

## Year 6 Update – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

This week our Year 6 children got a chance to see the Key Stage 1 Nativity play, *The Angel that nearly missed it all*. There was a hugely positive response and the younger ones have certainly set high standards for the Year 6 performance in the Summer.

### Advent

We are in the first week of Advent. Our class worships have been led by the children. The children have looked at the different scripture that we hear around the time of Advent and they have re-written it from a different person's perspective. For example, the story of the Annunciation, written from Angel Gabriel's perspective. The children have written a prayer to accompany each day and an intention for them to complete.

### Religious Education

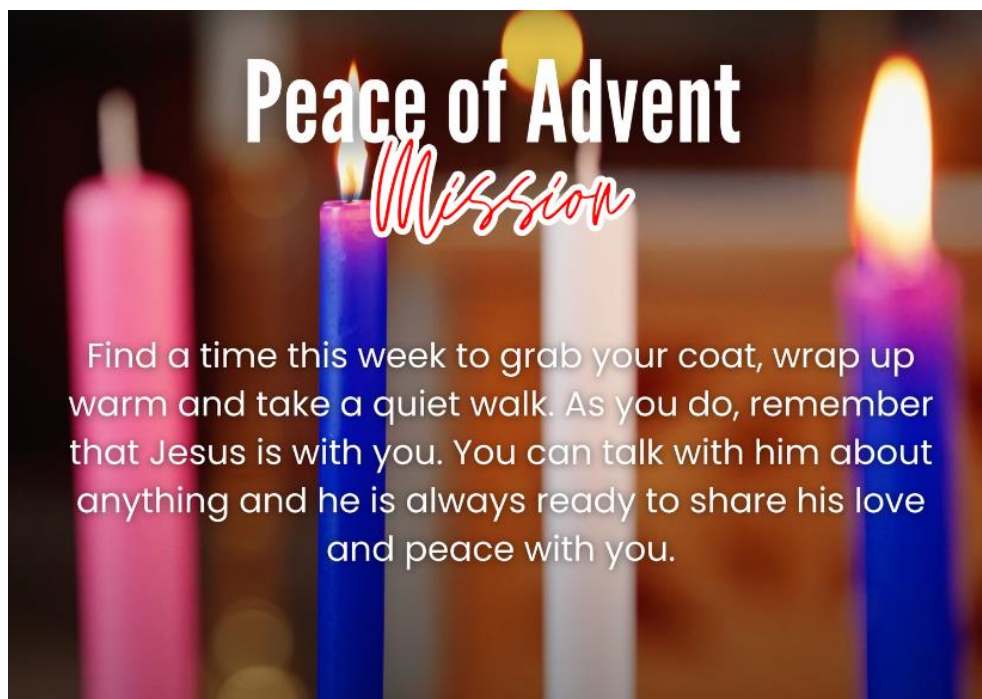
This week we have continued to work on our Advent topic. The children finished planning their class worships and these have been collated as a class book that we read from each day. The children have been working really hard with their class worships and all have been able to reflect during these times.

### Pre learning:

We will be continuing our new topic for Advent, *Expectations*, next week.

**Vocabulary:** vocation, commitment, chapters, New Testament, Gospel, Epistles, Revelation.

### Mark 10 Mission



## English

The children have read the first stave of *A Christmas Carol*: Marley's Ghost and discussed the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. The children wrote a journal account from Scrooge's point of view after he is visited by his nephew Fred and the two gentlemen collecting money for charity. They were encouraged to use some of Scrooge's infamous quotes such as, '...anyone who goes around with Merry Christmas on their lips should be boiled with their own pudding and have a stake of holly through their heart...' in order to add to the authenticity of their writing.

**Vocabulary:** phantom, incredulous, caustic, forbearance, spectre, Bedlam, workhouse

### Pre learning:

Next week we will be finding out what happens when Scrooge is visited by the first of the three spirits: The Ghost of Christmas Past and the effect that this experience has on him.

## Mathematics

This week in Maths we have been learning about the written method for multiplication and division. The children have worked hard in trying to use these to help them solve different problems.

### Multiplication

(Magic Zero method)

$$\begin{array}{r} 247 \times 32 \\ 247 \\ \times 32 \\ \hline 494 \\ \hline 7410 \\ \hline 7904 \end{array}$$

### Division

(Chunking method)

Handwritten division problems using the chunking method on grid paper:

- $1016 \overline{) 638}$  with  $\times 20: 320$  and  $\times 10: 160$  shown, resulting in  $39 \frac{14}{16}$  with a checkmark.
- $78 \overline{) 32}$  with  $\times 1: 16$  shown, resulting in  $46$  with a checkmark.
- $158 \overline{) 80}$  with  $\times 5: 80$  shown, resulting in  $078$ .
- $16 \overline{) 14}$  with  $\times 1: 16$  shown, resulting in  $14$ .

**Vocabulary:** Estimate, Approximately, Computation, Formal method, divide, multiply

### Pre-learning

Next week we will be continuing with solving problems that involve multiplication and division.

## Science

In Year 6 Lisbon, we have completed an experiment to test our pulses as we complete different exercises and our recovery rate. We will be moving on to our new topic electricity next week.

In Year 6 Padua, we have started our topic on electricity and we have started to look at various circuits. We have tested different circuits and investigated how volts can change a circuit.

## Pre-learning

Next week we will be testing the effect of the number of bulbs and batteries within a circuit.

**Vocabulary:** bulb, battery, cell, electron, current, voltage

## Christmas Dinner

The school Christmas Dinner takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the Year 6 children, members of staff and invited guests will enjoy this special occasion in the school hall. We will also be entertained by members of the school choir before our meal. Many thanks to Mrs Wilson who has been preparing the choir for this special day and when they perform at Holy Rood Church as well.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is also our Christmas jumper day. It is a day where the children can wear a Christmas jumper, t-shirt etc. The children **do not** need to wear their uniform on this day and **do not** need to bring in a donation.

## Christmas Party

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, children throughout the school will be having their Christmas parties. Year 6 will join together with Year 5 for different activities. As a year group we have got together to discuss different things that the children could bring in to contribute to the buffet. They have written this into their homework diaries. We will also be having a talent show where children get the chance to show off their musical, magical or even comedy skills. It is the highlight in our school calendar.

**Please note that Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is a non-uniform day.**

## Other Information

- A reminder that the last swimming lesson for Year 6 Padua takes place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- Please ensure that you have given permission for your child to attend the school trip to Bletchley Park on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Permission can be given via the School Gateway.
- School will finish at 1:30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- Please check your emails for the letters regarding school resuming on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## Five Ways to Wellbeing

### BE ACTIVE

Take some time to choose your family's Top 10 favourite songs or music that may be special for all sorts of different reasons.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 team 😊

