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Dear parents/carers,

We wanted to say a big well done to all of the children for another amazing term at Becket. We're very proud of the progress that the children have made this term and we're looking forward to seeing what they achieve in 2024! A huge thank you for coming to our Nativity — A Magical Christmas Journey. The children loved every part of this, from the rehearsals to performing to you and the school.

Topics:

Please find our curriculum map attached to this newsletter. Our topic this term has been called 'A Time of Colour' which has incorporated all of the different festivals that we've learnt about. Please read the curriculum map to find out about just some of the things that we have covered in class. You can then use this to help you understand how you can support your child at home.

Next term our topic is called 'Superhero and Super Me!' where the children look at different people in our community and how they help us. We will also be learning about how we are all unique and different too, learning that we all have our own super powers!

Can you help? Can you come and talk to the children about the job that you have? We're looking for volunteers to come and talk to the children about different job roles in the community.

Reading and books:

All of the children have been doing really well with their phonics and reading in school. Every child now has a book with no words to continue their story telling skills as well as their phonics reading book and library book. These are all changed on a Friday if your child has their books in school.

Mystery Reader: In Term 3, we would like to invite parents or grandparents to come in and read a story to the class at 3.10pm at the end of the day as a 'mystery reader'. It will be a surprise for the children so please don't mention to them if you are coming in! If you would like to sign up to read, please email me (yearr@becket.n-somerset.sch.uk) to let me know which date you would like to come in. You are welcome to share one of your favourite children's stories or you can choose one from school.

Writing: as the children learn more sounds in phonics, they will be writing more. Please encourage your child to write at every opportunity. This may be adding labels to pictures, writing notes or shopping lists. At this stage we would love to see children simply writing the sounds that they hear in the words. (e.g. bred, egz, apls for a shopping list). If they would like to bring in their own writing, we would love to see it!









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<u>Maths:</u> Next term we will be introducing some maths games for you to borrow and play at home. In the meantime, continue to count and play games at home. The children have loved Numberblocks as part of our Maths learning!

Reminders/messages:

- Coats The weather is very changeable every day so please ensure your child has a
 waterproof coat in school. It would be amazing if you could support your child with
 practising independence when putting on and taking off items of clothes and shoes.
- Water bottles Please make sure that your child is bringing a water bottle (filled with water) every day.
- Book bags The children should be bringing their belonging and books in their book bags/bags every day please.
- Reading records (yellow book), library and reading books need to be in reading folders in their book bags every day please.
- Communication books (little red books) are there for you to share any messages with us.
 Putting in any information about drop offs and pick-ups as well as sharing any news you would like to. We love to hear about what your children are doing outside of school too.
- Please name ALL items belonging to your child. A lot of items go missing and it helps us to find them if they have your child's name in.

Dates for the diary:

- Thursday 4th January INSET Day (no children in school)
- Friday 5th January Start of Term 3 All children back in school
- CHANGE OF PE DAY: Our PE days in Term 3 are Wednesday and Thursday Children can still come into school in their PE kit. We have a PE coach from RMC Sports on a Thursday.

Thank you for your support this term with helping your children at home with their learning, as well as communicating with us if your child needs support with anything or to share their achievements. We would like to say again how proud we are of every child in our class. We will see you on **Friday 5**th **January 2024**!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all and we look forward to another exciting term with your children.

Thank you,

Miss Cox and the Reception team





