

Year 2 Update – 15.12.23

We have had a busy few weeks in Year Two! The children really enjoyed their trip to Watford Palace Theatre to see Cinderella, their behaviour was excellent on the walk and in the theatre – well done to all. A special thank you to our parent helpers. We also had a great few days in class with Christmas lunch and our Polar Express Day.

Please remember children will not receive a new reading book for the Christmas holidays. Children can continue to read books they have at home, you could visit the library and sharing stories as a family is a great way to keep up reading over the holidays.

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The children have been learning about the Nativity story and writing about these events this week. We have also completed some work for our Catholic Social Teaching – making Christmas cards to be distributed to a local care home on Christmas Day.

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

English

We have carried on our work on the Polar Express this week by looking at how we can uplevel our descriptive writing using expanded noun phrases. An expanded noun phrase is where two adjectives are used to describe a noun. The children used these to describe the illustrations from the story. Our work concluded with our Polar Express day which was enjoyed by all.

After Christmas: we will be focusing on traditional tales. Over the break you may want to read some of these stories with your child in preparations: The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Vocabulary: Christmas, persuasion, conjunction

Maths

The children have continued to learn about shape this week. We have been looking at recognising 2D and 3D shapes, sorting them and looking at their faces, vertices etc. We have also looked at shape patterns and made 3D shapes from nets to help us with our understanding of 3D shapes.

After Christmas: when the children return to school we will be learning about money – coins and notes. The children will be finding amounts using the least coins/ notes possible and adding amounts together.

Vocabulary: 2D, 3D, vertices, edges, curved, sides.

Science

This week in Science the children looked at the life of Edward Jenner. They discussed how vaccines are made and why they are so important. The children thought about what vaccines would have been like in Edward Jenners time in comparison to our time.

Home Learning – Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January

At the end of this update please find some Home Learning activities that the children can complete on the days when school will be closed for essential maintenance work on the 4th and 5th January 2024.

Living Nativity – Monday 18th December

This Monday Ark Living Nativity will be visiting the school. The children will get to see the animals and ask the keepers some questions. Here are some pictures of the event.

Ark Farm Living Nativity



Extra information:

- Please make sure all children have plimsolls in school.
- Children need to have trainers in school to wear for PE lessons.
- **Monday 18th December** Ark Farm living nativity visit.
- **School closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th December** for Christmas holidays.
- **School resumes on Monday 8th January** due to essential maintenance work. See information below about home learning activities.
- 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 this term, we hope you have a lovely festive period,

Bella, Eleay and Aimie



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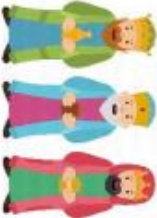





Think about a special Christmas present that you would like to give someone. It could be a gift that you make. Think about all the reasons why you would like to give this person a Christmas gift.

Weekly Mission



Christmas Home Learning suggestions

Below are some suggestions of activities you may like to do over the Christmas period and during the 2 days off in January.

<p>Go on a walk outside and look for signs of winter.</p> 	<p>Create a craft crown to bring into school and wear for our Epiphany party on Monday 8th January.</p> 	<p>How many kings visited Jesus? Can you find out their names?</p> 	<p>On a clear night, star gaze together. Can you find the brightest star?</p> 
<p>Move like a camel - can you make a camel dance?</p> 	<p>Think about what gift you would have given Baby Jesus and why?</p> 	<p>Write thank you cards for all the gifts you have received over Christmas. OR Write an Epiphany prayer.</p>	<p>Sing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star together. Can you use instruments to accompany you?</p> 
<p>Watch Beginners Bible Nativity on youtube.</p> 	<p>Play counting games on your Education City account or 'topmarks'.</p> 	<p>Reception and KS1 only: Read books on Oxford Owl.</p>	<p>Reception and KS1 only: Revise your phonics sounds.</p>