

R.E: This week we have been continuing with our Advent Class Worship, praying for different members of our school community and talking about how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

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

English: This week we have continued work on The Nativity Story. The children have been writing lots of sentences about the Angel Gabriel announcing the coming of Christ to Mary. The children learnt about Mary's cousin Elizabeth and wrote sentences about the Visitation based on Luke's Gospel story.

Key vocabulary: Full stop, capital letter, finger spaces

Maths: This week we have been consolidating addition and subtraction within 10 and have been finding the difference between 2 numbers. The children have been carrying out lots of practical activities to aid their understanding using multilink, counters and number lines to help them work out answers to their questions.

Extra information:

We are looking forward to having the Living Nativity in on [Monday 18th December](#), payment can be made via the school gateway.



We will be starting Gaelic football on Fridays when we return in January. Please ensure your child has joggers and trainers.

We finish school on Tuesday 19th December at 1:30pm and return to school on Monday 8th January.

Homework:

As this is our last update before Christmas we are not sending any homework or reading books home as we believe we all need a rest. Please continue to use any online websites such as the Oxford Owl and Education City if you would like to. Please continue to go over the phonics sounds with your child.

We have included a grid of Christmassy ideas to do if you are looking for a challenge.

Make a hot chocolate	Watch a Christmas movie with someone special	Do some baking	Draw your Christmas tree
Read your teddy a story under a blanket using a torch	Go for a winter walk	Tidy your room	Learn to tie laces into bows.

We want to wish you, your children and your families a very happy and healthy Christmas.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 8th January 2023.

Take care of yourselves and each other,
God Bless

Ann and Frankie



Five Ways to Wellbeing Challenge

GIVE

Think about a special Christmas present that you would like to give someone. It could be a gift that you make. Think about all the reasons why you would like to give this person a Christmas gift.

GIVE BE ACTIVE TAKE NOTICE CONNECT KEEP LEARNING

THE MARK 10 *Mission*

Joy of Advent *Mission*

Celebrate Christmas with Jesus in mind.
Enjoy the presents, songs, food and games.
As you do, remember that the true reason for
happiness and joy is that Jesus came at
Christmas to be close to you.