

Year One Weekly update

Friday 7th 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

This week we have had lots of fun with Christmas themed activities in the backroom including our amazing Grotto role play area with a full Santa costume! We have also been visited by our Elf on the Shelf 'Elfeey'. Elfeey is already up to no good and has been climbing all around our classroom. I wonder where he will be on Monday!

Topic:

We used all of our topic sessions this week to focus on learning our songs for the nativity play. We have also been using our topic sessions to work with Y2 on our exciting Christmas film unit.

Reading:

This week we played 'Reading Bingo' with Y2 as part of our Christmas film unit. We also have been reading and discussing different Christmas stories including our new favourite 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'.

Phonics:

This week we focused on the air sound and the alternative spellings to help us understand how 'bear' and 'hare' sound the same but are spelt differently.

English

This week we had lots of fun working with Y2 in our English lessons. We have been working on the advert The Bear and The Hare (John Lewis 2013). First we acted out the story in pairs. Then we answered questions about the characters. We also turned ourselves into the bear and the hare using photographs and crayons. Finally we wrote speech bubbles imagining what the characters would say at different points of the story.

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

Homework:

This week the children should complete the Christmas reading activity that is stuck in their homework book. This is alongside their normal reading and spelling practice. We also recommend 10 minutes of Reading Eggs everyday to help develop your childs reading skills. Have a great weekend
- Love Miss O'Brien x

