



The Thursday GREEN'UN

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Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been making snowflake patterns. We used gems, cotton wool, match sticks, white circles and cotton buds to make our patterns. Some children copied pictures of patterns and some made their own up.

In **F2** we had a PE session with 2 visitors, Rebecca and Rebecca from the Archers. They were so impressed with how we listened and followed their instructions. We had lots of fun being pirates. We have also been very busy learning how to write lists, Santa will be so impressed when he gets letters from all our children.

In **Y1** we have been busy learning about Space, we went on a visit to the moon with our passports and space helmets. We also had a visitor into school. Tim Peake, the famous astronaut, came in to answer all our questions. We learnt so many facts about him and what life in space is like.

In **Y2** we have had a science focus around investigating the properties of different materials. We carried out tests and investigations to see which materials were waterproof. This is all linked to our learning about the Titanic and the best type of clothes to wear on board the boat.

This week in **Y3**, we are finishing off recounts of our fantastic trip to Creswell Crags. We've spent today learning how to edit and improve writing so are now working in pairs to do this in our writing. We've worked really hard to include time adverbs, correct spellings and conjunctions.

All the staff in **Y3** are so proud of how much we've improved already since the beginning of the year!

Students from Sheffield University joined the **Y4s** this week and last week to talk about

food waste. We learned about the crazy amount of food that is thrown away each week and found ways of reducing this waste. The children created shopping lists and planned out meals in order to buy only what they needed. They also planted broad beans to take home. Has anyone's sprouted yet?

In **Y5**, having now built up our knowledge of using primary and secondary sources and how to use them to learn about the past, we used this skill again in a different context. Last week, we were trying to find out all about the Ancient Greek Olympics following our pictorial predictions the week before. To begin the task, the children worked in groups to try and reform an Ancient Greek vase. From putting the image together we were able to immediately identify some events that took place. These included, chariot racing, javelin, running and discus. It is great finding things out from sources in this way.

In **Y6** we are just trying to master the skill of learning how to multiply, divide add and subtract fractions. It is a bit tricky but we are determined to master it. If you are struggling take a look at our blog page for some help.

Christmas Workshops

The staff in Phase 1 have been busy organising Christmas Workshops to kick the festive season off with a glittery bang!

F1 - Wednesday 5th December

F2 - Monday 3rd December

Y1 - Monday 3rd December

F2 and Y1 will start at 9.00am when you bring your little ones to school and will be in the classroom. Nursery will start at the beginning of the sessions. There will be lots of fun Christmas activities and the children will do some lovely singing. Please come along and join in the fun!

Christmas Fayre

Our annual WCM Christmas Fayre will take place on **Tuesday 4th December** from 2.00pm in the hall. Please bring any nearly new toys for our toy stall, or send buns for our cake stall and if you can help on the day call in to see Liz, she will be very grateful.

Santa is coming to WCM again, he dropped us a note from the North Pole to say he will come to the Fayre, tickets are on sale and cost £2.00 to see him.



Nativity preparation is well under way; the children have started learning all the songs and are very busy in the hall practising. Tickets for Nativity are on sale and are initially restricted to 2 per child. From **Monday 3rd December** any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Christmas Bake-Off

We are again holding our Christmas Bake-Off competition on the day of our Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 4th December and again this year we will be having a category for adults. Everyone can bring in a cake (or buns) with the theme of “Christmas”. These will be judged by a panel of baking ‘experts’, headed by our very own Mary Berry – Mrs Senior. There will be prizes for the best cake/buns decorated with the theme of Christmas for each year group and a special prize for the adults category too! Our judging panel will then choose the best overall bake.

After the judging has been completed we would like to sell the baking at the Tuck Shop at social time, and also at the Christmas Fayre in the afternoon, and this will help to raise money for our School Fund.

Please bring your baking creations to the Studio on the morning of the **Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 4th December**. Get baking and good luck!

After School Clubs

After school clubs on the day of the Christmas Fayre are all cancelled in order to allow staff to make the event a success.

All clubs cancelled on **Tuesday 4th December**.

WCM Calendars

Again this year we will be selling our very own WCM calendars. The children have been busy designing and every year group has had

an input. Call in to the office to order your copy. They cost £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

WCM Office

We are very aware that it is very busy at and around the office in the morning. In order to help reduce waiting times, we are going to split the services. Ticket sales for Santa and Nativity will be in the Studio. There will be a member of the team dealing specifically with late arrivals and all other services will be available from the main desk as usual. We hope this makes things easier for everyone and welcome any feedback you may have.

Letters to Santa and Reindeer Food

We have had a message from Santa saying that he is ready and waiting for letters to be sent to him...grown ups why not call and see someone in the office for more information! Reindeer food and Reindeer Dust has also been delivered to keep Rudolph and his pals going on Christmas Eve! It is available to buy from the Christmas Fayre and after that from the Office - £1 a bag. Santa has also asked us to sell magic keys for him this year. Some of the chimneys are a little tight for his tummy so a magic key just makes dropping those presents off a little easier. These are also on sale in the office for £1.00.

Post Box

The post box for Christmas Cards will be in the main reception from next Monday, it will be emptied daily by our Year 6 postal service. Please make sure you address your cards with the child's **full name and class**...we struggle to deliver cards that say just first names!

Milk Orders

Orders need to be placed for any children who would like milk in the spring term. The cost will be £9.72 and this will take you up to the Easter holidays. If your child is entitled to free school meals you still need to order milk. Orders need to be in by **Tuesday 18th December**, this is the deadline set by the dairy.

Christmas Holidays

We break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 21st December** and come back for the Spring Term on **Monday 7th January 2019**.