



## Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

This week, Mrs Harries led an assembly on Advent; this was linked to the excitement of Christmas and how lucky we all are and how our Toys and Tins appeal helps us to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. She also shared a special advent calendar with an envelope for each day, each containing an act of kindness. This led on to ways in which we can all be kind to each other, to others and to animals. There is now a Kindness Tree on Mrs McCloy's desk, which is being adorned with baubles as children come and share their suggested acts of kindness. Bird Families focus was on respecting our bodies and this was linked to the NSPCC PANTS campaign: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

### Literacy

In class literacy this week, we have been thinking about how to use a question mark. We imagined we were in the stable when Jesus was born and thought of questions we could ask, such as 'How long did it take Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem?' and wrote these down. In group literacy, Mrs Brown's group have been learning 'ay' (may I play?) and reading the story 'Six Fish'. Mrs Wilson's group have been learning the 'air (that's not fair) trigraph and using the story 'Hairy Fairy' as inspiration for writing the different jobs a fairy might do. Mr Fisher's group have been learning 'ar' (start the car) and using the text as a focus for retelling the story.

### Maths

We have been learning the different British coins that we use. We have put them in ascending order of value and discussed their appearance in terms of colour and shape. We have also added coins together to make different totals. This week, we have also looked at adding three numbers together. We tried finding the easiest way to do so, such as spotting number bonds to 10 and double numbers and finding the total of these first, before adding the third number.

### Other lessons and activities

- This morning we did topic experiments in different classrooms. Willow Class investigated magnetism with Mrs Brown, Maple Class enjoyed floating and sinking testing with Mr Fisher and Lime Tree class looked at waterproofing with Mrs Wilson.
- In art, we made carol-singer themed Christmas cards and tried to use our best handwriting to write the inset.
- We went swimming with Miss Bryant.
- We had music with Miss Skinner, dance with Mrs Wilson and visited Mrs Wootton in the library.
- We have rehearsed our Christmas production, 'The Inn-spectors', which we are very excited to perform to you next Friday! We are so impressed with how the children have stepped up this week with learning their lines and singing the songs

together beautifully. Thank you to all parents for providing your child with their costume, your efforts are very much appreciated!

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

- Consolidate their knowledge of coin recognition and adding coins together by visiting the following link  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/coins-game>
- Complete one of the challenges on the topic web
- Read their school reading books to an adult and share their library book with an adult or older sibling
- Have one final practice of their Christmas play words including using a loud clear voice and speaking with intonation

**Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper day

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** Year 1 Christmas Production in the Read Hall  
- tea, coffee and mince pies will be available from 8.00am in the Pre Prep Hall

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Carol Service at Christ Church 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, Mr Fisher, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*