



Ruby Newsletter 18th December 2018

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English

In English we started the week with a grammar and reading test. After Mrs Thomas had marked the reading test we discussed some of the answers. The 'find and copy' questions were the easiest because we just had to find the answers in the text. The harder questions were the ones that asked for more than one idea and where you had to explain your answer. Some questions asked for synonyms, for example, 'Find a word that means that same as yearly.' Do you know what the answer is? We marked the grammar test together and discussed the answers. The grammar test tested us on all the grammar that we have done this term, for example direct speech and prepositions.

Maths

We worked on problem solving where you have to read the question and work out which maths you have to do to solve it. We did our final Click Challenge of the term. During the session, the timer froze which gave us some extra time and so our scores were even better!

Science

In our last lesson on sound we used drums to show how sound travels. We spent some time writing our findings in a scientific way.

Big Issue Competition – Can you spot your entry in the montage? You can go online where they are all on display.

Happy Christmas from everyone in Ruby Class.
Enjoy a well-earned break and have a fabulous time!

Nativity

On Monday we watched the KS1 nativity dress rehearsal. It was really enjoyable to watch. We enjoyed it all but one of the highlights was when the inn keepers kept saying, "Too late, we're full up!" It reminded us of when we were in it last year (and the year before for Year 4 children).

Pantomime

On Wednesday we went to the pantomime – Aladdin. It was a thrilling performance, especially for Kelvin and Ella who ended up on stage! Every time we saw Wishy Washy we had to sing 'Baby Shark'. A famous dancer, Wayne Sleep, was the evil magician.

Christingle Service

On Thursday we went to church for our Christingle Service. KS2 sang the 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' in Spanish. We enjoyed Leo singing, 'We Three Kings'. At the end of the service our Christingles were lit. The School Council stood at the front and had theirs lit first as they asked for blessings at Christmas. Reverend Nigel did a countdown to blow out the candles.

Homework

There is no homework this week – although enjoying some reading time over the holidays would be a great thing to do.

In the New Year, please remember that homework is set on a Tuesday and is expected in by the following Monday. Children who do not regularly complete their homework end up doing it during break and lunch. However, homework provides a valuable opportunity for children to work independently and also to share their learning with you, their parents. In Ruby class, we are noticing a clear correlation between the rate of progress a child is making and the effort that they put into their home learning. Thank you for supporting children in understanding the importance of being organised and taking ownership of their own learning.

We also have some children who are still not confident in their multiplication facts. By the end of year 4 all children must know up to 12×12 . The better times tables are known, the easier all maths becomes! So if you're bored over the holiday spend some time on tables and the related division facts. Here's a great website for practising online:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

