



Friday 17th December

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week has been full of excitement and Reception has been a hive of festive activity including lots of creative crafts, games and Christmas themed learning. The children have taken great care in making their Christmas cards and produced some beautiful writing inside their cards. We hope that you will enjoy them as well as the four seasons artwork calendar (the children have been so excited to show their families). On Wednesday the children wore their specially decorated hats for their Christmas lunch in the hall.

In child initiated play the children have been finding out about ordering by length using tinsel and 3D shapes by being very busy elf present wrappers. Drawing outside, either with chalk on the ground or felt tip pens on paper, has also been a popular choice. There has certainly been a lot of concentrating, sharing and fun choosing alongside friends, which has been wonderful to see.



The children have loved relaxing and looking at the Christmas story books that the adults have read to them in story time. It has been wonderful to hear the ideas about the stories which the children love sharing. Next term our topic will be 'traditional tales' where the children will have opportunities to retell the stories once they have become more familiar with them.

Reminder about reading over the holiday - We have collected in the reading and library books. However, please use the Oxford Owl website for books to read with your child over the holiday.

This week's recommended book for Reception is: **Where is the Dragon - Leo Timmers**. (The logins to access the books are glued in the front of your child's reading record.)

SHOW AND TELL on the 7th January is BLUE HIZ (winter theme). Thereafter, the theme for show and tell will be '*my favourite story*'.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the Reception team

Best wishes,

Mrs Shorrock, Mrs Webber, Mrs Undrell and the Reception Team