



Our learning this week:

Maths: This week we have been practising our 4 and 8 times tables and learning about the relationship between the two. We have added a new term to our maths glossary - product. We have also worked on word problems relating to length. Some of the children chose to stay behind at lunchtime to try and work out the total length of all our desks (1km 7m and 70cm). Mrs. Tonkin was very impressed!

English: This week we have been learning how to spell common exception words (words that don't follow the normal spelling rules). These words are from a statutory list so please do practise them with your children (see spellings section below). We have started looking at poems in guided reading and some children found it quite tricky to recognise rhyming words. It would be brilliant if you could talk about rhyming words at home and point out any examples you come across.

RE: We have started our Advent unit in RE. We have learnt about the Annunciation and discussed how Mary might have felt when the angel told her she was going to have a very special baby.

Science and Topic: In Science, the children have been learning how to use scientific evidence to answer questions about volcanoes. In History we have been continuing to learn about Roman gods and goddesses and we are getting ready to celebrate the Roman festival of Saturnalia in the last week of term.

Spelling Rules and Handwriting

This week we have been learning to spell some of the common exception words that are statutory for children in Years 3 and 4. The children will be taught all of this words by the end of Year 4. The full list can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1 - Spelling.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf)

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Other News

- Thank you very much to all the parents who were able to join us for our ukulele performance and class mass. The children really enjoy sharing their learning with others.
- On the last day of term we are planning on having a class party based on the Roman festival of Saturnalia. The children have asked if they can dress up so if you have anything they could use as a Roman-style tunic or toga then please send it in with them on that Friday. It must be something they can put over the top of their normal school uniform (e.g. a large white t-shirt with something to tie round the middle, or an old sheet to use as a toga). Please do not worry if you do not have anything suitable - there will be lots of us (including me!) who will not be dressing up.

Parent and child response: