

Year 2 Update – 17.11.23

We have had another great week in Year 2. Thank you to all the parents who have been helping the children to learn their lines for the Christmas show. Please continue to work with the children at home, especially with using expression when saying their line.

Please remember to return reading books to school by Wednesday each week but please ensure reading records are in school every day as class teachers need these to read with children individually.

Christmas Show 2023

Tickets for the Christmas show have been put in children's reading records today. For the Year 1 and Year 2 performance there will be an afternoon performance (2.30pm) and an evening performance (6pm) on **Thursday 7th December**.

Numbers for the evening performance will need to be restricted so we will be sending home two tickets for each family. 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 have to turn them away.

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

Some children have been asked to bring in items from home to wear, if this is your child a note explaining this can be found in their reading records.

Children have been given their lines to learn for our Christmas Nativity as well as the song words to practice. Their lines have been stuck into their reading records. You can find the songs for the play by following this link: <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 \(primarysite.media\)](#)

RE

In RE this week we have begun our Advent topic of Preparations. The children have been talking about the preparations they make before Christmas. We have then discussed the meaning behind the Advent wreath and why we light a different candle each week.

Next week, we will be looking at the different things Jesus was promised to be and how we can be like Jesus.

Vocabulary: preparing, Advent, Christmas, Nativity, waiting, Annunciation, Visitation

English

This week we have continued to look at the story 'The True Story of the Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka. The children have written their own alternative endings to the story with a different outcome for the wolf. They have been focussing on using adjectives to do this.

Next week, the children will be completing assessments in Reading and Grammar.

Vocabulary: alternative, folks, fairytales, endings, mountain

Maths

This week in maths we have been subtracting a 2 digit number from another 2 digit number, the children have been using base 10 to support them with this. We have also looked at mixed addition and subtraction word problems.

Next week: the children will be looking at comparing number sentences using the greater than, less than and equal to signs and continuing to work on word problems which involve addition and subtraction. We will also be

completing an end of unit assessment to check the children's understanding of our maths topics to far this academic year.

Vocabulary: part, part, whole, number bond, addition, subtraction, tens frame, multiple of 10, 10 more/ 10 less, 1 more, 1 less.

DT

Our DT topic this half term is Vehicles. The children have been focussing on how a vehicle moves using axel and wheels. They will be designing their own vehicles to make out of cereal boxes. **Please could your child bring in an empty cereal box over the next two weeks to make their vehicle.**

PSHE: In PSHE this week we will be continuing our topic about assumptions people can make about children/ boys and girls. We will be doing some activities to make the children think about things they have in common amongst their peers in class.

Extra information:

- Please make sure all children have plimsolls in school.
- Children need to have trainers in school to wear for PE lessons.
- School is closed on this **Friday 24th November** for an occasional day.
- **Thursday 7th December at 2.30pm and 6pm** are our Nativity performance, see details above.
- **Tuesday 12th December** is our trip to Watford Pantomime, children need to be in school at **8.40**.
- **School closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th December** for Christmas holidays.
- Here are links to some online learning tools relevant for Year 2 children:
[1-minute maths app](#) | [White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)
[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)
[ictgames](#) | [html5 Home Page](#)

Thank you for all your support,

Bella, Eleay and Aimie



CONNECT

Find a way of thanking someone for what they do for you. You might write a special letter or card. You might simply say thank you to that person. You might even choose different people over the week.

Our Mission this week:

To pray for all those who are the victims of wars that are going on around the world.