



## Christmas Performances

Massive congratulations to Woodpeckers and Kingfishers for putting on such fabulous Christmas performances!

Thank you so much for all your help at home learning lines and song lyrics, all the hard work really payed off!

We were super proud of everyone!

## The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we will continue exploring Grandad's Island and using it to help us understand our VIPERS method of reading comprehension.
- In **Maths**, we will be continuing with our geometry unit looking at 2D and 3D shapes, and learning about sides, vertices, edges and faces.
- In **Science**, we will finish our changing shape part of our Materials topic by exploring how to make a sturdy tower outside.
- In **P.S.H.E**, we will continue celebrating our differences and finishing this jigsaw piece for 2023.
- In **Topic**, we will complete our Magical Mapping topic, travelling across continents and oceans (and learning about them too!).
- In **D.T.**, we are learning about levers and sliders, in the hopes of designing a beautifully crafted Christmas card!
- In **RE**, After our successful trip to the local church the children will be finishing their topic, 'Why is giving important to Christians' just in time for Christmas!

## Spelling patterns

We are continuing looking at the different ways of spelling the 'l' sounds at the end of words  
Next week we will be looking at the 'l' sound spelt 'al' and the week after the 'l' sound spelt il.

Look out for these with your children when they are reading! If they find any words they can write them in their diaries to earn house points.  
Your child should focus on these spellings throughout the week.

## A plea:

In science, we will be building towers! We will experiment with different materials and methods to see which is best!

We would very much appreciate any donations of sticks and newspapers. Thanks! 😊

## Ways to help your child

### Maths:

Please focus on TTRS, as this will support the half term KIRF: knowing multiplication and division facts for the 10 times table.  
Also please use NUMBOTS to continue to learn last half terms KIRF - number bonds within 20.

English: - Help with punctuation, sentences and prefixes and suffixes

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/punctuation>

## Money, Money, Money!

After Christmas, we are due to begin our Maths unit exploring money. It would really benefit all of the children to have the opportunity to count and explore any loose change you may have.

The more they can become familiar with and handle coins and notes, the better! This will stand them in good stead for when we start our unit and will also give them the chance to develop on the skills they have been learning in addition and subtraction.

## Reminders

Elf run and Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear Christmas jumpers with their school uniform that day if they would like to.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Tubb, Miss Westwood and Mrs. Tolan

