

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Well done to all the children performing their Christmas Sing-a-long! They have all worked so hard to learn the songs and the actions and made us all very proud performing in front of so many people!

Thank you for all your support with the costumes, they made the children look really special. We can't quite believe that is the first term completed, it has gone so quick.

**This week in the classroom we...**

- continued striving to complete our 'rainbow challenges'
- designed and made Christmas cards
- explored the snow we had on Monday through small world play, making own snowmen and talking about why snow melts.
- performed our Christmas sing-a-long dress rehearsal to the rest of the school
- had a special Christmas lunch with all the trimmings-the children loved it!
- hosted a class Christmas party complete with party games, food and a special visit from Santa!
- wrote Christmas cards for our friends
- we consolidated our learning from this half term in maths
- played some of the board games children made for homelearning.
- consolidated our phonics learning

**When we return in January...**

- our new topic will be 'Once Upon a Time' focusing on fairy tales
- the first book we will be reading is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

**Tapestry-your child's online journal**

If you need any support with using tapestry please come and speak to [Mr Hooley](#).

**Reminders**

**Home learning**

**Story Books/Reading Books-** Please read each day with your child. Return the story books by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Keep reading books in your child's bag.

**Reading Books/Communication Books-** If you have a message for the class teachers, please place the book in the trays outside the classrooms on arrival to school.

**Clothes-**We have increasing amount of unnamed clothing, please use the holidays to make sure all items of clothing are clearly named.

**Junk Modelling-**Please donate your clean recycling materials for our junk modelling projects. We have not received any the last few weeks.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Wishing you all happy holidays

*The Reception Team*