



Week beginning: 30th November 2020

Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we will be learning all about REINDEER to prepare for the very exciting real reindeer visit on Thursday! We will be writing our all-important Christmas lists / letters to give to the reindeer to take back to Santa - some children have done one at home, I know, but I explained that it is always a good idea to write two! We have a 'reindeer' finding out area in class, a reindeer card-making area and a table for writing our letters to Santa. We will also be creating reindeer art work this week, which will go on display in the hall with our winter tree art. We are making eco-friendly reindeer food for your child to put out on Christmas Eve (bird seed, edible glitter, oats, raisins). We will be singing 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' as well as our Nativity play songs.

Learning

In Literacy, we will be learning information / facts about reindeer as well as reading a story about one of Santa's reindeer called 'Dasher'. We will use our phonic knowledge to sound out the words on our Christmas lists and try to form the letters correctly. 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 x, y and z from Phase 3.

In Maths, we are learning number 8 using the Numberblocks; we will be making collections of 8 objects, discussing 1 more and 1 less and using the part-whole model to understand different pairs of numbers that make 8. We will introduce the word 'double'. We will also link our learning about 8 to spiders and octopus. The Number 8 Numberblock is called 'Octoblock'.

We will continue to practise our nativity play and sing the songs. We are filming this next week!

Outdoor Learning On our nature walk this week, we will be learning a bit more about trees - recapping our evergreen/deciduous knowledge but also learning how to find the approximate age of a tree.

Home Learning If you make a collection of 8 of your toys this week, how many different ways can you split the 8 into two groups? Which double number makes 8? Send me a photo, we love to share them with the class.

Homework - reading please! Number 8 activity sheets. Some children have x,y,z phonics too.

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

Kind Regards,

Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Notes:

This week I have swapped my day off so that I don't miss the reindeer visit on Thursday! I will be off on Monday instead and at Forest School on Wednesday. I will be in school Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week though. As always, if you need to ask anything, you can email.

We will be filming our Christmas nativity play on Monday 7th December.

