



Gold Class
St Anne's Royton

Autumn 2 Term
Week 4
30th November

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who attended the Reading Workshop on Wednesday. We had a good discussion on how to support your child in becoming a reader and lots of information and tips were shared, I am glad you found it useful!

This week the children have been reading the story of The Gingerbread Man. Quite a lot of the children were already familiar with this story and were able to join in with the repeated text. We have been role-playing the story on the playground, chasing each other around, and inside the classroom using small world characters. The children have used icing pens to decorate their own gingerbread men, some needing support to squeeze the icing out and others working independently.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 11th December: We will be filming the Christmas Sing-a-long on this morning and will be opening the doors early in order to get the children dressed. If you can bring your child early on this day (8.40am) please do so.

Friday 14th December: Christmas jumper day in aid of charity.

Tuesday 18th December: The Nursery children will be holding a Christmas Sing-a-long at 10.30 in the school hall. It will last for approximately 20 minutes and will be followed by drinks and mince pies in the Nursery classroom. Please come along to join us!

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas party day. Children may wear non-uniform, with sensible shoes and coat. We will be leaving a list for party food donations in the cloakroom, so please sign up!

Thursday 20th December: The Christmas Service will be at 9am in the church, everyone is invited to join us.

Homework

Help your child to develop their fine motor skills. Some of the children found squeezing the icing pens very tricky. Developing strength and control in fingers and arms is a very important step in helping your child to write later on. Ask your child to use pegs to hang socks on the rack, thread pasta onto string to make a necklace, sing songs which require your child to hold up different fingers (e.g. Tommy Thumb, 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish), how many pieces of rice can you put in a bowl in 1 minute?

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please feel free to come and talk to us. If you would prefer to talk in private, please let us know and we will arrange a convenient time.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Russell.