

# Year One Weekly update

**Friday 14th December 2018**

## **Message**

Over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring Christmas foods and traditions. We will be tasting and cooking Christmas foods including Christmas biscuits and mince pies. We will also be making Christmas cards and decorations. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£2.00** to help cover the cost of these exciting activities. We are also turning our role play area into a Christmas Grotto with a real Christmas tree! If you have any old Christmas decorations, lights or anything christmassy that you are not using we would love it if you could donate it to help enhance our learning environment. We **do not** want you to buy anything new.

## **CP**

We have continued to explore our Christmas theme this week with lots of magical activities! The grotto is still a hit and we have been having lots of fun! Our Elf 'Elfeey' is still causing havoc by moving around the classroom. We have been producing some great writing when filling out our daily elf reports!

## **Math:**

This week we have been naming 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been sorting shapes into two groups. Finally we have been making repeating patterns using shapes.

## **Topic:**

We have now finished our topic for this half term. We will be using our topic sessions for the KS1 show and for Christmas themed activities.

**Phonics:** This week and next week we will be learning to read common exception words. There will be no spellings until the first week back after the holidays. If you would like to learn some new words please choose them from the common exception word list stuck at the back of your homework book.

## **English**

This week we have been busy working on our film unit with Y2. We wrote letters to Bear explaining what makes Christmas special and what he can expect when he wakes up. We also painted our favourite scenes from the film using water colours and wrote sentences explaining the reasons why each scene was our favourite.

**Homework:** This week the children need to have a rest! They have worked so hard on the nativity that they are exhausted! I suggest watching a film and chilling out on the sofa with a delicious hot chocolate. There will be no spellings this week either as next Friday will be hectic. Spellings and homework will return in the new year after the Christmas holidays in January. The children will receive 3 reading books this week to keep them going over the Christmas holidays. Please keep your book bag and homework book **at home** till after the holidays.

Have a great weekend love Miss O'Brien x

## **Dates for your diary:**

13/12 KS1 Christmas Show at 2pm.  
14/12 KS1 Christmas Show at 9.30am  
20/12 Reception - Year 6 Christmas Trip  
21/12 Break up for Christmas break  
08/01 Return to school for Spring Term

