

# Class Updates - 10.12.2021



## Reception

This week Butterfly class have enjoyed taking part in different Christmas related activities to help support their phonic reading, writing and number skills.

Butterflies loved the Pantomime **Jack and the Beanstalk** and really got into the spirit of shouting out 'he's behind you!'.



The children really enjoyed the **RE/Music/Language Curriculum day** on Tuesday, especially finding out about how different countries around the world celebrate Christmas and learning some French Christmas songs too.

Children will now have their **individual list of Phase 2 Phonic sounds** that they need to re-visit ready for January, when we begin learning the Phase 3 sounds. You can find them in their **Reading Records**. Please tick off when they consistently recognize the sound, as we will also do in school. Thank you for your continued support.

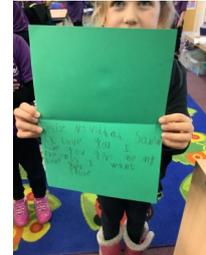
Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week the children have enjoyed learning about Christmas in Spain as part of our theme day. We started by looking at where Spain is on the map and how we would get there. We talked about the language they speak there and then we learnt some Spanish phrases including, "Feliz Navidad!" We decorated baubles and made Spanish Christmas cards. As part of our theme day, we also watched The Christmas Story. We then thought of questions that we could ask Mary, Joseph, the angel and the wisemen and did some hot seating which we loved! The children have also been busy rehearsing for the nativity. On Wednesday morning, the Panto came to St Mary's and we enjoyed joining in! Miss Nicholson & Mrs Potter



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

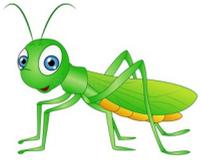


All this week we have been practising our Nativity. The children have worked so hard learning their lines and remembering when they come onto the stage. The songs sound amazing and the actions bring each one to life. We are looking forward to doing it in St Mary's church next week. The whole school enjoyed Jack & the Beanstalk panto, they enjoyed all the classic cheesy jokes, songs and silly acting. They came back to class full of Christmas joy. On Tuesday we had a day learning about Christmas in France and how it is celebrated, we then made Christmas cards in French and learnt French Christmas songs. In science we looked at how well the plants had grown over the last few weeks and recorded conclusions. We found the plant that had soil, water, light and heat grew the best, closely followed by the plant in cotton wool surprisingly. The class have been completing their Y2 Phonics Assessment this week and have made me SO proud with the progress they have made. This is down to their positive attitudes to learning and extra effort. Well done Caterpillars. Mr Pike

***New Christmas spellings will be in your child's reading record, please continue to help them practise each day.***



## Year 3 Update



What a busy week we've had in Year 3! The children enjoyed our RE/ music/MFL theme day on Tuesday. Some children shared the different ways they know how to say 'Merry Christmas', we sang Christmas Carols and we looked at how the Christmas Story is shown through these carols. In the afternoon, we looked at Christmas in Iceland and created Northern Light themed Christmas cards.

In science on Wednesday, Grasshoppers created their own shadow puppets and performed puppet shows using them. We looked at how we needed to use opaque objects to be able to create shadows and how moving the object away and towards the light source changed the size of the shadow.

The class loved watching and partaking in the pantomime on Thursday morning and did a great job of singing, booing and cheering along as they supported Jack and his friends in Jack and the Beanstalk.

It was brilliant to see the children all dressed up for our Ancient Egyptian day on Thursday. The costumes were fantastic and the children enjoyed partaking in some Egyptian maths, creating death masks and creating canopic jars. **Miss Allin**



## Year 4 Update



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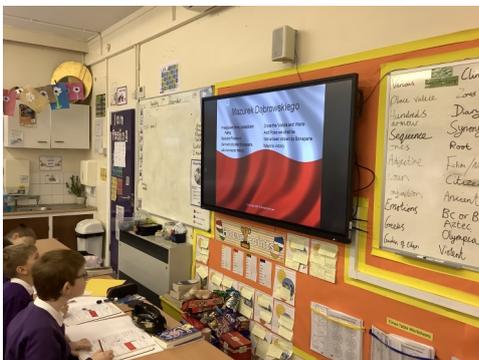
On Tuesday, we had a day of activities based on different subjects. We completed many tasks, and we were lucky enough to learn about other countries and their Christmas traditions. We started the day learning about Poland and found out different facts about the different cities. After that, we learned about Poland's different traditions at Christmas and created Christmas cards using the phrase 'Wesołych Świąt- meaning Merry Christmas! In the afternoon, we learnt about the Christmas story in the Bible, and the children created decorations that were a symbol of this story. After that, we listened to different Christmas songs in Polish and English.

On Wednesday, the children loved watching the pantomime and enjoyed feeling part of the performance. I was impressed with how the children engaged in this activity.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown**





## Year 5 Busy Bees Update

The children have really impressed us this week with their hard work and thoughtfulness as we work our way through the kindness calendar and think about what compassion means. We really enjoyed the RE/Music/Languages Curriculum day especially as our focus was on Christmas in Italy and we have the lovely Mrs Tickle who really helped to bring it to life for us as a native Italian. The children were particularly intrigued by la Befana—the witch who delivers sweets (or coal!) on 6th January. Ask them to show you how to make a broom out of newspaper! Of course, the delicious Italian festive puddings went down well, especially la Pandoro.

This time of year is also full of festive fun and the children have had plenty of it this week with the panto, xmas jumper day and of course the disco which has been sorely missed—the children loved busting some moves on the dancefloor!

***Mrs McInnes & Mrs Robinson***





## Year 6 Update

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Harry Potter World on Monday (albeit after a very delayed start)! The children arrived and were treated to a behind-the-scenes workshop, where they got to look at some of the props and costumes used in the Harry Potter films. We then grabbed a quick lunch before beginning the tour! The children explored The Great Hall (which was decorated for Christmas!), Gringotts, Diagon Alley, Green Screens for Quidditch and, of course, the gift shop (including Honeydukes!). The children were all very sensible, well behaved and a credit to St Mary's.

We'd also like to give a big thank you to Ms Macarthy and Mr Van de Poel for their help chaperoning the children!

The rest of the week was, perhaps not quite as magical, but still interesting! The children enjoyed a panto performance, a French/RE/Music day and rounded off the week exploring people who made big leaps forward in the history of Western medicine through the game 'Medicine's Got Talent!'

In the end, the children voted for Alexander Fleming as their favourite—ask your child what he did for medicine! *Mr Clarke*

