

# Bumblebee Newsletter

20.12.19

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we are at the end of the first term. The children have been making good progress in all areas and working really hard. Have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

## Christmas bags



The children will bring home a Christmas bag which contains:

- A Christmas card from us.
- A Christmas card they have made for a member of their family.
- 2 Christmas decorations they made on the craft morning.
- 1 Bauble which they made this week. This is our gift to them.

## Reminders

- Please can reading folders and phonics folders be in your child's book bag every day.

## YEAR R LEARNING

 <p><b>Phonics</b></p> <p>This week we have reinforced all the sounds we have learnt so far and concentrated on hearing the last sounds in words as well as spelling cvc words.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary</b> –digraph, long vowel, short vowel.</p>	 <p><b>Number</b></p> <p>This week we continued to focus on the number 6, with finding different ways of repeating 6 in different contexts.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary</b> – cube, total, whole, same, different, dice.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Child Initiated play</u></b></p> <p><u>Christmas cards</u> The children made Christmas cards this week by thinking of a Christmas object and using shapes to represent it. On Tuesday they wrote a message in the cards.</p> <p><u>Baubles</u> They made baubles by filling two halves up with 'sparkly' things, then, using special pen paint, they drew something 'Christmassy' on the outside. This was completely chosen and completed by them. We helped tie the string on.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>Vocabulary</u></b></p> <p><b>New</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration</li> <li>• Advent</li> <li>• Antlers (not horns!)</li> <li>• Custom</li> <li>• Workshop</li> <li>• Christmas carol</li> <li>• Relations / family</li> </ul>	

*Headteacher Miss S Vittle*

Party

We made hats and iced biscuits for our party. Then enjoyed party games with year 1 and 2.

Santa's sleigh

In the role play area, we have had the elves workshop making toys for Santa. Outside we had a sleigh built out of brick and collected presents to give out to all the children.

**Reinforced**

- Nativity
- Jesus, Mary, Joseph
- Stable, manger
- Wise men
- Elves, reindeer
- Label / tag

**HOME LEARNING**

Over the next week, please take the opportunity to:

- Go through your child's Phonics folder and reinforce the sounds.
- Share your child's reading books. All children should have a new set of individual reading books and a new guided reading book this week.
- Play a game with your tagged words. Pick 10 words and make another set of them. Play a game of snap or pairs with the words.
- Share books with your child. Enjoy the pictures or photographs in book and talk about what you can see in the pictures.
- Reinforce the vocabulary introduced this week. Please also remind the children that families all celebrate Christmas in a different way. Some may open presents in the morning, some after lunch, some open one on Christmas eve, some go to church and some travel to see relations. It is Ok for families to do something different to you and what you do is unique and special to you.
- Enjoy the Christmas break!!!

**CAN YOU HELP?**

To lend

- Not this week

To donate

- Not this week.

Many thanks, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Hickley, Ms Kirstein and Mrs Duddridge (The Year R Team)