

Termly Newsletter

21st December 2012



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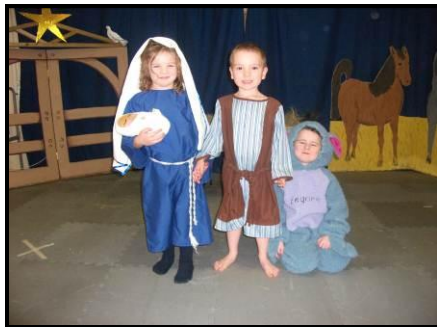
Note from teacher

What a fantastic half term we have had in Class Acorn and it was perfectly finished off by the children's wonderful performance of 'A Bossy King'. Everyone was so incredibly proud of them! What a class of talented and confident children we have in Class Acorn! Below is a selection of photographs of the children in their wonderful costumes! We have also been very busy this week doing lots of creative Christmas activities, which the children are very excited to bring home and share with you. Just a little reminder (although I'm sure the children have already told you) not to forget to sprinkle the magical reindeer food on the lawn before the children go to bed on Christmas Eve. I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the

New Year.

Miss Jones ©

'The Bossy King'



Santa's Grotto

The children have really enjoyed playing in the role-play area this half term. They have wrapped many presents and enjoyed writing lots of Christmas cards to their friends.



Communication, Language and Literacy



This term the children have made wonderful progress with their writing skills, they have enjoyed writing both independently and in adult led sessions. The children are trying really hard to use the correct formation when writing their name and other simple words. After the holidays we will be starting 'Handwriting Challenge' which will encourage the children to practice their letter formation both at home and at school. There will be more information to follow about this after the holiday.

'Jingle Bells Party'

The children had a great time at our 'Jingle Bells Party' on Thursday! They had lots of fun playing games and dancing!



Mathematics



The children have really impressed us with their number skills this term with most of the children recognising and using numbers up to 20! As well as number we have discussed time, shape and estimating. Here is the link to a game the children have enjoyed playing in class to practise their rote counting.

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/curriculum.htm?launch=4338#3582>

There are lots of other fun numeracy and literacy games on this website that your child may enjoy playing.

Next Term



Next half term our topic will be 'Space'. The children are welcome to bring in any item related to this theme to display on the topic table. We would also very much appreciate any kitchen roll tubes, cardboard boxes and silver foil containers for the children to use for junk modelling activities linked to the topic.

Morning routine

The children are all settled into their morning routine and are now ready to develop their independence. When the children return in January, please could you say goodbye to your child at the outside door encouraging them to put away their plastic folders, lunch boxes and water bottles independently. I know it is tempting to do it for them, but it will really benefit them as they get older if they begin doing things for themselves during their reception year.

Bossy King Film

I hope the children like their Christmas presents and you enjoy watching the Bossy King disk. The film is formatted to be viewed on a computer.

Phonics



Please try to find time to practise your child's sounds and words over the holidays. The children are making impressive progress and the regular practice is really paying off. The children seem to be confident blending simple words, although some are finding tricky words quite difficult to recognise. Here below is a link to a game to help the children with their recognition of tricky words.

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/activity/4338>

Ask your child to show you how to play the 'Smiley Man Game' (similar to hangman). The children have really enjoyed playing this game during our phonics sessions.

Notices



- **Spring term begins-** Tuesday 8th January 2013

Have a lovely Christmas Holiday.