



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the Year 1 and 2 choir as they sang for us under the guidance of Mrs Koczur, in our assembly on Tuesday. They showed us how they warm up their voices before singing a Christmas song to us; what a fabulous sound they made together! In bird family meetings, we talked about the importance of being thankful at all times, but particularly at this time of year and of not being greedy, as well as thinking of those who are less fortunate than us.

### Literacy

In our own classes this week we read 'The Greedy Dog'. We then produced some beautiful independent writing in which we retold the story in our own words. It is very pleasing to look back from the last piece of independent writing which was undertaken at the beginning of Year 1 to see the impressive progress being made by the children with their writing skills. We also used mini-booklets to retell *The Christmas Story*, which we hope your children will enjoy sharing at home.

### Numeracy

We have looked at numbers in different ways with a Christmas theme. One such activity was 'colour by number' sheets which involved solving sums and colouring the corresponding sections correctly in order to complete the picture. We have also been practising our ability to identify numbers on a number square.

### Other lessons and activities:

- The children's behaviour and singing at the church service on Tuesday was a real credit to the School.
- We have undertaken a range of Christmas craft activities, including Christmas cards and calendars.
- We have undertaken some Christmas art on the computers, as well as playing an interactive materials sorting game.
- We had great fun at our Year 1 Christmas party in the hall on Thursday afternoon! Traditional games included Christmas corners, musical statues and balloon games.
- All children visited the library to change their book ready for the Christmas holidays.
- A visit from Santa! This afternoon each class were excited to receive class presents which were found under the Christmas tree in the hall!

### Over the holidays your child might like to:

- Complete the literacy task set by their literacy teacher, which has been put into book bags.
- Have a go at the maths games allocated on ActiveLearn.

- Practise their phonics sounds and the reading and writing of the first 100 high frequency words which are located in their reading records.
- Keep a diary of their Christmas holidays in their home school book.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** First day of spring term

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall starting at 4.40pm

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*