

## Weekly Update 22.11.2019

### Year 1

As well as our usual lessons, we have had a busy week rehearsing our play and completing Autumn term assessments.

We will be sending letters home to a few children about any small items of costume that we may need. Look out for letters in book bags shortly. Thank you for your support.

The Year 1 performances of 'Wriggly Nativity' are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am. Tickets can be ordered online via the Parents Evening system which will open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Next week we will be continuing to base our literacy around the Hairy Maclary series. We will be introducing adjectives to describe objects and characters. In maths we are continuing to separate numbers into tens and ones and will be also be experimenting with the numicon kindly bought by FOSWS.

Thank you also for your kind donations to our Christmas hamper for the raffle. We are still in need of **green and gold** items so anything you could donate would be greatly appreciated. Donations can include bottles, toiletries, candles, tinsel and non-perishable food items, thank you!

It is not long now until the Christmas Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.45 – 6pm. We would be grateful for parental help in manning the Year1 stalls. Please sign-up on the board outside if you can offer help. Many thanks.

We have an ever-growing collection of unnamed clothing. Please ensure that you name all items of clothing, including P.E. kit, so that we can return items to your child. Many thanks. Before the end of the Autumn term, your child will be bringing home an individual login to **Spelling Shed**. The school have recently subscribed to the interactive spelling programme, with the generous use of 'legacy' money generated by last year's Year 6 cohort. We hope all pupils will make good use of the programme. Please note, Year groups are referred to as 'Stages', so for example, the statutory spellings for Years 3&4 are grouped in 'Stage 3&4'. There is also the option for pupils to generate and practise their own spellings in the 'More Lists' section. Further information can be found at [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) Finally, we are only now having outside P.E. on a Friday until the end of term due to our play rehearsals. Please ensure that your child has their warm P.E. kit in school on these days.

Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 team

### Year 2

In our topic work this week, the two classes have undertaken different activities. Class 6 have tried baking buns using a recipe from the King's baker - they enjoyed mixing all the ingredients and writing the recipe out! Class 5 learned about how Christopher Wren designed the new St Paul's Cathedral, then made some beautiful art using shapes and sketching. The classes will swap activities in future weeks.

We have begun rehearsals for our Christmas Play, which this year is called Starlight. We will be sending home lines to learn for those children who have speaking parts. We have many costumes already – if anything additional is required we will let you know.

The Year 2 performances of 'Starlight' are on Thursday 12th December at 2pm and Friday 13th December at 10am. Tickets can be ordered online via the Parents Evening system which will open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to those parents who have returned reply slips for the Pantomime visit. If you haven't responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. Paper copies are also available from the School Office.

Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.45 to 6.30pm. Each class will have a stall – if you can help to run the stall please sign up for a 30-minute slot. Sheets are in the classroom windows.

Year 2 are compiling a **Blue & Silver** hamper for the raffle; if you have any blue or silver items you can donate they would be gratefully received. Donations can include bottles, toiletries, candles, tinsel and non-perishable food items, thank you!

At the recent Parents Evenings many parents asked how they can help support learning at home. We would suggest the following:

- Reading – hearing your child read as often as possible
- Writing – joined handwriting if possible, concentrating on which letters are tall and which hang below the line
- Maths – practicing number bonds to 20 and 100, or the 2/5/10 times tables. Children should be able to recall these instantly by the end of Year 2. A good website for this is available [here](#) – children get very competitive about this game!

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Thank you for your support, have a good weekend.

The Year 2 Team

### **Year 3**

This week we have started our Christmas Play rehearsals and those with speaking parts have lines to learn over the weekend. We will also send home song lyrics next week. We will provide most costumes needed but we may need you to supply plain clothes to wear underneath. Letters regarding this will be sent home next week. Over the next few weeks some lessons will be postponed due to rehearsals.

The Year 3 performances of 'Bethlehem's Buzzin' are on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Wednesday 18th December at 10am. Tickets can be ordered online via the Parents Evening system which will open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

In DT next week the children will be making canopic jars, which were used in Ancient Egypt to store the organs during the mummification process. In Computing the children will be adding more to their Egyptian Powerpoints.

Please note, there will be no spellings to learn next week as the children will be taking part in a spelling assessment.

We are so excited that school has agreed to fund 'Spelling Shed' for the children. Please check your child's reading log for their individual login details and passwords. You can add weekly spelling test words to this app to make practising more fun. You can also practise the Year 2, Year 3 and 4 words on the app too.

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Thank you for your donations to our Christmas hamper, although at present we have only 6 items! If possible, please donate something **purple or black** next week. Donations can include bottles, toiletries, candles, tinsel and non-perishable food items, thank you!

We also have spaces on our class Christmas Fair stalls so if you have a free half hour please sign up. The lists are on our classroom windows.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 3 team

#### Year 4

Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning. We have been impressed with the quality of many of the pieces coming in – and in the artwork, in particular. This week, the children participated enthusiastically in the Science investigation – an experiment involving heating and freezing chocolate. Next week, they will observe the processes that cause water to change state. In Geography, the children will look at how mountains are created.

The children now know what parts they have in the Christmas performance and have begun to learn the words and songs. We will be spending some time practising in school but will also need to learn them at home too.

The Year 4 performances of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' will be held at ChristChurch Moreton Hall and are on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Tickets can be ordered online via the Parents Evening system which will open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

A reminder that the children have Mathematics home learning set each week. A few children have a number of activities outstanding. They are also able to practise times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.

Another reminder that the date for contributions to the Year 4 Christmas Hamper is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The colours are **black and gold**, thank you for your contributions so far. Donations can include bottles, toiletries, candles, tinsel and non-perishable food items, thank you!

Class 9 and Class 10 are running a stall at the Christmas Fayre. There are sign-up sheets in the Year 4 lobby if you are able to help.

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The Year 4 Teaching Team

### Year 5

We have been really impressed with the Victorian models being made for homework! This week we discovered the frustrations that real scientists come up against! We were unable to actually carry out the investigation we had carefully planned due to there being no sun! However, it sparked an interesting discussion about how we could answer the question we had posed in a different way.

Next week we will be filling in a school timetable in French. In Science we will begin our new unit of work on Forces. We will be looking at how a variety of forces are used in everyday life. The children will be making posters in History, showing how the Industrial Revolution affected different people in Victorian times. In Computing the children will be using level 2 of the Scratch programme. The theme of anti-bullying will continue in PHSE. The Turner style water colour painting will carry on in the Art lesson. Outdoor PE will continue with football. In Philosophy we will discuss our senses.

For a Science lesson coming up soon, we will need plastic milk bottle top lids. Please can you collect these and send them into school? Thank you.

A second request, if you have time, please sign up on the volunteer sheets in our classrooms to help with stalls at the Christmas Fair on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm to 6.30pm . We only have one person from each class on the lists at the moment!

Another reminder that the date for contributions to the Year 5 Christmas Hamper is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The colours are **red and green**, thank you for your contributions so far.

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Year 5 teaching team