





Newsletter



Monday 5th December 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 5 th		
Tuesday 6 th December	Class 2 Whole school Reception	Virtual author visit. PE - come in PE kit. After school club (Mr Ellison) finish at 4pm. Forest school (need outdoor clothes etc)
Wednesday 7 th December	STEM visit for children in Years 1 - 4	
Thursday 8 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 9 th December	Whole school Reception & Year 1	Singing with Mr Tait Forest School session  Festive Friday - wear something 'Christmassy'
Monday 12 th December		
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole school Reception	Santa Run : come in outdoor PE kit(maybe bring some spare socks & shoes!) Forest School session
Wednesday 14 th December		
Thursday 15 th December	Year 2 & Class 2	Swimming
 Friday 16 th December	Christmas performance - A Twinkly Treetop Tale 2pm & 5.30pm (Children to be at the Town Hall at 5pm on Friday night please)	



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

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – Into the Dark. Theme of the week- A range of Christmas stories.

Communication and Language- We will learn the lyrics to the songs in 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 scissor control in the funky finger area, cutting out a Christmas tree, snowman and reindeer.

Literacy- We will continue our RWI programme and learn the letter sounds 'ng' and 'nk'. We will learn the tricky words 'I' and 'the'. We will have lots of writing opportunities such as writing Christmas cards, lists and labels. We will make our lists to Santa and practise writing the letter sounds we can hear in each word.

Maths- In Maths, we will focus and understand the concept of the numbers 9 and 10. We will begin to use language involved in addition and use our Christmas workshop to add different amounts together.

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

Expressive Arts and Design – We will continue to learn our songs for the Christmas play and continue our music lessons with Mr Tait. We will create our own role play stories in Santa's workshop.

Year 1:

Maths- We will be finishing our unit on addition and subtraction before moving onto looking at shapes. We will be focusing on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

English- This week, we will be looking at Christmas stories, focusing on writing and creating character and setting descriptions.

Science: This week we will be finishing our work on materials by grouping different materials and objects based on their properties and uses.

History- We will be finishing our work on The Great Fire of London by creating information reports and fact files about everything we have learnt this half term.

R.E- We will continue our work about the Christmas story and the importance of 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 a forest school session on Friday with Mrs Gray.

How to help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times at home and practice your spellings, which you will find on Class Dojo.



Everyone has made a decoration to go onto our Christmas tree. It will be on display all week in St Cuthbert's Church as part of the village festival – please do pop in to see it.

Year 2

English: Our core text this half term is 'Toys in space' by Mini Grey. We will be writing descriptions about our class elf then we will be writing setting descriptions based on the book 'The Polar Express'.

Maths: Our topic is addition and subtraction. This week we will be doing our addition and subtraction assessments and beginning our money assessment.

Science: Our topic this half term is materials. This week we will be doing our end of topic quiz on materials and investigating our own learning question.

History: Our topic this half term is toys from the past. This week we will be learning about the similarities and differences of toys from the past and now.

Design Technology: Our topic this half term is moving pictures. This week we will be making our own moving pictures based on our design.

Computing: Our topic this half term is 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.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is celebrating differences. This week we will be talking about how we celebrate Christmas.

How to help at home: Can you learn your spellings and read 3 times?

Class 2

English - This week we are predicting what happens next in the story. We will then be annotating a poem with our thoughts and what we notice about the poem before writing our own poetry. Year 3 will be learning about using conjunctions and Year 4 will be using fronted adverbials this week. We are also taking part in a Puffin session virtually with Jacqueline Wilson and illustrator Rachael Dean.

Maths - We continue with our times tables this week with Year 3 focusing on multiplying and dividing by 4 and learning the 4 times tables before moving onto multiplying by 8. Year 4 will be learning the 9 times table and division facts before focusing on 3, 6 and 9 times tables. We will then begin multiplying and dividing by 7 and learning our 7 times tables.

Science - This week we are focusing on switches in circuits. We also have a visit from Newcastle University STEM Outreach into our Earth's history and what it means to be a scientist.

Design and Technology - Building the frame for our light up signs.

History - How life changed during the Stone Age.

PSHE - This week we are going to be considering how the words that we use can hurt and upset people.

Computing - We are continuing our online searchers topics by learning about how search engines work.

RE - We are going to be learning about how the shepherds heard about Jesus' birth and the message that they gave to Mary and Joseph.

Helping at home - We are trying hard to become fluent with our times tables, please focus on 3 and 4 times table for Year 3 and 6 and 9 times table for Year 4.



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!

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!)