



## Early Years Newsletter: 4

### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

This week, the children have enjoyed doing a lot of their learning through role-play. It has been lovely to see them interacting, negotiating roles, sharing resources and using their imaginations to develop storylines about going to the cinema/beach/campsite or being Police Officers. On Wednesday, we built a huge den, which became a mixture of a very busy shop and a caravan! We used Maths to count out coins and wrote labels for the goods we were selling. Many of the children love looking at books at the moment, so we visited the school library and each chose a book to take back to Nursery. There has also been a lot of interest in making our own books, both on paper and on the iPad. We have introduced the, 's', sound this week, singing the song, doing the accompanying sssnake action and filling smelly socks with sand.

\*Please see our webpage for photos of our recent adventures!

### Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver

This week, we have been learning about 2D shapes, their properties and positional language. The children have enjoyed learning about shapes through various activities including printing, using geoboards to make shapes and using classroom resources to talk about shapes in our environment. We have also had a lot of fun exploring colours and materials for our firework themed activities. We have been discussing language related to fireworks and have enjoyed talking about our own experiences of firework night. We have also started to rehearse our Christmas play; we have begun by practising our songs. We hope you enjoy listening to them at home. Our Christmas concert on the 14th December will start at approximately 9.30am.

From Monday your child will receive their first reading book and reading record. Reading should be a non-pressured and enjoyable activity for you to share with your child. Each time you read together, it would be helpful if you could date and leave a comment. This enables us to monitor your child's progress and we will endeavour to hear your child read each week. From Monday 20th November books will be available in the outside area (each day) for you to change with your child between 8.40-8.55. It is our expectation that it is changed by you each week (one book change a week). Please remember to log the new book in the reading record. As the weather is changing the outside area is becoming very wet and muddy. We are finding that many children do not have spare waterproof clothing in school, aside from their forest school clothes. This means that they are unable to access the outside area. If you are able to provide an additional set for your child, it would be very much appreciated.

### Dates for your diary

- *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11:00* Nursery Christmas Celebration (Children who do not normally attend on Mondays are welcome to take part. More details coming soon.)
- *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December* Reception Christmas Concert from 9.30am
- *Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December* Whole School Pantomime at Overstone and Last Day for Nursery Children
- *Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December* Church Service, Christmas Lunch and Last Day of Term

Best wishes

From The Early Years' Team