



#### **This Week**

What a term it has been! I want to commend the children on their attitude and fortitude in the way they have adapted back into school life. It isn't what we were used to, but I am really proud of how the children have got used to all the new routines.

This week, in **RE**, we explored the Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, which officially started yesterday (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>). We investigated the events surrounding Hanukkah, explored the impact it has on Jews today, made dreidels and created Hanukkah cards which we are sending to the Jewish community in Manchester. In **Maths**, we have been investigating angles (not angels!). We identified the six different types of angles, we measured them and drew them using protractors, and we used our knowledge of the different types of angles to identify missing angles. In our afternoons, we explored how Christmas is celebrated in Mexico. We found Mexico on a map, found out about some traditions, created paper lanterns, had fun with a piñata, invented challenges for a Shepherd's game, tasted Mexican Christmas food, and created our own nacimiento scene. Look out for this on our website!

### **End of term arrangements**

Tues 15th: All must bring a packed lunch due to KS1 Christmas Dinner

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>: Pantomime (children can wear festive hats and can bring: a non-fizzy drink, crisps and either a small bag of sweets or a small chocolate bar)

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Party day (appropriate party clothes allowed)

Fri 18th: End of term at 2pm

Unfortunately, due to a family funeral I won't be with the children on Friday. So if I don't see you by then, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

## **Spring Term**

School reopens for the children on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. The children can come in from 8:45am and the register will be taken at 9:00am as usual.

Our **PE** day is remaining on **Wednesdays**. Please make sure that the children come in their school PE uniform (no logos on their clothing). The uniform code for PE that Mrs Seagrave sent out in August is: white t-shirt, navy blue/black shorts/joggers, navy blue/black hoodie, black trainers.

### **Stars of the Week**

The **CHRISTIAN VALUE** award for **PEACE** goes to **Emmanuel**. He has a peaceful attitude to his learning, even when those around him are less so.

The **CURRICULUM** award goes to **Isaac K** for super work on Hanukkah all week.

# **Courageous Advocate**

This week, we learned about **Hea-Woo**, a Christian from North Korea. **How might living as a Christian in North Korea be challenging?** 

### **Home Reading Heroes**

Huge congratulations **Amelia, Emmanuel, Erin, Harvey, Jessica, Kayla, Lucas, Lucy, Mia M, Mia W, Olivia, Ruby and Sienna.** They have read every day this week (whether their school-book or one of their choice), they have recorded it in their reading record, and they have brought their reading record into school so we can see their progress.

Have a fun and safe weekend. See you Monday.

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