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Dear Parents / Carers,

This afternoon, your child has brought home their 'Christmas' work for you to enjoy. I am sure that you'll agree – it all looks lovely!

Since they started school in September, the children have been working hard in their daily phonics lessons. We carefully track their progress and provide support in school where it's needed. The expectations on children these days have never been higher – and time after time, children amaze me with what they are able to achieve! But we can't do it alone – we need your help and I'm so grateful to those families who provide extra support with school work at home – it makes a massive difference! I have sent home some sheets showing you the sounds / words that your child is finding tricky at the moment – it'd be great if you could help them with this. From January, we will phasing out the reading comment books in your child's book bag and going over to the 'Learning with Parents' platform which we have been trialing over the past few weeks. Some parents have been making use of the audio facility and have been sending us recordings of their child reading at home – this is really useful.

In the new year, our topic will be 'Helping Hands' and we'll be looking at people who help us and, more importantly, how we can help others. Our Talk for Writing story will be The Three Billy Goats Gruff and our in PSHE we will be thinking about 'Dreams and Goals'. We'll also be starting weekly Parent Pop-In sessions on a Friday morning – details to follow nearer the time!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, and wish you and your family a very merry Christmas. See you on 4th January!



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