

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Reception Newsletter

Wow we can’t believe we have come to the end of our first term in school already. What a wonderful time we have had. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school and it has been lovely to see them forming new friendships and their confidence growing day by day.

**Phonics and Literacy**

We have continued to consolidate our knowledge of the sounds we have covered so far and using these to practise our reading and writing skills. In the new year we will be moving onto more of the diagraph sounds: sh, ch, th, ng etc. Digraphs are two letters that make one sound and trigraphs are three letters that make one sound.

**Maths**

In Maths we have continued to look at numbers to 5 consolidating our understanding of how these numbers can be divided into different groups. We are practising our skills with one to one counting ensuring we are carefully counting out the correct number of objects and recounting to check we have the right amount. We have been looking at the numbers 8 and 9, practising forming the numbers and thinking about how they can be represented in different ways.

**Advent Reflection**

On Tuesday we enjoyed a really special visit to our Church. Father John led a beautiful Advent reflection and we have decorated our own angels to be displayed in St. Patrick’s and St. Marie’s Churches.

**Santa Dash**

On Thursday we had a super time taking part in our Santa Dash with our Year 6 buddies. It was great fun and we all enjoyed it.

**Homework**

- Please continue to access the Phonics Bug reading books at home as well as your child’s school reading book. Try to read three times a week or every day if possible.

- Practise writing the tricky words in your Phonics Book.

- Could you practise writing the numbers 1 to 10 carefully forming them correctly?

Many thanks, please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

The Reception Team



