



We have barely brushed into December but we seem to be announcing our penultimate Learning Letter for 2023! The next couple of weeks will continue as usual, but with a couple of Christmassy bits thrown in here and there. Thank you so much to all those who attended our Christmas service on Wednesday, there was a bitter chill in the air that was hopefully warmed with the festive feeling and fantastic effort from Year 3 combined. Well done to all of them for such a brilliant performance!

The last two weeks of the year:

- In **English**, we will write a piece of rhyming winter poetry having learnt about the Christmas classic *A Visit from St. Nicholas*.
- In **Maths**, in multiplication and division we will focus on the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.
- In **R.E.**, we will create our own piece of Nativity artwork.
- In **D.T.**, we will plan, make and bake our own Ancient Egyptian flatbreads, as well as construct our own Shadufs (irrigation tool).
- In **Computing**, we are still learning about creating our own PowerPoint presentations.
- In **French**, we will recap our learning about greetings, colours, and numbers to 10 in French.

Homework

We have not set any Homework this week, to ease off from an already busy assessment and Christmas service week. Spellings were still set yesterday.

Next week, the children will receive their Half Term Maths Challenge looking at the properties of 2D shapes. This is a two week task again.



Christmassy Reminders

Wednesday 13th December is our day full of festivities, including our **Christmas lunch** and **Christmas Jumper Day!**

This year's sporting event will be an **Elf Run**, taking place at all sites on the **same Wednesday**. The children will need trainers for this, and you should have received an email from FONDS about donations.



Ancient Egyptian Flatbreads

For the next two weeks, the children will spend some time planning, making, and then cooking an Ancient Egyptian flatbread. On **Tuesday 12th December**, they will need to bring: a plastic bowl, an apron, and a rolling pin if you have one. They may also bring in one add-in for their bread (e.g. rosemary, thyme, honey, or dried fruit like dates (chopped finely please)). All in a named carrier bag please. Thank you so much for your help with this, we will send a note home on Tuesday 5th as a reminder.

Please do not send any forms of nuts or any dairy products for this session.

Shaduf Construction

On **Friday 8th December**, Mrs Ottaway will kindly be leading a LOtC session for DT, where the children will construct a Shaduf. For this, could you please send your child to school with wellies/walking boots and waterproofs.

Thank you!

Spelling Patterns

Week beginning 04/12: Adding the suffix '-ness' to root words.

Week beginning 11/12 Adding the suffix '-ment' to root words.

Reminders

We break up from school on **Friday 15th December** at **1.15pm** (KS1 at 1pm).

Thank you and have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Evenden and Miss Tennent