



Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Happening? The children sang beautifully and what a finale with the snow! They looked amazing in their costumes, thank you. Hopefully the children will be able to share the story of the Nativity with you at home now. It's lovely hearing them sing the 'Little Donkey' song during independent times. They're very proud of themselves.



Hold onto your hats we're in for another busy week this week. On Tuesday we venture to the church for a Christingle service. Wednesday we have special 'Christmas PE' with Mr Ayre and the Y6 sports leaders topping it off with our special Christmas lunch. On Thursday we have our adventure on the bus, (gosh the children are excited about the bus ride!) to see the pantomime Sleeping Beauty performed by the Miracle Theatre. Friday is a half day full of Christmas fun – 1.15 collection for the Christmas holidays. PHEW!!

I would like to wish everyone the most magical Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. Thank you all for your continued support!

**Please note we return back to school on the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

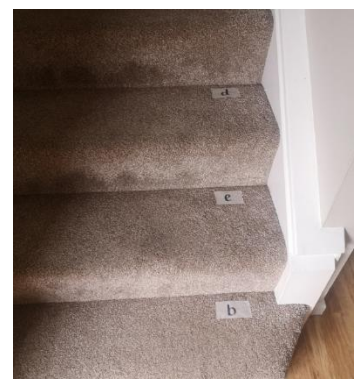
### Homework

Please keep reading stories, looking at phonics cards and learning tricky words e.g. the, to, I. Children will need some normality over the Christmas period and this is just the thing to ground those busy minds. Thank you!

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

### Steps to Phonics Success!

A simple activity that helps develop the skill of segmenting and blending. If you don't mind stick small bits of masking tape on each step of the staircase and write the graphemes for words on each. Leave a blank step after every word and this indicates that your child needs to blend the sounds together to make the word. If you don't have steps just put the pieces on the floor somewhere for the children to read.



## I Spy Box



A really simple one to set up if you have a transparent plastic box and some whiteboard pens. A great activity to help your child identify initial sounds, recognise and form letters but easily adapted to suit the phase your child is working by altering the items inside. I just placed a few items from around the house inside the upturned plastic box, put out a couple of whiteboard pens and some letter cards to help with identification and formation. Your child looks inside the box, chooses an object that they can see and listens for the initial sound. They can then practise writing the letter on the outside of the box with the whiteboard pens. For children working in the higher phases place objects inside the box that are decodable for the phase they are working and they can write the whole word on the box.

**Common Exception words:** *the I to love*

We are adding the word 'love' to the list because we are writing cards and letters in class.

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

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! Now we are learning 'special friends sh, ch, th, ng, nk'. Once we have done these letter sounds we will begin Set 2 sounds. Children are beginning to take home sound blending books to read with you at home. Please let them share these with you at home. Don't forget to record this on BOOM READER. This can be as simple as –“Heard H read” or “Used sounds fluently and quickly to read easily”.

The books look a little like this:



Please support your children with this at home as much as you can. The more you do at home, the more confident they will be in school.

**Please follow both these links to watch at home for both letters sound reading lessons:**

sh <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gY32MUtz/q0dWeOLo>

th <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/l9ZdQ9WA/2GGOQihX>

ch <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9BQbOweL/dla7BcUa>



## **Red Book Bags**

Please can all children bring their 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!**

Merry  
Christmas

Miss Viv Horne Opal Class



Help  
the Homeless  
this Christmas

Let's make a **change** and support families this Christmas. Please help us collect the following items to support families within the Pool, Camborne and Redruth areas.



**Every class to collect items by 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**December please!**

Any food items you give are much appreciated however the following products are of particular need at the present time also:

socks /hand warmers

toilet paper

soap/hair products

toothpaste/tooth brushes



Thank you for your support!