



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

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Dates

- Mon 16th – KS2 Party
- Tues 17th – Carol Concert 9.30am Church, Parents Welcome
- Tues 17th – Musical Theatre Performance – 3.30pm
- Weds 18th – KS1 Party
- Weds 18th – End of Term
- Mon 6th Jan – Spring Term starts
- Thurs 9th – Space Centre Trip, Willow and Oak



Letters Home

- EYFS Vision Screening
- Space Centre Trip – Willow and Oak



Merry Christmas from Art Club

Morning Activity Club

More Christmas crafting this week. We have made paper baubles, straw Christmas trees, 3D stars and pine cone trees. "On the back is Santa's workshop" – Benedict.



Out of School Club

This week we have enjoyed playing in our artificial snow and making Christmas boxes. Lots of Christmas bagels were eaten and rounds of Uno enjoyed by all.



Spanish

So this was our last Spanish session of the decade!! We continued the festivities throughout the school singing festive Christmas songs in Spanish, including Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, Frosty the snowman & Jingle bells. It was a lovely end to a fabulous autumn term & I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Have a wonderful Christmas - Feliz Navidad y prospero ano. Senora Anderson



Headteacher's Bulletin

The children's School Council made the decision for half the money raised from collections from some Christmas performances to go to Macmillan Cancer Support and other performances, towards supporting children with complex needs; the remainder will be put towards their planned school council priorities. The productions were wonderful: each one sharing the joy and excitement associated with this time of year. Other funds raised by the children, including, Christmas jumper day will go towards, Save the Children. It is wonderful that so many of our children are genuinely enthusiastic about giving to others; we can all be so proud of the concern and compassion they demonstrate in word and deed – the future is in good hands! I hope you all have a wonderful time over the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Graeme McLeod

Early Years and Key Stage 1



Ash – Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons:

This week, as part of our whole school 'cold write' the children watched the new John Lewis Christmas advert and then reflected on the characters in the story. They then independently wrote a description of either the girl or the dragon. In phonics we have learnt the new sounds 'r' and 'h' and tried to read and spell the tricky words 'I' and 'the'.

In Maths we have ordered numbers to 20 on Christmas stockings. In addition, this week we have also been making some Christmas crafts to bring home, we have watched the key stage two children perform their concert, we had a lovely day in Christmas jumpers enjoying our Christmas dinner and we have played hide and seek with a tiger! Just another 'normal' week in Ash Class!



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Stephenson:

The children really enjoyed watching the KS2 concert this week and also spent some time learning songs for the carol service next week, we do hope you can join us.

In English this week, we have been comparing Christmas traditions around the world, learning about the different foods that are eaten, presents that are given and we have also learnt how to say Merry Christmas in a few different languages. Thank you for all of the homework, it really helped our research. We have also looked at the Christian nativity story and sequenced it as well as writing sentences describing what happened.

Our Maths learning has had a Christmas twist with a number problem to build a snowman, Christmas counting and ordering numbers and other games to consolidate our learning this term. We are currently making a few little surprises for parents in our Art lessons and look forward to sharing those with you next week.

The children really enjoyed our fantastic Christmas dinner and especially wearing their festive jumpers as well as the annual Christmas shopping morning. What a busy time of year.

English: to compare Christmas around the world

Maths: to recognise and order numbers to 100.



Hazel – Mrs Keen:

What an exciting time of year with all the Christmas preparations! In English we watched the John Lewis advert and talked about the moral of the story. We then used this to write our own stories about how we could help others.

In Maths we have been practising our 2x and 10x tables using a range of equipment and practising quick recall with some on-line games. Remember the children can keep practising their Maths using the Mathletics program and their school log in. Please ask if you need a reminder of this.

On Wednesday we also had a school game of 'hide and seek' from the tiger! This is a practise procedure in case of an emergency situation so we tried to make it a fun game.

English: to write the next chapter in the Edgar the dragon story.

Maths: to gain fluency with the 2x and 10x table

Lower Key Stage 2



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees:

In Hawthorn this week we are getting into the Christmas spirit with rehearsals for the Christmas concert and the carol service next week. The children did a fantastic job performing their poem with lovely clear voices and sang enthusiastically.

In preparation for our cold writes we watched the John Lewis Christmas advert. They then did their own dramas of the story in silence using expression and over dramatisation of actions and feelings. They then chose the style of writing to use for their cold writes, with many choosing a diary or description.

