

Oasis Academy Ryelands
Reception Class Weekly Newsletter
01/11/2025 to 05/11/2025

**Reception children to wear PE kit to school on Monday 8th
December and Tuesday 9th December.**

Today we had our dress rehearsal and we felt the children wearing their PE kits helped a lot with the costumes that the majority of children in Reception are wearing. So, we would like the children to wear their PE kits again on Monday and Tuesday next week to help with the nativity.

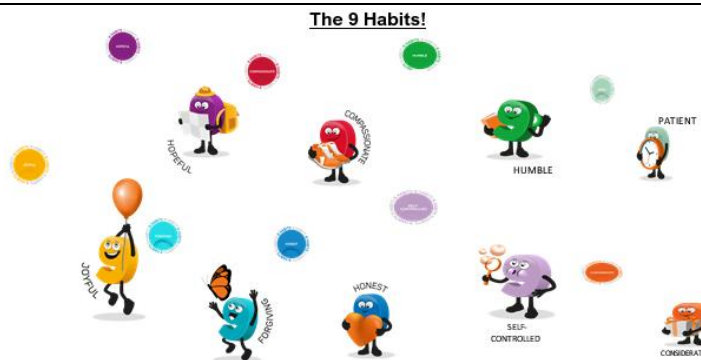
Thank you for your support with this.

Notices-

- Wear PE kits to school for PE on Fridays.
- Water bottles and raincoats daily.
- Reading books are changed on a Friday. Please ensure book-bags and reading records are in on this day.
- Thank you for returning clothes back to school if your child has borrowed them after an accident. Any donations of pants or socks are most welcome; we are always running low. 😊

Key dates-

- **Friday 5th December-** Friends of Ryeland Christmas/Winter Fair– After School.
- **Monday 8th December-** Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show- PM Show- 1.45-2.45pm.
- **Tuesday 9th December-** Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show- AM Show- 9.45-10.45am.
- **Thursday 11th December-** Christmas Jumper Day (pay £1 donation via MCAS)
- **Thursday 18th December-** 10am Christmas Concert at St. Luke's Church (Reception attend; they are not performing.)



The Oasis 9 Habits: **Compassionate**, **Self-Controlled**, **Joyful**, **Forgiving**, **Patient**, **Humble**, **Honest**, **Considerate** and **Hopeful**.

- * This week the Star of the Week in Robin Class is Maeve for being patient. Maeve has shown good patience with herself during writing activities this week. She has impressed the adults by using her sounds and has tried hard to form her letters correctly. Well done, Maeve!
- * This week the Star of the Week in Wren Class Melany for being humble. Melany has given all activities in class a good try this week, she has shown good listening skills during carpet sessions has been a wonderful role model for her peers. Well done, Melany.

Our Learning Journey

The children had a great time exploring the topic "Music makes me smile" this week. They started the week listening to the story "Sheep's Jazzy Jumper" discussing the different musical instruments and their characteristics and continued with the "Noisy Orchestra" where they learnt about the four musical instrument families. The children really enjoyed exploring the sounds of each musical family. Later in the week, the children listened to some well-known songs, sung in other languages...we had good fun trying to join in! In Musical Bumps this week, the children explored tempo, listening to music and deciding whether the tempo was allegro (fast) or largo (slow). The children enjoyed using claves to play

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their own music, exploring speed and rhythm.

Children in both classes impressed the adults with their amazing writing this week. We have now taught all single letter sounds (excluding q which is taught as the qu digraph). The children have been using their phonic knowledge to write sentences, and we are very impressed!

In Maths this week the children have been focusing on the composition of numbers 1-5. We are deepening our knowledge of these numbers to ensure a secure foundation if formed, before we move on to greater numbers.

Nativity rehearsals are well underway and today the children enjoyed their dress rehearsal to the rest of the school. We are incredibly proud of all of the children, for their confidence in speaking and acting, for their singing and for their enthusiasm for this wonderful event. We cannot wait to welcome you on Monday and Tuesday. As mentioned previously, all are welcome, we have a select number of chairs which are available at a first come first served basis, however there is plenty of standing room for you all. We ask that if you bring little ones that are a little noisy that you please take them out of the hall, we are not using a microphone just our 'big voices' in the show and so we need the audience to be as quiet as possible. We hope to see lots of you there!

Phonics



This week the children were introduced to the following sounds: x, y and z. Together we enjoyed the stories, *Box of tricks*, *Yeti and the bird* and *Not yet zebra*. The children practised their segmenting and blending skills and showed confidence in reading the familiar High Flying Words **l, a, no, go, the, to** and **into**. This week they were introduced to the word **he**.

Home learning

This weekend we would like you to enjoy some family time together. Some of you may be getting ready for Christmas and putting up a Christmas tree and decorations, some of you may want to go for a chilly winter walk in the dark and search for Christmas lights in the local community. Please enjoy some family time together, maybe even a hot chocolate and a Christmas movie!

Letter to Santa

Don't forget! Please provide us with a **stamped envelope**, with the children's home address written on the front. We will then take the children in small groups to the post box to post their letters. When they arrive at your house, what you do with them is completely up to you, continue the make believe or not, it is up to you 😊. If we could have the envelopes by Friday 5th December, we will be making post box deliveries in the final week- Thank you!

