

English

This week, we have continued to explore the book Dragon Post. We have focused on using expanded noun phrases to describe and using conjunctions to extend our writing.

Maths

In maths, we have been continuing to learn about measurement. We have practised using rulers to measure different items and then compared the length of these.

Spellings and Homework:
'il' and 'al' saying 'i'

- Festival
- Medal
- Total
- Local
- Pupil
- Pencil
- April
- Nostril
- Busy
- Clothes

Other Homework:

We have sent home the children's phonics assessments, please practise spelling the words that have been dotted on the sheet.

PSHE

This week, we have spoken about bullying. We discussed what bullying is and thought about how we could help someone who is bullied and stand up for ourselves. We acted out different scenarios and thought about how their actions could have been changed.

Year 2

Autumn Term



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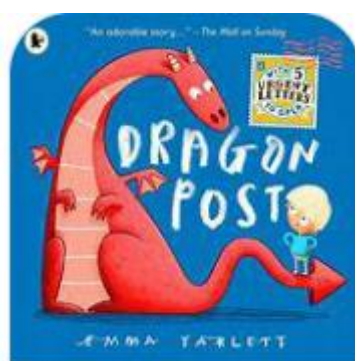
This week, we learnt about how Las Posadas is celebrated in Mexico. The children thought about how this celebration is similar to how we celebrate Advent.

Science

This week, we carried out our end of term assessment.

Guided Reading

This week, we have carried out guided reading daily. Please ensure you read with your child daily and sign the reading record. We have been reading:



Computing

This week, we have investigated the effect that good lighting has on the quality of the photos we take. We also explored what effect using the camera flash has on photos.

Design and Technology

This week, we created our packed lunch boxes for a pirate. The children had great fun following their design criteria to create their product. After they created their packed lunch, they then evaluated it and thought about how it could be improved.

Homework

Spellings

Read	Write	Write	Write
festival			
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Comprehension



Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish celebration also known as the Festival of Lights. Jewish families celebrate by eating delicious food and playing games.

King Antiochus

The reason why Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah started a long

time ago in Jerusalem. The people there loved to worship in their beautiful temple but they were taken over by a Greek king called Antiochus.

He ordered everyone to worship Greek gods as he did instead of their own god. This made the Jewish people upset.

The Maccabees

Judah Maccabee and his army fought the King.

When the King was beaten, the Maccabees went to the temple to fix the damage and light the menorah. A menorah is special candlestick that was used in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem and is still used today. They found just one small bottle of oil that would only last one night. The oil burned for eight days. It was a miracle!

Hanukkah

Celebrations

Families eat special foods during Hanukkah that are cooked in oil to remind them of the Maccabees' oil.

Some children receive special chocolate coins or gifts of money called gelt. Families light their hanukkiah each night. It is a candlestick with nine branches.



Did You Know...?

Children sometimes play a game with a dreidel during Hanukkah. A dreidel is a wooden spinning top that has letters around the outside.



Questions

1. How long does Hanukkah last? Tick one.

- ☐ eight days
- ☐ nine days
- ☐ ten days

2. Where did Jewish people like to worship in Jerusalem? Tick one.

- ☐ at home
- ☐ outside
- ☐ in their temple

3. Number the events from 1–4 to show the order in which they happen in the story. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ They found just one small bottle of oil that would only last one night.
- ☒ 1 King Antiochus ordered everyone to worship Greek gods.
- ☐ Judah Maccabee and his army fought the King.
- ☐ The oil burned for eight days.

4. Fill in the missing word.

_____ eat special foods during Hanukkah that are cooked in oil to remind them of the Maccabees' oil.

5. Look at the first paragraph.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'tasty'.

Mathematics

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