

Marshfield CE VC Primary School

End of Term Newsletter

21 December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

When we returned in November the days were getting shorter and Christmas seemed a long way off now, with only days before Christmas, I am writing our end of term newsletter - what a term it has been!

The school has been full of laughter, smiles and song. The performances of 'Hey Ewe!' were both fantastic. Our younger children demonstrated amazing confidence and talent on and off of the stage. Our Christmas service, performed by KS2, was delightful; the children's singing was stunning and it was wonderful to celebrate with some many our school families and wider community. The PTA Christmas Fair was also very successful. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort to organise and arrange the event, and to those who came and visited the stalls and Father Christmas.

Alongside all of these amazing events the children have continued to learn and flourish. There has been a great mix of story writing, journalistic writing, art and craft alongside some fascinating science experiments and some fractions and measures. The children (and teachers) have been very busy. I am sure they are all very tired.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very merry Christmas and happy new year!

Jessica Bolt

MARSHFIELD'S GOT TALENT!

Marshfield certainly does have talent – stacks of it! We have had such an amazing day today, enjoying all of the fantastic performances in our much anticipated contest. Thank you so much to all the children who put such a lot of effort in and provided us with show-stopping performances. Well done!



ICT Tips

As it's the Christmas holidays can we take the time to remind you of some useful links to help keep your children safe online over the holidays!

For parents

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

For information on setting up new child-friendly accounts on laptops

<http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/computing/laptops/how-to-make-a-laptop-childproof-11363831411601>

iPads

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

For children

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

READING

We have been so impressed with all the reading at home that's been happening this term – please keep it up with lots of reading over the Christmas holidays!

Reminder:

Please remember not to bring toys, games or trading cards into school. It can be very upsetting for children when they are lost or broken.



Want to find out more about our school? What to see what your child has been up to? Follow us [@MarshfieldP](https://twitter.com/MarshfieldP) for regular updates! **You don't need to have a twitter account to look at our wonderful learning!**

Labelling Clothing

Please can we ask you to label all items of clothing, including coats. As you can imagine, we end up with an awful lot of lost property. Thank you!

Christmas Jumper Day raised a fantastic **£127.00** for Save the Children. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Green Tree Award

Please can you bring in your old, used Christmas cards next term. We will be able to reuse them next year by making them into Christmas tags etc. This is a great way to reuse and recycle and will also allow us to gain 1 point towards our Green Tree Gold Award.

Thank you

Green Tree Ambassadors



CLASS NEWS

Miró Class – Mrs Tilley

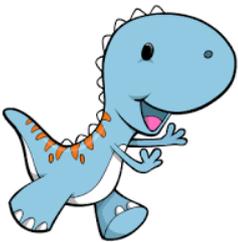
What a successful term this has been!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Let's Celebrate!' topic through which we have learned about Bonfire Night celebrations, Diwali and the different ways in which we all celebrate Christmas. In between learning about these festivities, we also celebrated Autumn and the wonderful changes we observed around us at this time.

The highlights of the term have been creating a fire to make hot chocolate and taking part in our first Marshfield Nativity performance! We had a great time singing to you all and can't wait to do it again next year!!

This term we have begun to apply our phonics knowledge to reading and writing and we're really getting the hang of reading words and sentences as well as beginning to write for different purposes. Our maths learning as focused on patterns and shapes. We can name lots of 2D and 3D shapes and can use mathematical terms to talk about their properties.

Miss Ellis has been a great addition to our class this term and has been leading much of the learning that has been taking place. Next term she will be at a different school placement but we look forward to her return in February when she will stay with us until the end of the year.

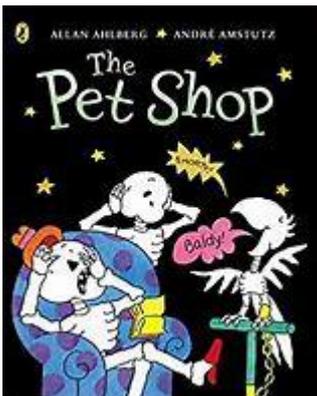


Next term, as many of the class are keen dinosaur enthusiasts, our topic will be 'Dinosaur Galore!' We will be learning some amazing dinosaur facts alongside other dino-themed activities.

