



News and Homework for week beginning 7th December



In Maths... This week we have unpicked word problems across the maths curriculum. Identifying and working out the key information in questions and then remembering the strategies taught to solve them.

In English... We have begun to look at the Christmas Nativity and by using the genre of instructions we have started writing detailed descriptions to get the Wiseman to Bethlehem. We are looking particularly at the spelling of key words, alongside using imperative verbs and adverbs to ensure our sentences are interesting and detailed.

In EYFS... Sounds this week are /v/ /r/ /o/. The children really enjoy learning new sounds and particularly taking part in Geraldine the giraffe's phonics with Mr Thorne. They are also practising their graphemes and have written simple instructions to tell the king how to get to Bethlehem, by using a sound mat to locate the sounds within the words. They have also joined in all the rehearsals for the nativity and are dancing along with the other children and have definitely got rhythm! The children now have a library book and a regular phonetic reading book - please record in the reading diary how your child is progressing.

In other news... During science we completed the pre launch section of Tim Peake's diary and we are all set for launch day next Tuesday. We have also completed several rehearsals of our nativity; Prickly Hay. The children are extremely animated and their spoken voices are beginning to develop volume; we hope stage fright next week won't impact on this! They are all very excited and some of them have come home with little strips of paper requesting some additional under garments for their costumes. If they haven't passed these on, please can you ask them what extra bits they need? Year One also got to visit Welford Christmas Tree Farm this week and fed the animals and most importantly met the reindeers Kayta and Hector. In class the previous week, the children had viewed a few film clips of Polar Express (linked to literacy) and had been inquisitive in finding out what reindeers eat!

 Star of the week... **Charlie**, superb development in swimming this week, using an excellent breathing technique whilst swimming front crawl across the length of the pool - the swimming instructor was extremely impressed!



Spellings: None - Enjoy the Christmas break (or practice high frequency words).

Timetables: None

	Maths	Homework
Red		<p>We are very aware how busy families are at this time of the year; therefore please enjoy the break from homework. However if you are writing Christmas cards, can you help by ensuring letters are formed currently, preferably with cursive script.</p> <p>We would also like you to hear your child read as often as possible, in order to secure and maintain their progress over the Christmas period - Thank you.</p>
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