





Newsletter



Monday 12th December 2022



	Pupils Involved	Event
Monday 12 th		
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole school Reception	PE & Santa Run- come in outdoor PE kit with an extra layer and a festive Santa hat (if you have one!) Forest school (need extra warm outdoor clothes)
Wednesday 14 th December		
Thursday 15 th December	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming - children will need their swimming kit including a towel and goggles. Please use your ParentPay account to pay for swimming sessions - thank you.
Friday 16 th December	Whole school	'A Twinkly Treetop tale' 2pm & 5.30pm (Please complete and return the slip)  Festive Friday - wear something 'Christmassy'
Monday 19 th December		
Tuesday 20 th December	Whole school	Visit to Theatre Royal Newcastle to see Cinderella. Return to school approx. 5.45pm
Wednesday 21 st December	Whole school Christmas party We'll be playing games and dancing in the morning followed by our party lunch (normal school meals payment applies) and then a movie in the afternoon.	
Thursday 22 nd December	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
Friday 23 rd December 	Christmas Lunch 'The Christmas Story' at St Cuthbert's Church 2pm. All welcome. Children may leave with families after the service.	

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – Into the Dark. Theme of the week- The Nativity Story
Communication and Language- We will learn about the nativity story and continue to practise the songs for the Christmas play.

Personal and Social Development- We will look at pictures of Christmas celebrations and discuss how we all celebrate Christmas, listening to the perspective of others.

Physical Development – We will practice our fine motor control and have a go at Christmas shape threading. We will continue to use scissors to cut out Christmas objects.

Literacy- We will follow our RWI programme and recap all our letter sounds. We will learn the letter sounds 'ng' and 'nk'. We will continue to practise the tricky red words 'I' and 'the'. We will have lots of writing opportunities such as writing Christmas cards, lists and labels.

Maths- In Maths, we will focus on the number 10. We will begin to use language involved in addition and use our Christmas workshop to add different amounts together. We will talk about days of the week and months of the year.

Understanding the World – We will talk about why we celebrate Christmas. We will continue to talk about how we each celebrate Christmas and how different families have different traditions.

Expressive Arts and Design –We will retell parts of the nativity story in the small world area. In Forests we will create Christmas decoration using outside materials. We will continue to create our own role play stories in Santa's workshop.

Year 1:

Maths- We will be looking at shape this week. Naming and matching 2D and 3D shapes as well as making patterns from shapes.

English- This week, we will be looking at Christmas stories, focusing on using adjectives to create a character description of Mr Wolf. We will also be creating wanted posters.

Science: We will be finishing our work on materials by investigating which materials are suitable for making Santa's sack.

R.E- We will be continuing to look at the Christmas Story and Advent.

Music- We will be looking at rhythm through music, raps and chants. We will also be practicing our songs for the school nativity.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be looking at celebrating differences.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison focusing on Gymnastic. We also have the Santa run on Tuesday.

How to help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times at home. Also, can you tell your parents as much as you know about the Great Fire of London?



Donations of raffle prizes for our Town Hall events will be gratefully accepted in school – thank you.

Year 2 :

English: Our core text this half term is 'Toys in space' by Mini Grey. We will be learning about the Christmas story and retelling the story by creating our own story books.

Maths: Our topic is addition and subtraction. This week we will be doing Christmas problem solving activities.

History: Toys from the past. This week we will be learning about the similarities and differences of toys from the past and now.

Design Technology: Moving pictures. This week we will be making our own moving Christmas cards.

Computing: Computer art. This week we will be creating a Christmas picture using the paint app.

R.E: Our topic this half term is why is light and dark important to Christians at Christmas? We will be retelling the story of the nativity.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'Ho, ho, ho' and we will be learning to identify different musical instruments. We will be learning to sing Christmas songs.

P.E: Our topic this half term is gymnastics and swimming. Santa Run on Tuesday.

How to help at home: Can you retell the Christmas story?

Year 3 & 4

English - This week we are writing poems with advice to Ug. We are going to be evaluating our thoughts on the story. We are then going to be writing Christmas stories.

Maths - Year 3 are working on their 8 times tables this week and the relationship between 4 and 8 times tables. Year 4 will be working on multiplying and dividing by 7 and the 7 times table.

History - We will be finishing our topic on the Stone Age by learning about Britain's prehistoric tombs and monuments.

RE - This week we are going to be learning how to retell the story of the wise men in the Nativity Story.

French - This week we will be learning the vocabulary for houses and being able to discuss the type of house we live in.

PE - Santa Dash with Mr Ellison and swimming on Thursday.

Design and Technology - We will be building our light up signs this week.

Helping at Home - Please practice times tables at home this week, Year 3 are working on their 8s and Year 4 are working on their 7s.



December dates.

We will have Festive Fridays during December and wear something 'Christmassy' – it might be socks, hats, a hair band....

December 13th

- Santa Run – children can come to school in outdoor PE kit ready to take part in this annual event on our school field. Spare socks and shoes might be an idea! We know it's chilly but it's only for a short 'dash' (much less time than walking to school or playtime!) Please feel free to come in Christmas fancy dress if you wish! We'll have hot chocolate and a medal at the end!

December 16th

- Christmas performance in the Town Hall. 2pm and 5.30pm All welcome.

December 20th

- Theatre visit – Cinderella. (You'll have had a message to remind you of payment for this if needed)

December 21st

- Party Day – children can come to school in party clothes. School dinner will be a selection of party foods including several vegetarian options.

December 23rd

- Christmas lunch
- St Cuthbert's Church service 2pm. All welcome. Children are able to leave with families after church. (It might be a squash and a squeeze but it's a lovely way to end the term!)