



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have begun our Christmas creative activities this week. The highlight this week was our Christmas singing for the Gothic Mede Remote Christmas concert on Wednesday morning. The children sounded wonderful and looked brilliant in their cheerful jumpers. They were so proud of their performance. Well done, Reception! Next week our seasonal activities will include making cards and having a Christmas party on Thursday which will involve lots of fun and dancing. Please remember that the children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday for Christmas lunch. We will add photos on Tapestry for you to see the fun.

Christmas has been a key theme in child initiated play. The children really enjoyed using the Chrome books and were remarkably independent when navigating the Christmas puzzle programme. If you have any examples of your child using technology at home, please can this also go onto Tapestry. After listening to the story of The Jolly Christmas Postman, the children decided what they would write on a list to Father Christmas. They then had opportunities to write their own lists in choosing time. We would love to see examples of Christmas writing, like cards, lists and letters that your child does at home. Please upload these to Tapestry.

Thank you for practising the phonics sounds at home with your child. Here is the new Early Letters and Sounds link to a pure sounds video:

<https://vimeo.com/641445921/9382cf6db0>

As part of promoting reading at Gothic Mede, we would like to suggest a book recommendation for each week. This week's 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.)

Just a reminder that the children's **Star Challenges** are due now. We are looking forward to seeing the children's work.



Next week's SHOW AND TELL is RED PIX (winter theme).

After half term there will be **one more winter** theme show and tell on the 7<sup>th</sup> January (Blue Hiz). Thereafter, the theme for show and tell will be '*my favourite story*'.

Best wishes,

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