



WEEK 14 - week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week to end our first term at school, including our party and Christmas dinner. We know that the children are tired and ready for a break, so well done for making it!

In phonics we have been learning, *h, b, f, l, and ff/l*. We have added them to our bank of phonemes and are reading even more CVC words (such as *hop, big, fill, bill, off*) In Literacy we have tried to use the sounds to label characters from the Christmas Nativity story.

In maths we have been continuing to practice counting backwards. On 'b' day we also played number bingo. This is a great game to help practice number recognition. For example, have they got the number that is 1 more or 1 less than....? We have also practiced ordering digits on Christmas trees and Christmas puddings!

We have also been using Christmas yoga sessions to support our PSED programmes. The children love it, and if you feel the need for an easy to follow and relaxing session over Christmas we can recommend:

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x64k337> for a Christmas Adventure.

Cosmic Kids also do lots of other sessions based around stories if you would like to try them out. If you would like to try something more active with the children on one of those damp Christmas holiday days, then we would also recommend Jump Start Jonny - there are 3 free workouts that are available on his website.

<https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/#/home>

### **What can you do to help?**

- These are the sounds that the children have learnt so far. Please continue to practice them at home as they can be quickly forgotten at this stage. *s,a,t,p,i, n, g,o,c,k,ck,r,n,m,d,e,u,h,b,f,ff, l and ll.*
- Please keep practicing using the number rhymes to write and identify the digits to 10. Try using your advent calendar to identify the number that is 1 more or 1 less than an identified number.

This will be our final newsletter this term, so thank you all very much for all of your support.

Have a fantastic Christmas break!

The Early Years team.

