

This Week

As we near Christmas there have been many highlights this week including: our beautiful Christingle service; our trip to Harpenden library, where we learnt about the e-library app as well as creating Christmas tree decorations from old library books; our Christmas family group morning yesterday where each group explored and presented how Christmas is celebrated in another country; and our festive lights science project using electric circuits.

As if that wasn't enough fun for one week, this morning the children have worked in teams of three to create large collage portraits of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert using a range of materials from the Scrap Store. They are stunning and we will send photos home next week.

Maths and English

This week in maths the children developed their understanding of fractions by adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers, as well as starting to learn about multiplying and dividing fractions. They also went over their maths SATs paper two to see how they could learn from their mistakes.

In English the children wrote, edited and improved their fantastic recounts of the Dickens' Museum trip, focusing on time conjunctions to link events and relative clauses to add interesting detail. The children also included rhetorical questions to engage the reader. They also wrote some amazing Christmas poetry using the 'shun' words we've been investigating in phonics (these are displayed outside the hall in the entrance area so please take a look).

Next week we will use measure and conversions in maths to help with our Christmas baking and will write Christmas inspired stories in English!

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Home Learning

There is no home learning over the Christmas holidays – we hope you all have a fun filled and restful holiday spending time with family and friends.

Yesterday the children shared their home learning, looking at refugees around the world, linked to our RE session 'Is the Christmas Story a story of refugees?' It was wonderful to see the range of research and presentation methods – from a refugee quiz, created by Zachary, to some informative and moving Powerpoints and drama.

Have a lovely Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you and your wonderful, unique children in 2017!

Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne



Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **the whole class!**

My personal highlight this week has been reflecting on the progress the children have made individually and as a team in terms of their learning, attitudes to learning and responsibility. They have worked incredibly hard right up to the very end of an incredibly busy term and have shown amazing perseverance and enthusiasm throughout. They should all feel very proud.

Next Week

Next week we have a fun packed few days before breaking up (Wednesday 12 noon).

On **Monday 19th December** we will be watching the Muppets version of Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**. We will also be using Laser Guns (hired by FOHA for the KS1 party this Sunday) in our Monday PE session.

On **Tuesday 20th December** we have Christmas lunch followed by our **KS2 Christmas party** (games in class then party plates in the hall). Please remember to come into school in uniform but bring party clothing and a plate of party food (covered with clingfilm).

On **Wednesday 21st December** we will be having a **Christmas forest school session** (voted for by the children as a reward for reaching well over 1000 dojos) involving a picnic, Christmas nature art and lots of tree climbing and den building. If anyone wants to join us you'd be most welcome 9.30 – 11.30.