



TEAGUES BRIDGE PRIMARY

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Friday's Newsletter

15th December 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pantomime ~ Sleeping Beauty

The children really enjoyed the Pantomime this year. It was interactive and engaged. The children were talking about it all day. Best one ever. The children said:

'I really enjoyed the music, especially singing and dancing along'.

'The humour throughout the pantomime was great'.

Christmas Dinner ~ 20.12.23

It is Christmas dinner Wednesday 20th December. Please ensure you pay for this via Parent Pay, there will be no sandwiches made by the kitchen on this day. If your child prefers to have sandwiches they will need to bring their own from home. The dinner will cost £2.50. Menu can be found later on in this newsletter.

Dates;

Monday 18th December ~ Parents appointments via TEAMS ~ 3.30-7.00.

Tuesday 19th December ~ Parents appointments via TEAMS ~ 3.30-5.00

Friday 22nd December ~ Break-up

Monday 8th January 2024 ~ PD day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 ~ Children return

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S. Abdulla



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CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

20th December 2023

Traditional Christmas Roast to include:

Roast Turkey with chipolata sausage, stuffing, and gravy

or

Vegetable Layer loaf ✓

Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal vegetables: Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots

Ice-cream

and

Festive biscuit



Please note there will be NO school sandwich service available.

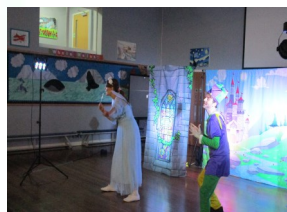
The cost is £2.50 for children in KS2, if not in receipt of Free School Meals

Christmas dinner must be paid for via parent pay.



Sleeping Beauty

On Tuesday 12th December, the pantomime visited us and all of the children really enjoyed watching Sleeping Beauty. Here are some photographs from the fantastic performance!



Pantomime

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Get down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minda Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College

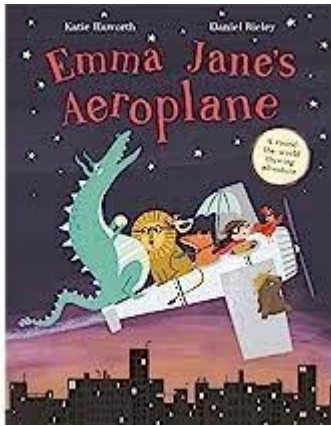


National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Bella

This week in Starfish..



In literacy, we have been reading the book 'Emma Jane's aeroplane'. In this story, Emma Jane travels around the world. We have related this to geography and our local area of Trench. We wrote about Telford and talked about landmarks that we know. This is because Emma Jane sees landmarks in cities around the world.

In maths, we have been learning about measuring the length and height of objects. Firstly, we did this using cubes, then we began to use a ruler.

We really enjoyed the performance of Sleeping Beauty, oh no it's not... Oh yes it is! We sang lots and danced lots with the pantomime group!

In phonics we have now learnt all of our set 1 and set 2 sounds. We are using these in our writing and spellings.

We also loved our visit from Battlefield Birds of Prey. We saw the birds fly through our classroom and talked about the journey's they make through the winter months.



This week in Seahorses..

Literacy



This week children have continued to complete work around the story Little Robin Red Vest. Children have really enjoyed the story with the Robin being kind and giving all his nice warm vests to the other animals who were cold. He was rewarded by being given his very own vest from Santa that keeps him warm all year! Children have wrote the story and have now changed the Robin in the story in-to a Tomte.

Maths:

In maths, we have been learning about money. We have learnt to calculate with money and have now learnt how to make a pound with money, understanding that 100p is the same amount as £1. After we learnt about money we have moved on to problem solving before revisiting place value. In place value, pupils have began to understanding estimating numbers on a number line.

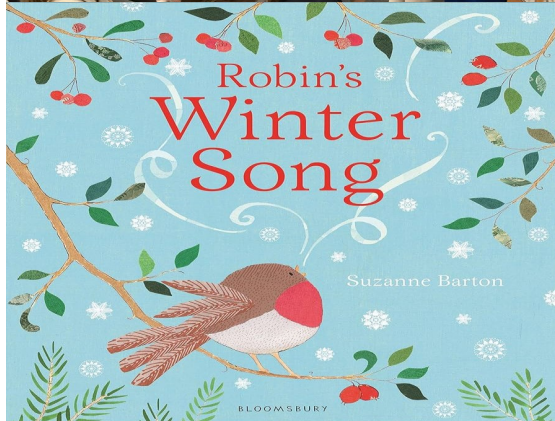


The Christmas Story

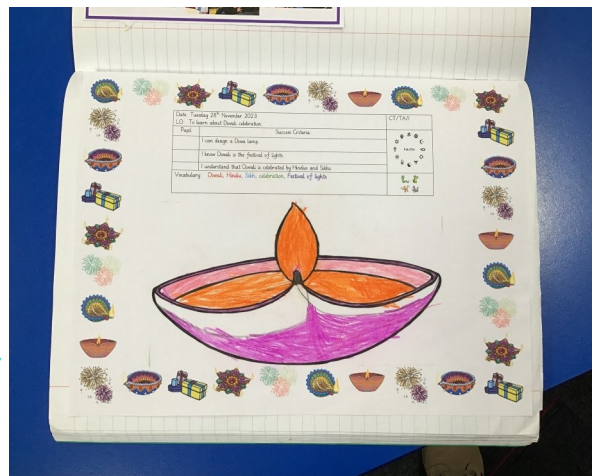
This week pupils have learnt about the Christmas story. Pupils have learnt the true meaning of Christmas and about the birth of baby Jesus. Pupils have sequenced the story.

