



Pre-Prep News - Friday 3 December

From Mrs Ross

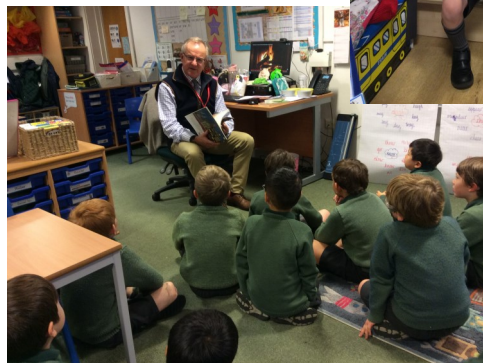
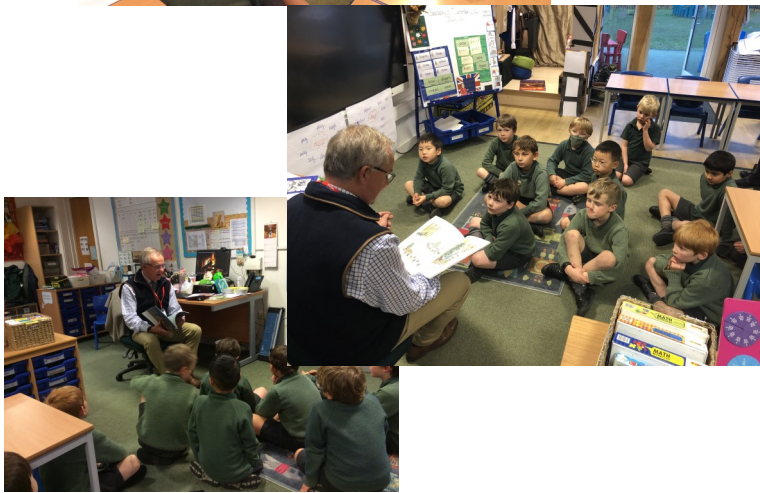
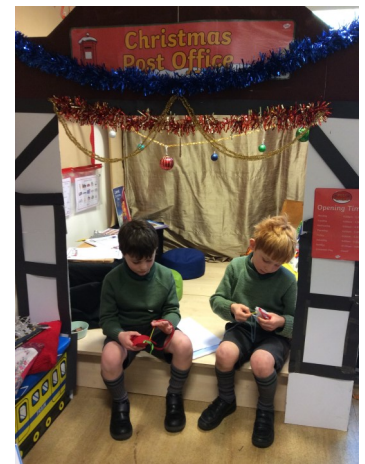
Thank you to all who attended our live Nativity performance this week! I am sure that you will enjoy watching it with friends and family when you receive the link to the film and still photographs very soon, via SchoolPost. Jim Pascoe's photographs capture the magic beautifully! We were so proud of the boys for remembering so many words, actions and songs. Performing on the stage, in the Pilgrims' Hall to an audience wearing face masks, might have felt a little intimidating to me, but the children showed no sign of nervousness!



Year 2

Christmas has arrived in the Year 2 classroom! In addition to dazzling us all with their performance in our Nativity play, the boys have been as busy as Father Christmas' elves, sewing Christmas decorations and making Christmas crafts in addition to Maths, English, Music, Games and Forest School! The naughty Christmas Elf has also returned and has brought with him an advent calendar, which the boys have enjoyed opening each day. Our role play area is now Christmas Post Office where letters to Father Christmas can be written; the boys are hopeful that their letters will reach the North Pole in time for Christmas! In addition to the Christmas excitement, the boys have enjoyed some special story time sessions from Prep school staff and our visiting author Rupert Attlee too.

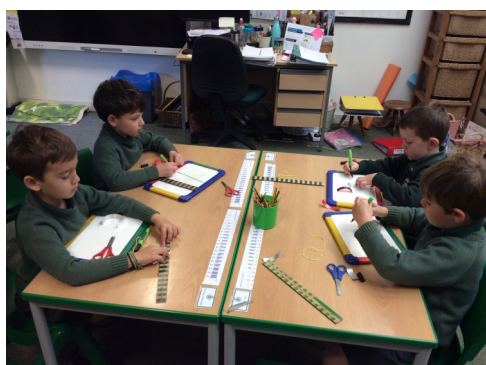
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Year 1

Year 1 have been busy working on measurement. They worked hard accurately measuring pieces of string and ribbon with a centimetre ruler. It was wonderful to see so much focus and concentration on their faces, while they divided a length of string into three sizes of ascending order. We discussed the need for and use of a standard measurement and the fact that when measuring you must start at zero. Well done, boys.

Mrs Kent

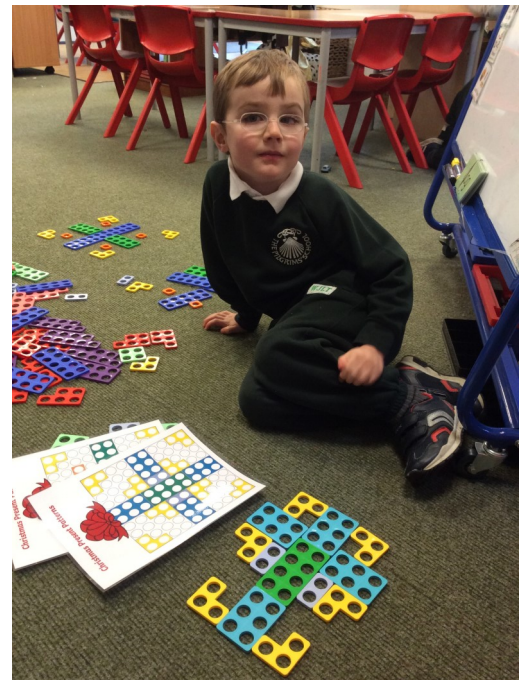


EYFS

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas ... and so the hunt began for the naughty elf! I am pleased to report that all the costumes were in one piece; the boys were quite concerned about finding him hiding amongst them just before the dress rehearsal on Tuesday morning! Maybe he was just keeping warm on what was a very frosty morning?!

The boys have enjoyed making decorations to hang on our Christmas tree. They have been copying patterns and making presents with the Numicon to name just a few Christmas activities that we have been busy with this week. They have also enjoyed listening to a different storyteller (a teacher from the main school) each day this week. Mr Williams began the week by reading *Duck in the Truck*, a favourite of his son's. Mr Rainer, Deputy Head Pastoral, ended the week! A big thank you to you all!

Mrs Kent





Forest School

This week in Forest School we got into the festive spirit and the boys created some wonderful tree decorations. Using fallen twigs and bits of old ribbon and wool, Year R decorated their twigs to create a natural decoration that could be hung from a tree. The boys in Year 2 made some beautiful woodland festive stars to hang on their tree at home. It really was beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in the Arboretum!

Year 1 learnt how to do some wild weaving using a 'Y' shaped stick, bits of wool and some natural items for added decoration. The boys were pleased with their creations.

Mrs Walker



Pre-Prep Notices

Pilgrims' Shell awards:

Reception—To all boys for working so hard in the Reception Nativity rehearsals and performances this week.

Year 1—to Alexander for hard work in lessons this week.

Year 2—Baxter for his hard work in the Nativity rehearsals and for adapting so well to organisational changes this week.

Key dates:

Monday 6 December		The Tree House Theatre will visit us to perform an interactive pantomime called ' <i>Goldilocks, Adventures of a Porridge Thief</i> '.
Wednesday 8 December	1300	End of Term and Pre-Prep pick-up.
Monday 10 January	0830	Lent term begins