

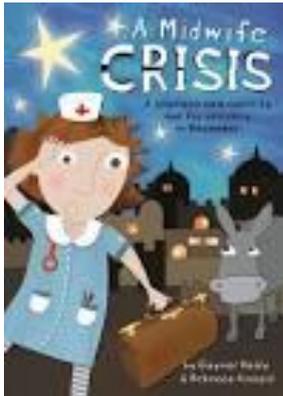


# St Giles' School

Newsletter

30th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers



The rehearsals for 'A Midwife Crisis' are in full flow – I practised the songs with the children yesterday and they sounded brilliant! Parents of Year 2 children – please can you continue to support your child at home with learning their lines.

**Ticket update:** all tickets that have been requested will be sent out in the bookbags on Monday. Please make sure they are correct and keep them safe! Any queries, please see the office.

Here is next week's learning for each year group:



Early Years Foundation Stage



$5+5$



$6+4$



$7+3$



$8+2$



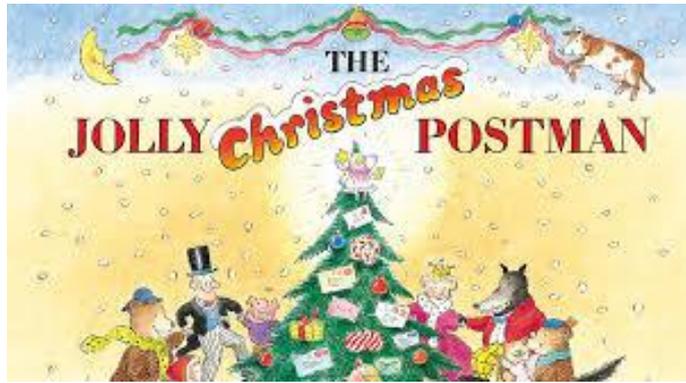
$9+1$

Maths

To use Numicon to add two numbers together.

To solve a real life addition problem using Numicon.

Practising number formation songs and number recognition



## English

Children will read 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and verbally re-tell the story, using pictures to help.

Learning to sequence a story

Drawing and labelling characters from the story

Learning to write in the style of a letter and writing letters to the Jolly Postman.



## RE

'Who travelled to Bethlehem?' - Listening to and reflecting on the Christmas Story.



## Topic

Getting into the Christmas spirit, children will be making a giant Christmas tree for the classroom- learning how to work as a team and using their cutting skills to make Christmas cards. Children will also be busy rehearsing the school Nativity play and learning how to perform, singing and dancing in time to the music!



