

# The Oak Oracle

Autumn 2 has absolutely flown by and I cannot believe it is already Christmas! I have been so impressed with all the fantastic learning we have managed to squeeze into this term!

A highlight for the children this term has been our English learning journey, using Anthony Browne's retelling of 'King Kong' as a stimulus for writing. The children found the story very exciting and we gathered some fantastic pieces of writing from it, from persuasive adverts to buy tickets to Kong's show to informative newspaper reports about the tragic events that occur at the end of the story. The end of Autumn 2 also brings the end of our class novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. The children had really developed an interest in the story and were amazed to hear that the protagonist was based on a real child in Victorian times.

Our focus in RE this term has been 'Interpretation' and we have been developing our understanding of the Christmas story. We explored different interpretations of the story from the gospels of Matthew and Luke, comparing the key facts discussed in each. We also evaluated how important particular parts of each interpretation were and how Christians would feel if we were to change parts of the story.



This term, Children were also able to develop their own understanding of spirituality through our 'Spirituality Week'. The children really enjoyed their workshops and performances from RISE theatre company about protecting God's planet and were all very proud of the work they produced and displayed in our Spirituality exhibition. Thank you to all those who came and supported this event.



This term, I have particularly been impressed with Oak class' dedication and commitment to our music unit about 'Blues music'. We have learnt about the history of the blues and used the xylophones to play alongside a twelve-bar blues piece of music, using both chords and a blues scale. The children have made so much progress this term and have really enjoyed developing their xylophone skills.



As one of our newer Christmas traditions, the school gathered at St Peters church for our annual Carol Service. Oak class led this service through their readings, which were presented loudly and clearly for all to hear. I'm sure these services will become a lasting memory from their time at West Tytherley school.