



## EYFS Newsletter

### Reception News

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa*

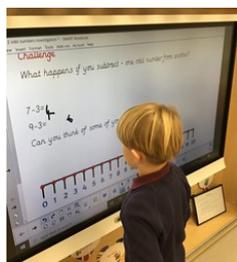


In continuation of our topic on Festivals and Celebrations, we have learned about Hanukkah and this year it began on Thursday, 10 December. The children have learned about the story of Hanukkah, how it is celebrated and have looked closely at the meaning behind the menorah. They created menorah pictures using a variety of media such as masking tape, crayons and stencils. We looked at non-fiction books to extend our knowledge on Hanukkah and shared the facts that we learned with our friends. The children were encouraged to order the story of Hanukkah using picture prompts to help them. In maths, we continued to look at subtraction, by blowing out candles on the menorah to see how many are left. A fun lesson to show subtraction in action! During our weekly assemblies, we listened to a story about Mother Teresa and discussed how we help others.

Practising my one to one counting on a Menorah!



Maths challenge on the interactive whiteboard



Learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction text—so that we can find out facts about Hanukkah.



Playing Hanukkah snap!



Drawing Christmas pictures on the interactive whiteboard

### Notices and Reminders

Monday, 14 December is the last day to bring class Christmas cards to school.

Thursday, 17 December: Reports are issued.

Friday, 18 December: Christmas jumper day and the last day of term. The school day will end at the usual time—for Reception this is 3:15 pm.

Many thanks,  
Reception Team

### Next Week in Reception:

Next week, we will be reading 'Kipper's Christmas Eve' and writing a Christmas wish list. In maths, we will be making patterns using Christmas decorations. In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be creating Christmas cards and decorations. We look forward to celebrating Christmas and the last week of term with our classes!



# Nursery News

Over the past few weeks, the children have been working very hard on their Makaton action songs for their Christmas production. They have really enjoyed dressing up in costumes and role-playing the Nativity story in class. They were all superstars while we filmed scenes for their show and recorded their action songs. We think they have all done a brilliant job and we hope you enjoy the Christmas production as much as we have enjoyed creating it.



The children have been working on their fine motor skills while creating their Christmas cards.



Following on from our learning about polar animals and arctic environments, the children had fun observing ice melting in the water tray. We have been talking about how the polar bears need ice to live on and how sad it is that the ice is disappearing due to global warming. The children also took part in an activity where they had to sort out recyclable waste into piles of different materials.

## Overview of next week's learning:

Phonics: Recapping sounds we have learned this term (s,a,t,p,i,n)

Maths: Number sequencing, counting backwards

Topic: Hanukkah



## Notices and reminders:

A reminder that it is Christmas Jumper Day next Friday (18 December), and to celebrate the end of term, we will also be having a little Christmas party in our classrooms. This will involve festive dancing and watching a recording of a Christmas pantomime. We will be providing some popcorn and juice cartons for the children as part of this celebration.

If you have any concerns about allergies or if you would prefer your child not to consume these snacks then please do let their class teacher know. Thank you.