

Year 4 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 9th December, 2024

Times Tables

Times tables tests have finished for Term 2. They will start up again in January.

English

This week the children have produced newspaper articles. The class found it a challenge to write in this style at first, as they had to ensure their newspapers didn't sound like narrative stories or diary entries. Using the sentence openers on the right helped them to write in a formal way. Children included quotes in their articles, pictures with captions and came up with attention-grabbing headlines.

Maths

In maths, children used their knowledge of multiples and counting in 7s to make the link between repeated addition and multiplication. Children applied their knowledge of equal groups and used a range of concrete and pictorial representations to deepen their understanding of multiplying by 7. They also drew on ideas from previous steps to explore flexible partitioning to show, for example, $8 \times 7 = 5 \times 7 + 3 \times 7$ or $8 \times 7 = 8 \times 5 + 8 \times 2$. Children also explored dividing by 7 through sharing into 7 equal groups and grouping into 7s.

We revisited multiplying a number with a ten and a hundred. The children remembered that you need to use the zero/ zeros to hold the ones and tens place values. So, $23 \times 10 = 230$ and $23 \times 100 = 2300$. We took this a step further and practised multiplying two numbers and finding the related facts. For example, $3 \times 9 = 27$. So, $3 \times 90 = 30 \times 9 = 270$. The children were also able to find the answer to 30×90 , 300×9 and 3×900 .

We have started to learn multiplying a two-digit number with a one-digit number using formal column method.

Church

This week we have walked to the church a few times to practise our Key Stage Two nativity. Year Four have been working hard in class learning our song for the performance - we can't wait for you to see it!

We had our KS2 Dress Rehearsal to the school on Thursday afternoon. The children sang beautifully!

this incident

reports suggest

amazingly

all over the country

evidence suggests

crowds witnessed

the unusual event

witnesses report

strange happenings

was quoted as saying

experts believe



Woodland Learning

We had our Woodland Learning session on Thursday morning. It was freezing cold, but that didn't stop the children from enjoying the outdoor activities in the woods.



Leybourne Grange Nativity

Last week, we visited the Leybourne Grange Riding School for a special treat. The Nativity performance put on by the participants was beautiful and poignant. The children behaved very well and had a great time!



Dates for next week

Monday 16th Dec: Nativity performance in the church (for Y3 & Y4 parents)

Tuesday 17th Dec: Nativity performance in the church (for Y5 & Y6 parents)

Wednesday 18th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas lunch day

Thursday 19th Dec: Rock Steady Concert & KS2 Christmas Party

(a letter has been sent home with the details of this event)

Friday 20th Dec: Last day of the term

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney, Mrs Pattanshetti, Mrs Burling and Mrs Millar 😊