

Home School Books –18 December 2015.

Home School Book – Nursery

It's hard to believe that the autumn term has passed by so quickly! Your children have settled beautifully into Nursery and we are getting to know everyone's unique character very well now! We have already covered a huge amount of ground since September and hope you can see the fruits of this, most importantly in how your little one is enjoying the whole nursery experience.

The last couple of weeks have been all about Christmas, with all of the glitter we have used you probably have sparkle on everything at home by now! The children have had great fun doing all of the wonderful Christmas activities and we do hope you compliment them on their handiwork that they have brought home. The Christmas calendar was a particular favourite and you can see by the cheeky grin of the Christmas tree, how much they enjoyed that one! Of course the 'pièce de résistance' was our Christmas show. Your children were just fabulous and we hope you loved it as much as we did! Photographs will be on the website soon, alongside the photographs from the visit of St Nicolas, so please remember to take a look.



We will be back to a little bit of normality in January and our new topic will be 'Buildings'. We need lots of boxes and cartons of different sizes, so it would be lovely if you could keep a few empty ones over the holiday and bring them in next term, including shoe boxes, so go on out and treat yourself to some new shoes Mummy! Or Daddy of course!

All that is left to say is; Thank you for your support this term and we will see you in 2016!

Have a very Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year, health and happiness to you all.

Thank you

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Home School Book – Reception

Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting and festive week in Reception with most of the work carried out having a 'Christmas theme'!



In Maths, we made Christmas decorations for the tree based on our knowledge of 3D shapes and we added to our maths display on the theme of The Twelve Days of

Christmas. We even manage to introduce Rudolph into our PE session, as we created different movements to represent the eight reindeer as depicted in the poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore. We were very taken with their names and Cupid and Vixen were amongst our favourites. We even had a discussion about how to be 'a good friend', when we talked about why Rudolph was left out and teased by the other reindeer in subsequent stories. We have also made Christmas cards and discussed the /ee/ sound made by the letter y in the words happy and merry, when writing our cards.

In French with Mrs Scharf, we have been talking about Christmas (Noël) and doing lots of activities around this traditional theme. We opened advent calendars, we learned a song (sonne cloche ding ding dong), we made a Christmas card and we learnt vocabulary pertaining to this theme. We can now say Joyeux Noël !

Finally, today we had a very special visitor and we were all enthralled, especially as we have such a wonderful fireplace in the classroom, which is perfect for Father Christmas to make a quick exit up if his reindeer get a parking ticket at Plasky!

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you all in 2016!

Warm regards

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Home School Book – Year 1

Dear Parents,

This week has been all about snowmen in year 1! We have watched the short, wordless animated film of the snowman and used it as our inspiration for our literacy lessons. We responded to the story by discussing which parts of the film made us laugh, what surprised us and what made us feel sad. We also designed our snowmen by closely looking at all the different articles of clothing that the snowmen from the party in the film wore. We had snowmen wearing sunglasses, aprons, magician's hats and bows! The children then wrote about their snowman. We made snowmen collages in art to replace the autumn leaves now that we are in the season of winter.



Also in literacy we have practised reading and writing words containing the /oa/ and short /oo/ sounds in phonics. We made our own sentences using these words and tried

to spell words with these sounds accurately. We have also read a variety of different Christmas themed stories such as Mog's Christmas and the Jolly Christmas postman.

In numeracy this week we have revised addition and subtraction. The children practised recognising the two different signs and counting forwards and backwards to find the answers to addition and subtraction sums. The children also completed some maths themed Christmas puzzles such as ordering 5 Christmas trees according to their height (length).

In French with Mrs. Scharf, we have been talking about Christmas (Noël) and have been learning all the vocabulary pertaining to this joyful topic. We learnt a song (Vive le vent), we made a card and did many activities on different websites. We read stories and played games. Joyeux Noël !

Don't forget that the group 1 swimmers will have their first swimming lesson on the first day back after the Christmas break, Tuesday the 5th of January. They will need to bring in a bag with a towel, a swimming costume and a swimming cap. The children will also have their spelling test as normal on Thursday the 7th of January.

