



West Ham Church School

With God all things are possible

Key Stage 1

Weekly News Page
Autumn 2, Week 7
17th 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



Key Stage 1 Staff

Year 2:

Squirrels Class ~ Mr. Dickey
Phase Leader
Hedgehogs Class ~ Mrs. Jordan

Year 1:

Dragonflies Class ~ Miss Upson
Butterflies Class ~ Mrs. Baleka

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Adu-Gyamfi, Ms Nesbitt,
Mrs Chowdhury and Mrs Dosti

Goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Baleka who, as we previously said, is retiring this term. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Aslam to Butterflies' class. Parents will be given an opportunity to meet their child's new teacher early next term.

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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Nativity

The children worked really hard on the nativity. All the children did a fantastic job and we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at home for supporting the children as they worked hard to learn the lines of the script and the lyrics to the songs. We hope you enjoyed. Here are some pictures of the children rehearsing below.



Class Parties

The children will have their class parties on **December 20th**. Please note that we will not be accepting donations of party food this year, but will be providing food, including Halal options, ourselves.

Merry Christmas



We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year! Please stay safe over the break and enjoy time with your family and loved ones. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday the 6th January 2022.

Discover Centre

This week the children in KS1 had a fantastic time at the Discover Centre. The children were able to engage in a variety of activities, including role play based around fairytales, and guided through the process of creating their very own fairytales. This will support children with their writing in future.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 20th December
Christmas jumper day

Christmas lunch

Christmas parties (PM)

Tuesday 21st December
Christingle service

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



TOPICS FOR SPRING 2022

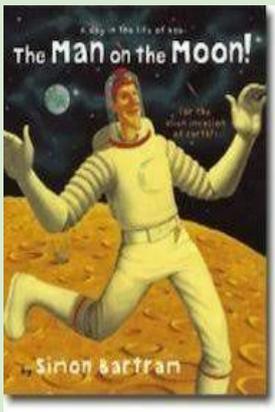
Magnificent Monarchs - Tudors

This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns with particular focus on the Tudor Kings and Queens.

Our Wonderful World

This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom. The children carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features.

FOCUS TEXT



Next term, we will be reading “The Man on the Moon!” by Simon Bartram. The main character in this book, Bob, lives a double life...he is a janitor *and* a tour guide on the moon! We will enjoy reading the text and discovering the two stories that run alongside each other, as well as looking carefully at the illustrations to see if we can spot any sign of life on the moon...

Can you research any facts about space and the moon during the holiday? We will be able to share these as a class when we return to school.

Mathletics

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We are trialling Mathletics in our school to boost confidence and develop maths skills. Children will be completing activities in class, but please encourage your child to use the program at home too.

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

Holiday Homework

Please ensure that your child is able to login to access online homework, and contact the office if you need assistance.



Mathletics

Bronze - 1000 points

Abubakar
Emily
Maria
Noah
Yasin
Georgiana
Egehan
Ana-Sofia

Please encourage your child to log onto Mathletics regularly and enjoy the different activities.

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school.

Parents, please do let us know if you are particularly pleased with something your child has achieved at home, we would like to recognise:

- ❖ Good behaviour
- ❖ Excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ Progress
- ❖ High quality work
- ❖ Awards



This week the award goes to: **Zain** for always showing **wonder** in his learning.



Squirrels: Faatimah for producing high quality learning

Hedgehogs: Hashir for reading his lines so well.

Butterflies: Jahaziel for her effort to develop her reading skills.

Our Work!

The children have been creating their very own Christmas decoration as part of our DT week. They had to plan, design and create their decorations.

