

Year 4 Update

Friday 13th December 2024

RE

- We have been looking at the signs and symbols of Advent by thinking about how the Church and Christian families prepare for Christmas.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will be exploring what Isaiah says about Jesus being the Messiah as well as looking at the symbols and actions of Gaudete Sunday.

English

- This week we have explored the use of fronted adverbials as a way to link sentences as well as expand on them. We also used subordinating conjunctions to explain how a TV works.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, we will be exploring how to use prepositional phrases.

Maths

- We have been learning how to convert units of time.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week we will be reviewing our learning and completing an end of term assessment.

Science

- This week we have explored food webs by thinking about how food pyramids work.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, we will continue to explore the role of predators, producers and prey.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Advent Symbol Wreath Purple Royalty Church Family	Inform Explanation text Conjunction Fronted adverbial	Time Minutes Hours Convert	Food web Natural habitat Predator Producer Prey

Homework:

There will be no maths or spelling homework this week.

Rosary (On Teams)	The Third Joyful Mystery- Due: Tuesday 17 th December
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Dates for your diary:	
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Christmas party day
Friday 20 th December 2024	School ends at 1:30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	Term begins

Christmas Party

On Thursday 19th December, we will be having parties to celebrate the end of term and Christmas. Your child has been asked to bring in an item of food to be shared as a buffet style picnic for the year group. Please read over the letter sent home and send your child with the correct item on the morning of the party.

Children can wear their own clothes for this day.

Below is a summary of what the children got up to during their final Forest School session this week.

Forest School

It was a cold day today, but all the children showed a lot of resilience and rose to the challenge of keeping themselves warm and active.

We started the session with the game 'Fox and Rabbit' which the children enjoyed so much last week. Then Emma told the children a story called 'The Spruce and the Star'. The moral of which is about being happy and content with what you have and having an appreciation for the natural world. Before the children's free choice time, we played the running game 'Ostrich Tag' to ensure everyone had warmed themselves up sufficiently.

Last week, lots of children had asked for more Christmas crafts for their final session. Some children whittled sticks with Emma and created some lovely elf characters that they decorated in original ways. Other children chose to work with willow and made Christmas stars and trees. Both these activities were tricky; from manipulating the willow effectively, to problem solving how to secure the different pieces, and maintaining enough finger strength to finish the task. They exhibited a lot of perseverance and were proud of themselves for completing their projects. Some children were keen to use the ladders again and Nicki supervised them while they climbed to the top. They made up an entire imaginative game involving

the ladders and our Forest Friends! Other children were busy den building with friends, and some helped the environment by doing litter pick.

We came back together at the end of the session and children shared their reflections about their Forest School experience this year. They discussed what their highlight had been and/or what they had got better at. It was lovely to hear their individual reflections. Highlights included: making fire, Emma's stories, the nettle soup, the mirror walk, and making the willow Christmas trees. Some of the things children said they had got better at included: connecting with nature, being creative and making things, picking nettles without getting stung, and trying new things.

We have thoroughly enjoyed this last term of Forest School with all of Year 4. They have been a pleasure to be with and have impressed us with their creativity, independence, and resilience.

Have a lovely weekend,

Orla & Abbie