



Week beginning: 3rd December 2018

Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we will be beginning a Christmas magic theme! We will be exploring LETTERS and writing a letter to Santa. In the Continuous Provision, activities include Postman Pat small world play, building a sleigh for Santa in the Construction Area, exploring 'Bee Bot postman' in the Investigation Area and our role play Post Office. In our Creative Area, we will be wrapping 'presents' to go under our class tree. Group 2 will be doing a magical Christmas treasure hunt this week during Muddy Monday! This will be Group 2's last session before the holidays. Muddy Monday will NOT be on during the first week back in January (7th Jan 2019). It will begin again in January but I'll send a letter.

Learning

In Literacy we are continuing to practise and apply our phonics skills. We will be writing either a letter or a Christmas list for Santa and demonstrating our phonic skills in our writing. We will also be using our imagination in our Post Office role play area. We will continue our handwriting sessions for Early Morning Thinking - this week we are learning to form 'one-armed robot' letters b, h and p. Our focus text this week is: *Dear Father Christmas*.

In Maths, we are learning about weight. We will use balance scales to explore what happens when two objects are placed either side of a balance scale. We will introduce the terms 'heavy' and 'light' and learn how to explain which object is heavier and which is lighter by the position of the scales. We will also explore what happens when two objects weigh the same. We will solve a problem for Santa, to apply our new knowledge of weight later in the week.

In Phonics, we will work in our 3 groups again this week. Miss Bowker's group are continuing Phase 3 and focusing on the digraphs 'sh' and 'ch'. They will be practising their writing lots and working on sentences. My group will continue to focus on confidence with blending and segmenting along with letter formation. Mrs Jones will be working with her group on phonemes/digraphs f, ff, l, ll plus lots of blending and segmenting.

Home Learning

Children will be reading with their Key Workers again this week. Please make a note in your child's reading record so we know you have read with them at home.

This week - mummy and daddy will be bringing home lots of work for you from Parents' Evening (letter and number formation). Please send any completed work to school to share over the next few weeks.

You can send evidence of home learning/ any 'Wow Moments' to: classr@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk

Kind Regards, Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Please note:

If you would like a Christmas card list, please ask.

Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 5th December - this week.

Monday: Whole school Assembly. Muddy Monday p.m

Tuesday: Class Assembly **Wednesday:** Singing assembly / P.E. PARENTS EVENING **Thursday:** Assembly.

Friday: Achievement assembly/ PE with Phil/ Show & Tell, Miss Anwar teaching.