

Hello Everyone,

This week's 2 new sounds were b and f. (These are the sounds and not the letter names.) We have done writing on white boards, outside in chalk and in our books.

b – for bone – 2 hands holding an imaginary bone in front of your face you are gnawing.

(formation rhyme – down the laces to the heel, up and around the toe)



f – for fish – wiggling your hand away in front of you like a fish swimming.

(formation rhyme – curl down the stem and draw the leaves)



In our literacy, we read the story The Ugly Duckling and the children tried answering questions where they have to think about the feelings of different characters in the story and then say why they might have felt that way. This is a new and sometimes tricky concept to understand but we all had a try and many showed understanding of this concept. We also, in groups, brainstormed words to describe Santa, then used these to create a poem about him. The results were very creative. We also did writing using verbs to create simple sentences about things we can do. We followed the format:



I can

Then, for the first time, some children had a go at finishing the sentence with their own choice of word, spelling it by themselves. This is a really important step in spelling and writing. It is so important to build a confident attitude to trying new things and not to worry about getting it wrong. I say to the children the mantra:

Mistakes are proof you are trying!

In maths we carried on learning about the months of the year and sang the Singing Walrus song to teach this in a fun way. We also discussed the cold, Winter months and hot, Summer months and tried to learn which month each of our Birthdays are in.

In our science work, we carried on looking at the properties of different materials, deciding which materials fitted a certain description. (soft, hard, bendy)

In amongst all this work we have been practicing our Christmas play and doing Christmas crafts. It's not just Santa's Elves that are busy at this time of year!!!



Could I please send out a reminder for Christmas costumes to come to school in clearly named bags this week. We are very grateful for your cooperation in this and it is much appreciated. Also all children have had forms for concert tickets put in their bags. These need to be filled in and sent in with payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as we have a limited number of tickets for each performance due to Health and Safety and Fire Regulations.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and yes

Miss Thomas & Miss Jojo.

**IT'S TIME TO PUT UP
THE CHRISTMAS TREE!**

