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10th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter and the attached topic web will give you some more information about the second part of our "Time Travellers" topic. We will now be moving our focus to "There and Then" and will be looking at Christmas now, in the past and in different countries. We are continuing to involve the children in our planning and will follow their interests while covering our objectives, so the topic web is a broad outline of the key areas we will focus on this term. We have lots of Christmas activities planned so keep looking at the ILD for more details!

We are continuing with the Letters and Sounds program of phonics and children will be learning more letter sounds. We will shortly be sending home booklets containing the tricky words we are learning. Tricky words are sometimes called common exception words and are words which cannot be sounded out as they do not follow the normal rules of phonics. The children have been introduced to some of these words already and may call them 'danger words' and make a siren type noise to signify the danger! Please practise reading these words regularly at home with your children alongside the "Sounds I am Learning" and reading books.

In Maths, we will be having fun with addition and subtraction with numbers to 10, using objects and numerals in a variety of contexts. We will also spend some time looking at money and making simple amounts using coins. Our Maths learning takes place through a wide range of practical situations before we move towards more formal recording methods.



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The school Nativity play will take place in December, with a dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December and two performances on Tuesday 12th December. More details about this will follow shortly!

The school Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day is on Wednesday 13th December.

Our next Open Session will be a joint session with Class 1 and Class 2 and will be held from 9am until 10am on Thursday 14th December. All are welcome to attend, please sign in at the school office.

We are very excited about our class trip to the Arts Centre on Tuesday 19th December. As advised in our earlier letter, children should come to school no later than 8.40am and should wear school uniform.

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children have warm coats and hats and gloves if necessary. Once again, please make sure that everything is named as you wouldn't believe how quickly gloves and hats seem to disappear!

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, or other more general queries, please don't hesitate to talk to us. We are always available both before school and after school each day. Emails can be sent to the school office and phone messages can also be left with the office staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Early Years Team

