

English

This week in English, we finished writing our own stories inspired by our journey to the church. The children focused on using expanded noun phrases and a range of conjunctions within their writing. We then began our new unit on letter writing. The class explored the key features of letters and enjoyed starting our new text, *Dragon Post*.

Maths

This week in Maths, we have continued to look at money. We have used money to solve a range of addition and subtraction word problems. Then we moved onto 'mass'. We started comparing different objects and thinking about which objects are heavier or lighter.

Spellings and Homework:
Adding the suffix -er to words ending in y

- Happier
- Happiest
- Funnier
- Funniest
- Easier
- Easiest
- Luckier
- Luckiest
- Poor
- Great

Other Homework:

TTRS

Reading daily

Geography

This week, we used world maps and atlases to identify the United Kingdom and its countries in the context of coastal/island locations.

Year 2

Autumn Term



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Nativity

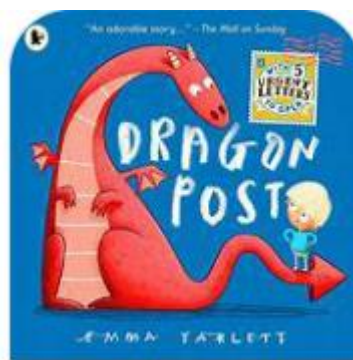
This week, we have been practising singing our songs for the Nativity. We also started to practise getting onto the stage and performing our Nativity.

PSHE

This week, we have continued to think about assumptions that people make about boys and girls (stereotypes). We also thought about ways that in which boys and girls are different and accept that this is OK.

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:



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This week, we learnt about Zechariah's special message about John's future. Then we started to learn about Advent. We created our own Advent Wreaths and thought about what each candle represents.

Homework

Spellings

Adding the -er and -est suffix to words ending in y.

Read	Write	Write	Write
happier			
happiest			
funnier			
funniest			
easier			
easiest			
luckier			
luckiest			
poor			
great			

Advent Wreath

Advent is the time before Christmas. It begins four Sundays before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Day. It is a time of preparation for Christmas.

Making the Wreath

An Advent wreath is made from leaves twisted together to form a circle. Four candles are placed around the wreath and often a fifth candle is put in the middle. One candle is lit each Sunday before Christmas Day.



There are three purple candles, one pink and one white in some Christian churches. The purple candle is lit on the first Sunday. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday. The white candle is lit on Christmas Day as a sign of Jesus being born.

Advent wreaths are often made from the evergreen leaves of holly bushes and pine trees. The candles in an Advent wreath are red or white in some churches.

The First Advent Wreath

The first Advent wreath was created in 1839 by a German man named Johann Wichern. He was the founder of a children's home.

The children kept asking him when it would be Christmas Day. He decided to light a white candle each Sunday and a smaller red candle for each day in between to show them how many days it was until Christmas Day.

The Meaning behind the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath has several different meanings.

Christian people believe that the white candle represents Jesus being born and being the Light of the World, bringing peace and joy.

It is believed by some that the circle of the wreath represents God's never-ending love.



Questions

1. What is Advent a time for? Tick one.

- ☐ holidays
☐ preparation
☐ sleeping

2. When are the candles lit on an Advent wreath? Tick one.

- ☐ each Sunday before Easter
☐ each Sunday in January
☐ each Sunday before Christmas

3. Draw **three** lines and complete the sentences.

The pink candle... •

• is lit on the first Sunday.

The white candle... •

• is lit on the third Sunday.

The purple candle... •

• is lit on Christmas Day.




4. Why did Johann Wichern create the first Advent wreath?

5. Fill in the missing word.

Advent wreaths are often made from the _____ leaves of holly bushes and pine trees.

Shopping for Toys

Show which coins are needed to make the correct amounts. Draw or use real coins.

 <p>teddy 50p</p>	
 <p>ball 43p</p>	
 <p>block 80p</p>	
 <p>skipping rope 34p</p>	
 <p>car 22p</p>	
 <p>doll 99p</p>	
 <p>space rocket 66p</p>	
