

Weekly Updates 29.11.2019

Early Years

Next week will be incredibly exciting; Christmas will have arrived in the Early Years in style! The Christmas Tree is already up in Nursery entrance and Reception will decorate their one next week.

On Monday we will all be watching a pantomime called Aladdin with Year 1 in the hall.

Nursery

It was great to see so many of you on Wednesday playing games with the children.

Thank you so much to Elliot's Mum for coming in to help us celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday and bringing the delicious pumpkin pie in for snack time. We have put lots of photos on Tapestry along with all the ones from our games morning / afternoon.

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Reception

Our rehearsals for our play have been going really well and we are pleased with how hard the children are trying to remember what they need to be doing. Thank you for all the extras you have provided for the costumes. Please make sure all the extras are brought into school in a named carrier bag by Thursday.

We can't wait to see the children's faces when we arrive at Winter Wonderland; this is our third year and each time it gets better! We will not be able to take the children unless you have given us permission so please ensure the slips are returned to school. Any parent / carer helpers would be great so please let Mrs Smith know if you are available.

Year 1

As well as our usual lessons, we have had a busy week rehearsing our play. You have no doubt heard some of the songs performed at home! Look out for pink letters in your child's bookbag about extras for costumes. If your child requires any extras for their costumes, you will have received a note on pink paper. Thank you also for your kind donations to our Christmas hamper for the raffle. It looks lovely!
Have a lovely weekend, YEAR 1 Team!

Year 2

This week the classes swapped topic activities, with Class 5 cooking and Class 6 learning about Christopher Wren and St Paul's. We have been practicing our Christmas play and the children are looking forward to sharing it with you! Please note there is no English or Maths homework this week – instead song lyrics have been sent home and children should practice singing these.

Thank you to those who have sent in items for the Year 2 hamper or signed up to help run a stall at the Christmas Fair – there's still time to help if you can.

Our pantomime trip is next Tuesday morning – please remember to send a packed lunch unless you have requested a school meal.
Have a good weekend, Year 2 Team

Year 3

Our Christmas play rehearsals are well under way and you should have received a slip of paper with costume requests for your child. Other than the Narrators, the children will not be allowed their scripts in rehearsals from next week, so please help your child learn their lines at home; what to say and when to say it. All the children should have a copy of the song lyrics in their bags to help them practise singing.

Alongside rehearsals, next week we will be looking at magnet strength in Science. In the next couple of weeks, we shall be making an authentic style Egyptian flatbread in our DT sessions. We will also be creating some scarab beetles from clay and decorating them. We have been using our thinking skills in Philosophy to trap a mythical creature called a 'Bootle', so there will be more creative problem solving next week.

Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Hamper; we would still appreciate a few more Purple & Black items to make this a really special, luxury prize for the raffle!

Have a lovely weekend, YEAR 3 Team

Year 4

Next week on Wednesday morning, Year 4 will be walking to the Cathedral for a lovely carol service with other West Suffolk schools. Swimming will take place on Tuesday as usual. The children will be rehearsing for their Christmas performance. Around this, they will continue to learn about physical aspects of Italy in Geography. It is assessment week so the children will also be doing English and Maths tests. A reminder that a number of children still have Mathematics home learning outstanding.

If your child is a carol singer or a child in the Christmas performance, please would you provide them with a woolly hat and scarf, thank you.

On Tuesday, 10th December, the Year 4 will take part in a swimming gala at the Leisure Centre to which you are invited. Please arrive by 1.15 pm. The event will last approximately an hour. No photography is permitted at the poolside.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 4 Team

Year 5

Thank you for the milk bottle tops we requested, we now have enough!

In French, we will be finding out about how going to school in France is different to school in this country. Indoor PE will continue with aerobics. The Science lesson will involve planning an investigation about one of the forces we learnt about last week. Our History lesson will be based on finding out about the advent of steam trains in Victorian times. Computing will continue with Scratch 2 and the children will learn about St Andrew. The children will use the skills they have learnt so far in Art to make a Victorian Christmas card using watercolours. Weather permitting, outdoor PE will continue with football and in Philosophy we will continue considering the importance of our senses.

Have a great weekend, Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week the children have worked exceptionally hard on completing another set of mock SAT papers. We have been extremely pleased of how they have approached these and it has been great to see how much progress has been made since the last set.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the SATs information evening last night; as requested, a copy of the slides discussed will be sent next week for your information.

Next week we will be back into usual routine with Maths continuing to focus on division. In English we will begin our new text, 'Letters from the Lighthouse', which will introduce our topic for after the Christmas break, The Second World War. During the Computing lessons, children will begin to record their informative E-Safety videos.

Your child has been given 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.

Each Friday, spellings will be set on this for your child to learn and recap. Next Friday we will be checking to see that every child has been practising throughout the week.

Thank you to those who have sent in items for the Year 6 'red and gold' hamper and to those who have given permission for their children to sign up to help run a stall at the Christmas Fayre – there are still many slots available if either yourselves or your child can help.

Finally, for anyone who has yet to return the reply slip in regards to our Year 6 Secret Santa, please can this be done as soon as possible so that names can be drawn.

Have a lovely weekend, YEAR 6 Team