

KEY DIARY DATES

Thursday 9th December –
Christmas lunch

**Wednesday 15th
December** – Reception
Nativity play at 9.30 for RK

Thursday 16th December –
Reception Nativity play at
9.30 for RC

Thursday 16th December –
Online Pantomime - Jack
and the beanstalk

Friday 17th December
Reception Christmas Party

Please don't forget that
our email is

reception@sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

Reception Nativity

The children are really enjoying practising our Noisy Nativity. Last week we sent home the words to the songs we are learning and you can find most of the tunes on YouTube or Spotify.

Unless your child has been poorly, you should have received a letter telling you whether you need to provide a costume or not. Please make sure costumes are in school by Friday 10th December. Please come and see us if you have any problems with the costume you need to provide. At the moment parents are still able to come and watch the Nativity but as you can imagine, this could change at any time. We will keep you updated with any news. If we are able to do it to an audience then you will need to wear a mask (unless exempt) and we advise that you do a lateral flow on the morning before coming to watch.

Focus weeks

We are now coming to the end of our focus weeks with the last week being next week. All children will have now had one focus week. After Christmas we will not be having focus weeks but we will do them again in the last term of the year.

Recognition board

After half term we introduced the children to our class recognition board. The children get their photo on the board if they behave well, listen during our carpet times, be kind to others and help to tidy up. It has been great to see how well they have responded to it and have been trying so hard to get their pictures on the board each day.



Maths

This week in maths we are focusing on the composition of numbers again, with the children thinking about what numbers go together to make 4 and 5. The Number blocks episode we have been watching is Stampolines.

Next week our focus will be on counting objects carefully and counting objects that we can't see such as claps. We will be using our fingers to represent different quantities.

At home your child could ...

- Count in sequence to 10 and beyond.
- Count things when you are out and about
- Help them to notice numbers and amounts around them.
- Help them to count out small sets of objects accurately.
- Explore how 4 and 5 are made of other numbers. E.g. 2 and 2 is equal to 4.
- Watch Number blocks episodes about number five and the Stampoline park .

Phonics

We are continuing to revise our set one sounds with the children, with some of them just focusing on the digraphs sh, ch, th, qu, ng, nk. Please continue to help your child to practice the sounds at home particularly if they do not know their single sounds yet. Next week we will be carrying out phonic assessments with the children to see what progress they have made. After Christmas we will have 5 phonic groups across the year group and we will let you know which group they will be in once we have completed the assessments.

Literacy

This week in our Literacy sessions we are continuing to focus on the book, Where the wild things are. We will be learning the wild things song and using instruments alongside it. We will also be making wild things masks and having a wild rumpus at the end of the week. Next week we will finish the story by looking at how to sequence pictures from the story. Then we will be moving onto learning the Christmas Story.

At home your child could...

- Read books together as often as you can.
- Encourage them to practice the sounds they have been learning at school that week.
- Encourage them to practice writing them using the correct formation.
- Talk to your child about what they do at school.
- Help them to find words that rhyme.
- Make up silly rhyming sentences.

