

Straight out of the classroom

Topcliffe C of E Primary School Class 2, 3 & 4 news

Class 2 - English – In English we have been focusing on the Christmas story. We have created story maps of the key events from the Nativity and Year 1's wrote key vocabulary associated with each event. Year 2's practise writing exclamation sentences for these events. Exclamation sentences can be written in two ways. They can start with 'What' followed by a noun phrase, pronoun and then a verb for example 'What a beautiful star it was!' or they can start with 'How' followed by an adjective, pronoun/determiner and verb for example 'How shocked she was!' After that we have sequence pictures and written out sentences using either the vocabulary we generated or the exclamation sentences. We have then explored words with suffixes on e.g. excitement and thought about points in the story when there was excitement. We have also thought about different characters thoughts and feelings. This is all building up to retelling the nativity story next week using the features we have been exploring.

Class 2 - Maths – At the start of the week we did some end of term maths assessments. For the rest of the week we have then revisited areas of addition which we were not as secure on. For year 1's this included adding money together and lengths together. For the year 2's this involved making links between number sentences e.g. $3+2=5$ so we can use this to help us with $30+20=50$. We also practised adding tens onto 2 digit numbers e.g. $34+40=74$ (44, 54, 64, 74) We use dienes to help us understand that the ones digit isn't changing but one ten is being added each time. We also use the 100 square to know that when adding ten we go down one.

Class 2 - Afternoons – We have been very busy practising our nativity on an afternoon. In music we have been learning some of the Carol service songs with Mr Whawell. In P.E we have been thinking about different ways to travel. This includes bunny hops, crocodile movements and snail crawl.

Class 4 news

Maths – In maths we have been looking at geometry. We started by looking at a protractor and understanding how to use it to not only measure angles, but also draw angles and shapes. We have been comparing angles and discussing whether they are obtuse, acute, reflex or right angles. I wonder if your child can tell you the difference? We have also been working out missing angles using the information we have got.

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Class 3 news

English – In English we have been finishing our chapter for Varjak Paw. The children have been enjoying the story and have written some very exciting chapters. They have been working very hard on adding descriptive detail to explain characters and events in their writing, so the reader can imagine what is happening.

Class 3 – Maths -

We have moved on to understanding decimal notation for length this week. The children have been learning how to find 10s and 100ths of ms cms and mms and how to write these as decimals. They have also been converting decimal notation to cms, mms and ms. They have also been enjoying some practical measuring activities involving area and perimeter.

Class 4 - English – In English this week we have been working really hard to write our own readings for the carol service next week. We have been looking at the Christmas story but this time seeing it from a different perspective. We hope you can join us next week for the service to hear some of our readings. We have also been working on our speaking and listening skills and using intonation, expression and changes in volume to make our readings interesting and engaging for the congregation.

Class 4 - Afternoons – In PE we have been continuing our work on target setting and seeing what activities we can be successful in, in a given amount of time. E.g. How many side-to-side jumps can you do in 30s? In RE this week we have been looking closely at the Christmas story and thinking about the emotions involved from each character. We have also been focusing on friendships in PSHE and we have done some drama to show different situations we might come across on the playground.

Class 3 - Afternoons –

In the afternoons, the children have really enjoyed finishing their portraits, using pointillism and making fantastic Christmas decorations which are hung up in our classroom. In RE we have continued exploring the Christmas story, this week thinking about the Shepherds, creating a story board and writing speech bubbles for them. We really enjoyed watching Class 1 and 2's nativity play rehearsal. We thought the songs were fantastic and thought the children all did a super job.

