

Our Week



Well done to the Puffins and Robins for another wonderful week in Reception. Your child might like to tell you a little bit about some of things we have been learning this week:

- We learnt about Remembrance Day and took part in a minute's silence in a whole school collective worship.
- We shared tips for how to be kind friends and took on a special secret mission to be extra kind to one of our classmates.
- We learnt about the different seasons and went on an Autumn hunt.
- We read the story 'We Are Going on a Leaf Hunt'. We re-told the story using actions and we made our own book. We are authors in the making!
- We learnt about the different trees the in story.
- In RE we learnt about the Mary and Joseph's Journey to Bethlehem.
- In Maths our learning focused on the representation of 4 and 5.
- We developed our understanding of number by looking at the number 9 and the different ways it can be represented.
- In PE we learnt about making low shapes.
- In Funky Fingers we practised our fine motor skills by tracing numbers, using our cutting skills to cut along the lines and using playdough.

Please the link for this week's phonics practise.
https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resources/vc-pathways/573116/myQle2X7bnvZlWK1

- **Notes for parents**
- The children have lines to learn for our Nativity call 'The Big Little Nativity' and it would be wonderful if you could practise them at home. Please check your children's book bags for these.
- They will need to wear their costumes to school on 11th **December** (our dress rehearsal) and **16th December** (our performance). Apologies, their costume slips said to bring their costume to school, instead they will wear their costume to school and change into their uniform after the performances. The performance will start at 9.30. If you have any problems with costumes, please do let us know as we have a few spare costumes in our cupboards ☺
- If you have any old flowers, please bring them in as we will use them for our mud kitchen. We are also in need of things that could go in our home corner role play. If

you have any old notebooks, photo frames, children's kitchen or home toys, any children's cook books, aprons etc would be extremely grateful. 😊

- If you could collect some pinecones on your journey to school, we would be grateful.

*After the fantastic response to **The Giving Tree** last Christmas, we are really pleased to be supporting it again this year.*

What is the Giving Tree?

The Giving Tree supports children living in refuge, some of whom may receive very little, or nothing at all, at Christmas.

*Families who would like to take part can take a tag from the tree in the school office, purchase the gift listed and return it (**unwrapped)** to school. We then deliver these gifts to the charity to be distributed.*

Each tag includes the name of a child and the gift they or their parents have said they would love to receive. The names are fictional to protect the children's identities, but the gift requests are real.

How to get involved:

- *Tags will be available from the tree by the office from **Monday 23rd November**.*
- *Take a tag and purchase the gift listed.*
- *Return the gift **unwrapped** to school and leave it under the tree.*
- *Make sure all gifts are returned by **Wednesday 9th December**.*
- *We take the gifts to the local collection point, where they will be checked, wrapped and sent to children living in refuge in time for Christmas.*

Thank you for your incredible support last year. We hope to make The Giving Tree another wonderful success this Christmas!

Thank you for your continued support.

HAPPY WEEKEND!

The Reception Team