

Year 4



Dear Parents,

I hope that you were able to enjoy your children's performance and I am sure you will agree that they were absolutely amazing. They put a lot of hard work into it and I was very proud of them.

It would be great if the children could research information about the 'Anglo-Saxons' over the holidays. We will start the term by looking at whereabouts these invaders came from in Europe and when they settled in Britain, maybe, if the children can find out some interesting facts about 'where they settled' and 'why,' that would be great. As usual, could they continue to keep reading, learning their times tables and using TT Rockstars as often as possible. Most importantly though, they deserve to relax and have a fantastic Christmas with you.

This week in maths has been a mix of the children continuing to develop multiplication and division strategies; they looked at some fun ways to learn their 3, 6- and 9-times tables. The children have some new techniques and found some interesting patterns with these tables in particular.

In English, the children looked at my favourite Christmas advert about Sam and Monty the penguin. They then wrote a letter to Santa persuading him that Monty needed a new friend for Christmas. The children loved writing about the Christmas advert and discussing how the characters would have been feeling. We looked at using persuasive language and giving reasons for their feelings and opinions in their writing. After this, they completed a storyboard to come up with an idea for their own animal in place of Monty.

We will be out at Woodland Learning on Monday. At the moment it suggests rain, but hopefully the shelter in the woods will mean that we can still have some fun and toast marshmallows ready for Christmas.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Mrs Ward and Mrs Vennart