

Reception Newsletter Friday 20th December 2024



We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and our best wishes for a peaceful and healthy 2025.



Absence from school

If your child is going to be out of school for any reason, please ring the school office before 8:00am on the first day of the absence stating reasons for absence.

Tel: 0208 6897684

Attendance

w/e: 20/12/24

Hargreaves: 91.7%

Seuss: 92.6%

Donaldson: 90.4%

Briggs: 94.1%

Important Reminders:

We start back on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Parents' Keep in Touch workshop for Reception children - Thursday 16th January 9AM

If you have any queries or questions for your child's teacher, please use the class email below. We will aim to respond within 24 hours.

Briggs Class: briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Donaldson class: donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Hargreaves class: hargreavesclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Seuss class: seussclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

This half term, children have enjoyed learning about different religious festivals including Diwali and Christmas. We have made firework pictures and thought about night time animals. We have also continued to work hard on our school phonics programme and many children are now blending, which is an important skill in their reading. Thank you for your hard work at home practising their reading and helping them develop their independent skills.

Catchphrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Grapheme
 tail in the rain	ai	 sheep in a jeep	ee
 a light in the night	igh	 soop the goat	oa
 zooms to the moon	oo	 hook a book	oo
 marsh in the dark	ar	 horn with a horn	or

We have started to learn vowel digraphs – two letters make one vowel sound e.g. 'ai' as in rain and tail

Your child should be able to read this sentence. Remind them to look for digraphs and tricky words then sound-talk and blend the other words.

The fish has a quick green tail.

Now ask them who has a green tail, to see if they have understood what they have just read.





Here are some seasonal clips that the children have enjoyed:

Santa Claus got stuck in the chimney:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGcX1F3j81w&t=1s>

The Christmas Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKhRnZZ0cJI&t=5s>

10 Little Elves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzPNNAogq3w&t=8s>



Literacy



When we come back in Spring 1 we will be moving on to a new theme, 'Winter Wonderland'. We will be introducing children to stories from different countries and looking at how to look after wildlife in the cold weather.

Maths

Next half term we will move on to numbers to 10 now that children have a firm knowledge of numbers to 5.



They will start off practising reciting, touch counting, ordering and recognising numbers 1-10

Thank you for attending the Christmas Assembly on Monday – the children were so pleased to see you!

<p>BUILD A PULLEY FOR SANTA HELP SANTA MOVE THAT BIG BAG OF PRESENTS EASILY.</p> 	<p>WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA AND TURN IT INTO AN AIRPLANE. HOW FAR WILL IT GO? SANTA'S LETTER AIRPLANE</p> 
<p>MAKE A PAPER CHAIN A CLASSIC PROJECT, BUT THIS ONE SHOULD BE THE LENGTH OF YOUR ROOM. NUMBER EACH LOOP.</p> 	<p>A MAP FOR SANTA REMIND SANTA WHICH HOUSE IS YOURS! DRAW A MAP OF YOUR STREET.</p> 
<p>HOW LONG IS SANTA'S SLEIGH LOOK UP THE INFORMATION AND USE A TAPE MEASURE TO CHECK OUT THE SIZE.</p> 	<p>COOKIE TASTE TESTING: 5 SENSES WHAT COOKIES WILL SANTA LIKE BEST. USE THE 5 SENSES TO FIND OUT!</p> 
<p>DRAW A FLOOR PLAN FOR SANTA'S WORKSHOP DESIGN SANTA A NEW WORKSHOP!</p> 	<p>DESIGN A NEW TOY MAKING MACHINE HOW CAN SANTA MAKE MORE TOYS FASTER?</p> 

We have a breakfast club, it runs from 7.45am – 8.45am Monday to Friday, so book your place as soon as possible through the office if you would like your child to attend.