

Week 4 24th-28th November

Welcome to our home school communication! Each week you will get an overview of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

Please remember you have access to reading books on the Oxford Owl website. These are books that we have shared during our guided reading sessions.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.									
In the Classroom...	This week the children have continued to enjoy exploring the weekly book, The Gruffalo. On the creative table, they made animal masks and coloured pictures of different animals. The children have also started making Christmas decorations. On the writing table, we practised letter formation, focusing on correct letter formation starting points. The playdough table was very busy, where children enjoyed making a birthday cake for Ellie the elephant and counting her candles. In the water area, the children had great fun making snake soup for the Gruffalo.								
Outside the classroom...	The children have been practising the Nativity concert which has closely linked to their RE lessons which have focussed on the meaning of Christmas for Christians. Outside, we enjoyed building obstacles, playing hide and seek, and playing the traffic light car game.								
Phonics	Our new sounds this week are x, y, qu and ch . The children have been digraph detectives, searching for digraphs in words and building confidence identifying them within reading and writing. A digraph is two letters which make one sound. Our harder to read and spell words this week are we, me and be . We have also been practising correct letter formation during our phonics learning. We have read "Lots of Crabs."								
Maths	In Maths we have been recapping number bonds to 5 using language such as parts, whole, add and equals to support understanding. The children have now started a new topic about Shape. They enjoyed sorting shapes into groups of '4 sides' and 'not 4 sides', developing early reasoning skills. We have been spotting shapes in the environment.								
Home learning	Please read your reading book, can you spot any digraphs in the books? Please keep practising your song words, thank you. Can you read the words then match it to the correct picture? Draw a line between the words and the matching picture. <table><tr><td>quack</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>yum</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>buzz</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>zip</td><td></td></tr></table> Can you read the words and draw a line to match with the picture?	quack		yum		buzz		zip	
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Dates	Christmas Fayre after school – Monday 8th December Nativity – Tuesday 9th December at 1.30 and Wednesday 10th December at 9.30 Christmas Jumper day – Friday 12th December Gingerbread Man Show at Macready theatre – Monday 15th December Reception celebration assembly – Friday 19th December at 9am.								

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

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