

# Reception Peek @ the Week

## This week...

The stage has been put up in the hall in preparation for our performances in just over a week's time and the children are working hard on their Nativity play. At the end of next week we will perform to the rest of the school to build our confidence and understanding of how it feels to be in front of an audience.

## Coming up...

As the festive season is nearly upon us, we will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to share in the excitement of the build up to Christmas. Among other things, we will make our own decorations to decorate the classrooms. It would be good if you could talk to the children about how your family gets ready for Christmas. Have you already put up the decorations? Maybe you already have a tree or perhaps you are waiting a little longer. Please include the children in your preparations so that they can talk to their friends about what is happening in their home. We encourage the children to be proud of their own traditions but also to recognise that other children may do things differently.

## Small things can make the biggest difference...

This term the government launched a new campaign called 'Hungry Little Minds' which promotes children's early language, literacy and communication skills. Research behind this campaign shows that the better a child's vocabulary and language skills are the more likely they are to do well at school and beyond. It can be as simple as reading bedtime stories every night - children who are read to every day will have heard almost 300,000 more words by the time they start school than those who are not read to.

Why not visit <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk> for some fun ideas and activities you can do at home to support your child's language development.



## Reading...

If your child has a reading book, please can you read with them every day and write in the reading record. There is not enough time during the school day for us to read with every child so reading at home is essential and makes a huge difference to the progress children make.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Reception Team