This week in Dolphin Class...

It's coming towards the end of term and we've had so much fun in base 4, particularly our performance, which we hope you enjoyed, and the children absolutely loved watching the pantomime this week.



In RE we learnt all about Diwali and how it is called the Festival of Light. We found out that on Diwali Sikhs and Hindus light candles and have fire-works. We designed our on Diwa lamp with beautiful patterns.



We had Mr Smith in on Monday to teach ICT. We created winter scenes using Scratch Jr, and we were able to make our winter animals move left and right, up and down and disappear. This was all done using coding.



Homework of the week award

We have introduced a new award for Friday's award assembly.

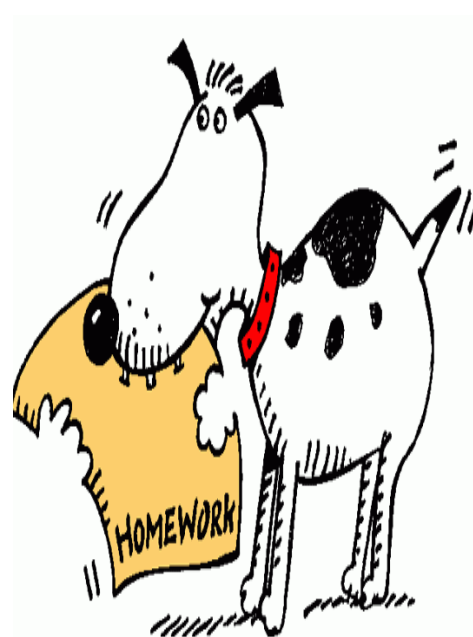
This is in recognition of the fabulous homework most of our children produce. It is also to show the importance of doing homework.

We need to ensure that children are equipped to be able to complete homework, as a school we are looking at our homework offer and adapting it to meet the needs of the children.

The most important homework your child can complete is reading, this opens the doors to all other learning in school and in life.

Each Base has nominated two children for this week's homework of the week award

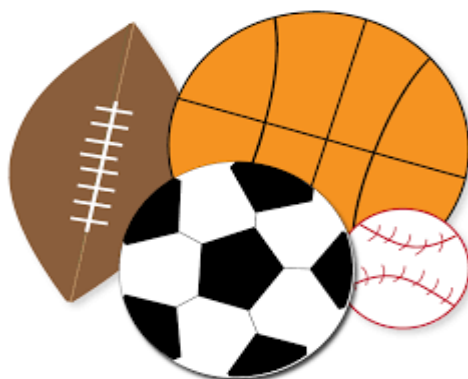
Turtles	Finley	Winter
Starfish	Aniya	Emilka
Seahorses	Heidi	Alfie
Dolphins	Jazmine	Ishaan
Seals	Max	Ismail
Swordfish	Bella	James
Beluga's	Luke	Tillie
Octopi	Thomas	Britney
Sharks	Ilyas	Kaylen



Star Player of the week award

On Monday, Thursday and Friday, all children have PE. This is delivered by the Crossbar coach. The coaches have recently introduced star player of the week from each base. This is because of the effort they make and the sportsmanship they show. Please see the children chosen for 'Star Player of the week' award this week.

Turtles	Tommie
Starfish	Amrita
Seahorses	Ellie
Dolphins	Lewis
Seals	Eliose
Swordfish	James
Beluga's	Tillie
Octopi	Phoebe
Sharks	Cody



Friday Awards

Our Awards Assembly takes place on a Friday via Microsoft Teams. Children were awarded with their certificates in class. Please see below a list of the children who have received awards this week.

Base	Star of the week	Worker of the week	Whale Rules Champion	Respectful Rangers	Handwriting Heroes	Punctual Panda	Best attendance
1	Jacob	Noah Ashton	Jacob Cooper	Noah Lilly	Evelyn	Mathias	Charlie
2	Gunveer	Ashton Brendan	Eric Jaipreet	Armish Alfie	Tyler	Iyla	Leyla
3	Toby	Gabrijela Harry	Jenaya Thiago	Sophie Dominic	Michelle	Sohaib	Ibrahim
4	Carter	Teddie Jared	Phoebe Poppy	Lillian Nicholas	Joey	Tymon	Erin
5	James	Eloise Emma	Freya Essa	Pradeep Corbyn	Emma	Olivia	Reegan
6	Lilly	Harry Leo	Jaiton Jay	Jess Logan	Nikola	Ella	Erin
7	Aryan	Jake Mason	Jacob Michal	Kendall Lexi	Ellysia	Junior	Sean
8	Isla	Bella James	Gracie-Mai Parmeet	Oceane Betul	Amara	Lewis	Ajai
9	Lilijana	Seth Archie	Sienna Weronika	Udham Chase	Emelia	Kevins	Ashrouf

Best class attendance this week:

EYFS ~ Turtles ~ 93% ~ FANTASTIC

KS2 ~ Belugas' ~ 94% ~ SUPER

Friday Awards

The Cleanliness award is to encourage children to take care of their classroom environment and the areas around it. It is to ensure that children are proud of their classroom and it is a welcoming and safe environment to work in.

Each class are given points every time a member of the Senior leadership team, goes into their classroom. They can get 20 points if their classroom is perfect, 10 points if there are some things on the floor and 5 points if it is tidy but a little disorganised.

The class with the most points at the end of the week gets a class certificate and the cleanliness trophy. The children have really embraced this new award and were excited to learn which class had won, this was announced in our Friday's award assembly.

The Cleanest classroom is:

Base 4





Picture News

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In the news this week

Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Are decorations an important part of celebrations?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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