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Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Cards

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends in school, they can bring them in from Monday 15th December and post them in the in-school post box. They will then be delivered by Year Six post people on the same day. Please ensure that envelopes state the name and class of the recipient.

Christmas Nativity Performances.

Our Key Stage One Nativity performances are on Monday 15th December 6pm and Tuesday 16th December 2pm. This week, we will begin practising our Christmas nativity songs. Each class will sing a class song on the stage. The words to be learnt were sent home as homework.

2H will be making paper crowns in school to wear while they sing their song about the 3 Wise Men. Please can 2H children bring in a cape or gown to wear to look like a king. Robes shouldn't be too long as the children need to be able to walk on and off the stage safely. School uniform will be worn underneath.

2W will be singing a song about the arrival in Bethlehem. Therefore, they will be innkeepers or visitors to Bethlehem. Leggings, over-sized t-shirt with belt, waistcoat, dressing gown, tea towel headdress if desired etc are suitable. If you are not sure, please ask Mrs Wall.

Costumes do not need to be purchased or be elaborate.



Costumes can be brought into school from Tuesday 9th December. Please label costumes clearly.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day for playtimes and a warm top or complete tracksuit for outdoor PE.

Reading

Please let us know via a note in the diary if your child has been enthusiastic to read and has worked hard on reading at home and we will reward them with a sticker in school.

Maths

This week, we will,

- Compare and group 3D shapes based on their properties.
- Identify, name and learn the properties of 3D shapes.
- Find vertical lines of symmetry of 2D shapes.
- Continue to practise fluency of 1 more, 1 less and 10 more and 10 less than numbers.
- Develop fluency counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.

English

This week, we will focus on grammar and handwriting. We will:

- Identify and write statements, questions, exclamations and commands.
- Practise proofreading for grammar, verb tenses, sense, punctuation and spelling.
- Continue to learn horizontal and diagonal handwriting joining techniques.

Science

This week, we continue to learn about materials. We will look at metal and fabric. We will investigate the properties of these materials and discuss which material is most suitable for various purposes.

Geography

This week, we continue our Geography topic where we compare the geography of where we live with the geography of Kampong Ayer in Brunei on the island of Borneo. We will also be comparing the schooling in Kampong Ayer with schooling in our country.

Reading Books



Thank you for reading regularly with your child at home. It makes a big difference. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and/or phonics book home every night to read with an adult at home. They should also ensure that they bring it back each morning to read in school either independently or with an adult. Library books can be changed on any day. Phonics books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Children should work for half an hour and complete as much as possible. This does not have to be all in one go. Homework is designed as a consolidation exercise and as an opportunity for demonstrating knowledge and understanding and should not be onerous.

General information

- P.E. kits, reading books and home-school diaries will be needed in school every day. PE kits can be left on their peg.
- Please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat.
- As always, it is important to label all your child's belongings with your child's name.
- A labelled drink bottle for WATER should be brought to school each day.
- PE lessons will take place on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors).
- We love to hear about important events or occasions in the children's lives. We set aside a short amount of 'show and tell time' once a week, usually on a Monday. This is the weekly opportunity to share with the class or bring in special things to show.
- Please ensure that important information is communicated to school using the home-school diary. Please ask your child to make us aware of messages.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harding & Mrs Wall

