

Year 1 Newsletter 28.11.25

Christmas is coming...

As the excitement mounts in school we look forward to everything that the festive season has to offer. The children are looking forward to putting on a Christmas performance for you all and have been excellent in our rehearsals so far. All of the children will have a speaking part, either individually or in pairs, so we will practise their lines with them in school and we are all really enjoying learning the festive songs! This week, the children brought home a slip with suggestions of what colour clothes they could wear. We ask that these are brought into school in a named carrier bag no later than Friday 5th December. If you have any problems, questions or queries, please just email Miss Cassidy or Mrs Pringle or catch a member of the year 1 team at drop off or pick up.



Christmas Cards

We know the children enjoy sending cards to their friends and we encourage them to do so. We are suggesting to the children that rather than send an individual card to every member of their class, they put time and effort instead into making one card for the whole class. This will be shared with the class and displayed for all to see and enjoy in the run up to Christmas. We know how creative the children are and cannot wait to see what they produce. We also encourage them to write a little message to their class which they can read out.



Curriculum



We were intrigued last week by a rolled up map Mrs Hetherington found in school. She obviously knew that Year 1 were map experts as she came straight to us for help. The children excitedly noticed that it was a map of our school grounds and used fantastic vocabulary as they explained what they could see and how they knew what it was. There were some numbers on the map and even an 'x marks the spot' so we decided we would have to investigate. The children followed the map perfectly to find lots of hidden treasure and our final destination was the pirate ship. There we found a very old looking story map which we took back to class and have been examining closely to understand the 'Story of Pirate Tom'. Over the next two weeks we will be learning the story and using it to support lots of writing activities in English.

In mathematics we have been learning about capacity and we enjoyed investigating which containers hold more and how we can work it out. We then applied our skills and knowledge to solve some tricky problems back in the classroom. We are developing our reasoning skills by learning how to explain our answers. We have also been learning to recognise and order coins - try quizzing us at home with some real coins!



In PSHE we are enjoying our new unit, 'Celebrating Differences' and this week we talked about bullying. We learned that bullying is not just falling out with our friends but it is someone hurting someone or being unkind to the same person, over and over again. We then decorated a cap for our gingerbread man with an anti-bullying slogan.



Christmas Jumper Day

It was great to see so many festive jumpers in school today. Thank you for all of your kind donations for our Christmas Fair next week! The PTA have been working hard getting everything organised for it - we cannot wait to see what is in store!

Toys and watches

We have noticed that more toys have been coming into school recently. While we know how special these items can be, they can sometimes cause distractions or upset if they go missing or get damaged. We would really appreciate your help in keeping toys at home so everyone can stay focused and happy in class.

We do love to see children wearing watches as they learn to tell the time. We just ask that they bring simple watches rather than toy versions with games or extra features. Thank you so much for your support—it really makes a difference!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th December—Christmas Fair 3:30pm

Wednesday 10th December—KS1 Christmas Show for Y1 parents 2:15pm

Thursday 18th December—KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December—last day of term

Monday 5th January—teacher training day

Tuesday 6th January—first day of spring term



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