

# Preston Primary

## Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Love to  
Learn

Be a Good  
Citizen

Ready for  
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

### Learning Experience - Celebrations



Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about different celebrations. We have learnt about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, and more recently we have been focusing on Christmas. We have been talking about why, where, and how people celebrate? Developing an understanding of similarities and differences. We used visuals to help us compare the different celebrations. The children noticed some similarities, that all the celebrations were usually celebrated with friends and family and that people celebrate by having special food and visiting special places.

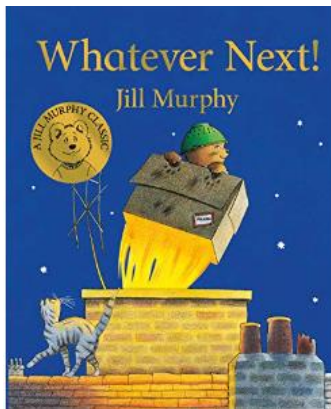


We have been learning about the Christian celebration, Christmas. To support our curriculum learning, we visited St Paul's Church to meet Reverend Ruth. The children had a tour of the church, learning about the different features. They were particularly fascinated by the font and pulpit. They listened to Reverend Ruth talk about the nativity story and had the opportunity to ask questions about why Christmas is important to Christians. It was a wonderful visit, and they are looking forward to the next visit. We will now be focusing on the significance of performing a Nativity. The children have been working hard rehearsing. We are looking forward to performing the nativity on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

## Literacy – 'Whatever Next!'

We have continued to explore the story book 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. The children thoroughly enjoyed making jam sandwiches for their picnic to the moon. They followed the step-by-step instructions and showed great independence. We used the vocabulary: slice, spread, cut, half.

They have also been sequencing the story. This involved cutting out different scenes from the story. They showed great determination when using the scissors, some children found this quite tricky. They glued the pictures in order and retold the story to one another.



## Nativity – Pre School Visit



Christmas is fast approaching, and we have been busy practising our nativity. This week we visited Preston Community Pre School to watch their nativity. The children enjoyed the performance and were very respectful. Some children enjoyed being reunited with their old teachers.

Puffins and Penguins are excited to perform their own nativity next week.

## Home Learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.
- Talk to your child about your own family Christmas traditions and that of others. Make comparisons.
- Look on the School News App for our 12 festive Christmas book recommendations.

## Important Dates

For more details, please refer to the email which was sent from our Admin Office on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am** – Foundation Stage Nativity.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – FOPPS 'Elfridges' shop.
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school Christmas lunch. Meal must be ordered in advance on Aspens.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas party day. Children can wear Christmas tops/jumpers with their usual school uniform.
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of Autumn term.
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** - First day of Spring term.

Kind Regards, Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague and the Foundation Stage Team.