# Sylvester Primary Academy

## Early Years Newsletter



Autumn Term- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### <u>Nursery Class</u>

What a busy week in Nursery! Our focus book has been 'Dear Santa' and we created our own class book based on this story. Also, we painted and decorated our own cardboard box Christmas tree, made Christmas cards and drew pictures for our calendars. We played a feely bag game but used wrapped objects instead. One object felt hard, one felt soft and one was noisy! In Maths we continued looking at patterns but this time we had to 'fix the pattern' and spot the mistake! It was difficult at first but we kept practicing and did not give up! We also started looking at ABC patterns.



#### Reception Class

This week we have read the remainder of the story 'Look Up'. We have been practising writing some lists of the things we would take to Space. We then thought about technology and how Jamal was missing lots of things around him by always looking at his phone. We decided that whilst it is fun to have iPads/tablets and play games on devices – it is much healthier to have a balance.

In Maths we have been recapping on some of our previous learning. This has included capacity and volume. We have talked about how much different containers hold and have ordered them by least and most.

In Phonics we have been trying really hard to improve our letter formation. Please try and work on this at home, we gave copies of the Read Write Inc rhymes out a while ago, if you need another copy please let us know. Thanks

### Key Dates:

Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day - Thursday 19th December Nursery Christmas Party- Thursday 19th December (AM) Reception Christmas Party – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (PM) Finish for Christmas - Friday 20th December at 1.15pm

Reception Classes return to school: Monday 6th December Nursery Class return to school: Tuesday 7th December (due to home visits for new children starting nursery)

#### Reminders:

Just a reminder if your Reception child does not have a PE kit for their PE days (Miss Ball's Class Wednesday and Miss Tomlinson's Thursday) can you please ensure they have them for after Christmas. Thanks

If you know of anybody who has children's Nativity costumes they no longer need we would be grateful of any donations to add to our school collection so that we can continue providing them for the children each year. Thanks

If you are applying for a Reception place for September 2025 the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Every place needs to be applied for regardless of whether your child is already in our Nursery. Apply online by visiting <u>www.knowsley.gov.uk</u>. If you need any support please speak to our school office who will be more than happy to help.