We will be continuing with our phonics in the new year by learning some more complicated sounds and start to apply these to our reading and writing. Our maths focus will be on number and calculations where we will be consolidating our number knowledge and using them to solve problems.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone in Miró Class!

Van Gogh Class – Miss Bateman



What a fab term to end the year! This term we have been looking at two exciting books: 'The Pet Shop' and 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children have really enjoyed acting out the story lines and writing their own new pages. We created our own skeleton dogs in art and even had a life-size skeleton in our classroom!

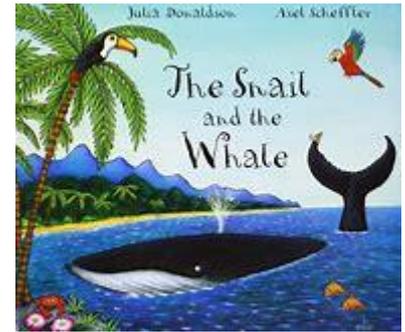
In Maths we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and have been working on our addition and subtraction. The children have really enjoyed using our new bead strings to solve their tricky subtraction problems.

We have had so much fun practicing and performing our nativity and everyone hasn't stopped talking about how great all of the children were! Thank you to all of the parents for sorting out the costumes. I can see that a lot of hard work went into making them!

Thank you for all of the support you have given me during my time here at Marshfield Primary and I wish you all the best for the future.

Have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year!

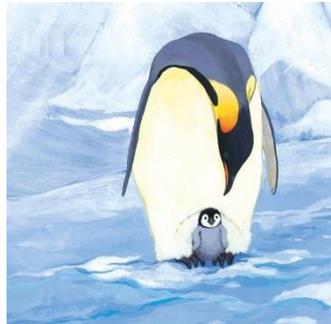
Miss Bateman



A Welcome from Mrs Grainger:

Hello, my name is Mrs Grainger and I will be the teacher in Van Gogh from January. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children in the New Year.

Our topic next term will be A Frozen World where we will be learning about the landscape and life on Antarctica, as well as finding out about the explorer Scott of the Antarctic and his race to the South Pole. In



English we will be focusing on *The Emperor's Egg* to support us to write narratives, non-chronological reports and poetry. In Maths we will be learning about measurement of length, weight, volume and time as well as using multiplication and division to solve problems.

Our PE days will continue to be Wednesday and Friday. Home learning will also continue to be sent home on Friday to be returned for the following Wednesday.

I hope you and your families have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Grainger

Klee Class – Mrs Hachani

What an exciting term for Klee class with *Muck, Mess and Mixtures!* We've had a wonderful time exploring a range of abstract artists, including Mondrian, Pollock and our very own Klee! In science, we've enjoyed exploring the properties of different materials and investigating how they change.

We have also been very lucky to welcome Miss Williams into our class. Next term, she will be teaching us, along with Mrs Hachani, for the next few weeks.

Next term, our topic is *Fur, Feet and Feathers!* We will be learning all about animals including humans. We'll be learning about how animals have offspring that grow into adults and discovering what animals need to survive and thrive. To support us in this topic, we will be reading *The Hedgehog* by Dick King Smith, which will inspire us to write our own hedgehog-themed fiction and non-fiction. We will also be learning how to keep ourselves healthy by designing a healthy meal in DT. In maths, we will be learning to describe 2D



and 3D shapes and sort them by their properties; tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and use different units to measure mass, length, capacity and temperature.

PE lessons will continue to take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days.

Thank you for your kind support so far. Have a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing all of you again, ready for new learning in January.

Mrs Hachani

Monet Class – Mrs Rubel



During terms 3-4 our class topic will be Whizz, Sparkle, Clash! Our book for the two terms will be The Firework Maker's Daughter. We will use the setting of the book, China, to do a study on China, comparing it to the UK. The children will look at land use, religion, culture and food. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year in February using our artistic skills to create artwork and our drama skills to perform. In science lessons, we will be exploring how we see and conducting experiments with shadow puppets from the story.

In English lessons using our key text The Firework Maker's Daughter we will be writing explanation texts, instruction texts, narratives and poetry.

In mathematics lessons, we will be developing our skills in column subtraction, measures and mental and written multiplication and division.

