



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been another busy week in Reception! The children have been learning about the numbers four and five. During their maths lessons they have been subitising and representing these amounts using a range of objects and media. It would be great to see some observations on Tapestry of the children demonstrating their understanding of these numbers. For example, you could encourage them to spot these amounts around the house, such as 4 buttons on a cardigan or five forks at the table. They might notice them on a walk, such as, four windows on a house or the numeral 5 on a door.



A key area that we focus on in Reception is developing the children's fine motor skills. Fine motor skills involve small muscles working with the brain and nervous system to control movements in areas such as the hands, fingers, lips, tongue and eyes. Developing fine motor skills helps children do things like eating, writing, manipulating objects and getting dressed. The clip below demonstrates the different stages of pencil grip development. In order for your child to meet the expected standard by the end of Reception they will need a comfortable tripod grip with enough control to form letters so that they are able to write simple sentences. Please model and encourage your child to use the correct grip whenever they are using pens and pencils at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWAaMk7u8zk>

Over the next few sessions at Forest school the children will be working towards making a Christmas decoration. This week, they started off by working together with an adult to push and pull the saw to cut a log slice.



Please can we remind you that all clothes including hats, gloves and scarves MUST be named. We understand that this can be time consuming however it is the best way to ensure that these items come home. We currently have a large collection of clothing which is not named. Please keep a look out next week as we will put this out during drop off/ pick up one day. Now the weather is much colder, raincoats are not sufficient on forest school days. Please send your child in with a warm waterproof coat. This could be as well as a puddle suit.

Your child has been assigned a part for the Christmas performance. Please check your child's book bag for information about their costume.

Next week's SHOW AND TELL is BLUE HIZ

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