

## This week in Reception

### **Phonics:**

This week we will be revisiting the following digraphs: **th, sh, ch, ng, th**. We will be writing words such as think, thing, chin, rich, shop, ship, ring and pink.

We will be spending time learning 'tricky' words which can not be blended: **to, no, go, the, I, as, and, has, his, her, into, she, me, we, be, he, of**.

Please continue to revisit these words over the holiday.

### **Things to note:**

We are excited to show you our Christmas Performance on either Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December or Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December or Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The children have worked incredibly hard to learn songs and actions and we are proud of each and every one of them. We hope you enjoy it.

## Week beginning 15/12/25

### **What we are learning:**

Our learning this week is based around The Jolly Christmas Postman and The Christmas Nativity story. We will be looking at the order of events in the Christmas story and sequencing them. We will be beginning to write captions and sentences, saying our sentences out loud 3 times then counting the words. Then we segment (stretch out) the sounds in the words and use the sound charts to help us form them.

In maths, we will be consolidating our work on using smaller number to make bigger numbers eg 2 and 3 together make 5. We will be finding one more and one less than a given number.

### **At home:**

Use real objects to help you solve these problems.

If Mrs Bolt's Christmas tree had 10 baubles and 3 fell off. How many does she have left on her tree?

Miss Shirley had 8 presents. Mrs Bednell has 1 more. How many presents does Mrs Bednell have? Who has fewer?

Mrs Bolt eats 5 mince pies and Miss Shirley has one less than her. How many does Miss Shirley have?

Can you write a shopping list for some of the foods that you will like to eat on Christmas day? The letter join App can help you.

Please continue to share stories at home and read your ebooks.

Next term, we will be starting a new topic about Dinosaurs. The children will be making their own dinosaur out of reclaimed materials. Please start to think about the dinosaur your child would like to make and collect the junk modelling for it. Send it into school in a named bag after the Christmas holiday. Thank you

**And finally:** As we come to the end of the children's first term in their school life, we would like to say an enormous well done to them all. They are a pleasure to teach and have all made so much progress. We would like to thank you for all your support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and healthy new year.  
Reception Team