



## *Year R Homework Letter - Friday 8th December*

### ***Phonics***

*This week we have continued to revise all the Phase 3 phonemes and 'Harder to Read and Spell' words we have learnt so far this term.*

### ***Christmas!***

*Next week we will be having a 'Christmas' themed week in the EYFS classroom. The school shop will be turned into a 'Christmas' shop and we will also be having a special 'Elf' wrapping station where children can practise wrapping up boxes and writing gift labels. We will practise writing CVC words and Harder to Read and Spell words in a salt tray which will look like we are writing in snow. To develop our fine motor skills, children will be invited to make a 'Christmas Dinner' out of playdoh, then use plastic knives and forks to cut it up!*

*Our focus book next week will be 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. One of our activities will be to make our very own stick family, so if you are able to bring in any sticks from home that would be suitable for this task (ideally around 15 - 30 cm), this would be most welcome.*

*Please check out our EYFS blog on the website to see pictures of all our adventures!*

### ***Christmas Service at Christ Church***

*Our Christmas Carol Service is taking place at Christ Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. For those who are new to the school, we have four church services a year, this being the second service. Children will attend school as usual. We will register the children and make sure they all go to the toilet. The whole school will walk to church together. Reception children will walk with their Year 6 buddies. Mrs Vorster and Mrs Black will also be walking with us. The church service begins at 9.30 am and parents and carers are warmly invited to attend, however please be aware that this is a very popular service and space in the church is very limited.*

### ***Homework***

*Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in their yellow reading log. We will read with your child once a week, but provide you with two books. We have also set an E-Book on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child.*

***Optional homework:*** Please use the phoneme flashcards to practise all the phonemes covered so far with your child. Please also help your child to recognise this week's Harder to Read and Spell words: was, her.

*We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds / Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)*

### ***Diary Dates***

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Service at Christ Church (9.30 am)*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: PTFA Christmas Fair (3.30 - 5.30 pm)*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of school*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Children return to school.*

### ***Christmas Dinner***

*Just a reminder that Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Dinner day and children may wear a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat if they have one.*

*We can't quite believe this is our last homework letter of the Autumn term. Your children have settled in so well to school life and are making tremendous progress. We can't wait to see what they surprise us with next term. We wish you all a peaceful holiday and a very happy New Year.  
Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall*