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Early Years Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has come to Early Years! The children were very excited to find all of the classrooms decorated and have started to enjoy festive activities.

	<p>Acorn Class</p> <p>This week, we have been learning all about number four and sorted objects into groups of one, two, three or four.</p> <p>Our sound of the week was 'p.' We learnt the Jolly Phonics song then, using our fingers, we had a go at writing 'p' in the air as well as writing it on our friend's back. The children have been very busy learning the words to our special Christmas song and decorating our class Christmas tree.</p> <p> Tapestry home learning task:</p> <p>Please look on Tapestry and encourage your child to sing our Christmas song to you using the pictures as a prompt.</p>
 	<p>Holly and Mulberry Classes have been learning the digraphs th and ng in phonics. We have also been learning the new tricky word was. Encourage your child to write a simple sentence using the new digraphs from this week and the tricky word!</p> <p>In maths, we have been learning about number 10 and the different ways we can make 10 using cubes and 10s frames. We have been looking at number bonds which is the special way of saying different ways to make ten. Also, we have been looking at identifying one more than a given number up to ten.</p> <p>Stick Man</p> <p>This week, we have been reading the story of Stick Man and have been discussing our families linking to Stick Man's family tree. We have also collaged our own Stick Men and have been talking about seasons and change. This story has linked well to Christmas which we will focus on more over the next two weeks.</p> <p> Tapestry home learning task:</p> <p>Take a walk around your local area and ask your child to find a tree without leaves (like Stick Man's) and post a photo of your child with the tree onto Tapestry. Can they tell you why there are no leaves on the tree and what happens in winter?</p>

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8 th December	<p>If your child wants to give their friends a Christmas card, they need to be in school by this date. We are sending home a class list of names with your child today.</p> 
Wednesday 9 th December	 <p>Christmas dinner for Mulberry and Holly Classes. You should have already returned the letter.</p>
Friday 11 th December	<p>Christmas Jumper Day. Please bring in a money donation to the charity.</p> 
	<p>Please see the letter that was sent out on Wednesday, 2nd December in relation to children being able to complete learning from home. All children will be coming home with their learning pack today.</p>
Tuesday 15 th December	 <p>Class parties. Children can wear their own choice of clothes for this day. More details will be given next week.</p>
Wednesday 16 th December	<p>Since we are unable to invite you to watch a Christmas performance, we are making class Christmas videos that will be posted onto our school 'YouTube' channel. (We are currently recording this).</p> 
Thursday 17 th December	<p>Last day of school for Acorn class</p>
Friday 18 th December	<p>Last day of school for Mulberry and Holly classes. School closes at 1:30pm.</p>

Kind Regards

The Early Years Team