### Christmas is coming!

Christmas is on it's way and we are beginning to feel festive in the classroom! We are having a daily challenge to open our advent calendar and the lucky person that day will get to see what is hiding behind each number. We have also decorated our classroom with some special Christmas things including a Christmas Post Box, we will have to see if we get any special Christmas deliveries.

We will be making lots of Christmas things over the next few weeks which will be sending home with the children as and when they are ready.

#### Reading and phonics

We have been working really hard on our phonics this term. The children are blending sounds together to make CVC words and recognising tricky words by sight.

Over the next few weeks we are going to add videos onto the website to show how to pronounce the sounds correctly to help with reading at home. Pronunciation of sounds is extremely important as it affects the way the word will be read. We are continuing to change books at least twice a week but please remember to read any books from home too!

# Dulas Court

All of the children have now had the opportunity to visit Dulas Court. The children have been extremely patient and shown a warm, friendly and kind nature to our older friends. The children have been getting to know them by playing games, drawing and colouring. Before Christmas, we will be sharing our Nativity with our friends at Dulas Court and we will all visit them to share our Nativity. This will happen in school time and will be an extra special visit for us and for them too.

## Nativity

We are sharing our Nativity as part of the whole school Christmas Celebration on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is always a busy event as it involves the whole school. All parents, carers and family members are welcome to come and join in with our songs and watch our performance.

We have started to talk to the children about the characters they will be playing in the Nativity and we will share this with you this week. We will supply all children with costumes but will ask you to provide a base layer of clothing as the Church will be extremely cold. All costumes will be sent home the night of the Nativity in named bags for your children to then wear to the Church. We will send more information closer to the time. If you have any questions please come and ask.

## Dates for your diary

7th December 2019 - Christmas Fayre

11th December 2019 - Christmas Dinner

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Elves and the Shoemaker @ Courtyard (more details to follow including payment)

 $13^{\rm th}$  December 2019 - Christmas Disco

 $16^{\rm th}$  December 2019 - Nativity Performance at Dulas Court

 $18^{\rm th}$  December 2019 - Whole school Christmas Production

 $19^{\rm th}$  December 2019 - Key Stage One Christmas Party (more information will follow)

We will keep you informed of any other important dates!