

This week the children finished off their “hot tasks” – writing their own non-chronological report about a fictional creature on the island from the story we have been stepping into. The children did brilliantly at using the language features we have been practising as well as remembering the things on our “all the time toolkit” such as punctuation, finger spaces, handwriting, sounding out unknown words and remembering how to spell tricky words. Well done, Java Class! Since we have finished this unit now we have moved on to learning a recount text which describes the day a boy made a snowman and flew to an icy wilderness with him in the middle of the night to join in with a party with other snowmen. You may recognise the story! So far we have text-mapped the story and have been working on learning it off by heart with actions.

In maths we have been working with money. We revised using $<$ $>$ and $=$ symbols to compare different amounts and also worked on counting coins and making amounts in different ways.

When we stepped into our story this week we used our newly acquired mapping skills to create maps of the island complete with keys. We discovered that keys were useful since it would be impossible to draw everything on a map without it becoming cluttered.

We have also been busy preparing our songs and another couple of items for our Christmas performance. The performance will take place on the 13th December at 2:30pm in the school hall. Children will need a Christmassy item of clothing to wear e.g. a jumper, tinsel in their hair, reindeer ears etc. We look forward to welcoming you!

As you know, there is a school disco on the 13th December. Some children find school discos difficult because of the high noise level and the crowded situation and often want to sit out. Therefore, this year each class will be having their own class party in addition to the disco so that we can celebrate Christmas in our small class communities. This means that if your child does not want to attend the disco they can still enjoy a party with their friends. Java Class’s party will be on Tuesday the 19th of December. Your child may come into school in party clothes but please make sure their shoes are still suitable for school and their clothing appropriate for the weather.

DIARY DATES:

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS – 13- DECEMBER 2:30pm BRING CHRISTMASSY ITEM OF CLOTHING

CHRISTMAS DISCO – 13- DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 18- DECEMBER

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY – 19- DECEMBER – WEAR PARTY CLOTHES

New Vocabulary: This week’s vocabulary is: **determined; flung open; blanket of snow; too cold to bear; awoken; beamed; descended; wearily; dismay; eventually**

Talk about: Can your child tell you the story of *The Snowman*? Maybe they could draw their own text map to help them remember the story. Bear in mind they only started learning this on Tuesday so they may not remember it all yet!

Have a go at one of the challenges below.

Challenge 1

How many different ways can you find to make 10p? Use real coins to help you with this activity.

Challenge 2

How many different ways can you find to make 36p? Which way will use the fewest coins?

Challenge 3

How many different ways can you find to make 79p? Which way will use the fewest coins?

In the first few weeks we like to really focus on refining our handwriting ready for the year ahead. We thought it would be helpful to include some letters to practise in your neatest joined up handwriting...

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