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Reception Newsletter **w/c 4th December 2023**

Dear RGM and RB families,

It has been another busy week in Reception and our rehearsals for **'Whoops a Daisy Angel'** are in full swing! Please don't forget to book your tickets through this link:

<https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool/1069306>

Our performances will take place on **Wednesday 13th** and **Thursday 14th December**.

Learning:

- **Although our overarching theme continues to be 'Fairytale', over the next couple of weeks much of our learning will be influenced by Winter, Christmas and Parties (inspired by the children's interests)**

English

Alongside traditional fairytales, over the next week we will also be exploring stories linked to letter writing, such as "Meerkat Mail" and "The Jolly Postman". We are beginning to introduce writing for a particular purpose and continue to work on sounding out and writing CVC words and short captions.

Maths

This week we are exploring 2D shapes.

Key questions this week include: "How do you know that is a rectangle/square/pentagon?" "What can you tell me about that shape?" "What do you notice about squares and rectangles?"

Daily counting practise will continue to be embedded through our daily maths inputs.

If you would like any further information on Maths at Saxon, please refer to the Saxon Maths website:

<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/>

Through our classroom provision, this week we will also be focusing on the following:

- UW (Understanding the World) – Christmas around the world
- PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)- Celebrating Difference: Homes – What makes my home special to me?
- EAD (Expressive arts and design) – Using story language to enhance our play, creating fairy tale scenes and settings
- PD (Physical development) – 'Body Management'
- RE (Religious Education) – Christianity, Christmas and Advent



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Arts and Crafts donations – thank you!

Thank you so much for the kind and generous donations of arts and crafts materials. We are still accepting donations of the following to support our expressive arts and design provision:

craft lollipop sticks, pom poms, foam shapes, paper squares, sequins, coloured paper/card, poster paints etc.

We would also appreciate any donations of dressing up costumes and small world toys (animals, character figures etc.) Thank you.

Notices/Reminders:

- We are aware that many of our little resources (counting resources and small world toys in particular!) are ending up in many children's pockets and bags. Please can you assist us in ensuring that these remain in school? If you find anything in your child's bag that shouldn't be there, we kindly request that it is returned promptly. Please return directly to the class teacher or to a member of staff on the school gate. Thank you for your support.
- [If sending grapes in as a snack, please ensure that these are cut into halves lengthways.](#) The size and shape of whole grapes means they can completely plug a child's airway. The tight seal produced by the grape's smooth surface makes them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- We are very lucky to have reading volunteers throughout the week in Reception. Please ensure your child's Reading Record and book are in their book bag every day. Thank you.
- Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions or concerns. Class teachers can be contacted via info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Maths home learning - something to try at home

How many different shapes can you spot on your way to school? How many circles can you find? How many squares?

What different shapes do you notice around your home?

Kind Regards,
Reception Team
Mrs Bright, Mrs Morley and Miss Glaves