We wish you a happy holiday and safe travels to those of you leaving Belgium. And we hope that you have a wonderful 2016!

Kind regards

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Home School Book – Year 2

Dear Parents,

The last week of term has been full of Christmas and winter activities. We have made Christmas cards, watched the short film The Snowman and completed some Christmas mathematics as revision of the key number facts that we have been using this term. The children also decorated the classroom helped by Mrs Keogh.

We continued to learn about dinosaurs, putting our large dinosaur paintings on display, finalizing the dinosaur videos, and discussing what we have learned. Next term, we will compile our dinosaur work into a book which the children will bring home. Our topic for next term is Knock, knock who's there? an inquiry unit into houses and homes. (This does not mean we will forget all about dinosaurs, a topic which the children have found so very interesting.)



In French, we finished our week working on Christmas. We talked about "Papa Noël" (Father Christmas) and we learned how to decorate the "sapin de Noël" (Christmas

tree). We also did vocabulary activities on www.vivenoel.com and sang the Christmas song " Mon beau sapin".

I hope you are looking forward to a happy holiday with your children. We are not giving homework for the holiday, as the children need to spend as much time as possible relaxing, thinking, talking, drawing, making things and, especially, playing. Often, being a little bored leads people to be imaginative and creative out of necessity: the children are all able to find stimulating and entertaining things to do with the simplest things. You might be interested to know about the toy library (ludotheque) in Schaerbeek: Boulevard Lambert, 208 1030 Schaerbeek 02/245.27.8

Have a wonderful happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 5th January.

Yours,

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Home School Book – Year 3

Dear Parents,

It has been unseasonably warm this week although rather wet. When it did dry out, we took advantage of it to play games outside.

We have had a lovely week doing fun activities .We had workbooks with word searches, maths questions, crosswords and various other activities. We did art activities; decorated wreaths, made a moving snowman and a decorated Christmas tree.

In French with Mrs. Scharf, we have been talking about Christmas and have learnt new vocabulary on the same theme. We did word searches, crosswords and other fun activities to remember the new vocabulary. Joyeux Noël !

In French with Mrs Gorgia, we dedicated our week to Christmas (Noël). We sang Christmas carols, we read some passages from " Le journal du Père Noël" (Father Christmas's Diary), we read the poem " Et dans mes bottes?" and answered a quiz based on the theme of Christmas.

Thank you to those who sent in food for our little party on Wednesday. We had a lovely time and enjoyed playing games as a class.



The holiday talk topic is: Why are snowflakes all different? Have you ever really seen one?

It has been a lovely term and I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a happy holiday. If you are travelling, be safe.

Very best wishes,

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Home School Book – Year 4

Dear parents,

The highlight of this week was the school Christmas show. The performance was wonderful and the children were amazing. They acted and sang beautifully. It was wonderful to see our young talented actors and singers do so well. Well done to all the children! I would like to thank you for supporting your child to learn their words as well as getting the costumes ready for the performance.

This week the children had lots of fun, fun and more fun. We concentrated on some maths. In maths this week we also finished off some division and multiplication working in their maths notebooks. I am happy to say that the children are flourishing in maths and that now they are confident enough to work on division and multiplication sums. The children also completed some literacy and art activities through Christmas activities. The children loved it! They enjoyed completing their Christmas booklets which had all sorts of different activities. They worked on word searches, crosswords, maths fun, colouring in Christmas worksheets and many more. In art the children made wonderful wreaths from crape paper. They put a lot of detail into their wreaths. The children then decorated them using glitter right at the very end so that they sparkled beautifully.



The year 4 children also made Christmas ornaments ready to be hung on their Christmas trees.

Swimming this week was the last lesson for the year 4 children. The children really enjoyed swimming and were very sad they would not be going again next term. They will be having P.E at school for the next term.

