



Reception Home Activities Friday 8th January

Welcome back! It sounds like you have all had a wonderful break from everything the children have told us!

Today you will receive our topic letter so you know what we will be learning over the Spring Term.

This week we have started to learn about the season of Winter. We have talked about the changes we might see in our environment.

Phonics: This week we have started Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds. We have learnt j, v, w, x. They are pronounced 'j' (a quiet sound with no 'uh' on the end), v (a sound with no 'uh' on the end), w (a sound with no 'uh' on the end), 'x' (this is a tricky one to explain – if you robot to talk fox f-o-x, it makes almost like a 'kiss' sound at the end for the x). We have also learnt how to read simple words such as him, his, get, got, off, can and back. We have started to write simple labels and sentences about our Holidays. Ask them to show you how they can write short words by listing things they might see in Winter.

PATHS: As it is the start of a new term please have a chat about using 'Twiggle' and 'Doing Turtle' to help your child to respond appropriately when things might not go well for them or they get in a situation which is feeling uncomfortable.

Maths: We have recapped our learning of numbers to 20. The children have been putting them in order and starting to talk about which numbers are bigger or which are smaller than each other. Spend some time this weekend talking about numbers to 20, counting different objects around the home and recognising numbers on doors of houses.

If you have access to a computer we have really enjoyed playing games on a website called Phonics Play. You can access some of the games at home for free so take a look. The Phase 2 games are best for this time of year for your child. <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

Thank you for our lovely Christmas gifts. We enjoyed opening them together and the 'treats' have been enjoyed by our families ☺