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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fabulously busy week in school. I can't believe how fast the weeks are flying by and I'm astounded that next week advent will begin as we enter the festive month of December.

This week in Willow class, the children have started their journey into the land of Christmas. They have been decorating stockings with Reception even having a go at sewing their own! I was very impressed with this when Mrs Sherratt told me about it at lunchtime today. How fabulous! The children have spent some time looking at the story of 'If I were in charge of Christmas'. They did some work in their literacy sessions where they thought about what they would do or have if they were in charge of Christmas, interestingly most of them chose some sort of fancy food to have! Then they worked on their simple CVC word writing too.

Preschool have spent the week working on their maths skills but with a Christmas theme, counting decorations for their Christmas trees, making play dough Christmas trees with a certain number of decorations and many more. Willow class children have all learnt a new sign of the week to add to the growing list of signs, this week was 'to remember'. This week's nursery rhyme was 'Hey diddle diddle'. Next week Willow class will be looking more closely at how Christians celebrate Christmas including learning about the Christmas story.

Beech class have a fun with Mrs Curtis this week, who will also be in class on Monday and around school during this rest of the week. The children have continued their learning on animals including humans, learning how to classify animals. Today they discussed bullying and have made a lovely gingerbread man paper chain for the classroom. They have also been extremely busy practicing their Christmas play. Don't forget to book your tickets on MCAS!

In our maths lessons in Oak class this week, the Year 4 children have shown a fantastic understanding of area. They are now moving onto the topic of Multiplication and Division. Times table rockstars is a wonderful tool to practise with at home, as is Hit the Button. Year 3 are working on column addition and subtraction so number bonds practice will be most useful for them. Numbots is a wonderful website for this. If you ever forgot your Times Table Rockstars/Numbots login details, please ask Mrs Hambler or Mrs White and we will be happy to give you a new login card. Oak class children have also enjoyed their science lesson this week. It was very impressive how they organised themselves and completed their investigation so efficiently. They now know the best surface to spin a spinning top on is the table as it is the smoothest and so there is less friction.

Holly class has had a wonderful week! In English, they have been writing about a girl called Lila who wants to be a firework-maker. They have been looking at the jungle and the area she is travelling through in the story. The children have all loved being creative, painting their own jungle scenes to use as a stimulus for their descriptive writing.





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After learning about long division for a few weeks, Holly class children have now started looking at fractions! They have explored equivalent fractions and applied their multiple knowledge to solve problems. The children have also enjoyed learning about Viking trades and the ruthless businessmen they were!

This week's class attendance is detailed below:

Willow	94%
Beech	91%
Oak	91%
Holly	89%

Next week we excited for the start of the festive celebrations in school! Willow class are looking forward to welcoming in parents and carers for their Christmas Extravaganza on Wednesday. The children will all look amazing in their Christmas themed clothes. Whilst Beech, Oak and Holly are all to be off to Theatre Seven for our annual trip to the panto.

A future key date for your diaries includes Christmas Jumper day on 9th December.

Have an amazing weekend and see you all Monday.

Warmest Wishes

Mrs White
Head of School

