

Termly Newsletter

Friday 14th December



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Merry Christmas!

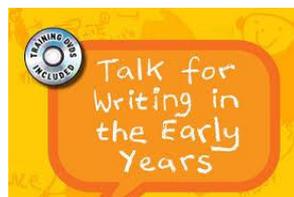
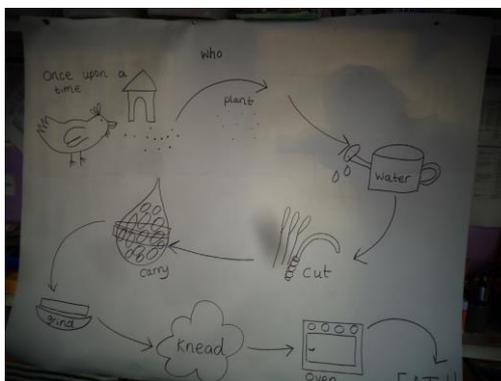
We have had a wonderful term in class Acorn. A highlight has been performing our nativity play wriggly Nativity. The children blew us away with their confidence on stage and we look forward to yet another performance in the New Year for our class assembly. Thank you for all your support this term. We wish you a very happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New year.



Story telling

Once upon a time there was a class of reception children who loved to tell stories. One day they decided to draw a story map for the little Red hen. Next they decided to tell their own Christmas stories so they challenged themselves to create story maps for them too!

Story maps have been a huge hit in Class Acorn this term. After telling the story all together the children have enjoyed re-telling it whilst drawing their maps. Whilst drawing their maps they have been using some great language: Once upon a time, next, one day, early one morning, so, but, finally, unfortunately, however, the end. Their confidence to build stories has grown and as they move into the spring term they will be ready to write their stories using story maps as a guide.....and by the end of the year they might be famous authors!



Read, Write Inc

The children have worked very hard to consolidate their knowledge of set 1 sounds and have had fun blending sounds for reading and writing. Please continue to practise sounds over the Christmas period and support your child to read and write words using the sounds. Ditty books will not be in your child's plastic wallet over the Christmas break. Read Write Inc sessions re-commence on the 14th January.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

The children really enjoyed their first Christmas Lunch today and everyone was feeling very festive! During the morning activities, the children had fun pairing up with the Year 6 buddies creating Christmas hats in preparation for the big lunch. We have enjoyed working in Santa's workshop over the last few days. Letters and phone calls to Santa have been flooding in so the elves have been hard at work. This week we have also enjoyed using some of the props and dressing up clothes from the nativity play to re-tell the nativity story.



Funky fingers!

During this term we have been focussing on developing our fine motor skills to improve pencil grip for writing. Activities include scissor skills activities, using tweezers, cotton buds, sewing, playdough pinching and threading.



Number fun

The children have really impressed us with their fantastic number skills this term. By focusing on a numbers 1-10 we have been able to learn so many number facts which will not only support our learning of numbers to 20 next term but will also support calculation skills. Here is a link to some Christmas themed mathematics games that the children have enjoyed playing on the computer this week.

www.topmarksmaths.co.uk – *Christmas maths 4-7yrs*

Homework

We would like the children to become confident in recognising and writing all the set 1 sounds. Please practise these with your child on a regular basis.

Continue to explore numbers to 10, missing numbers, repeating patterns and encourage your child to practise their number formations.

Reading books have been changed this week. They won't be changed next week unless you request a new one in your child's log book.

Notices

Tuesday 18th December: evening church service. **7th January:** First day of term
3 & 4th January: Teacher training days



Have a lovely Christmas Holiday!

