

Lower Phase Newsletter



Friday 19th December 2014

All the staff in the Lower Phase Unit would like to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year 2015.

Communication, literacy and language.

Reception children have been completing writing about the Nativity story, letters and lists and writing cards.

All the children have been practising letter formation and writing letters for phase 2 and 3 phonemes.

Vocabulary: letter, list, Nativity, Christmas story, Nativity characters, Santa, Father Christmas, word, sentences, Capital letters and lower case letters.

Mathematics

Reception children have been using festive objects such as baubles and crackers to solve addition and subtraction problems. They have been using marks on white boards to record the number sentences and calculations. We have also been counting in 2's, and 10's and writing numbers in sequence.

Vocabulary: Count, number, numeral, subtract, take away, addition, add, join, total, makes, less, more.

In **Literacy Year 1** have been looking at; Poetry. We have been using our five senses to make lots of wonderful 'Wow' words - describing words. The children have been participating in making and writing; Rhyming Poems, Acoustic Poems and Poems with Similes. In Speaking and Listening, they have been sharing their desires for Christmas!

We hope the children enjoyed their Reward Day on Thursday. Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 2 children had a magician perform to them and years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the cinema. We all had fantastic parties in the afternoon with plenty to eat. Thank you for all your donations of lovely food.

In **Maths Year 1** have been starting to look at the area; 'Time'. The children have been learning songs, sequencing and matching times of the day, Days of the week and Months of the year. They continue to use basic maths skills in everyday problems in class and out in the ICE zone.

Staff training days on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Children return to school on **Wednesday 7th January 2015.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!