

# Class Cherry Newsletter

December 2018

Well done to everyone in Cherry class for their wonderful Christmas productions this week. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great team work and patience. We are particularly proud of Amishi and Imogen for stepping into new parts at the last moment and all the children for adapting to last minute changes. We are so pleased that Milo has returned to school now he is better, he will have his 'big break' another time! Thank you to families for providing props and costumes and helping the children to learn lines. It is lovely to end the week with the children in their festive jumpers, making Christmas hats and enjoying their Christmas lunch.

We look forward to our last few days next week and having lots of festive fun in the lead up to the winter break. We hope many families will join us for the Church Carol Service on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and at Mrs. Page's leaving assembly on Wednesday morning. The children also have the opportunity to participate in the talent show on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs Smith will check what the children have prepared at the start of the week.

Wishing all Cherry families Seasonal Greetings and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Smith and Mrs Faulkner

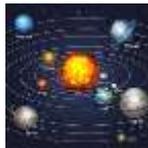
## ENRICHMENT

The children continued to learn about Ancient Egypt this term. They were fascinated by the gory details in learning about the process of mummification and also found out about how and why pyramids were built. The children studied the Ancient Egyptian understanding of the afterlife and also their beliefs in Gods and Goddesses. They ended the unit in developing skills in reading and writing in hieroglyphics.



## SCIENCE

This half term we finished our topic on Materials and their properties by using different methods to separate mixtures and solutions. We have now started our new topic about The Planets. We have investigated the evidence for a spherical Earth, found facts about each planet and looked at how scientists changed their views over time about the Sun being the centre of our Solar System.



## ART

This half term the children have enjoyed making their own Ancient Egyptian mummies! They began by using air dry clay to make miniature bodies and then wrapped them in bandages to mummify them. Next they created their own Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus boxes to put the mummies in by measuring and drawing out cuboid nets and decorating the sides with elaborate mummy designs and symbolic hieroglyphics.





## SPANISH

In Spanish this half term we have been learning about foods that we eat for breakfast and how to give our opinions by saying, 'I like', 'I do not like', 'I love' and 'I hate'. Children are now able to express their preferences for different food types and ask others their opinions!

## ENGLISH

In English this half term, we have read the classic children's text, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and used the story as a stimulus for creating various pieces of writing such as a diary entry, a setting description and a letter. The children very much enjoyed sharing this class text and reading through the chapters together. We also did lots of reading comprehension activities related to the story to develop key comprehension skills such as inference and deduction and commenting on the writer's language choices. The children might like to watch the film at home.

## MATHS

In Maths this term the children carried out a multiplication and division unit with Mrs. Smith and a perimeter and area unit with Mrs. Faulkner. The children have been continuing to practice their mental maths skills and a focus was placed on supporting the children to become more familiar with their times tables. The pupils also carried out different mathematical problem solving and are beginning to develop skills in finding outcome with many possible solutions and reaching answers through trial and error.

## P.E.

In P.E. the children have been practicing their cycling skills with Mr. Gawthrope and it has been lovely to watch them all riding around the school grounds.

