



Robin Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 13th - 17th December 2021

Apologies for being unable to post the previous week newsletter. To catch you up the children spent the week learning all about the Gingerbread Man story. The children arrived in class on Monday to find a Christmas present from the Jolly Postman. The children found a copy of the Jolly Christmas Postman and the Gingerbread Man story. The children looked at different recipes and in groups worked out all the important features of a recipe. The children then wrote their own Gingerbread recipe. On the Friday the children made their own Gingerbread men and designed how they were going to decorate them. The children worked so hard on the Nativity and I was so proud of them when we went to film the final performance for you all. I hope you enjoy the performance and I would recommend you have a box of tissues next to you when you watch it as I shed many a proud tear for all of them. They all sang so beautifully. Thank-you for all your hard work in helping support the learning of lines and providing the costumes.

To begin this week the children arrived at Father Christmas's house. The children took part in a Santa's craft workshop and wrote a letter to Father Christmas. This week was the final week of our Jolly Postman topic so we ended our learning with a local walk around the local area to post our very own and very special Christmas cards. The children followed a map of pictures on their clipboards and were able to identify all the important features of our local area. The children spotted all the road signs, Cheapside Village Hall and then full of excitement arrived at their destination, the local post box. As the children posted their Christmas cards the local postman arrived in his red postman van and collected their cards ready for posting. The children were then able to spend some time with him to ask him questions all about his job as a real life postman. We then all sang Christmas songs as we walked back home. The children stopped at the village hall on the way back and sang some Christmas songs to the Rainbow Club staff. The children very much enjoyed their first class trip and I was very proud of their class trip behaviour on our walk.

In phonics we are now learning phase 5 sounds and words. Any games you can find online that compliment phase 5 will help support their learning. Keep practicing phase 3 and 4 and continue to read with your child over Christmas. The two weeks away is quite a long time for your children not to practice their fine motor skills that are needed for their writing so any support you can give your child with this over the holidays would be amazing. The children need to continue writing where possible. Writing Christmas lists, letters to Santa or even his reindeer. Thank-you cards for gifts received from relatives. Also, if you have any play-dough your child can play with and make little Christmas themed characters this will also help support and strengthen their hand muscles.

It is now only left for me to say thank-you to you for all you do to support your child. Thank-you also for my kind and generous gift.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



