



## Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents

This week, our usual assemblies and bird family meetings were replaced with a delightful selection of dress rehearsals and presentations. We enjoyed watching Reception and Year 1's sparkling performances and were all very impressed and proud of everyone! We also enjoyed 3Vs class assembly which taught us the origins of the English Christmas traditions of putting up trees, sending Christmas cards and pulling crackers. 3V also taught us some more Christmas traditions from around the world, adding to what we learned for the Year 2 production last week.

### **Literacy Lessons**

The children have been learning to make comparisons using adjectives plus the 'er' suffix (for example: December is colder than August). The children have also been developing their knowledge and use of irregular past tense verbs.

We have been reading different versions of the Nativity Story and sequenced the main events in preparation for Thursday's extended writing session where the children had to write about 'The First Christmas'. We have continued to enjoy sharing a variety of Christmas poems.

Guided reading sessions have focused on winter themed texts and the children also wrote their own nativity quiz questions based on the Christmas story.

### **Maths lessons**

As money is so important at this time of year, we have been counting coins! We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to calculate the values of various sets of coins. The children have continued to develop their speed at counting on or back in multiples of tens and units. This is something which you could practise in the car or whenever you have a few minutes of spare time. Take turns with your child by asking (or answering), "10/20/30 more or less than \_\_\_\_\_ is .....?".

### **Other lessons and activities**

- The children have shown great enthusiasm for creating jewellery and festive treats in preparation for our Christmas Fayre.
- In our art lessons, the children have been learning to 'layer buildings' to add depth to their pictures. Their artistic endeavours will shortly be coming home in the form of calendars and Christmas cards.
- Music lessons have focused on learning some traditional carols ready for next week's Carol Service at Christ Church, Eaton.

**Over the weekend you may like to:**

- Ask your child to retell you the Nativity Story
- Look at the activities that we have allocated on the Active Learn maths website

**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 2.15pm:** Christ Church Eaton Carol Service for Year 2 and Year 1 children. Parents are welcome to attend.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*