Please make time to share a few of things we have been learning about at school this week. You can use this sheet as a gentle reminder! This will be the last Ask Me About this term.

- We continue to learn about different celebrations involving light, such as firework night and Diwali. This week we have been specifically learning about Advent.
- In Literacy we have read the story of the Nativity and even acted out the story with our friends. We have also written Christmas cards for all our special people in our lives so keep an eye in the bookbags for them!
- The children have also made some Christingles this week – meaning Christ Light! The orange was to symbolize the world, with the red ribbon symbolizing blood. The cocktail sticks were to represent the 4 corners of the world and the sweets and apricots were for all the sweet and kind thoughts we might have and the candle was for lighting our way in the world. The children did a fantastic job of following instructions and listening carefully to what they had to do!
- In math’s we have been learning addition and subtraction. We practiced counting two groups to find the total and then writing number sentences that go with them. This is quite tricky concept for the children to understand but all of them have persevered really well. For subtraction we have been looking at 1 less. Again this is such a tricky concept for the children to grasp. Please do try and practice this at home.
- We are delighted with the progress the children have made in there phonics and have been continuing our learning by looking at some tricky words – I, the, she and he. These words are tricky because they cannot be sounded out correctly. You will have received a sheet of these in the children’s bookbags so please do help them to read and write them at home. Ways you can help your child learn these words are by first looking at the word, then covering the word, writing it and then checking the spelling. Maybe have them written on bits of paper going up the stairs so on their way to bed they can ‘jump’ on each step and say the tricky word.
- We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Nativity! We thought the children were splendid and were so proud of them! Well Done Everyone!
- The weather has been cold this week so some of us have decided that we would rather stay in the warm this week!
- Don’t forget to come to the Carol Service on Tuesday 17th December at St Swithuns Church at 2.15pm.

Coats
Please make sure your child has an appropriate, warm, coat, some gloves, a hat and possibly even a scarf in school – please make sure all of these items are named!

Reading Books
You will no longer receive any reading books or the yellow contact book in the bookbags. We feel the children need a complete rest over the Christmas holidays, although this doesn’t stop you from reading to your child. All books will be sent home again in January.

**Next weeks theme is - The Nativity**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

The Early Years Team 😊