



EYFS –What did we learn about this week?

This week Nursery have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have baked and decorated our own Gingerbread men and sold them at the Winter Fayre

Reception have been learning how to look after our environment. We have learnt about recycling and what it means.



We created posters to encourage other people to recycle and we even learnt a song. We also been



How do we look after our well being at St James?

This week pupils have enjoyed exploring our outdoor space in Forest School. Pupils in KS1 & KS2 have been developing their volleyball skills with pinpoint accuracy. EYFS have been experiencing a range of movement skills, notably noodle snooker!



This week....

What do different faiths say about peace?

It is the first week of Advent and we lit our first candle of Hope. We will begin our Advent journey and have time to reflect on this peaceful time of the year.



What do the Advent Candles stand for?

- 1 The candle of **Hope** so prayers on this day focus on hope.
- 2 This candle is a symbol of God's **Peace**, reminding Christians of the Prophets who said that the Messiah would be born.
- 3 The candle of **Love**, represents John the Baptist who baptised Jesus.
- 4 The candle of **Joy** reminds Christians of Jesus' mother, Mary.
- 5 The fifth candle reminds Christians of the birth of Jesus.

In many advent services children have fun making **Christingles**.

Last week...

Peacemaker or Peacebreaker

We looked at examples of peacemakers and peace breakers and how this would support us to make the right choices.

What are the hopes you have for our world today? For yourself?

Year 1 and 2—What did we learn about this week?

In Year 1 and 2

Courageous Cartwrights had an amazing trip to Northcliffe park and Shipley Library. We met Jenna Drury and heard about how she writes her tales from inspiration from the clouds.



In Maliks class the children did some fantastic artwork using watercolours. They also enjoyed finding facts about David Attenborough which had been hidden around school.

We have had another wonderful week in KS1! All KS1 staff have been so impressed by our written recount of NellBank! The progress has been incredible- please look on Twitter as some work has been shared!



Year 3 and 4—What did we learn about this week?

On Monday, Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to explore Ingleborough cave. They completed a lovely nature work, learning about the human and physical features of Clapham and Ingleborough mountain before entering the cave and being marvelled by the stalactites and stalagmites.



Year 5 and 6—What did we learn about this week?

This week in Years 5 and 6 we have come to the end of working with Mr Hepp on our Greek Automaton. I think you will all agree that the children have produced some amazing work. We are very proud. On Tuesday we had Mr Bullock come into school and help us make Greek theatre masks using clay. Again the end results are fantastic! In 5HH, we took part in a housing consultation with a local charity to help develop our local area. The children loved being able to share



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St James Star of the Week



Ladybirds– Raina and Jessica	Cartwrights– Mia	Whiteleys– Aaliyah
Nursery– Evelyn and Abrish	Moores– Archie	Hockneys– Billie-Jo
Dynamos– Aliza	Greenwoods– Riley	Brownlees– Charley
Maliks – Imogen	Adventurers– Joseph	Listers–Dylan

Ingleborough Cave– it was a fabulous visit and it has been great to see Year 3/4 visiting lots of places in recent weeks. We have been to the Gurdwara, Haworth, Nell Bank and then we went to Ingleborough. All this gives your children an excellent start and provides them with opportunities which will last a lifetime.

Advent– we are no in the season of Advent and we have lots of community events coming up. We have a tree at Thornton Church which is sponsoring Forever Angels baby home. Go up and have a look if you get the chance!

Library visit– we visited Shipley library this week to meet an author and it was a real success. I have been talking to Café West and they have a library and laptops which parents and children can access.

For further details e-mail: Chris@cafewest.org.uk

Mrs Gibbons recommends: This book is about two greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce who both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall!!!! This book has a lovely moral and teaches children about the importance of team work and sharing and that being selfish rarely results in getting your own way.



Attendance Update:

This week, out attendance 91% was although we did have 221 wristbands were awarded for 100% attendance bands. Congratulations to everyone who got one!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st December

1.15pm-3.15pm Christmas decorating classrooms.

Wednesday 8th December from 1.30pm Christmas Pantomime

Thursday 9th December– Christingle service in the hall.

This week's amazing writers:

We had some amazing writing this week from so many children. We have been really concentrating on high quality work and celebrating children who are listening to feedback:

Ladybirds—Yasmin	Cartwrights– Kaighnen-Jay	Whiteleys– Eesaa
Nursery– Levi	Moores– Esme	Hockneys– Kalilah
Dynamos- Ralph	Greenwoods– Eleanor	Brownlees– Maisie-Paige
Maliks—Carmen	Adventurers– Nikola	Listers– Baraka

