



W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We've had a wonderful and busy couple of weeks filled with lots of opportunities for learning and reflection.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the church to learn about Advent. Rev. Ruth and some volunteers from the church helped them explore the four key themes of hope, love, peace, and joy. It was a lovely chance for the children to reflect on these values as we move closer to the Christmas season, and they showed great interest and enthusiasm throughout the experience. They especially enjoyed lighting the candles in the advent wreaths.

Earlier in the week, we also had an engaging assembly with a visitor from Severn Trent Water. The children learned all about where our water comes from, how it is cleaned, and some fascinating (and slightly revolting!) facts, including that the water we drink has been consumed and passed by up to seven people before it reaches us. The children were reassured that it is cleaned thoroughly, of course! They also learned simple ways to save water and help the planet, such as turning off the tap while brushing their teeth.

**Maths:**

In Maths, we've finished our unit on addition and subtraction and have now started exploring 3D shapes. The children have been learning to identify the 2D faces on 3D shapes, and today they had so much fun creating their own shapes using cocktail sticks and midget gems. It was fantastic to see their problem-solving skills and teamwork as they built a variety of shapes,

**English:**

'Talk for Writing' unit text – The magic porridge pot.

In Talk for Writing, we've finished exploring the story of The Magic Porridge Pot. During the innovation stage, the children created their own new characters and magical objects. Their ideas were incredible and included a magic star that makes your dreams come true, a coin that multiplies, a cat that transports you to a magical land, and even a magic microwave that cooks the best jacket potatoes! Their creativity has been amazing, and they have thoroughly enjoyed developing their own unique stories.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am always around at the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Morrell.