PE lessons will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays, please can you ensure your child has the correct kit at all times as occasionally our days change due to weather conditions and school events.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish you a happy and enjoyable Christmas break

Mrs Rubel

Kandinsky Class – Mrs Luton & Mrs Lewis

And just like that, another term comes to an end! After a busy seven weeks, I think we are now all very much looking forward to the Christmas break!

Next term, our theme 'Who Let The God's Out' will have a history focus. We look forward to learning all about the history of the Ancient Greeks and the rise of the Ancient Greek civilisation. We will learn about chronology and where this period fits within a larger timescale. During our English learning, we will be exploring Greek myths and using these to inspire our own writing across a range of genres. We will look at what artefacts can tell us about life like during this period and replicate our own Ancient Greek pottery using clay.



In maths, we will revise previous learning linked to calculation, place value and fractions and will also introduce 'position and movement' where we will learn about shape transformations and co-ordinates.

PE continues to take place on Monday and Wednesday. The PE focus for Term 3 is netball and dance.

You may have noticed a new adult in our classroom. Miss Seyers is a Bath Spa Teacher who will be with us for the majority of Term 3. The class have already enjoyed working with her and she is very excited to share her musical expertise with the class.

Hockney Class – Mr Looker-Jones

Hockney have enjoyed a really creative term two and the classroom is full of our Egyptian-inspired art – do come in and have a look if you've not already! We have had lots of fun studying life and death in ancient Egypt, and reading the tragedy of Antony and Cleopatra which has inspired some sensational writing!

After Christmas, we will continue our 'Cleopatra comin' atcha!' theme for the first fortnight, culminating in our visit to Highclere Castle (Wednesday 16th January) where we will learn all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Our class sharing assembly is then two days later on Friday 18th January, during which we will be recreating all of the wonderful things we've been doing.

Our third topic of the year is to be 'Northern Lights'. We will be reading Philip Pullman's unbeatable novel of the same name (writing explanation texts and quest stories of our own) and doing lots of practical science work investigating light and electricity: how does light travel? How do we see? How are shadows created? What is refraction? Can we make light? Meanwhile, in maths we will be deepening our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, so it is imperative that the children continue to consolidate their times tables knowledge.



PE will continue to be on Monday and Thursday afternoons throughout term three. In addition to our Highclere trip, year sixes have their half-day visit to Lifeskills (which has been funded by the PTA) on Thursday 10th January – the first Thursday back.

Thank you for all your support throughout the Autumn term; I hope you and your families all have a very special Christmas together.

Dates for your Diary

Term 3	
Monday 7 th January	Term 3 begins
Thursday 10 th January	Year 6 trip to LifeSkills
Wednesday 16 th January	Hockney (Class 6) Trip to Highclere Castle
Friday 18 th January @ 2:30pm	Hockney (Class 6) Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 29 th January, 3:30-3:50pm	Open Books
Tuesday 12 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 15 th February	End of Term
Term 4	
Monday 25 th February	Term 4 begins
Friday 1 st March	Inset Day
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day celebrations
Monday 18 th March, 1 – 3:30pm	Kandinsky (Class 5) Family Day
Friday 22 nd March @ 2:30pm	Kandinsky (Class 5) Sharing Assembly
Friday 5 th April @ 1:30pm (TBC)	Easter service at St Mary's
Friday 5 th April	End of Term
Term 5	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Term 5 begins
Tuesday 30 th April, 3:30-3:50pm	Open Books
Thursday 2 nd May, 1 – 3:30pm	Miro (Class 1) Family Day
Friday 24 th May @ 2:30pm	Klee (Class 3) Sharing Assembly
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Term 6	
Monday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins
Monday 3 rd June	Inset Day
Tuesday 4 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 11 th June (afternoon)	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June @ 2:30pm	Van Gogh (Class 2) Sharing Assembly
Monday 2 nd July – Friday 5 th July	Camp Week (years 5 and 6)
Thursday 4 th July	Van Gogh (Class 2) Family Day
Wednesday 10 th July @ 6:00pm	KS2 Production
Thursday 11 th July @ 2:00pm	KS2 Production
Friday 12 th July @ 2:30pm	Miro (Class 1) Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd July @ 1:30pm (TBC)	Leavers service in St Mary's
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Term



Wishing you all a very happy and restful Christmas break – from all of us at Marshfield Primary School. See you in January!