

## Beech class weekly update 11.12.20

We have had a fantastic week in Beech class with the launch of our new book "The Jolly Christmas Postman" and a mini topic to end the term.

In English we have read the story and looked carefully at all of the different pieces of post, we talked about envelopes, stamps and postmarks and I set the children the challenge of having a look at different letters that get delivered to their home. We created story maps to follow the postman's journey, wrote riddles about the different characters and wrote a thank you letter to a key worker.

In maths we have continued to look at different coins and notes. I set the children a challenge of looking closely at different coins and notes at home. We talked about how people don't often use money and more often use a card or their phone to pay for things and as such we don't see actual money very often. If you are able to support the children with this learning by looking with them at notes and coins that would be very helpful. We have been combining coins to make amounts and playing toy shop bingo. We have also been weighing parcels using scales and measuring letters with rulers. We have been recording the measurements using g/cm as appropriate and the children have really enjoyed taking on the role of postal workers as part of their learning in maths.

We had a wonderful Christmas lunch which all of the children enjoyed and we are really getting into the festive spirit in Beech class. Everyone was wearing their Christmas jumpers and the PTA provided crackers for the children, so, with the children's place mats and festive napkins, Christmas music and maybe a little bit of dancing – it really has been a fun time.

In addition, to finish off the day, the children watched the world premiere of 'A King is Born', on the big classroom screen. All the children were superstars and it is truly an amazing nativity. A big thank you must go to Mrs Perkins, who is responsible for editing, sound effects and all the technical stuff!!! The children in Willow and Oak will be able to watch the play (as it traditional, usually as a dress rehearsal) next week, with parents having access next week too via the class page (accessed by a password).

This week for homework I have set something a little different for Christmas!

On Purple Mash, I have set these activities for a bit of festive fun:

- **Decorate a Christmas tree**
- **Nativity quiz**
- **Christmas coding – help Santa collect his presents! Either, use the arrow keys on a laptop or or 'swipe' if using a tablet.**

Next week we will be having forest school on Thursday instead of Wednesday this is so that we can have our seasonal walk around the village in the afternoon. We will be looking at signs of the changing seasons, Christmas lights and decorations.

We hope you all have lovely a weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry & Mrs Paice