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The topic for this week is: How would you like to celebrate your Christmas holidays?
I would like to thank you for a wonderful term and I wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2016.
See you in the New Year!

Best regards
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Home School Book – Year 5

Dear Parents,

The last week of quite a long term. The work's been exciting, challenging and fun; we've kept ourselves busy and the weather's been pretty good. All in all, it's been a super autumn.

Monday was testament to that as the show the children put on was brilliant. They all performed wonderfully, remembered their lines with assurance and enjoyed being on the stage. We could have some real stars in this summer's production.

Mitra and Ishika who were asked to create a dance on the morning of the show for song, 'Today I Got A Letter'. Artem had some input too. So they had six hours to choreograph something up. All three managed it and gave a little something to the song and the show.

After all the excitement of the show, there was the less attractive business of a maths test to do. Early signs are that it was a bit hard.



We also plotted a graph to show the rate at which water boils in Science. The class were initially given just some of the data to plot and had to predict which way the figures would go, i.e. what would the next temperatures of the warming water be. Could the children spot a pattern? Their predictions weren't so close but their graphs were spot on!

In PE we played basketball and football after a morning of partying. Thank you all so, so, so much for the contributions that each child provided for the class party at such

late notice. We had just the right amount of things. We wanted to include Artem in the celebration and as he was leaving for holidays, the party had to be on Wednesday.

In French with Mrs Gorgia, we had a great time working on the theme of Christmas (Noël). We sang French Christmas carols, we did vocabulary activities on www.languagesonline.org.uk and we role played a visit to the Christmas market. In French with Mrs. Scharf, we read another chapter of "Le mot interdit" and summarised the first two chapters orally. We also did a few Christmas activities and discovered new vocabulary and described how we will be celebrating Christmas. Joyeux Noël !

Before the festivities began, we made mince pies. Homemade, these British Christmas cakes can be a real treat but our end product wasn't the highest quality and Year 5's weren't left very convinced. Still, the Year 6 boys were and they snaffled them up without much effort after PE.

And that was our week.

Next term, it's Wind in the Willows and rivers, it's swimming and it's more of the same learning delirium in Year 5.

Sadly, Mitra will leaving BISB today after 7 years. The green of BISB runs through Mitra and the school won't forget her. We all wish her the very best in her future, back home in Denmark.

Have a nice Christmas holiday everybody and see you next year
Best wishes

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Home School Book – Year 6

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to hear that you enjoyed our Christmas production; the students acted, sang and played their ukuleles superbly. I was extremely proud of them. Needless to say, we were all very tired on Tuesday morning.



This week, the children have been occupied with completing unfinished assignments, ensuring that their work is filed correctly and that they are able to access the online holiday homework. This homework is optional and includes learning objectives which have been covered this term:

- Revision of spelling, punctuation and grammar Edmodo - Christmas Hols Folder
- Revision of text types -Edmodo - Christmas Hols Folder
- Revision of Year 6 Maths topics Edmodo - Christmas Hols Folder
- Preparation of Year 8 Maths for CIMT group - CIMT Year 8
- Reading book – War Horse

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Next term, we shall be studying new topics, which will include: Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Sir Ernest Shackleton's adventure to Antarctica and Tintin. We shall continue with our 'Around the World in Eighty Treasures' project, with the children taking it turns to teach each week. The Year 6 'trainee teachers' have produced some exciting and informative lessons (thank goodness, they have not set me any homework yet!).

I would like to thank you for your support this term; for many students these last few months have been challenging, however, from my perspective the pupils are now more independent, responsible and focused; important and necessary skills required for a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

May I wish you all a happy, peaceful and relaxing festive holiday.

Best wishes,

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In EAL this week, we have worked on lots of Christmas based activities, all of which have produced some wonderful language work (as well as a lot of mess with glue, tinsel and glitter!). I have been so very proud of the hard work and progress made this term by all the groups this term. It has been a long term, but a very productive one and I look forward to us all getting back to work on perfecting our English (oral and written) in the New Year. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Fond wishes,

Ruth Avis