## Year 1 – Squirrels

Science: How animals survive in cold places



Literacy: Letter writing - write a letter to Father Christmas

Maths: Number bonds to 10 and addition problem solving

Art: Making a collage santa and reindeer



R.E: The Christmas story



## Year 2 – Rabbits and Badgers

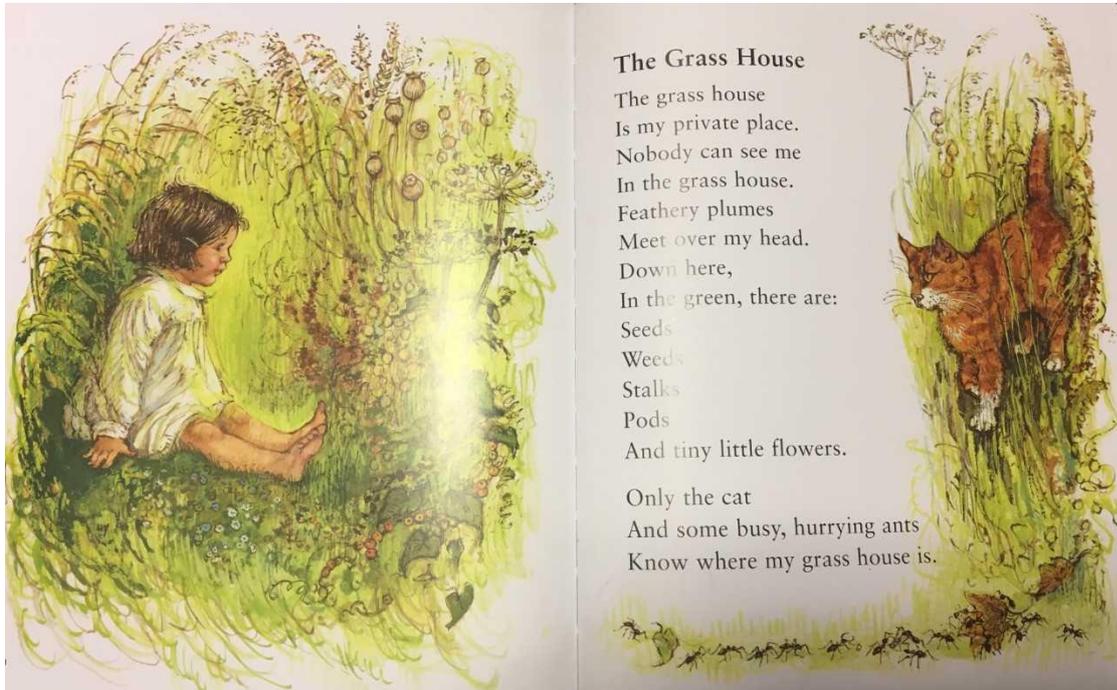


### Maths

We will be continuing our unit on Money, focusing on finding the total by adding two or more amounts. The children will be using the strategies taught in the previous unit on addition and representing their calculations in different ways such as part whole models and bar models. They will then need to use their knowledge of coins and notes to make the final amount.

## English

We will be reading the Shirley Hughes poem 'The Grass House', reading and performing it, linking it to the character 'Wild' with whom the children are very familiar. We will then be creating our own poems in the same style.



### The Grass House

The grass house  
Is my private place.  
Nobody can see me  
In the grass house.  
Feathery plumes  
Meet over my head.  
Down here,  
In the green, there are:  
Seeds  
Weeds  
Stalks  
Pods  
And tiny little flowers.

Only the cat  
And some busy, hurrying ants  
Know where my grass house is.

## Science

Living Things and their Habitats - Working together and staying alive: This lesson introduces children to the concepts of adaptations and dependency. Children match living things to their habitats by their characteristics and consider how plants and animals in a habitat depend on each other for survival.

## Geography

Sensational Safari - Marvellous Maasai: In this lesson children are introduced to the Maasai tribe. Children learn about the Maasai culture, traditions and look at the similarities and differences between the Maasai lifestyle and their own.



## Phonics

We are also continuing Phase 6 in phonics, looking specifically at the 'ing' suffix, the w special – ur/or after w for example; word, work, worm and v spelling rules - words do not end in the letter v unless they are abbreviations e.g. rev. If a word ends in a v sound, e must be added after the v in the spelling (give, have, live, love, above).



## Westland Farm

We have established a link with 'Elysian at Westland Farm', which is a specialist provision offering animal therapy for children, based in Shalford, near Guildford. There are flyers available in the front foyer of the school. Westland Farm do sessions for individual children as well as for families. Please do take a look at what they can offer.



## St Giles' Stars

Due to our rehearsal this morning and the setting up of the hall for the Christmas Fair, we have not managed to do certificates this week. St Giles' Stars will be back next week!



## Attendance

Please can I remind you that I am unable to authorise any leave of absence during term time. I am still receiving a number of special leave requests. Absences of 5 school days or over may incur a penalty notice which will be issued by the local authority. Your support with this is much appreciated – thank you. Our attendance policy is available on our website.

This week's attendance:

Owls – 95.2%

Squirrels – 93.9%

Rabbits – 96.7%

Badgers – 97.4%

Well done to BADGERS class!

Overall school attendance is currently 95.75%



## Nutritional Ninjas Cooking Club

All parents will receive an electronic flyer today for our popular 'Nutritional Ninjas' cooking club. If you wish your child to do the cooking club next term, please register at the Nutrituonal Ninja website. Please note this club is now open to Reception children as well!

### **Autumn Term Diary Dates**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 1.45pm – Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am – Christmas Nativity

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch in school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties during school time

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - End of term Service at St Giles' Church and break up at 1.45pm



### **Christmas PTA Dates**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas tree delivery

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Wreath making evening

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Cocktails & Candlelight shopping evening



### **Spring Term Diary Dates**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019– INSET day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – INSET day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Children return to school

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – HALF TERM

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of term Service at St Giles' Church and break up at 1.45pm

