



## Spring Grove Primary School

### Reception Homework and News

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so impressed with the children's performances of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel! Both whilst performing to the school and to the parents. The children spoke clearly and confidently, sang brilliantly and remembered everything they had to say. Their play was a fantastic start to the festive period and I'm sure you will agree that they were all amazing!



This week, we have started learning about Christmas! We started by talking about why some people choose to celebrate Christmas and what they believe about the birth of Jesus. The children were already familiar with the concept from our Christmas production and enjoyed talking about some of the characters they recognised from the Nativity Story. We encouraged the children to think about what comes to mind when we hear the word Christmas and the children enjoyed sharing their ideas and experiences. We talked about Christmas post and showed the children our class postbox. We then modelled how to write cards and letters, providing the children with key phrases they might want to use. We talked about the importance of writing who the letter or card is to and who it is from, as well as making sure the envelope is clearly labelled. The children have loved posting their cards from home as well as things they have written and drawn in school. We then moved on to talk about one of the most important people we write to at this time of year, Father Christmas! The children enjoyed writing a Christmas list and drawing pictures of some of the things they are hoping for this year.

In maths, the children have been building on familiar skills such as subtracting, finding 1 more and 1 less and discussing shapes and their properties.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- I have set each phonics group a Word Time Video to watch at home. Please watch the video to practise sounding and blending to read the word time words. Thank you
- We have been continuing to look at 2D shapes in school and are getting more and more confident when describing their properties, for example: a rectangle has four straight sides, two sides are long and two sides are short. Can you spot and talk about any 2D shapes at home or when out and about?

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ©

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