

## FS Newsletter



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### FS1

Thank you so much to everyone who came to see the children perform their Nursery Rhymes. They were all absolute super stars and we really appreciate your support with this. Rhyming hugely benefits children's early reading skills.

Next week we will be starting to think about Christmas. The children will be told the story of the First Christmas and we will be making decorations for our FS1 setting and some to take home too.

### Maths

In Maths, we will think about shapes. We will use simple shapes to create snowmen, stars, Christmas trees and Christmas hats. We will use the shape names triangle, circle, square and rectangle. Please help your child to name shapes at home too.

### Phonics

This week we will continue to explore instrumental sounds. We will play games such as 'hidden instruments', where the elf has hidden the instruments and we must find them all. The finder then plays the instrument for us all to hear. We will also play 'Grandmother's footsteps'. We decide what each instrument sound means, for example the drum means that we walk, the maracas that we run and the bells that we tip-toe. Then 'grandmother' plays an instrument and the children listen carefully and move accordingly.

### FS2

It's Christmas (in FS2)!!

We have brought Christmas to the Foundation Stage Unit. We have Christmas books, Christmas small world, Christmas maths area, Christmas decoration making, a Christmas tree in the home corner and a stable.

### Topic

Elves will be visiting our unit next week. We will read a story about them and write some letters to them. We will have to watch out though as they like getting up to mischief!

### Maths

In maths we will be focussing on subtraction next week.

## Phonics

In Phonics we will be learning the new tricky words my, they, was and be. We will practise reading and writing them in sentences.

Please ensure that all Nativity costumes are in on Monday. If you are having any trouble or if this is a problem please let your class teacher know. We will have our dress rehearsals to the rest of the school on Wednesday and Thursday and our first performance to FS2S parents on Friday at 2.15pm. The doors will open at 1.45pm. The seating is tiered so everyone can see so no need to get there any earlier. If you or a family member are in a wheelchair or need special access please let us know so that arrangements can be made.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped their children learn their lines. It is much appreciated!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

FS Team