

Year R Newsletter - Issue 3

Word lists

We have seen a real improvement in the children reading their words from their word lists. Thank you for all of your support. If you are unsure how to support your child with this please speak to an adult within Year R. We test the children's ability to read the words 'out of context'. Such as in books, on flash cards and in random order as many children are quick to memorise the word list order rather than blend and read them. When we are confident that your child is reading the words in a range of contexts, we will send them home with a new list.

Festivals and Celebrations

Our new Topic is all about 'Festivals and Celebrations'. We have already learnt about The Gunpowder Plot and how people celebrate on the 5th November. The children have created some amazing firework pictures! This week we have been busy investigating birthdays. Kipper has invited us to his birthday party (from the story 'Kippers Birthday') so all of the children have been excited to make cards, wrap presents and plan a party. We will also be discussing other family based celebrations such as weddings and Christening and comparing the similarities and differences between our own families and other people around us. Keep an eye out for a separate letter giving information about a visit to St Cuthbert's Church. As we move closer to Christmas not only will the children be rehearsing for their Christmas performance but they will also be decorating their classrooms and the hall, learning about winter, comparing how British people celebrate Christmas with other Festivals from around the world. We will also be learning about Jesus' birthday and why it is an important celebration for Christians.

Lacey Library

Each Friday afternoon (weather permitting) a Year R class will be visiting the Lacey Library. If you are able to volunteer to walk the children to and from the Library with us then please let your child's class teacher know. The next visits are shown below.

Class 3 – Friday 17th November

Class 1 – Friday 24th November

Class 2 – Friday 1st December

Christmas Performance

Over the next couple of weeks we will be finalising our character parts and costume requirements for this year's Christmas performance. Keep an eye out for further information in a separate letter.

Book Fair

Thank you very much to the parents that visited the book fair. As a result of all your purchases we have £296.50 to spend on new books for the school library.

Book bags and Reading books

Please can you ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day with the appropriate things in. This should include their high frequency word list, their 'spot' reading book, their Lacey library book, their school library book and their reading message book. We do read with the children regularly and this is easier to do if they have the correct items with them.

Gold Book

You may notice that your child comes home on a Wednesday with a sticker saying 'I was in the Gold Book'. This is a huge achievement for the children as only one child per class can be nominated. If your child is in the Gold Book then their photo will also be on our school website

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