We have solved puzzles using our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In Science we have explored the properties of different materials to see if they will make a shadow and deciding if the material is opaque, translucent or transparent. In Design Technology we have designed our lights, ready to build next week, if anyone is able to bring in any tubes or small boxes. Today everyone enjoyed Christmas lunch and are looking forward to shopping on Friday!

English: to complete a cold write.

Maths: to use the four operations to solve puzzles.



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton:

This has been the penultimate week of term. And a very, VERY busy week for every one and we have a lot of very tired children (and staff). It has been magical in many ways and the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert was fantastic. I am so proud of Oak class's contribution; they sang and performed beautifully. I was incredibly moved and amazed at the energy levels they maintained over all the rehearsals and the 3 performances in front of an audience this week alone. Well Done Oak Class.

We have been doing some Christmas themed maths based on times and division facts and they completed The Mystery of Mrs Claus' Christmas cake which involved the children solving lots of mathematical problems to crack the codes and find the Villainous Elf.

The children have had a daily spelling test on the year 3/4 Common Exception Words. When completed, a copy will be sent home, highlighting the words they need to learn at home. This is your child's personalised spelling list. They will be tested on these words regularly during the spring term. The expectation is that all the children will be able to read and spell all these words correctly by the end of this academic year. We have also completed a cold write this week based on the John Lewis/ Waitrose advert about Edgar the Dragon. I'm looking forward to reading their work.

Mrs Siddall finished off the Science Topic on Sound with the children. In topic the children worked in their expert groups to complete their information page for their Home group booklets.

This being the last newsletter of the term and 2019, it just remains for me to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and I will see you all in 2020.

English: to read and spell the year 3/ 4 Common Exception Words

Maths: to use my knowledge of multiplication and division facts to solve problems. .



Upper Key Stage 2



Willow – Mr Brown:

This week in Willow we conducted a final rehearsal early on in the week to ensure we were fully prepared for the KS2 Carol Concert. This proved beneficial as I'm sure you'll agree the children performed brilliantly and did themselves proud on each occasion. Our attention now turns to the church concert next Tuesday and the children enthusiastically practiced as a whole school to ensure this event will be just as successful.

On Wednesday the children completed their cold writing task based on the Excitable Edgar John Lewis advert. For this piece of writing, the children were able to select from a list of different genres of writing that they felt confident responding to which included diary writing, letter writing, character descriptions, story writing or and newspaper report. The children were very engaged and able to edit efficiently as they wrote and also confidently referred back to previous writing they had completed on their chosen genre to help themselves further improve. In our day to day English sessions we have been working hard to complete 'The Boy Who Flew' and have written plans and a diary entry to capture how the main character, Athan, is responding as he discovers more and more about who murdered Mr Chen.

In Maths the children have been looking at fraction sequences using mixed numbers by calculating what a sequence is increasing by, continuing a sequence and proving whether a sequence is correct or not and stating why.

In Science the children have finally completed the new experiments they designed in response to the first one they completed in order to discover further information based on previous results. The children then wrote up a summary and compared their two sets of results.



Beech – Miss Peck:

We have had a lovely festive week in Beech class. The children all performed amazingly in our Christmas concert and Miss Houghton and I are incredibly proud of them. They were very excited to finally share their song 'Jingle Bell Joel' with you all and show off their very creative costumes and props. We really hoped you enjoyed the concert too and that it helped to get you all in the festive spirit. The children all looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday and enjoyed their Christmas lunch with the rest of the school. On Friday, the children turned into Santa's elves and helped their buddies choose and wrap presents for their loved ones and then helped the rest of the school wrap their presents too! We hope you all enjoy unwrapping them on Christmas day.

In English, the children spent some time editing their letters from last week to make them even more emotive and to ensure that spelling and punctuation was consistent throughout. Towards the end of the week, the children completed our Cold write which was based on the John Lewis Christmas advert about Edgar the excitable dragon. The children were encouraged to interpret the advert in their own individual ways and decide what they wanted to write by using our cold write menu. Many of the children chose to write a diary, letter, newspaper report or story. The children were really inspired about Edgar the dragon and have produced some very imaginative pieces of writing.

In maths we have continued our unit on fractions and have been learning how to divide fractions and solve problems linked to this. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow throughout our fractions unit and to see them use a range of different strategies to help them achieve their answers.

The children have worked so incredibly hard this term and have been a joy to teach- they definitely deserve their Christmas holiday. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support this term and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year!