

R.E: This week we have introduced our new topic, 'Waiting'. We have been talking all about Advent. Please talk to your children about what they have found out about this important period in the Church Year.

Next week we will be holding our class retreats. We talk about the Christmas story and prepare and create our class Advent Calendar.

Key vocabulary: Waiting, preparing, Messenger, visit, celebrate, Advent, Jesus, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, shepherds, angels, Christmas, Bethlehem, manger, worship, wreath


English: This week we have continued our new book, 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We have discussed the characteristics of the lion, thinking about how he looks on the outside and how he feels on the inside.

We will continue working on this book next week.

Key vocabulary: Full stop, capital letter, finger spaces, instructions, first, then, next, finally

Maths: This week we have been working on fact families. A fact family is a group of maths facts or equations that use the same numbers. A fact family in maths can show the relationship between addition and subtraction.

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1	+	2	=	3
3	-	2	=	1
3	-	1	=	2

3	=	2	+	1
3	=	1	+	2
1	=	3	-	2
2	=	3	-	1

Key vocabulary: Numbers 1- 10, ones, tens, digit, addition, add, more, and, make, sum, total, altogether, subtract, equals, take away, bonds, part-whole, part, whole.

Science: This week we investigated what is a fossil and what is not a fossil. The children sorted pictures, labels and sentences of different artefacts successfully. We have been talking about the life of Mary Anning, next week the children will create a fact sheet about her.

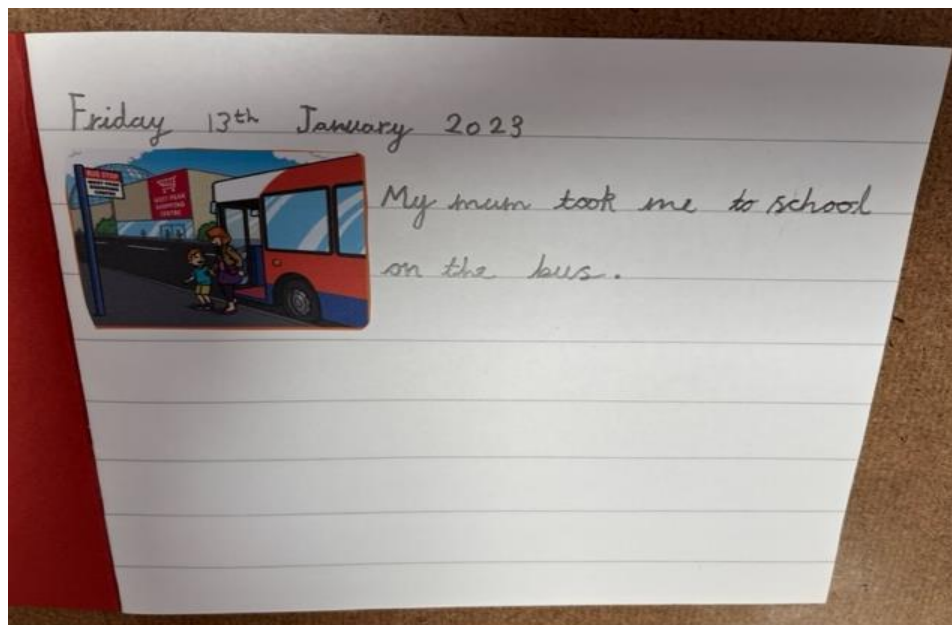
Key vocabulary: Fossil, ammonite, paleontologist, dinosaurs, prehistoric, markings, stone

Extra information:

Thank you to all those who have sent toiletries in for our South West Herts Partnership appeal. We have made a great start, please keep it going!

Please continue to watch the phonics videos with your child.

Homework: Your child needs to think of a well-constructed sentence about the picture and write it out neatly following the school handwriting policy, including the long date, please see example below. It is **very important** that you supervise your child when carrying out handwriting in order to reinforce good practice. Please use a writing pencil.



Please return homework by Monday.

Please see below for the Well Being challenge and Mark Mission.

Please continue to learn the songs for our Christmas performance. The link for the music is below.

We have been very impressed with the excellent effort and beautiful singing so far! Thank you!

****** Christmas Play costumes******

Your child will need:

Plain black t shirt (long/short sleeved)

Plain black trousers or leggings

Black socks

Silver tinsel as a headdress.



Please send this in to school next week in a **named bag** with **all items labelled**.

Numbers for the evening performance will need to be restricted so we will be sending home **one ticket that admits 2 adults**. Please organise babysitters in advance as all children who attend our school as well as pre-school children will **not** be able to come into the evening performance. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made appropriate arrangements, and it is also very difficult for staff who must turn them away.

There will be an afternoon performance (2.30pm) and an evening performance (6pm) on **Thursday 7th December**.

The afternoon performance will not be ticketed. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and not the evening performance.

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/the-angel-who-nearly-missed-it-all.html> or this link: [MUSIC: Year 2 Christmas - The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All - Songs | Northlands Primary School and Nursery \(primarysite.media\)](#)

As of Monday 27th we will be trialling sending both Year 1 classes home from the same door they enter through in the morning. Year 2 classes are trialling leaving from the computer room.

Enjoy the weekend.

Ann and Frankie

Five Ways to Wellbeing Challenge

GIVE

Create your own Advent calendar. Each day leading up to Christmas, write down one positive thing that you have done or that you are going to do. It could be a kind act, say a prayer or learn something new.

GIVE **BE ACTIVE** **TAKE NOTICE** **CONNECT** **KEEP LEARNING**

THE MARK 10

Mission

Christ the King

Mission

We want the world to know that
Jesus is the King of Kings.

Your Mission is to create a poster sharing this
wonderful news. You can then put it on
display for everyone to see.