

## 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Opal Class



Dear Families,

“OOOO” we had fun last week with Gingerbread excitement! So the final instalment to our exciting Gingerbread men adventures ended with us cooking our own Gingerbread men biscuits on Thursday. When the children arrived on Friday morning, to their shock, they found crumbs in corners and biscuit trails out the door. All the biscuits had GONE!! This caused great excitement. Of course the Gingerbread Men had come alive (according to the children) and ran away. When we hunted high and low for them outside we found a tin of gingerbread hearts with a note from the Gingerbread men.

So this week we begin **writing** up our exciting adventures in a big class book to share with everyone in school – and you hopefully. (There is always a reason for this – apart from eating gingerbread biscuits). There was such a lovely buzz in the classroom today, and listening to all the children talk and communicate their thoughts was wonderful. Their communication, personal and social development certainly has improved since starting school.

This week’s special days to note:

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January A Hindu workshop with Daya
- PE with Mr Chinn Wednesday (PE kit to be worn on both Wednesday and Friday please).

### Activity of the week to try at home!



### Tricky Word Hunt

Tricky or key words are words within each phase that are not phonetically decodable (you can sound them out) and your child will just have to learn by sight.

This is a really easy activity to set up and should keep them occupied for a good while. A great way to prompt their recognition. Put out lots of different books not just children’s books (you might want to avoid the 50 shades though 😊) for your child to explore. You could also have magazines, leaflets or takeaways menus that they have to search for the tricky words in. Once they’ve spotted a word they tick the sheet.



## Sorry....I forgot this last week!

This term I am going to trial a borrowing system whereby you can borrow some of the games we use in school to take home and play at home. During the holiday clear-out I found lots of spare games floating around. Every Monday I will supply a green box of games/worksheets which you can take home for the week to support learning at home. I will add to this throughout the term listening to your feedback on how successful this is. I will ALSO continue to add activities on the newsletters, so please also look out for these.

**Common Exception words:** *to the and in my I*

**New Read Write Inc** sounds to learn this week: **ng nk**

RWInc sounds learnt: **m a s d t l p n g o c k u b h l f r j v w q u y z x t h s h c h**

**We have completed all the 'single' set one sounds including 'special friends sh, ch, th, ng, nk'.**

Please support your children with this at home as much as you can, especially if they unfortunately missed some time of school through sickness. The more you do at home, the more confident they will be in school.



**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!!!**

### **Red Book Bags**

**Please can all children bring their RED book bags into school every day. Now we are sending the RWinc books home it is vital all children have these to transport these backwards and forwards to and from school safely. School has invested a lot of money sourcing these books to match the learning happening in school specifically for RWInc so we appreciate your co-operation with this.**

**RWI books must be looked after to avoid a charge to replace missing or damaged books Thank you!**

### **Christmas costumes**

**Please can we have all Nativity costumes returned to school. Thank you!**

Thanks Everyone!

**Miss Viv Horne Opal Class**

