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Dear Reception Families,

Last week, we learnt all about the Jewish festival 'Hanukkah'. We were very lucky to have a parent come into share how their family celebrate this festival. The children really enjoyed this and gained so much from it. We hope they all enjoyed sampling the doughnuts they came home with on Wednesday, which are eaten during Hanukkah celebrations to commemorate the miracle of the oil. Thank you to our visitor for giving up your time and kindly bringing the doughnuts for the children to try.

Rehearsals for our Christmas show are in full swing! we are finding ourselves singing and humming the songs at home, hopefully you are noticing your child doing this too! If your child has a speaking part, please help them to practice it in a loud, clear voice. Rehearsals means there are some changes to our usual routines and we are impressed with how well the children are managing this.

Learning

Our topic for this term is 'Fantastic Festivals'.

This week, we will be focusing on The Christmas Story.

Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

We will listen to the Christmas Story.

We will continue to practice forming the letters in our name.

We will write CVC words.

We will begin to write words and phrases.

Phonics

We will be learning about words with 's' at the end. We will be learning some more tricky words – **me**, **be** and **we**.

This week, with reading books we sent home the tricky words we have learnt this term. Please cut them up and use them as flash cards at home to practice the tricky words.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Follow the link above to access lots of information for how you can support your child with their phonics learning.

Maths:

We are learning to find one more or less than numbers up to 5.

We are practicing subitising numbers up to 5.

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At home, you could roll a dice, how quickly can they say how many there are without counting? You could then practice saying what one more or less than the number is too.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World) – We will learn about the Christmas Story.**
- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)-** We are learning to embrace differences.
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design) –** We will create stained glass windows.
- **PD (Physical development)-** We will build obstacle courses in our outdoor area, dig in the sand pit and take turns using our trikes.

Notices/reminders:

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Kind Regards,
Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis