



Lemurs Curriculum Newsletter

Week Ending - 15.12.23



Dear Lemurs Parents and Carers,

Well what can I say? We are SO proud of all of the children for their nativity performances this week. It was amazing to see them all sing and shine on stage and they all worked so hard so a huge well done to all of our Lemurs!

We have been so busy in the last few weeks with some exciting events including our inter-school sports morning and all of our Christmas activities, not to mention the school disco and Christmas lunch, the children have all had an amazing time and are definitely ready for a well deserved break!

Just a quick reminder that forest school next term will continue to be on a **Thursday** and children need to come into school with their forest school clothes in a named bag ready to change into after lunch (please remember to send them in with a normal coat as well as their puddle suits). Please can you also ensure that children have sufficient layers of clothing to keep them warm and/or that they have a puddle suit which is lined so that they don't get too cold. An extra pair of socks as well as gloves and hats would be great too. Please also remember to return wellies on a **Friday or Monday** so that they are in school for the whole week should we need them.

From January, children will also need to wear a PE kit to school on our PE day which will continue to be on a **Wednesday**. Please check our uniform policy on the school website for full details: <https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/school-uniform-policy/>

Lastly, Miss Tait and I would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely cards and generous gifts. We have really enjoyed getting to know you and your children over the last few months and are looking forward to seeing what 2024 will bring, starting with our Zoolab workshop on Thursday 4th January!

Maths



In Maths, we have been learning about shapes with 4 sides such as squares and rectangles. We have been searching for them in the environment as well as sorting them and creating shape pictures. We have also now introduced zero and the children have been working hard to recognise when something is representing zero and have a good understanding of what 'zero' means.



Home Learning: Practise representing numbers from 0 to 5 in different ways. Continue to spot 2D shapes in the environment including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.

Phonics



We have now learnt all of the Phase 2 sounds including some more digraphs (two letters that make one sound):



We have assessed the children's knowledge of these new sounds and their blending skills and are really pleased with the progress they have made. We are however struggling a little bit with recognising the tricky words so we have sent them home in their reading book wallets for you to play some games with over the holiday.

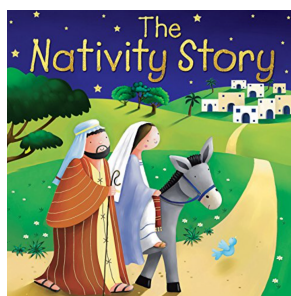
Literacy



We have read several Christmas related stories in the last couple of weeks including Stickman and The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson. For Stickman, the children enjoyed drawing the main character as well as the family tree and writing key words and even a short sentence linked to the story.

After reading The Christmas Pine, we learnt that it is based on the true story of how Norway gives a Christmas tree to London each year and the children enjoyed learning how to draw a Christmas tree and describe it in their writing.

Understanding the World



We have enjoyed learning about the Nativity story in the build up to our performance and children have shown they have a great knowledge of the story during our class quiz this week! We think they were amazing on stage and hope you all enjoyed the performance.



Have a fantastic Christmas break - see you next year!

Mrs Richardson & Miss Tait 😊

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