



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents

This week, we enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 2 Christmas production, *Christmas around the world*, in which we heard the children singing in German and Polish, as well as English!

Bird Family meetings focused on feelings and emotions and how we manage them. Our assemblies have been focused on practising our singing for various Christmas events and we enjoyed hearing about each class' *Star of the Week* in our Friday assembly, as well as finding out which Bird Family had earned the most tokens this week.

### Literacy

We have continued to focus on our phonic work this week; Mr Fereday's group covered 'oo' (look at a book), Mrs Wilson's group covered 'oy' (toy for a boy) and Mr Fisher's group learnt 'air' (that's not fair).

### Numeracy

We have been looking at coins, learning to recognise the value of each and add sums of money together. We have described the colour and shape of each coin, discovering that a 20 and 50 pence piece has seven sides and are therefore called heptagons. Earlier in the week we did lots of counting with 1p's and 2p's while later in the week we focused more on using coins to make exact amounts of money.

### Other lessons and activities:

- In art we designed a poster for our Christmas performance. We also made some snowflakes/baubles using threading skills.
- We continued our work on algorithms in computing. This week we had to draw a snake for a partner, asking them if they wanted an easy or tricky snake. Our partner's job was then to write the short-hand algorithm to navigate successfully around the snake from head to tail. We also had the chance to play the 'Path Peril' directional game on Busy Things, which some of the children were already familiar with having previously played it at home.
- In topic, we learnt more about different materials through our carousel of experiments. Maple class went to Mr Fisher's classroom to learn more about floating and sinking while Willow class were taught magnetism with Mr Fereday. Mrs Wilson took Larch class to conduct a waterproofing experiment.
- We have looked at the Christian traditions of Advent, including that this season began last Sunday on 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Swimming, library, dance and music sessions have taken place with usual teaching staff.
- We have begun Read Hall preparations for our performance of 'The Landlord's Cat' next week. It is wonderful that all of the children know their lines and many

have impressive delivery. We have been working on stage movements as well as lighting.

We now have most costumes in school, which we are most grateful for. If you still need to bring yours in, please do so by Monday. If you are having any difficulties with your child's costume, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Dewsbury who will be happy to help.

**Over the weekend your child might like to:**

- Play the game allocated by your child's class teacher on Active Learn.
- Enjoy sharing their library book with an adult or older sibling and reading their reading books to a grown-up.
- Have one final practice of their Christmas words, concentrating on speaking loudly, clearly and at a steady pace.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am-10.00am:** 8.30am-9.00am Year 1 coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Year 1 Christmas production in the Read Hall at 9.00am

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**

- **Christmas jumper day** - Exchange your school jumper for a Christmas one in aid of Nelson's Journey. Please bring in a £1 donation – thank you.
- **Christmas Fayre** - on the Prep playground starting at 4.00pm. There will be items on sale (made by the children) as well as a café, pizza, mince pies and Santa's grotto to enjoy. Parking will be available in the City College staff car park opposite the Pre Prep, with our thanks to City College for their help.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 2.15pm:** Christ Church Eaton service for Year 1 and Year 2 children.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Wilson, Mr Fisher, Mr Fereday and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*

