



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 27th November 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked with the children about Advent being a time we wait for Christmas to arrive. She talked about advent calendars and candles as well as the advent wreath used in churches and the preparations we make in getting ready for Christmas and special events. Some of the children came out to draw pictures they thought might be behind the doors of an advent calendar. Bird Family meetings focused on emotions; understanding them and talking about how to handle them.

This week we have been reading *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. We linked the story to thinking about the arrival of Father Christmas and during their Literacy sessions the children each wrote him a letter describing some of their Christmas wishes. We looked at the format of a letter and learnt to read and spell the words 'to' and 'from'. We also practised writing the sounds r, j and v.

In maths we have been learning to measure lengths in uniform non-standard units, such as bricks and footsteps. We had fun building Stick Man and his family with our Lego maths kits and we put the sticks into height order and counted how many bricks tall each one was. We also talked about advent and made advent calendars. We practised writing and ordering the numbers to 24 and drew Christmas themed pictures behind each window.

We have continued to rehearse for our upcoming Christmas production and we look forward to welcoming you all next week. We would be very grateful if any costumes could be in school by Monday please for our first dress rehearsal.

Over the weekend:

You might like to encourage your child to write a Christmas card or letter. They might also like to practise the songs for the Christmas play, along with any lines that they may have been asked to learn.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

Wednesday 13th December: 'Wear a Christmas jumper day' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries