



Gatekeepers class
Week beginning: Monday 14th December
2020



We just wanted to say a BIG thank you to you and your children for all of your help and support. This term has presented some challenges but we have been amazed at the resilience and love for learning that the children have continually shown.

🌿 We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and hope that you all stay safe and well. 🌿

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.

🌿 From Mrs Morton, Mrs Ferrier, Mrs Stephen and Mrs Butterworth 🌿

English

We have written sentences to match a winter/Christmas picture of the day.

We have read 'The Nutcracker' and identified expanded noun phrases and similes related to the story.

We have done some shared reading about Christmas traditions.

Maths

We have had lots of Christmas themed Maths activities this week to help us practice our problem-solving skills.

We have used column subtraction to work out how many years some Christmas traditions have been around.

Topic

In RE & History, we have looked deeper into the Christmas Story. Rev David held a zoom assembly for us and read to us from the bible. We answered the big question – Why do we have Christmas trees? We were surprised to learn that no-one really knows for sure when Fir trees were first used as Christmas trees. We learned the modern day Christmas tree probably originated in Germany from a play about a 'Paradise tree' hung with apples to represent the Garden of Eden. We also discussed what we put on the top of our trees and we were surprised to learn that in the past people placed a figure of Baby Jesus at the top. We also looked at some Christmas traditions from around the world, including St Lucia's day in Sweden.

In ICT, we have continued to use the google Santa tracker site to practice our coding and map skills. We have also explored other fun games on this site to improve our laptop keyboard skills.

In Art, we have drawn our own characters from the Nutcracker story and made them into puppets to retell the story.

Important dates

Return to school – Monday 4th January

Last day of term – Friday 12th February

Reminders

Tuesdays – We will still be doing PE on Tuesdays so please send your child in PE kit suitable for the weather.

Fridays - We are very excited to be starting our outdoor learning every Friday from 8th January. Please make sure your child comes to school in their outdoor learning clothes every Friday.