



Our Lady's Bishop Eton Primary School



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 Week: 6 Week ending: 09.12.2022

Religious Education

Advent / Christmas – Waiting – Birthdays

This week in assembly we lit the 3rd candle on the wreath. This symbolises joy.

This was appropriate on Wednesday as we had our Nativity performance. This was a great start to our Christmas festivities this week. The children were amazing. They were so sensible as they came into school in their costumes and waited to go into the hall and they walked in so reverently and beautifully. They spoke and sang so clearly and wowed us all - we were so proud of them! It is hard to believe that they have only been in school for one term and yet were confident enough to speak or be on the stage in front of an audience. Well done Reception – you are all superstars!

Communication & language

Literacy

This week we read a variety of stories that link to Christmas and the different traditions. We looked at 'Dear Santa' and used a variety of describing words to talk about the different presents. We also linked this to our maths this week which was learning about 2D shape.

We also read 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present' and discussed what could possibly be inside after Father Christmas' herculean efforts to get it to Harvey in time for Christmas. Finally, we read 'Dear Father Christmas' and talked about what has been in our letters to Father Christmas!

Library / Reading books

Today we collected in the reading books. Next week the children **will not** bring any books home but will still read in school. If you have any outstanding reading books at home can we ask that you send them back to school. We will check our records and send a slip home with any books that have been given out to remind you to have a look for that particular title at home.

We do have many sets with books missing from the past few weeks so please have a look at home for these as missing /damaged books will incur a replacement charge.

Maths

This week we continued to explore 2D shape. We looked at the differences between squares, rectangles and triangles and discussed if they were still the same shape if their size changed. We talked about the properties of the shapes such as sides and corners and whether the sides were straight or curved. The children printed with 3D shapes and used the 2D shaped faces to make pictures.

Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Today we had our Christmas jumper day – thank you for your kind donations which will be forwarded to save the children. Our whole school community also celebrated with a lovely Christmas lunch. In the afternoon we had a party afternoon. The children had used their creative skills to make a party hat, we had some yummy party food and busted out our best dance moves and musical bumps!



Understanding the world

Ahead of our trip to Croxteth Park Farm and Grotto on Monday, the children are very excited. We will eat our lunch when we arrive and then we will explore the farm and feed the animals before going to visit Mother and Father Christmas in the Grotto. Given that the weather has been very cold this week, please ensure children have hats, scarves and gloves with them in school. If you do not have wellies in school, please remember to send a pair into school and if the weather is bad, we will pair these with our waterproof suits which are in school already. Similarly, if you have not yet sent a suit into school, please do so in case the weather is bad as the children love to be outside come hail, rain or shine. Children will be collected straight from the Monastery at roughly 3.30 so school shoes will still be in school and children will change back into them when they return to school on Tuesday. All children may wear joggers on Monday to keep them warm (these do not have to be school ones).

Reminders for the diary

Thursday 22nd December: Break up – 1.00pm

Wednesday 4th January: School opens for spring term, 8.40am