



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 12th 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 ourselves.

Literacy Lessons

This week in Year 2 it really has been Christmas themed! We have tried to organise everything so that it would relate to the upcoming celebration. Each class has written a letter to Father Christmas. After writing letters from the trenches this gave the children time to focus on themselves and their immediate family. We have written Christmas acrostic poems and used dictionaries and other sources to complete a Christmas alphabet worksheet.

Following on from our Christmas production, in guided reading some children have been reading more about Christmas traditions around the world. Others have read about *Grandfather Frost* and *T'was the night before Christmas*.

Maths lessons

In maths we asked the children to complete two mathematics assessment papers, one in arithmetic and the other in problem solving. The results will inform our teaching over the coming months.

Once this was done we launched into Christmas activities. On Wednesday, the whole year group went on a Christmas mathematics adventure trail. In partners, the children discovered different problems to solve and enjoyed the fresh air and activity.

Christmas icons were counted and represented on a bar graph. DT skills were tested when the children were challenged to construct 3-D shapes such as parcels, crackers, stars, hats and other Christmas decorations.

Other lessons and activities

Art and craft tasks have included completing various styles of calendars and designing Christmas cards.

In geography we have looked again at how different countries celebrate Christmas. The children enjoyed naming and finding the flag of the country they were reading about.

We were very proud of the way the children conducted themselves at the Christmas Carol Service. The readers were marvellous!

Over the holidays:

Please continue to hear your child read on a regular basis.

We will be looking again at the common exception words, so please help your child to learn to spell these important words.

Do as many interesting and exciting things as you can!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th January: First day of spring term

Thursday 9th February: Parents' evening in the Pre Prep hall starting at 4.40pm

Friday 10th March: Year 2 trip to Blickling Hall

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

Mrs Bush, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry and Mrs Harries

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Harries". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'H'.