

# Year 4 Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents,

The classroom is decorated for Christmas and the children are definitely in the mood for the nativity and Christmas activities. Next week, we are visiting Leybourne Grange Riding School to watch the annual nativity. It is usually very cold and muddy on the walk, so the children will definitely need to be dressed warmly and wearing sensible shoes for all weather.

In maths this week, the children continued to develop their understanding of multiplication and we focused on strategies to support their 3- and 6-times tables. The children looked at the division (inverse) of some of their tables and were able to begin to recognise patterns. The children learnt some new mathematical vocabulary and understood that the product of 2 numbers involves multiplying one by the other.

This week, the children completed their stories in the style of Narnia. They completed one paragraph at a time and this enabled them to focus on ensuring that they used as much interesting description as possible. The children also looked at how to use inverted commas correctly when adding speech to their writing this week. This session focused on using speech at the beginning and in the middle of a sentence.

In Science this week (see photos) the children were making their own mini water cycles in a bag. This is a great activity to enable the children to visually see evaporation, condensation and precipitation in action. The children have been checking the water cycles daily and noticing how the water goes down and back up throughout the day.

Migration was the focus during Geography this week; the children learnt the different reasons why our population increases and decreases.

In art, the children designed and made their Christmas cards to bring home later this term. We did put on some Christmas music to get us in the right mood.

For PE this term and next, it would be great if the children have some tracksuit bottoms or leggings that they could wear, along with a hoody. If this is not possible, they will always wear a jumper for the sessions that are outside, as the weather is definitely getting a lot colder all of a sudden.

There won't be a spelling test now this term, as next Friday we are watching Romeo and Juliet in the morning, then have Leybourne Grange in the afternoon. If you wish to do some spellings with your child, please just recap some of the ones we have looked at this term. I will send them home again on the first week back to school after Christmas.

Thanks,

**Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips**



