



## Madley Christmas Visit

Classes 1 and 2 went on an exciting Christmas trip to Madley Environmental Centre.

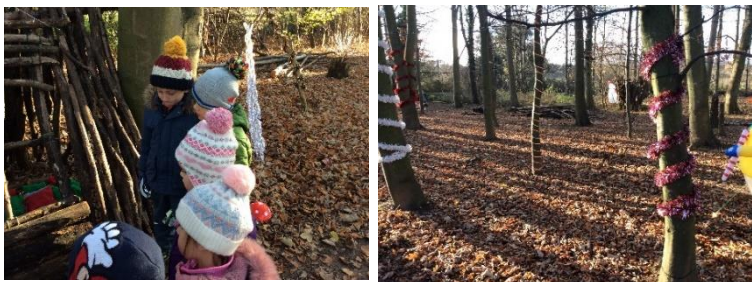
First, we made some wonderful Christmas tree cards to take home. Next, we met an elf. They took us on a magical woodland walk. There were lots of Christmas lights to see on our walk. Then we stopped and the elf told us a story. We all listened really well and after the story we sang some Christmas songs.

After that, we carried on our woodland walk and at the end we found Santa. We were so excited to see him and all told him what we would like for Christmas. He gave us all a present to take home. Finally, on our walk back we had to count how many Christmas pictures we could find.

Before we left to go back to school we all had a drink and a biscuit.

We had such a fantastic time on our trip!

Written by Class 1



## Zoo Lab

This term Classes 1 and 2 got gifted a big surprise from Paula who runs the Pre-School. She organised for our classes to have Zoo Lab come in to visit and bring along some of their furry (and not so furry) friends for us to see. We got to see lot of interesting animals and even got to touch some of them! We saw a huge tarantula, a millipede, a corn snake and a rat. We were surprised that the snake was dry and smooth as we all thought it would be wet and slimey. The favourite from Class 2 is a tie between the rat and the corn snake, both of which Miss Evans made herself scarce for.

Thank you again to Paula and Zoo Lab for this great experience!

Class 2



## Viking Day

On Friday the 10th of December, Class 4 had a Viking day, everyone loved it! In the morning, we did some Viking code breaking, we had the Viking alphabet runes translated into the English alphabet and wrote the translated alphabet underneath it. Then, we decorated our swords and shields with the runes writing secret codes.

After break, half of us made bread dough while the other half discovered about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon life, then we swapped around so the people doing the lesson kneaded the bread dough, formed it into buns and put it in the oven.

In the afternoon, we did our drama and dance lesson. First, we played a game where we had to run to different places in the boat as a warm up. Then, we created a dance in groups of 4 or 3, we had to make it with a:

- Strong starting pose,
- A low to the ground position,
- A pull position,
- A push position,
- Two balance positions,
- A final position.

Then, we learnt about the battle positions and re-enacted our battle. For a cool off, we did some yoga, including the warrior pose. When we came back, we had our Viking feast! We ate our seeded buns with blackberry jam and honey, just like real Vikings!

Saskia - Class 4



## Christmas Carol Concert

On Wednesday 15th December the whole school took part in our Marden Carol Concert. Although we had to practise lots and lots, we had a great time! We even had to learn the words off by heart and there was a lot of them! Also, 'Top of the Bill' was singing club who performed the song 'Midnight' with a fantastic dance choreographed by Miss Tasker and a special mention to Mrs Webster who taught us the song.  
Class 3



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year



School resumes on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

