

This Week

Our highlight this week was definitely our trip into London to the Dickens museum where we got to explore the house that Dickens lived in between 1837-1839 as well as taking part in a *Christmas Carol* workshop. The children discovered many fascinating facts about Dickens' life and in particular about the importance of *A Christmas Carol* in reviving people's love of Christmas. They looked at the characterisation of Scrooge and had a go at writing their own character description for him and the lady running the workshop was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and creativity.

Another highlight was watching the Reception nativity yesterday.

Maths and English

This week the children have worked really hard during their mock SATs sessions. The results and next steps will be sent home to give you next week to give you an idea of the progress they have made this term and their next steps.

This week in maths the children have been comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

Next week we will continue our fractions learning, looking at multiplying and dividing fractions, using the context of Christmas problem solving.

In English we have continued our classic fiction topic, based on the Victorian book *Street Child* by Bertie Doherty, continuing our biographies on Dr Barnados, who was inspired by the true story of Jim.

Next week we will finish, edit and improve our biographies.

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Home Learning

The children's Christmas decorations are fabulous and are brightening up our Shakespeare tree.

Please see this half term's home learning tasks in your child's home learning book.

This week we the biography reading response activity continues and is due in on Wednesday 14th December.

In addition, our spelling pattern next week is the 'shun' sound– please look out for the different graphemes (letter groups) for the same phoneme (sound) in your reading and talking eg **passion**, **multiplication**, **musician**,

Pre learning for maths – please continue to revise fractions, in particular converting fractions with different denominators to have the same denominator using common multiples to enable you to add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

**Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the festive atmosphere,
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne**

Proud Cloud and Fine diner

Our Proud Cloud this week is **Sienna** for being empathetic, kind and inclusive with a range of friends this week.

Our fine diner this week is **Reuben** for his impeccable behaviour and fantastic role modelling in the lunch hall and around school.

Next Week

Next week we have our **KS2 Christingle service at St Nicholas' church 6-7pm on Wednesday 14th December**. The children have been rehearsing hard and we look forward to sharing the beautiful singing with you. Please let us know if your child is unable to attend.

On **Tuesday 13th December we are visiting Harpenden library**, linked to our book art project as the library created amazing Christmas decorations out of old books last year. The visit also ties in with our biography English topic.

On **Thursday 15th December** we have family group Christmas activities in the morning the **sharing afternoon** for you to come and celebrate the children's learning this half term **2.50 – 3.20pm**.

On **Friday 16th December** it is **Christmas Jumper Day** – please bring a **£1**.