Thursday 5th December

In the morning, the children will spend time learning about Christian beliefs about Christmas through RE curriculum teaching.

In the afternoon, the children will embark on a Christmas walk around the school. The children will visit 14 stations in different areas of the school in total and, at each one, they will hear a part of the Christmas Story from the Bible and collect a little souvenir to help them remember each part.

We hope that they children will be able to use their bag of souvenirs to retell the Christmas story when they get home! Please take the time to talk to them about their Christmas walk. Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?

Santa Jaws!

A big thank you to the PTFA for helping to fund our special school week and enabling us the opportunity to give the children at Frome Valley so many lovely experiences!



A day full of crafting and fun for all!

As you may have noticed, as you enter our school, we have our 'Bible Boxes' on display. Each box tells a story or parable from the Bible. It is time to replace them and we will be spending time on Friday to create some new 'Bible Boxes' to go on display. Each class will given 5 stories or parables and can use their imagination to show the story in whichever creative way they wish.

There will also be time to take part in some Christmas crafting throughout the day to allow the children time to create something special and beautiful to take home that will hopefully remind them all of the amazing special school week they have experienced.



Competition Time!

We would like you to create a piece of art that shows one or more of the values that are represented through the 5 candles on an Advent wreath. These values are Hope, Faith, Joy, Peace and Justice.

The children have recently learnt about symbolism in Collective Worship and how values can be shown by a symbol or image, so hopefully they will already have some wonderful ideas! For example, we saw 'Joy' shown as a picture of a butterfly as the sight of a butterfly brings people joy.

You can paint, draw, chalk, build, construct in any way to create your art!

The competition is open to children and adults. There will be a first and second place winner for each year group. There will also be a first and second place winner for any adult entries too. Entries to be submitted by **Thursday 5th December.** Winners will be announced on Friday 6th December and prizes given.

RE Week 2019 2nd - 6th December

This half term, our special school week is 'RE Week', with a focus on 'Christmas'. The children will be given the opportunity to learn about the meaning Christmas to Christians, how Christmas is celebrated differently around the world and contribute to people's Christmas around Crossways. Take a look at what we will be getting up to!

Monday 2nd December

Monday is 'Christmas Cooking Day'. The children will be cooking a range of treats and delights that are traditionally eaten during Christmas time in different countries around the world. The children will also be designing and creating their own special Christmas wrapping paper to use to wrap up their cookery creations ready to gift to people on Tuesday.

Designing special Christmas cards will also be on the agenda. Every child will make a card and write a message that will spread some Christmas cheer when given to someone on Tuesday.





Tuesday 3rd December

Frome Valley will be spreading Christmas joy around the local community throughout the day.

Reception, Year One and Year Two will be visiting Crossways Court to attend a special coffee morning with elderly members of the Crossways community. The children will sing some carols and give some of the treats they cooked on Monday to the people as gifts.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be visiting places around Crossways and showing 'random acts of Christmas kindnesses' by giving people in the Co-op, library, doctor's surgery and other places, some of the treats they had cooked vesterday.

If you are free to walk with us around the local community please let us know. All help will be very gratefully received. Timings with be clarified on each class notice board. Thank you!

Wednesday 4th December

Children will visit different countries around the world during this rotation day. Each classroom will be set up as Christmas in various places, such as Australia, Mexico and Russia, and the children will learn about each country's Christmas traditions and take part in activities that allow them to have an experience of how Christmas traditions differ around the world.