



Pedar's Newsletter



Friday 15th December

With just 3 days left of school, the countdown to the Christmas holidays is almost at an end. The children have worked hard this week, and been very patient with all the interruptions to their usual timetable due to Christmas play rehearsals. However, their hard work paid off and I am sure you will agree that they all did a wonderful job. The most important thing is that they all really enjoyed themselves. Here they are awaiting nervously for their first performance...or rather not:



As you can see by the photos lots of fun was had today, first making and decorating our amazing Christmas hats this morning and then enjoying our delicious festive lunch prepared for us by Bourn Bistro:

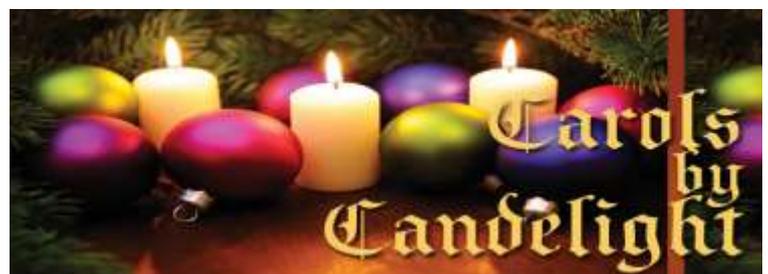
I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy a peaceful and well-deserved Christmas break.



Dates for your diary

- ✚ Wednesday 19th December = Last day and community assembly
- ✚ Monday 7th January = First day of the spring term (all children back)
- ✚ Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February = Half term
- ✚ Friday 5th April = Last day of term

On **Tuesday 18th December** at 6pm, we will be having our annual Carols by Candlelight service in the church, which will include our talented Bourn Primary Academy orchestra, the KS2 choir and a special presentation by Year 6. All families are very welcome and we look forward to seeing many of you there.



English

As our unit on imagery in poetry comes to a close, year 3 have enjoyed their last poem: Lone Dog by Tony McCloud. They were challenged by a few tricky words and spent a lesson learning how to use a dictionary to look for unknown words. This proved rather difficult for some children so would be a good thing to practice over the Christmas holidays if you get a chance-or even helping them to master the order of letters in the alphabet as a first step, which would help them to locate words in the dictionary.

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As a class we wrote a profile of the lone dog, describing his personality, appearance, likes and dislikes from what we had read about in the poem and the children then drew a picture of the lone dog from our profile. They then had a go at writing their own profile of a chosen animal, trying to select the best adjectives and words to describe his/her personality and appearance. We had some very imaginative animal profiles emerging!

Science

Our science focus for this half term was Animals including humans. We have learnt what constitutes a balanced diet and the importance of eating one in order to stay fit and healthy. We have appreciated the key difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and gained confidence in naming different examples. We are able to recognise and identify the key bones in the human skeleton and draw the basic skeleton of other animals and birds. We have learnt that the key functions of a skeleton are to keep us upright and give us shape, protect our internal organs and for movement. We also know that muscles play a very important role in helping us move and that they work in pairs.

Here is a great online game where you can practice naming bones in the human skeleton and even assembling a skeleton against the clock.
http://www.abcya.com/skeletal_system.htm

What is your fastest time?



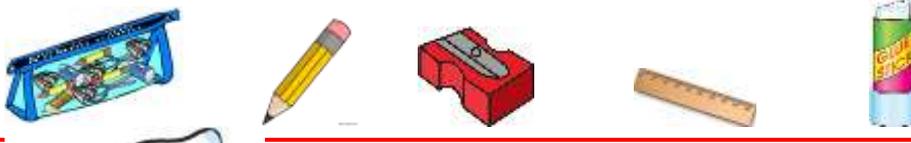
Maths

We have been learning about time this week, not just how to tell the time but also how to read and write it, to the nearest minute. We have cut out and made our own clocks with working hands, and practised setting our clocks to specific times. The children also tested and challenged their friends with the trickiest times they could come up with.



Spanish

This term Year 3 have been learning how to pronounce vowels and irregular letter sounds in the alphabet and can now accurately read some Spanish words, some of them even mastered a few Spanish tongue twisters! They have also learnt how to count to 20 and are beginning to gain confidence in naming stationary items in their pencilcase: Mi estuche



Christmas Practice and Test Results

There is no written homework to complete over the Christmas holidays but please feel free to practice 'Time' with your children to help them in maths and give them some additional practise using a dictionary and being confident with the order of words in the alphabet, if needed, for English.

End of Term Spelling Results: /15

End of Term Maths Test Results: /15