



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

We hope you enjoyed our production of 'The King is Born' today. We are sure you will agree that every child participated brilliantly and the entire year group worked so well together in order to produce such a polished performance. We would like to extend a big thank you to all parents for supporting your children by helping them to learn and deliver their lines and we are very grateful to those of you who provided a costume. We also enjoyed watching the Reception and Year 2 dress rehearsals.

### Literacy

Within our class literacy sessions this week, the children have been writing letters to Santa and we discussed the features of a letter. The children used word mats to aid their spellings as well as using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words. The children have been busy undertaking reading and maths assessments this week and these will continue into next week. Next week we will be undertaking writing activities within class lessons, including a piece of independent writing, and retelling the Christmas story.

### Maths

We have continued exploring number and patterns. This has included counting in 10s and 2s and recognising these as even numbers. 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:

- In topic, we learnt more about different materials through our carousel of experiments. Maple class went to Mrs Brown's classroom to learn about the strength of materials with reference to *The Three Little Pigs* story. Lime Tree Class went to Mr Fisher's classroom to learn about floating and sinking. Willow Class were taught magnetism with Mrs Parker and Mrs Wilson took Larch class to conduct a waterproofing experiment.
- We continued our work on algorithms in computing by introducing a new onscreen programming activity, Rapid Router. This helped the children create algorithms.
- Each class created an Advent calendar for another class. The children worked in pairs and recorded clues in the style of a riddle. The children have been guessing their riddles each day and revealing the picture behind the doors.

### Over the weekend your child might like to do some of the following:

- Practise their counting in 2s by playing the game at the following link:  
<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/BalloonPopSkip.htm>

- Look at a 100 square and find number patterns, including 2s, 5s and 10s. Can you splat the numbers within a sequence?  
<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/pg2/splat/splatsq100.html>
- Read their class reading books.
- Enjoy a restful and enjoyable weekend at home, having had a very busy and exciting week at school!

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** 'Wear a Christmas jumper day' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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

*Melanie Harries*