



# Reception Newsletter



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Happy New Year!

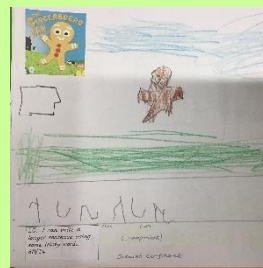
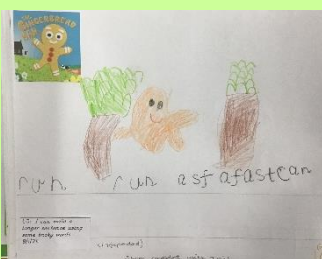
I hope you all had a very happy and peaceful Christmas. The children have settled back into school life very quickly and our room has been full of fun and laughter all week. I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of the EYFS team, to say a massive, heartfelt thank you for the end of term cards, gifts, vouchers and well wishes. We were completely humbled and touched by your generosity.

We are looking forward to new learning and exciting challenges this term. Our main topic is *Once Upon a Time* and will focus on traditional tales (Fairytals). Alongside this, we will be investigating changes in the weather as well as Chinese New Year. Please refer to our class page on the school website where you will find full details of our planning under Curriculum / Curriculum Map.

## What have we been up to this week?

This week, our learning has been based around the story of The Gingerbread Man.

- In Literacy we joined in with the repeated phrase and even had a go at writing this.
- We baked our own biscuits and counted them before they went into the oven, when they came out, one was missing! This caused a hive of activity– the language and vocabulary used by the children has been amazing!
- We made LOST poster to advertise our missing gingerbread man.
- We acted out the story on our tuff tray.
- Outside, we made bridges and trails to help the gingerbread man escape



## Phonics

We have been learning these sounds: **ai ee igh oa**

We have now moved on to phase 3 phonics. This term the children will learn:

- The vowel digraphs (2 letters one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters one sound)
- To read words containing the Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs.
- To read longer words (chunking)

Attached to this newsletter is a list of the phase 3 sounds we will be learning this term as well as a Little Wandle guide to phase 3 phonics.

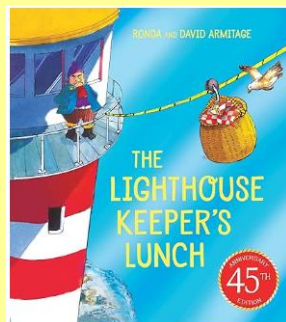
Please continue to practise all phase 2 sounds with your child if they are not confident or do not have a rapid recall of all the sounds.

## Next week we will be...

- Reading the story of Little Red Riding Hood
- In phonics we will be learning the sounds **oo** (long) **oo** (short) **ar or**
- Investigating winter and looking for signs of winter around our school.
- In maths we will be looking at the composition and representing of numbers 0-5 as well as one more and one less.
- In RE we will be learning about the relevance of the gifts given to Jesus by the three wise men and that we can give gifts to Jesus through showing kindness to others.

## Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books and rhymes we have been enjoying this week)



Please click this link for all our nursery rhyme videos (we love them!)

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

We are running very low on girl's spare clothing.

A polite reminder, if your child is prone to accidents, please send in a set of spare clothing which can be kept on your child's coat peg for whenever needed.

If your child has come home changed, please wash and return any borrowed clothing so we can return it to our communal supply.

We are also asking for donations (old or new) of girls pants (age 5-6) and socks please.

**Have a lovely weekend!**