

Reception Newsletter

Week beginning 4th December 2023

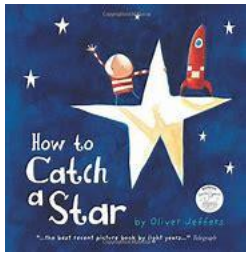
Welcome back!

Wow! Another busy week! The children have been very excited to help us decorate our classrooms and the shared area this week and have made some wonderful paper chains. This week we have had the joy of hosting our Christmas Craft mornings. Thank you so much to those of you who attended them, the children had the best time and were so excited to share this experience with you all. For those of you who couldn't make it, please don't worry, we plan on doing lots more! We would greatly appreciate your input in these events so if you have any ideas of themes we could embrace e.g celebrations and festivals then please let us know as we would like our events to be representative of our children's interests and culture.

Important Dates

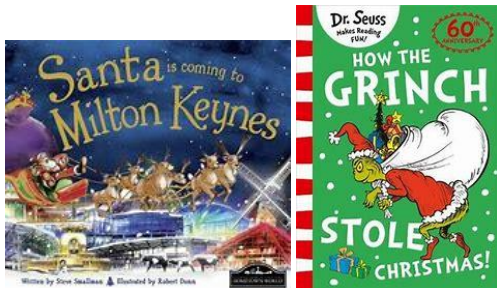
Reception Nativity – Wednesday 13th December 9:15am, Thursday 14th 2:30pm

Drawing Club book of the week



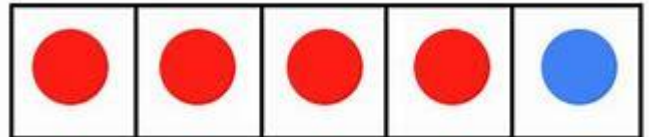
This week we have read 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers.

Next week we will be reading the book 'Santa is coming to Milton Keynes' by Steve Smallman. And in our final week we will be reading 'How the Grinch stole Christmas' by Dr. Seuss.

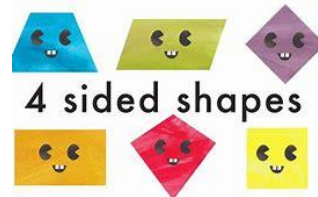


Number

For the last few weeks of term we will continue to explore numbers up to 5. We are now teaching the children how numbers can be represented on 5 frames. This is not only great for subitising but also for the children's understanding of the composition of each number.



We will also be exploring 4 sided shapes and discussing their properties e.g. 4 sides, 3 corners. We encourage the children to describe the shapes e.g. 1 curved side, 4 straight sides and make comparisons between them. It would be fantastic if you could try and spot these shapes within the environment!



Topic

This week in our topic lessons we have introduced the children to the Nativity story. Next week we will explore how Christmas traditions look different around the world.



Reminders

PE day is **Tuesday** for Aurora, Flora and Venus Class. Please wear PE Kit to school on this day. Remember your named water bottle every day and a small afternoon snack of fruit or vegetables. Pop your child's name in all clothing – this will help us locate it when it goes for a walk about!

