



Year 2 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 26th 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 of which contained 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

We have continued to focus on the spelling rule that consonant + y = 'y', changes to 'ies' as in baby = babies. We also learnt that vowel + y = s, so monkey = monkeys. We have been learning to write character descriptions which engage our readers through the use of similes and interesting adjectives, such as: Father Christmas has a beard as white and soft as cotton wool.

Our Christmas performance has inspired this week's guided reading as we have read, discussed and answered comprehension questions about 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.'

Maths

We have been learning to give and follow directions, using language such as 'quarter turn to the left' and 'half turn to the right'. We also used the terms clockwise and anti-clockwise. The children enjoyed playing a treasure hunt game where someone left the room while we hid an object. When the child returned they were a 'robot' that we had to direct by practising the target language.

Other lessons

In preparation for the British Red Cross' 'December – Month of Kindness' we have thought about the meaning of 'kindness'. We thought of different kind acts which we could aim to carry out during December. We have written these into booklets so that we can tick them off once we have done them. We have been reading the story of the Nativity in religious studies lessons. In art, we have begun our 'festive crafts' in readiness for next week's Christmas Fayre. We have also talked about different illustrations and interpretations of Bethlehem and started to create our own, trying to convey a sense of perspective.

This week we have also been preparing for our forthcoming Christmas performance. Many thanks for all your support with this. The children all know their lines well and have been trying hard to deliver them clearly with plenty of expression.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th December – 2.15pm - 3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production in the Read Hall – tea, coffee and mince pies will be available afterwards in the Read Hall

Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 13th 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.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries