



# Eaglet News

Our Early Years team, Ms Wightwick included, attended a very inspiring training session on early writing one evening this week. We were reminded of the importance of encouraging vital pre-writing skills, which include lots of fine and gross motor exercise in readiness for holding a pencil. We have brought elements of what we heard back to school, and so 'The Message Centre' has arrived in our classrooms! This is a very simple concept rooted in the value of play that is designed to encourage early literacy skills through the art of 'secret' messaging, using symbols and marks. Please do ask your children about what messages they have been sending at school, although don't be surprised if they tell you, "It's a secret!"

In Reception this week we have been working really hard when practicing our nativity songs. We had our first practice in the hall and Mrs Ostler was very impressed at how well we did, especially as it was our first time! We had a lovely visit from the school nurse this week, who came to talk about oral hygiene. We made a promise that we will be very good at brushing our teeth twice a day for 2 minutes!

## Reminders

### Reception Nativity lines

Some of the children will have received a nativity line in their bags. We asked the children who would like to stand up and say a line in the show. All children who wanted to participate have been given a line. Please keep an eye out for this in your child's book bag.

### Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who attended the Tapestry meetings. If you continue to have any problems, please let class teachers know. Handouts were given out at the meeting so if you would like a copy of these please also speak to class teachers.

## **Tapestry Corner**

We love seeing your children's home learning via their Tapestry online journals.



Are you **putting up a Christmas tree, making a Christmas pudding, or writing Christmas cards** this weekend? We'd love to hear stories and see photos of these special family traditions. Don't forget to include some of your child's speech if you can.

## Upcoming Events

10<sup>th</sup> December – Forest School Meeting for Nursery parents, 9.15am

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas movie night

17<sup>th</sup> December – Butterflies class nativity

18<sup>th</sup> December – Ladybirds class nativity

19<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Nativity

## Stars of the week

Nursery – Bleu



RA – Kiyan



RC – Charlotte J



# Reception

## Our learning

### This week in pictures



*We had a musical party outside.*

### Next week

#### Physical development

We will be counting how many jumps we can do with a skipping rope.

#### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be thinking about rhyming words and making up our own.

#### Mathematics

We will be continuing with our measurement topic as we look at weight and using scales.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a variety of materials to make our own Gruffalos.

#### Understanding the World

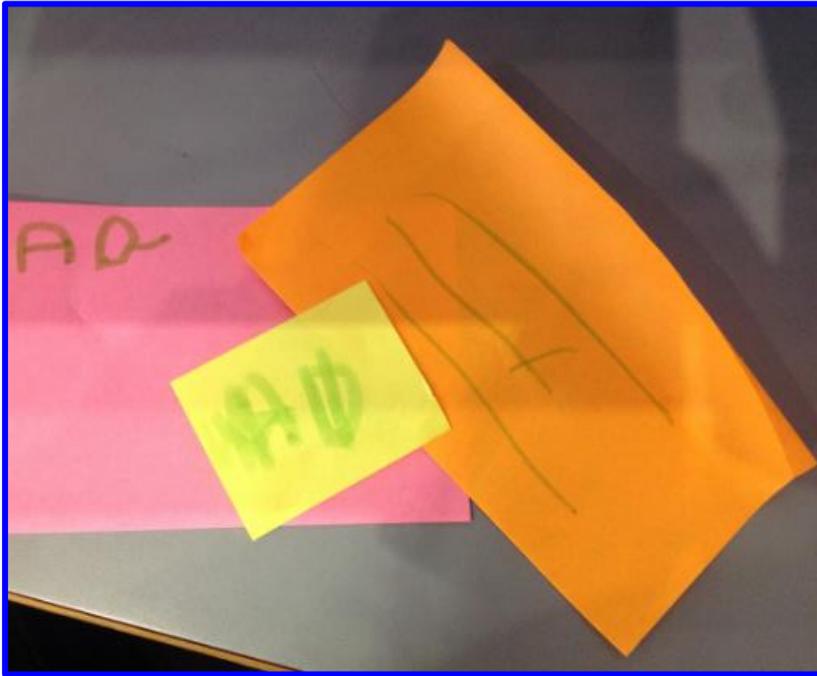
We will be looking at changes of state using ice and corn flour.



# Nursery

## Our learning

This week in pictures



*Some of our secret messages.*

### Next week

#### Physical development

We will be doing some threading as we make Christmas decorations for our classroom.

#### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be writing Christmas cards.

#### Mathematics

We will be exploring measure and length to wrap Christmas presents.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be doing some role play in preparation for our Nativity performance.

#### Understanding the World

We will be thinking about ways that Christmas is celebrated.

