



# Robins' News



Friday 23rd November

Once again, Robins and Ducklings have been wowing us with their fantastic learning. The Rama and Sita story that we focussed on as part of our Diwali festival learning has been really well received. Lots of the children remembered all sorts of details from what is quite a complicated story. The Robins staff were really impressed. The children had great fun using the puppets and other props to retell the story to their friends. They really brought the story to life. The children have also produced lots of Diwali inspired work. For example, in maths, some of the children have used the magnetic shapes of make Rangoli patterns on the large whiteboard in the garden area. Some of the children made some excellent Rangoli patterns using the tap-tap boards on the maths table in the classroom. Further Rangoli patterns were made in the creative area, using paints for and blocks for printing. We also made Diva lamps by folding a paper plate in half, decorating it, then adding a cardboard candle and flame. They looked very effective, and have formed part of a lovely display on one of the boards in the classroom.

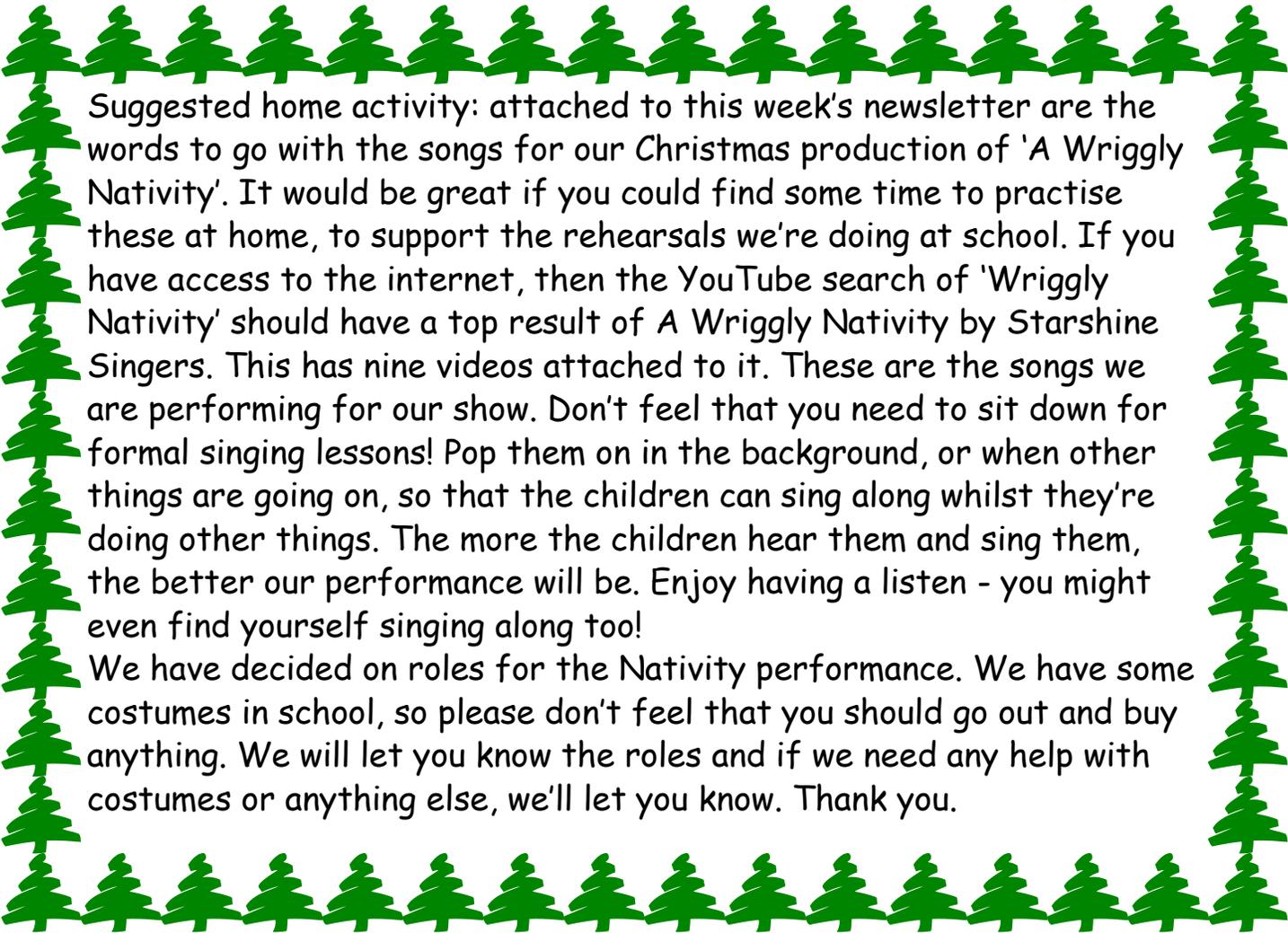
As part of our focus on 'People who help us', the children have really enjoyed the fire station role play area, and creating some lovely work. For example, some of the children made super police officers using cardboard tubes and cut out hats and jackets. There were some lovely emergency vehicles made using the construction materials too. We were fortunate enough to have a visit from PSCO Trusler. The children had lots of great questions, and listened very carefully. No-one misbehaved!

We are still finding some items of clothing (uniform/P.E. kit/forest school clothes/gloves/scarves/hats) without name labels in, either not written in or pen that has faded in the wash and is no longer legible. Please do take to check that this is done to ease organisation in class. Unfortunately we've already sent some items down to the lost property by the office. Please come and ask if you think you are missing any items.



There are still a few outstanding payments for our trip to visit Father Christmas next week, on Friday 30th. If you haven't yet made this payment, could you please do so via ParentPay. We would like children to bring a packed lunch for the day. If you would like the kitchen to provide a packed lunch, they can do so. This would consist of a sandwich (ham or cheese), a biscuit, a pack of raisins and a drink carton. If you would like on of these, could you please complete the form on the reverse of this newsletter, and return it no later than Tuesday 27th. If you haven't returned the form by then, we will assume you are providing your own packed lunch for your child. Thank you.

If you have any recycled materials, we would really appreciate our stocks being replenished. We've got lots of tubes, but would really like cardboard boxes, particularly small ones such as cereal multipack ones or bread stick type boxes. All donations gratefully received.



Suggested home activity: attached to this week's newsletter are the words to go with the songs for our Christmas production of 'A Wriggly Nativity'. It would be great if you could find some time to practise these at home, to support the rehearsals we're doing at school. If you have access to the internet, then the YouTube search of 'Wriggly Nativity' should have a top result of A Wriggly Nativity by Starshine Singers. This has nine videos attached to it. These are the songs we are performing for our show. Don't feel that you need to sit down for formal singing lessons! Pop them on in the background, or when other things are going on, so that the children can sing along whilst they're doing other things. The more the children hear them and sing them, the better our performance will be. Enjoy having a listen - you might even find yourself singing along too!

We have decided on roles for the Nativity performance. We have some costumes in school, so please don't feel that you should go out and buy anything. We will let you know the roles and if we need any help with costumes or anything else, we'll let you know. Thank you.

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Request for school packed lunch for Robins and Ducklings trip Friday 30th Nov:  
(Please return no later than Tuesday 27th)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sandwich request: ham cheese (please circle your choice)

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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