

# Year 1 Newsletter 12.12.25



## Wow!

We hope you were as impressed as we were with the children's performance of 'A Miracle in Town' this week. They all worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, use big voices, remember the words and actions to the songs and smile. We could not be prouder!

Proud to make  
a positive  
impact!

## Christmas Party Day

We are looking forward to our sparkly Christmas extravaganza next Thursday! In the morning, the children will enjoy a range of festive activities including a Christmas quiz and crafts. In the afternoon the children will enjoy some dancing, play party games and then have their party food. Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes and with a small, named plate of food for them to enjoy in the afternoon (no nuts please).

## Christmas Cards

We are really impressed with the cards the children have made and brought into school for their class. These have made a lovely festive display in our classrooms, so thank you! If your child has not yet made one there is still time, we would love to see how creative they can be and are always proud of the hard work they put in to their writing too.



## Curriculum

The children have been working incredibly hard on their writing over the last two weeks. First of all we learned 'The Tale of Pirate Tom', using actions to help us remember different parts of the story. We have completed lots of different activities that focus on helping us to develop a better understanding of what a sentence is and how to show the beginning and end of a sentence. We then showed off these skills when writing 'The Tale of Pirate Tom' from memory, using the text map to help us. The children should be very proud of all their hard work and the incredible progress they have made since September.



In mathematics we have been developing our knowledge and understanding of money. We focused on coins and discussed the differences in colour, shape and value. We ordered the coins from the least valuable to the most valuable and then applied our skills to a game. In today's world, children have far less experience of handling money than they used to, so it would be really helpful if they could have access to a range of coins at home to help develop their confidence. If you would like to develop your child's skills further over the Christmas break, you could set up a Christmas shop at home, labelling some toys with price tags and encouraging your child to buy them using real coins. Start with a few toys priced

below 10p and increase the value as they become more confident. Then challenge them to buy more than one item.

Over the last few weeks in art, we have worked on the skill of sketching, drawing both a pirate and a pirate ship. We have also explored watercolour techniques such as wet on wet, wet on dry, gradient and wax resist. We are excited to put all of our new skills into practice to create our final pirate picture and we cannot wait for you to see what the children produce!



## Thank you to our PTA

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our PTA who worked incredibly hard to put on a magical Christmas Fair last Friday. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and join in the fun.



## Reading

We are really pleased with the progress the children are making with their reading, it is clear that there is a lot of hard work going on at home and it really is making a difference. When we return after the Christmas break, we will begin the process of reassessing the children. As you can imagine, it takes a little while to assess each child but we will let you know when this process has been completed. Children will not necessarily move levels at each assessment point and this is completely normal. If you have any questions about your child's reading please speak to your child's teacher.

## Year 1 Reading Challenge



After the holidays, we would like to challenge every child in Year 1 to read to an adult at home at least **3** times every week. We hope this will really motivate the children to read more as we know the impact that additional reading at home has. In return, the children will receive a golden ticket for each week that they achieve this. The ticket will go into a weekly draw with a chance to become a '**Boss of the Week**'. The more tickets you have as the weeks go on — the more chances you have to win! In order to complete the challenge an adult **must** circle the days that they have read and initial their reading record. Happy reading and good luck everyone!



## Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a magical, restful and happy Christmas and look forward to continuing on our learning journey with you in the New Year.

## Dates for your Diary

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

# Merry Christmas!

