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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! We have one more week left of this Autumn term! It really has raced by and we are delighted to have packed so much into it - despite the restrictions we've faced as a result of Covid.

The M and M Productions Pantomime was brilliant! It was so interactive for the children and everyone really enjoyed it - Oh yes they did!!



Reception

In Reception, we have had even more fun this week, than we usually do. We have been learning the sounds of ch, sh, the and ng and are thoroughly enjoying our reading. We've looked at Christmas symmetry and what it means to be symmetrical and have made some amazing Christmas baubles, three boxes and angel wings. We loved our Christmas Jumper and Pantomime Day and hope you all enjoy our Christmas performance of our version of the Gingerbread Man which Mrs Bentley filmed. What a week!



Year 1

This week, we completed our first Big Write where we put into practice all we have learnt this term about descriptive writing, characters settings and punctuation. Mrs Abraham, Mrs Powell and Mrs Giacomelli said they were blown away by the progress we've made and quality of our writing. We've been completing some fun Christmas Maths activities and making our own Christmas Stockings in Art and we've also learnt how to make a Christmas gift.

Year 2

We completed our Phonics screening this week and apparently did really, really, really well! We've also completed some Christmas themed Maths activities and used our shield designs to start making our shields out of a variety of materials. Next week, we can't wait to make swords out of junk modelling. We loved the Pantomime yesterday and can't believe how interactive it was. We're looking forward to the next Panto already!



Year 3

In English this week, we've been completing an independent write about different aspects of Ancient Egypt, sharing everything we've learned this term. We've continued with our shape topic in Maths, solving perimeter problems and identifying parallel lines and right angles within a shape. Our Tutankhamun masks are really coming along and we hope to finish and bring them home next week. We're looking forward to sharing the poem we've performed and filmed next week.

Year 4

We've continued our work on *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, writing instructions for the White Witch on how to trap a child of Adam, or son of Eve. We've finished our work on perimeter by working on two part problems and have been designing a Christmas symbol or object that shows the Christian meaning of Christmas. We thoroughly enjoyed our focus on Christmas music this week and through the Wizard of Oz Panto was hilarious!

Year 5

In English, we've been focussing on the story of 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'. We picked out the medieval language such as 'joust, oblige, noble and smile', have talked about what it means and will use this to write our own version. In Science, we've planned and carried out an investigation to test what things affect the time it takes for salt to dissolve in water. We've really enjoyed our collaborative work where we planned edible treats that we're going to make next Wednesday. Yum yum!

Year 6

What week! This week, we've explored the concept of conscientious objection and conscription, working on empathising with those men and women impacted by the Military Service Act of 1916. We've been imagining that we are conscientious objectors from WWI ourselves and written formal letters appealing to be allowed not to join the war. We've continued to design our own WWI tanks and can't wait to start building them next week.

Reminders for next week

- Christmas Dinners will take place next week as follows:
Reception, Year 1-3 - Tuesday 15th December
Years 4-6 - Thursday 17th December
- The last day of term is Friday 18th December with Reception, Years 1 & 2 finishing at 1.15pm and Years 3-6 finishing at 1.30pm.

Travel Survey

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the travel survey that was sent by ParentMail this week. If you haven't yet done this, please can we ask that it's completed no later than Wednesday 16th December.

Permanent Site Update

Mrs Fallon and I, joined by Esme Tiplady (one of our Parent Governors) and Dan Pagella (Member of the Heights Trust) visited our permanent site yesterday. It was so exciting to see the progress that continues to be made and we're going to share a collage of photos with parents next week.

Dates for the Diary

School Christmas Dinner – Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3	Tuesday 15 th December
Flu Immunisations – Catchup session	Wednesday 16 th December
School Christmas Dinner – Reception, Year 4-6	Thursday 17 th December
Travel Plan Working Party	Wednesday 16 th December 9.30am
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 th December – early finish
Start of Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2021

Kind regards,
Karen Edwards