

Reception Class Newsletter



13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week this week in Reception with the children making Christmas cards, decorations and calendars to bring home next week.

The children enjoyed the school Christmas disco and party on Thursday and no doubt will be looking forward to hopefully a visit from Father Christmas on **Tuesday** next week. The Santa Dash will take place on **Wednesday**. Due to these events the children can wear a **Christmas Jumper** or brightly coloured top on both of these days (along with their usual school uniform).

Recent staff training included a focus on Reading. The focus included using timelines with the children. What key event happened at the beginning of the story, at the end of the story and also in the middle of the story. Try this at home after sharing a story with your child. Can they sequence the key events in the story? This is quite a difficult skill, different to retelling the story as it is difficult for children to not include everything which happened. To make it easier maybe think of three key events in the middle of the story rather than just the one.

Timeline of a story-

Key Event

Key Event

Beginning ————— | ————— Middle Key Event ————— | ————— End

An idea to pass on to parents also included if you do listen to stories on YouTube with your child, to put subtitles on so children are becoming familiar with print. Our story book focus this half-term has been "We're going on a bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen which can be found on YouTube.

A reminder school closes on Friday 20th December at 1:30pm and reopens on Monday 6th January.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Reception Staff

