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Our Week in Year 1



Below are some of the things we have learnt this week. Your child might like to tell you a little more about a few of these:

We had a fantastic Christmas Art Day - the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made lots of decorations for the classroom and home 😊

Continued to work on subtraction in Maths using a number line.

Learnt about using exclamation marks and wrote exclamation and command sentences.

Continued with our RE topic 'Prophecy and Promise', and listened to the nativity story. Then we made finger puppets and retold the story to our friends.

In Computing, we continued with our topic 'Digital Painting' and used different tools to create our pictures.

In Science, we learnt how trees change over the seasons. We looked at the trees in the playground and used the terms 'deciduous' and 'evergreen'.

In Geography, we drew a simple map of the playground using our own symbols and a key.

In PSHE we learnt about friendships and how we can be a good friend. We then made a friendship token!

Homework

Regular reading of the Read Write Inc. books (RWI) and / or library book.

Handwriting practice - letters r u y (Swans did e, f and s)

Mathletics - 2 tasks set. 'Addition Facts' and 'Balance Numbers to 10'.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd December - School closure Day

Tuesday 3rd December to Monday 9th December- Scholastic Book Fair

This is a great opportunity to buy books and support the school at the same time. The fair will be on the KS2 playground, weather permitting 3.15-4.00pm. If the weather is unsuitable, then it will be in the library. Please see details below.

Friday 6th December - PTA Christmas Fair after school! Raffle tickets have been sent home in your child's book bag. Thank you for your support.

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Elf Run (sponsored run) - details to follow. Please look out for the sponsor envelope and picture sent home this week.

Monday 16th December - Year 1 Christingle Service

We will be making a Christingle and would like to invite **all** the parents to join the children in making it at 2.00pm in the classroom. A short celebration service will then follow in the hall at 2:30pm, finishing in time for the end of the day. We will share details on what your child will need to bring for this closer to the time.

Thursday 19th December - School Christmas lunch. Please order your child's Christmas lunch on SCOPAY.

Friday 20th December - Last day of term. School finishes at 1:30pm today. No Games lesson so normal uniform please.

Notes for Parents

Microsoft Teams Logins - You may notice we have stuck in your child's Teams Login details. This will only be used if there would be a similar situation to the Covid Lockdown school closure. We will let you know if you ever need to use it.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) - calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let your class teacher know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

Footwear - As the weather is changeable at the moment, we appreciate that some children might choose to wear boots to/from school. Please could you ensure that suitable school shoes are in a bag so your child can change into them at school for the school day.

Nativity Painting Competition - see details below

Has your child done any charity work recently? As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school.

Singing at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December (Key Stage 2 Playground):

3.30 - 3.40: Reception Nativity songs

3.45 - 4.00: Teacher's choir

4.15 - 4.25: Year 2 carol singing

4.30 - 4.40: Poly's Polyphonics (the choir!)

5.00 - 5.15: Carols around the Christmas tree

Tuesday 2nd December - Travelling Crib - please see letter below with all the details!

We wish you a lovely weekend!

Many thanks for all your support.

The Year 1 Team

Handwriting Guidance

Handwriting Position:

- feet flat on the floor
- bottom at the back of the chair
- body one fist from the table
- shoulders down and relaxed
- back leaning forward slightly
- left/right hand holding the page
- left/right hand ready in a tripod grip.

Letter Formation

Down his back, then curl over his arm



Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle



Down a horn up a horn and under his head



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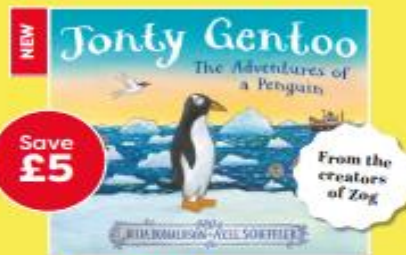
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Date:

Tuesday 3rd December to Monday 9th December

KS2 Playground (in the Library if bad weather)

3.15-4pm

Scan the QR code to pay online!





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NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- NATIVITY SCENE OF OUR LORD
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING
- THE COMPETITOR'S ENTRIES WILL BE OF THEIR OWN FREE HAND DRAWING AND COLOURING PRODUCTION.
- THE USE OF PRE-PREPARED TRACINGS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
- THE ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED SIZED EITHER A4 OR A3 ON PAPER OR CARD OF A QUALITY AND COLOUR OF CHOICE.
- THE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE CAN BE WRITTEN ON THE PAINTING, ON THE REVERSE OR ON ATTACHMENT.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SHOWN LEGIBLY ON THE REVERSE OF EACH ENTRY: **NAME OF ENTRANT. AGE OF ENTRANT. DATE OF BIRTH OF ENTRANT. SCHOOL YEAR GROUP. NAME AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL.**

INFORMATION:

Submission Deadline
6th January 2025

FREE ENTRY

Prizes

Winner: £30
2nd place: £20
3rd place: £15

Children should bring their nativity scene to school by the deadline and we will organise a collection with Brother Michael Gallagher.

The Travelling Crib

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to invite you to take part in our special project called 'The Travelling Crib'.

Each night one family from the class will play host to the 'Holy family' in the form of a nativity set. This is to help us remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and as a family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.

The night you have the crib in your house we ask you set up the crib scene and switch on the candle. After that follow the script in the accompanying leaflet and take a few moments to be silent and reflect on what Christmas means to you. The enclosed prayer can then be said. The following morning the crib must be packed up and returned to school so that it can be passed on to the next family.

As you can imagine, with so many children to get through, it is imperative that the crib is returned safely the following day.

The cribs will be sent out to three children at a time, starting on Tuesday 3rd December, so please keep an eye out.

May God bless you and your family.

Deb Walker

RE Coordinator