



Welcome back and we hope you all had a fun filled Christmas and New Year. We can't wait to hear what you all received from Father Christmas. We have lots of exciting learning coming up this term.

This week, we will begin our new theme of 'Winter'. We will: read and learn a new book 'Tiger in the Snow'. This week we will read and learn our new story with a focus on the verbs, words such as bouncing, gliding, zig-zagging and slipping. We will learn the story through actions and role play. To reinforce the learning of Winter, we will use finger paints to create tree pictures and talk about what we notice, happens to most trees during the season of winter. We are continuing to learn how to share, wait and take turns when working and playing together. We will be learning to count objects up to 10. We will also learn what 1p looks like and use this to pay for our snack.

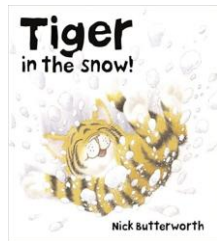
In RE, this week we will continue our new unit of work called 'Christmas - Mary the Mother of Jesus'. We will learn about the Nativity story and that Mary was the mother of Jesus.

Focus words this week: Tiger, friends, snow, Christmas, chilly

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

Focus Story:

Tiger in the
Snow



Number of the Week: 10



Can you find this number in your house?
Can you show this amount using a resource?
Look at groups of objects. Is it 10 or not?
Roll dice, can you roll a 10? Encourage the children to try to spot 10 quickly without needing to count.

Rhymes of the Week:

The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again

And when they were up, they were up
And when they were down, they were down
And when they were only half-way up
They were neither up nor down

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on **Monday**.

Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child.

Thank you.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, I will bring a selection of books up to the gate and if you need to change your book then, you will be able to. However, if it is easier, please put a note in the planner to say your child's book needs changing and we can do that for you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- Explore the story of the 'Nativity', the birth of Jesus
- We will read the story 'Tiger in the Snow'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will construct sledges
- We will explore counting objects up to 10
- We will use our fingers to create winter pictures
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will paint snowflakes using sugar paste
- We will practice putting on hats, scarves and gloves
- We will learn the nursery rhyme, 'The Grand Old Duke of York'

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth (Teacher), Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Mulvaney (Teacher) and Mrs Chambers (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett or Mrs Hinton.



Tuesday 3rd January - Spring Term begins.

Invitation for parents to join Nursery for a story time - date to be confirmed