



# Reception Newsletter

## Autumn 2nd half term



*'Only my best is good enough for me.'*

We have had a busy half term, culminating in our Christmas performance. We're sure you agree the children did extremely well learning all their lines and all the songs. The children loved having their parents in for 'Stay and Play' and being able to show them what they do on a daily basis.



Our topic has been 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?' The children have found out lots of interesting things about autumn. We enjoyed our autumn walk to the park and have made lots of things using autumnal objects. We then looked at the onset of winter and the changes that occur and, of course, Christmas.



The children have been doing really well with phonics. We can see how much they are learning through their progress in reading and writing. We hope the dinosaurs and their tummy strips have helped at home and made learning fun. Virtually all the children can now write their name independently and their letter formation is developing well. They are all also becoming far more confident at recognising and using numbers.

### A FAIRY TALE START TO NEXT TERM!!

**Come back to school dressed as your favourite fairy story character (7<sup>th</sup> January).** Our topic next half term will be, 'Will you read me a story?' We will be reading and writing about lots of different fairy tales as well as making lots of fantastic things connected to the stories. With this in mind **could you please send in kitchen roll tubes**- we are going to turn them into castles! We have our library trips on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January for RI and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January for RK. Thank you if you have offered to accompany us there. We will be leaving at 9:15 both days- please be at the office for 9:00 if you are coming with us.