

YEAR R NEWSLETTER

21.11.25

Welcome to this weeks newsletter. We are on the rundown to Christmas so it is going to be a very busy time for us all. This week your children should have brought home their letter for who they are going to be in the nativity. If you need support sourcing a costume please let us know as we have some you may be able to borrow!



Learning Through Play



Date

Nov 21, 2025

Literacy

We started to innovate the story this week. We changed the "treasure" and the "character". The children had some great ideas including family, gems, diamonds, cats, etc. Our phonics sounds this week have been z, qu and ch - this is the start of learning our digraphs which is always an exciting time.

Kinetic letters

We have been learning to write letters from the "Abracadabra Family". These letters pull around form the scared monkey tree (Skip) and push along the ground, we have now even extended to fish below the ground for the letter tails. This week it was d, g, q and s.

Maths

We have been looking at 1 more, 1 less an dhow numbers are made up to the number 5, for example 1 and 4 and 2 and 3 add together to make 5 in total. WE loved going on the "bus and picking up passengers for one more and dropping them off for one

Child Led

less.

It was freezing this week and the children loved investigating the ice, we talked about how it might melt and we looked through the ice. We also built castle and had a dragon kitchen. The children were great at telling their imaginative stories. Finally we had little red riding hood on the stage, again the children were fabulous at role playing this.

Key Dates for week beginning 24.11.25

Parent Workshop

Tuesday 25th

Big Feelings (school hall),

6pm Open day for new parents

8.30am

How can you help?

Please could you find as many different ways of challenging the children to find one more or one less, I have seen children doing this with sweets, give them 2 sweets and ask what is one more - sweets is always a great motivator ha ha. Log all home learning in the NEW red books - they are very exciting.

Other than that enjoy sharing a book, being inside or cuddling up under a blanket as the weather turns colder.



“Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity” Kay Redfield Jamison