 2nd December St Andrew's House Celebration day - pupils in St Andrew's house to come to school wearing their own clothes.

Tuesday 3rd December Advent Mass in school at 2.30pm - Parents / carers welcome.

Wednesday 4th December Nursery & Reception 'Advent Stay & Pray' at 2.45pm. Parents / carers are invited to join their child for an craft activity followed by a short prayer time together.

Friday 6th December Own Clothes Day - Please bring in a donation of a bottle (something to drink e.g. wine, spirits, fizzy pop or squash) or chocolate (e.g. a selection box, box or bar of chocolate, chocolate Santa) to help with our Christmas Fair. Thank you!

Monday 9th December Early Years & KS1 Nativity Performance for parents at 2pm

Tuesday 10th December Early Years & KS1 Nativity Performance for parents at 2pm

Wednesday 11th December Early Years & KS1 Nativity Performance for parents at 9.30am Wednesday 11th December Christmas dinner in school

Thursday 12th December Nursery & Reception 'Christmas Wishes' visit to Cannock Chase Museum Friday 13th December Christmas Dress up Day (Own clothes Day - Christmas jumpers / t-shirts / dresses / hats etc. are all encouraged!)

Friday 13th December Please come along and support the School & Parish Christmas Fair in the school hall 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 19th December Christmas Party afternoon

Friday 20th December Culture Day - Own clothes 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!