



West Ham Church School

With God all things are possible

Early Years Foundation Stage

Weekly News Page
Autumn 2, Week 6
10th December 2021



Wonder, Harmony, Compassion, Strength

School Vision

Our vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony** embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

A prayer from the team at All Saints Church

Lord Jesus, thank you that ever since that first Christmas you have been Immanuel, God with us.

In the busyness and excitement of advent, may we remember the reason for Christmas, and welcome you into the centre of all that we do.

Amen



EYFS Team

Teachers

Miss Davis - Little Owls

Ms Rice - Ladybirds

Miss Upson - Dragonflies

Miss Holroyde - Phase Leader

Additional Staff

Mrs Aryal, Mrs Aziz,

Mrs Palmer,

Miss Starling

Whilst we are available for any quick questions about your child at the end of the school day, please be mindful that we need to dismiss all the children safely. Please contact the school office if you have a question that requires more of our time.

Value

Our school value this term is

joy



Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we learnt about different Christmas traditions including the advent wreath and Mrs Lord-Attivor spoke to us about the symbols and decorations that we are beginning to see around us. We heard the story of 'The Christmas Pine'.

Our RE Ambassadors taught us about the gifts that the three kings brought to baby Jesus on the first Christmas - it made us think about the gifts that we give and receive at this time of year.

On Friday, in our final celebration assembly of the year, we celebrated and reflected on the year that we have had.





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Little Owls Nursery

Nursery have had a fantastic week. We have enjoyed taking part in a range of creative Christmas activities. We carefully painted a Christmas tree card and we loved rolling out salt dough ready to make a Christmas tree decoration.

The children have learnt about 'The Christmas Story', talking about the main characters and the key events in the story. Engaging with our nativity scene the children were able to name the key characters and act out the story. Kamiyah commented "that's baby Jesus" and Adam said "I can see Mary and Joseph".



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the nursery parents for their support and wish them a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

Forest School

This week the children continued to look at the different ways nature has inspired artists, and created their own nature art.

Merry Christmas!

We hope that you have a restful holiday, with best wishes for a happy, safe new year.

Christmas Presents

As we near the end of term and the festive season, we know that some of you will be thinking about 'thank you' gifts for staff. Our staff **do not expect** presents, but if you do want to give something, staff appreciate cards, letters and emails more than anything – kind words mean a lot! We cannot accept cash gifts, or gifts over £10.

Please do not send in gifts if you or your child are self-isolating, have symptoms of coronavirus or have tested positive. Unfortunately, we cannot accept homemade items including homemade food. We would like to request that any gifts are clearly marked with the staff member's name.

Wishing you and your families well over this festive season and thank you for your continued support.



Diary Dates

Monday 20th December

EYFS Christmas Performance
prebooked entry only

Christmas jumper day

Christmas lunch

Christmas parties (PM)
all party food will be provided by the school

Tuesday 21st December

Christingle service
Little Owls Christmas party

End of term: **1:30pm** on 21st
December

Start of term

The children return to school
on **Thursday 6th January.**

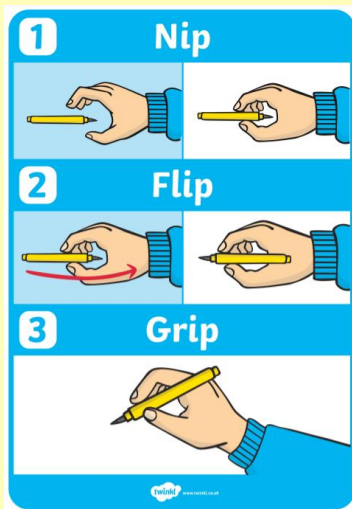
SeeSaw

The children have been added to a virtual classroom on SeeSaw, which is a free website and app. You will have received their login information. SeeSaw can be used to share home learning with teachers, and for other educational activities. Please ensure that you are able to log in and access your child's account.



Home Learning

Every child has received a hard copy activity pack to complete during the holiday. Please support your child to hold their pencil correctly, using the prompts below.



You will also have received login information for your child to access some of our remote learning resources. Please contact the office if you need to arrange to borrow a school device to access these resources.



Rhyme Time!

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells,
 Jingle bells,
 Jingle all the way.

Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!

Dashing through the snow
 In a one horse open sleigh,
 Over fields we go, laughing all the way,
 Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright
 Oh what fun it is to sing a sleighing song tonight!



Reading Books

Your child will be bringing home a reading book from school. Please read with your child daily. Please ensure the books are returned to school on **Thursday** (Little Owls) and **Tuesday** (Ladybirds and Dragonflies).



The Headteacher's Award this week goes to **Tayeba** for her enthusiasm for learning and for always showing kindness to others.



Little Owls: Azhar for joining in with nursery rhymes and his passion for mathematics.

Ladybirds: Emanuela for her positive attitude and excellent writing.

Dragonflies: Kristine for her effort, determination and perseverance in phonics.

This Week's Learning



We have had a busy week finding out all about the Christmas story, making Christmas decorations, and gaining our confidence using the gymnastics apparatus!



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Spring Term Curriculum Information

We have some really exciting learning lined up for the spring term, and we can't wait to share it with you! Our new topics are...

Long Ago

and

Stories and Rhymes

The children will be exploring how things were different in the past, and thinking about what they can find around their own homes. They will also be developing their knowledge of traditional tales and fairy stories, and practising reciting different rhymes.

To support your child, please encourage them to think about the difference between the past and present, using words like “yesterday” and “last week”. You could also share your favourite stories from your own childhood with your child, in whichever language you speak at home. We would love to hear about them when the children return to school in January!

Every child has received a hard copy holiday activity pack to help maintain the momentum of their learning so far this term - please encourage your child to complete the tasks as independently as possible, although they may need support and guidance. Please also ensure that your child's login information works on our remote learning websites - your child will bring these home from school.

Phonics



The children have nearly completed phase 3 of their phonic sounds, and are now familiar with all the single sounds, as well as recognising many digraphs. In January, we will finish the phase 3 sounds and then revisit the sounds we first started with in September. This will enable the children to consolidate their knowledge of the sounds and become more confident when blending to read words.



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Starry Night

and

Winter Wonderland

The children will be exploring how the seasons change, and what we might notice during winter. They will also be developing their awareness of day and night, and thinking about what we can see around us and how this changes depending on the time of day.

To support your child, please encourage them to talk about what they notice in the natural world around them - this could be when you are out and about, or just what they can see from a window in their home!

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