



Week beginning: 23rd November 2020

Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, our theme is WINTER TREES. We will be discussing both deciduous (bare) trees and evergreen trees such as most pine trees (although I learnt at forest school that some pine trees do lose their pine needles in Autumn!) We will be making our own wreaths using leftover pine branches from when the staff had a wreath-making sessions last week. We have created a whole 'wreath-making' station in class with lots of lovely treasures to add on! We have created a 'pick a pine tree' small world area, with trees to be chosen for Christmas and taken home, and a bare winter tree, just waiting to be decorated by the children. We are encouraging the children to think about what they might want to use to decorate their own Christmas tree - and use phonic knowledge to write their ideas e.g. holly, baubles, tinsel... We will also be creating winter tree art work this week, which will go on display in the hall.

Learning

In Literacy, we will be reading the lovely story 'Pick a Pine Tree' again as well as the non-fiction book 'Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go' to find out what trees look like over the seasons. We will then be following instructions and listening carefully in order to make our own four seasons tree calendar - to bring home to you. We continue phonics: we have now learnt all of the Phase 2 sounds and will be consolidating these, practising blending and reading simple captions / sentences. We will also be learning to form the letters correctly. Mrs Boon's phonics group will learn j, v and w from Phase 3.

In Maths, we are learning number 7 using the Numberblocks; we will be making collections of 7 objects, discussing 1 more and 1 less and using the part-whole model to understand different pairs of numbers that make 7.

We will continue to practise our nativity play and sing the songs.

Outdoor Learning On our nature walk this week, we will start to collect 'winter treasure'.

Home Learning Can you make a collection of 7 of your favourite toys and send me a photo? Can you write the number 7?

Homework - reading please! Number 7 activity sheet.

Send your Wow moments to: newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Notes:

The children know this already - I am moving house over the next few weeks. We have finally sold our house in Oxenhope (I used to drive a long way to work!) and have a new house in Skipton! This does mean I will see even less of the children for a couple of weeks. I am still doing all the planning and organisation of the classroom, including going into class this Sunday to make sure everything is ready...However, I won't be in school on Monday or Friday this week (or Wednesday as it's Forest School). I will be in on Tuesday and Thursday, thank goodness. Please continue to email me if you need to let me know anything, or speak to Mrs Jones. Miss Bowker is not in at all next week as she's having a little operation - hopefully she will be back on 30th November though.

