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# **Foundation Newsletter: December 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased with the progress the children are making in their first full term at school. The children continue to get more amazing everyday! We have a few exciting things coming up that we would like to share with you.

#### Reports

This Friday, 4th December 2020, you will be receiving an Autumn term report for your child/ren. This report will give you a short overview of how your child has settled into school, details the progress your child is currently making towards the age related expectation for the prime areas of the Early Years Curriculum (personal, social and emotional; communication and language, and physical development), a year end projection for these areas, whether they are on their flightpath and a grade for attendance, behaviour and attitude. We hope that you will find the reports useful. Our children have continued to amaze and impress us this term and it is great to see how well the children have settled into school.

#### Reading books

We are just completing our first phase of the Read Write Inc. scheme and now the children have very nearly learnt all of their Set 1 sounds.

We will now move on to reading books and ditties. At the beginning of the new term we will send a reading wallet home when the children have completed their learning in school. They can show you how amazing they are at reading the book that they have practised all week. We will continue to send banded books on Friday as well. Please continue to update your child's reading record and send them in when completed, we love to see what the children have been reading at home!

## Foundation Nativity

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions our Nativity will have to take place in school this year. We will be filming the children performing in three small groups and we will then share the video on Tapestry for you to enjoy! We will also take photographs of the children in their costumes and these will be available for you to purchase from the BSA.

### NELI

Over the coming months, we will be implementing The Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme, which is a 20-week programme, proven to help young children improve their language and communication skills. The Nuffield Early Language intervention (NELI) involves sharing pupil data with Language Screen (an online data collection site) for assessment and research purposes. If you are happy for your child's assessments to be used by Language Screen, no action is required and we would like to thank you for your support and commitment to improving your child's language and communication skills. If you do NOT want your child's assessments to be used for data collection and research, please inform the school office by no later than Friday 11th of December. Children whose data is withdrawn from Language Screen will still be able to participate in the NELI programme.

Thank you for your continued support. We would like to say a particular thank you for your support on Tapestry. We love to see what the children achieve outside of school so please do continue sharing this with us. As always, please let us know on the door if you have any questions or concerns and don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@BPS\_JungleTeam).

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