



Weekly Review

30th November 2012



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Preparations are continuing for our Christmas plays and the children have been very busy this week practising song words, dancing and acting.

We have enjoyed introducing the class to the Starz learning platform. All the children have a Starz account, and should have a log in card in their reading folder. We have talked about how to log on and the children have been taking it in turns in school. If you would like to try at home and are having any problems logging on please let us know and we will try to help. The Blogg family have joined Starz too and they are updating their blog as they go on their travels so encourage your child to look at it and make comments on the blog. Have a lovely weekend!

Literacy

The children have worked very hard this week completing their story plans and beginning writing their own stories based on 'The Magic Paintbrush'. All of the children thought about including interesting descriptive words to enrich their writing.

Some of the children found more words using a thesaurus.

The children enjoyed sharing their story ideas with their partner and then writing them up. The children focused on their sentence punctuation and connecting their ideas with key words such as first, suddenly and after.

Next week we are going to look at winter poetry and styles of presentation. Can you find a good example of a winter poem to bring in and share with the class?



Numeracy



Numeracy work this week focussed on division and how we can find half of an amount by sharing into two groups. We learnt lots of mathematical vocabulary associated with division, eg, divide, share between.

The children tested their doubling and halving skills at speed and enjoyed an investigation to look at the patterns of odd and even numbers in a hundred square.

Mental Maths/X Tables

There will be no further testing this term prior to the holiday. We are going to review times tables and will let you know our new plan for the Spring term after the holiday.



Enrichment Curriculum



The children were excited to discover on the blog of our class Starz page that the Blogg family have now arrived at a new destination. The family sent us lots of clues to try and guess where they were. We managed to work out and guess correctly that they have safely landed in Australia.

We have already begun researching the world's smallest continent and are going to enjoy thinking of lots of questions to ask Miss Nicholson, who grew up in Australia!

We are looking forward to looking at some examples of Aboriginal Art and designing some patterns of our own.

Notices

Christmas Activity Morning - Weds 19th Dec



Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to help in any way, either on the day or preparing resources, by returning the reply slip to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

Christmas Plays

- Wednesday 12th Dec - afternoon & evening
- Thursday 13th December - evening

Costumes - we would be grateful if all costumes can be brought into school as soon as possible next week in a named bag or hanger.

KS1 Projects Assembly - Friday 14th December
We will let you know any further Christmas information on next week's newsletter.

KS1 Special Projects Homework



*To design and make a Christmas Tree decoration.
(This homework is due in on Tuesday 11th December prior to the
KS1 Projects Assembly on Friday 14th December. Finished
decorations will be displayed in the entrance hall.*

Best wishes

Mrs Seymour and Mrs Daniels