

Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Most of the children have now moved on to learning their Phase 3 sounds and have now learnt j, v, w, x. This week we will be looking at qu, y, z, zz and the following week (27/11/17) we will focus on ch, sh, th, ng, which are called digraphs, as they have two letters but make one sound. We will also be focussing on the tricky words he and she and then we, me, be.

Some of our children are working in a smaller group to build their confidence in the following sounds: **s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f f l l s s.** and tricky words by looking at them: **to the I no go (we have to know our tricky words by sight, as we cannot sound these words out)** The children are also building their confidence with sounding out and blending our high frequency words: got, but, of, off, had, big, mum, dad, back, him, his, and, can, it, in, at, on and a.

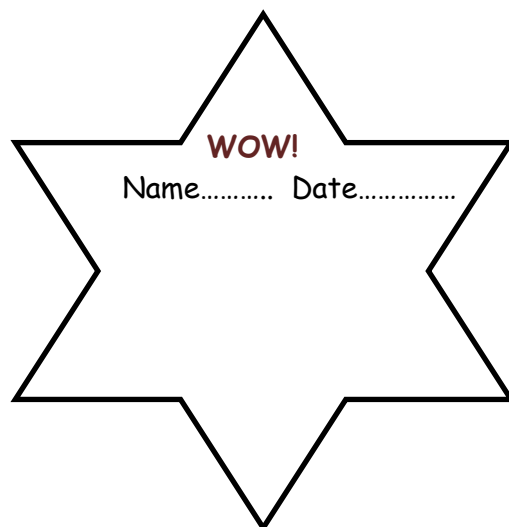
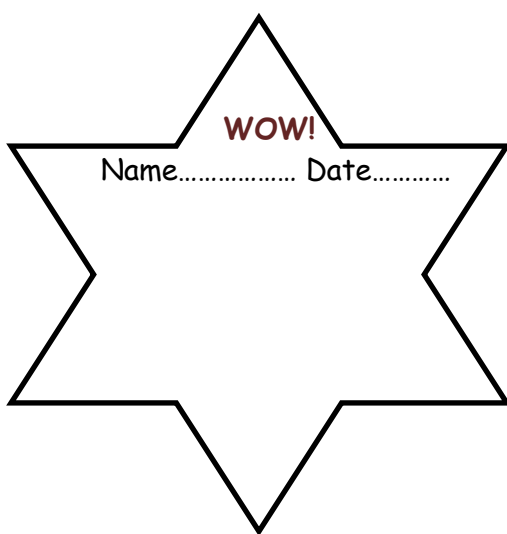
Other news and dates for your diary:

Christmas Performances: Our Infant Christmas Performances will be on Tuesday 12th December in the morning and Wednesday 13th December in the afternoon (times to follow shortly) Reception will be dressing up as angels and singing 'Away in a Manger' as well as many other Christmas songs. A separate letter went out last week but if you can please ensure that your child brings in an angel costume by Friday 1st December in a named bag. Please see the reception team if you need any ideas or examples of angel costumes.

Stay and Play: We will be having a 'stay and play' on Thursday 7th December from 9:15-10.30, if you are free to come along! There will be opportunity to watch how we teach phonics, along with tips for home and lots of time after to come and play with your child. We hope to see many of you then!

Parents/Carers Observations from Home

These 'WOW' slips are for you to be able to tell us about something notable that your child has achieved of which you and they are proud. You might tell us about something at home or out of school that we might not get to hear about. Please send the slip into school so we can celebrate it in class. Thank you.



Remember that you can email us any photos and wow moments at:
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Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team