

Gorse Hall Reception Curriculum  
Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back after the half term holidays. We are now looking forward to another busy and fun packed half term, particularly with the run up to Christmas!



This year the children in Reception will be singing in Year 1 nativity  
RLP/1PH: Monday 4th December 9:15am  
RHO/1JW: Tuesday 5th December 9:15am



Children can come that day dressed as either an angel or shepherd (more details to follow)

14th December

We are very much looking forward to our school outing to Tatton to see Santa! Details of this will be coming soon of how to pay and give your permission for your child to go in the trip



**Seesaw**

Please continue to check Seesaw which is our main source of communication

Our Topic/Toys New and Old—What did the King play with when he was little?

We will be talking about our favourite toys when we were a baby and why they are our favourite. The children will be painting pictures of their chosen toy and writing about them; exploring descriptive vocabulary. We will also compare toys to the toys that the king played with when he was a little boy thinking about toys in the past. We will be reading and sharing stories based our theme toys, including lots of stories about bears. We will also be setting up a bear cave in the role play area and, later in the term, a Christmas themed role play area. In the lead up to Christmas we will be making Christmas cards, writing Christmas lists and making decorations and calendars.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th November- Odd socks "Anti bullying day" (normal school uniform)  
Friday 17th November- Children in Need (non uniform)  
Thursday 1st December trip to Tatton to see Santa School Christmas Fair 3:30pm  
Monday 4th December- RLP Nativity 9:15am  
Tuesday 5th December- RRB Nativity 9:15am  
Friday 8th December- Christmas jumper day/Christmas school dinner  
Tuesday 12th December- Christmas party day  
Friday 15th December- Finish for Christmas  
Tuesday 2nd January- Back to school



These are the learning objectives we are working on this half term in Literacy

- Extending and improving our vocabulary through books and talking times
- Writing CVC words and tricky and high frequency words
- Hearing and identifying sounds in words
- Practising letter formation
- Sounding out words and blending the sounds in order to read simple words
- Talking about stories, characters and events
- Answering questions about books that we have read.
- Making up our own stories developing our imagination



These are the learning objectives we are working on in Maths

- Looking at the properties of circles and triangles and exploring four sided shapes.
- Practising counting in different ways; forward to twenty from different starting point, backwards from ten.
- Exploring the composition of numbers to five and being able to see five things without counting (subitising)
- Practising counting accurately and knowing one more and less for numbers to five.
- Engaging in problem solving activities

