*Year R Learning News *

A big hello to our Year R families! With us now well into December, our learning and activities have taken on a wintery and festive flavour.

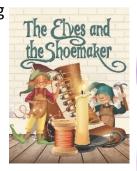
This week, the children enjoyed watching the dress rehearsals for both Year 1 and Year 2's Christmas shows. They were inspired by all the singing and dancing of the older year groups and proved themselves to be an excellent audience – well done Reception!

All the children have been working hard, practising their singing and dancing ahead of our own show next week. We are so proud of them and know you are all in for a treat. Thank you for all the costumes, and the work and effort that has gone into them; we will be doing our dress rehearsal on Monday and are sure the children will look amazing.

In phonics, we have been reviewing all the GPCs we have learnt this term. We will send out our next Phonics News when we begin learning our new GPCs, after Christmas.

This week, our story of the week has been The Elves and the Shoemaker. Can your child retell the story to you? The children have been making their

own shoes by drawing around their feet, cutting card and threading string for shoelaces. Can your child make a pair of shoes for you?



Reading Reminder

The children are working hard in their reading groups in school. Reading folders are being sent home on Friday. Please read with your child, and make a brief comment in their reading diary before returning it. Your support reading at home makes a huge difference to your child's learning, so thank you for all your help and support.

Maths: To compliment our story of the Elves and the Shoemaker, this week in maths we have been looking at pairs and doubles. We used manipulatives (cubes) to explore doubling numbers 1-5. Can you try this at home? You could use fruit, toys, socks or anything at hand!



Don't forget our Christmas Show, Humph the Camel, will be performed on Tuesday morning, after drop off. The show will start at 9.30am. Please ensure your child has only two adults attending — any in addition to this will be turned away due to limited capacity in the hall.