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*Coming up next week...16/12/2024 & 06/01/2025*

Reception children have had a fantastic first term and they all deserve a rest! Only **two** more school days to go!

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we will be reading the book *Hurry Santa*, answering questions and exploring an item that Santa has left behind... We will also be doing a Christmas quiz, some festive yoga and having lots of Christmas fun!

Next term we will be exploring materials and their uses. To support our learning, please could we have any donations of household materials that would be interesting for us to explore e.g. foil, bubble wrap, packing materials, samples of different fabrics etc.

Homework for the holidays will be to have fun, play games, and enjoy time with your family!

**Don't forget that school returns on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

As this is our last 'Coming up next week...' for the term (though don't forget that we still have school on Monday and Tuesday next week!), we want to wish you and your families an enjoyable, relaxing and safe break. Thank you for all your support.

**Please see below to find out what is happening next term...**

*Learning in school:*

**Theme for the first half of Spring Term: Dangerous Dinosaurs!**

We are going back in time to widen our knowledge about dinosaurs. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between the dinosaurs, their size and features. We will also be learning facts using non-fiction books and learning how to look after dinosaurs.

### **Theme for the Week: Shhh, it is a surprise!**

We will be having a surprise delivery, and the children will be discussing what it could be and what might it reveal...

We will also be exploring adjectives, investigating materials and their uses, and thinking about what things are safe or unsafe for our bodies.

#### *Phonics*

This week we will be re-capping the digraphs we have learned previously (qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk) and learning the new digraphs ai, ee and oa as well as our first trigraph igh. We will send out sounds sheet the first week back.

#### *Maths:*

On our first week back we will be recapping numbers 1 to 5 and introducing 0. We will be using stories to support our learning, exploring number lines and counting frames, and practising subitising (recognising numbers of objects to 5 without the need to count).

#### *Additional notes and reminders*

Please remember to put your child's library book in their book bag on their class library day. Library days are as follows:

- ✓ Turtles: Tuesday
- ✓ Starfish: Thursday
- ✓ Jellyfish: Monday

*Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.*