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Hello everyone. I can't believe we've made it to December already! We are getting into the Christmas swing in Birch class - we've been thinking about advent and the anticipation of Christmas, the tree is up, and we've also had a visit from a cheeky 'Eddie the Elf'. He has been keeping us company with his tricks and reporting back to Santa on the Take Care behaviour of children in Birch class.

Here's what we have been up to:

- In English we have started our new topic - Persuasive writing. This week, we have looked at persuasive adverts for holidays and houses, thinking about how language and structure has been used to persuade. Next week, we will write our own Persuasive Advert about a holiday destination.*
- In Maths, we have focused this week on our 4 x table and today, our 8 x table. We have practised multiplying and dividing by 4 using our knowledge of the 4 x table to support our understanding. On Monday, we will look at sharing and grouping (division) in the 8 x table.*
- In Geography we have learnt about Canals, the importance of them both historically and now. We found out lots of interesting facts and the children had some great questions to discuss.*
- In our History topic, we learnt about the invasion of the Vikings and explored the question 'Did the Anglo-Saxons fight back or surrender?'. We learnt all about Alfred the Great and how he conquered the leader Guthrum.*
- In Art we continued with our 'weaving and wefting'. We have some nearly finished pieces, and they look great!*

Homework - 'The Magical Map' Creative Writing Competition.

Thank you to all the children who have completed their 'Magical Map' story - I am so impressed with the ones I have read - well done Year 3. Those will be sent off this week and we will hear back from them in the new year.

Christmas performance - Thursday 19th December

This week's homework is to learn the lines ready for our Christmas service in Church on the 19th. Each class in KS2 are performing a different part of the Nativity story, our part is the Shepherds scene.

Below are some ideas for costumes, if you have them, please could you bring them in a labelled bag for your child, ready for Monday 16th December. If you don't have these at home, then please don't worry about buying anything as there is clothing/accessories we can use in school from the KS1 Nativity.

- *Angels - All white - White leggings, white top (white PE top / black leggings can be used)*
- *Shepherds - All black - black trousers, black top and tea towel (KS1 may have a few spares from their Nativity if you don't have one at home)*
- *Narrators - All black - black top, black leggings or trousers.*

We are looking forward to our performance!

Reading:

It is great to see reading done at home. Remember to sign the reads either in the reading section at the front of your child's diary or within the week, the aim is for children to have at least 3 reads per week.

Spelling:

There are no spellings to learn this week.

Key dates for your diaries are available on the Headteacher Newsletter and the weekly newsletter at a glance: Weekly Newsletters 2023/2024 | St. Peter's C of E Academy (eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk)

<https://www.eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

Thank you. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Waghorn.