

Week 5 1st-5th December

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.

Outdoor forest learning is on a **Monday** and PE is on a **Friday**.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	This week the children have been getting ready for Christmas. They helped decorate the classroom, put tinsel on the tree, made reindeer food and made Christmas cards. They also sequenced the Nativity story and enjoyed playing with the train track in the 'snow'. The children learned about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, made cards and collage menorahs and baked honey biscuits.
Outside the classroom...	The children have had a fantastic time playing in the mud and sticks and jumping in muddy puddles during our outdoor learning session. We have also been practising our Nativity in preparation for next week's performances, which the children are very excited to share their hard work with you. We are looking forward to performing to you next Tuesday and Wednesday.
Phonics	We have been recapping the ch digraph, as well as learning the new digraphs sh and th . The children have been practising their letter formation and beginning to write on the line. They have become fantastic digraph detectives and are beginning to recognise digraphs within words. If possible, please continue to practise this skill with the children whilst reading.
Maths	This week we have been focusing on daytime and night time, and talking about our morning and evening routines. The children enjoyed learning the song 'This Is How We Brush Our Teeth' and discussing why brushing our teeth twice a day is important. We thought about what we do in the day and night and matched pictures to these.
Home learning	As the weather is getting colder and wet, please can you learn how to zip up your coats and put on gloves. Please practise the song words ready for our nativity. Please read your books and practise your sounds, thank you.
Dates	Christmas Fayre after school – Monday 8 th December Nativity – Tuesday 9 th December at 1.30 and Wednesday 10 th December at 9.30 Christmas Jumper day – Friday 12 th December Gingerbread Man Show at Macready theatre – Monday 15 th December Reception celebration assembly – Friday 19 th December at 9am.

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

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