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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics and Literacy**

Over the last couple of weeks, we have focused on the sounds: j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu. We have been practising writing sentences independently in our Literacy books each day. Wow we are doing so well with this, really trying hard to form letters correctly and remembering to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We have been listening to and talking about the Christmas story and have created our own sentences recalling key facts from the story.

**Maths**

We have continued to practise counting up to 20 and back from 10 and practised representing numbers in different ways. We have been learning how to subitise numbers up to 5. We say and write how many objects we can see without counting them individually. We have been practising using the language more and less and have been thinking about which number comes before and after a given number.

**Topic**

We have been focusing on our Prophecy and Promise topic over the last couple of weeks. We looked at the Christmas story and we have talked about how we prepare for the birthday of Jesus during the special time of Advent. We have been busy making Advent promises and we are so excited to share our Christmas Play with all our families this week.

**Homework**

- Please continue to read three times a week minimum either the phonics reading books or e-books on your child’s Phonics Bug account.

- Could you practise writing the tricky words: the, I, no, go, to, into?

- Could you explore different ways of making four and five? Talking about how we can add numbers together to make 5 e.g. 2+3=5, 4+1=5.

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

The Reception Team



