

# EYFS

# Little Jesters



AUTUMN 2

NEWSLETTER



We can't quite believe we have reached the end of our Autumn term. It has been a busy term for us with Christmas Nativities and Christmas Craft afternoons. The children have been amazing and are ready for a well deserved rest and break.

We are looking forward to the Spring term and getting stuck into our new topics. Reception will be learning about Dinosaurs and Little Jesters will be learning about Under the Sea. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our children and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Calendar Dates

**Tuesday 4th January 2022**

Term 3 Begins

**Friday 18th February 2022**

End of Term 3

**Monday 28th February 2022**

Term 4 Begins

**Monday 21st March 2022**

Inset Day

**Friday 8th April 2022**

End of Term 4



### Reception Highlights

We have had an amazing term in Reception. We have found out about the polar regions and have enjoyed finding out about the animals that live there. We looked at maps and globes to find the Arctic and Antarctica and thought about how these places were different to Berkeley.



We have enjoyed going down into the woods this term and exploring our natural world. We have LOVED building campfires and dens using sticks and logs. We also enjoyed listening to stories in the forest whilst we drank our hot chocolate!



We have been VERY busy this term learning the songs and dances for our KS1 nativity. We hope that you enjoyed watching us perform. We read The Christmas Story as a class and have used our small world area to build stables for Mary and Joseph. We have also taken part in lots of Christmas Craft activities including drawing Santa, making Christmas cards and painting snowmen.



### Little Jesters Highlights



At the start of November Little Jesters found out about different cultures and celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.



We got very creative making diva lamps, firework paintings using straws and paint on black paper and poppy pictures/collages. We honoured Remembrance Day by commemorating a 2 minute silence and learning about the war.

At the beginning of the term we chose to look at the topic "All About Me" talking about our families and who we live with, drawing our families and making our own stick families as we focused on the story "Stick Man". In our role play area we set it up as Stickman's family tree.



It has been an exciting and busy time in Little Jesters. We had a visitor sent from Father Christmas to come and stay with us over the Christmas period, "Jingles the Elf". We turned the role play area into an elves



### Covid19 Update

Please can we ask all parents/ carers to be vigilant in the new year with symptoms of Covid19. We have experienced a high number of children attending our settings with colds, coughs and high temperatures. We ask you to help us to keep our children and staff safe by keeping your children at home if they are unwell and booking a PCR test if your child has any of the symptoms of Covid19. Thank you for your continued support in these uncertain times.

