



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents,

### Bob's Beard



On Tuesday, Author, Fay Evans met the children and read her captivating book 'Bob's Beard' during a special workshop session. The children enjoyed using the props and finger puppets to engage with the story and learn physical actions to remember the key features and plot.



This has inspired the children to use our Nativity themed stick puppets and masks to develop narratives and talk about the characters and costumes. On Thursday, they decided to create their own stick puppet theatre alongside the small world provision. During the rest of the week, the children have investigated 'ice shapes' in our outdoor provision and continued to explore our Hansel and Gretel themed provision. Next week, we will be reading Babushka and celebrating the run up to Christmas through provision and focus activities.



### Maths

In Maths, we are learning to subtract so that Willow the Witch can count the total number of sweets left on the ginger bread house. The children have thoroughly enjoyed helping Willow the Witch find the total using mathematical vocabulary such as take away, subtract, more, less and equals. Some of our children are now recording their addition and subtraction in a variety of ways including pictures and number representations including number sentences.

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### Literacy

We have been striving to draw and label beautiful pictures of the Nativity and design the front cover of our Nativity programme. We are fascinated at the children's imaginative illustrations and their attention to detail.



### Nativity

The children have been working extremely hard practising their lines and songs on the stage this week. We will be having a full dress rehearsal on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. They can't wait to showcase their amazing singing and performing skills. We are so proud of their confidence and talent. We look forward to welcoming you for our performances on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Should you require any more tickets, please let the office know.



We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Miss Belford and Mrs Rex.

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