



# Foundation Stage News

November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021



Our next theme for learning: Advent

How you can prepare your child:

We are all super excited for Wednesday and the start of Advent. We will teach the children that for Christians, Advent is the start of the Christmas festival. It is a time when they excitedly wait for Christmas Day when baby Jesus was born. If your child has an Advent calendar you could remind them that they are counting down to Christmas day and talk about how they are feeling. Is waiting easy? Can they think of another time they have had to wait for something? We will explore the concept of patience in school. Notice and praise your child when you see them using this skill.



## Read Write Inc.

Please follow the links below for your child to watch a short video to help them revise the sounds they have been learning this week:

letter z: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/77FBKyW/CKkj3RsZ>

special friend th: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/l7XCZ2Dg/yKEgV49i>

word time reading: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OTe56zGW/mslO4LaY>

word time spelling: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/d0x4oc5i/BllYuLB7>

## A message from the team:

The new statutory guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage makes a strong recommendation that less time is spent gathering evidence of learning and more time working directly with the children in order to have the greatest impact on their learning. We have reviewed our practice in the light of these recommendations and will be adapting how we communicate on the **ILD**. You will notice that our comments in the observations are much briefer however we will ensure we communicate the key learning that takes place or their next step for you to work on at home. We will use two key sentence starters "I can..." and "I am learning to..." 'I can' sentences will show an achievement of a specific skill e.g. I can balance on one foot. 'I am learning to' phrases will indicate the skill your child is working towards but would benefit from some extra help at home with e.g. I am learning to form my letter a correctly. We will also send photographs without text capturing lovely moments in their day – we know how much these are valued. If you have any questions about this, please come and ask us.

**Home Learning Challenge** – Please look in your child's book bag to find their Advent home learning challenge. We would love to receive these on **Monday** next week so we have time to get the Advent Calendar ready for Wednesday.