



Week beginning: Monday 18th December 2017

Dear all,

This is the final week before Christmas, so Seasons Greetings to one and all! We look forward to seeing those of you who will be able to join us for the KS2 Carol service at the church on Tuesday, when Sycamore will be performing on the ukulele. As music lessons happen on my SLT day out of class, I shall be excited to find out what they have been up to, along with all of you.

The children will enjoy their class Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon, and Christmas lunch, along with Christmas Jumper Day (£1 for charity, please) on Thursday.

Literacy - Genre ~ Fiction

Our final unit of work this half term is based on the text Baby Crow – a story whose moral is 'be careful what you wish for'. The children will write their own stories about an animal that has a problem and decide whether it should be fixed, or not. Our skills focus will be speech punctuation and balancing narration and dialogue.

Maths –Position and direction

Our maths work this week will focus on finding and plotting co-ordinates, which, all being well, should give us the chance to complete some suitably festive pictures...

Home learning

Literacy

Each week the children will have spellings to learn. These will be handed out on a Friday and tested the following week – generally Thursday, but depending on other events in any given week.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads on a daily basis, for at least 15 minutes. Their reading book and reading journal (to record their reading) should travel to and from home/ school each day.

Maths

Mental Maths Target for the term – times tables. Again, we will use an Olympic challenge approach so the children progress through different levels as they grow more confident. The National Curriculum sets the expectation that all children should be fluent with tables to 12x12 by the end of Y4. Please check with your child which stage they are on and support them with practice at home -speedy and accurate recall of x-tables will greatly support your child with our work on written multiplication and division later this half term.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

Sarah Pooley