



Friday 7th January

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that you had a restful break! The children settled straight back into the school routines this week, it was as if they had never been away. We have really enjoyed hearing about the different ways families have celebrated Christmas and the New Year. It sounds like they all had a lovely Christmas break and hopefully a well-earned rest. We would like to say 'thank you' for all the lovely Christmas presents and cards.

Before the break, we undertook some phonic assessments with all the children to see which sounds they knew and how well they could blend and segment words. We were impressed with the results of these, with all children demonstrating that they have made great progress with their phonics skills since starting school. We wanted to thank you for your continued support at home too, as this progress would not have been possible without this additional help and is really invaluable. Please continue to practise phonic sounds and harder words with your child which can be found in your child's reading record.

This week the children started their new topic of 'Traditional tales'. They started this off with a 'treasure' hunt to find all the pieces of the jigsaw which revealed which story they would be learning. The children have enjoyed listening to the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They have spent time discussing and learning about any new vocabulary in the story and have started to learn to retell the story. To support your child, it would be helpful if you could encourage them to retell the story to you over the weekend and as always, we would love to see photos and videos uploaded to Tapestry.

It is great to see the observations on Tapestry from home. These observations complement the school observations to make a detailed picture of your child's development. Please keep the home observations coming!

SHOW AND TELL- The theme for show and tell will be '*my favourite story*'. Next week (14th Jan) is GREEN IVEL'S turn.

HELP - Next week we will be exploring the season of Winter. If you go on any wintery walks over the weekend please could you collect any winter foliage such as pine cones, fir tree leaves, holly etc and bring it into school on Monday.

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