



## It's beginning to look a look like Christmas!

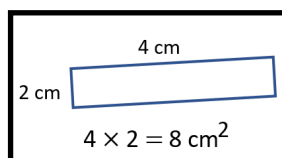
The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on in Year 5! Last week, we headed down to the St Nicholas Church to kick off the festivities with our annual Christingle service. This year, things were a bit different as we made and decorated our Christingles in the Church, before lighting the candles and beginning the service. Although it was a quieter event without parents and grown-ups, we still had a great time.



Monday afternoon was decorations afternoon and the children went all out to make some fabulous, festive designs to go up around the classroom. From snowflakes to Santas and paperchains to pine cones, the classrooms have been transformed!

### Maths

In Maths, we have been learning how to accurately calculate the perimeter and area of shapes. After beginning by counting the squares inside shapes, we learnt more efficient methods to reach our answers.



In the last week of term, we'll be returning to multiplication and division and will continue with these operations in the New Year.

### English

Our last English unit for the year focusses on poetry where the children have begun looking at Kennings—descriptive poems originally used by Norse and Anglo-Saxon poets.

So far, we've used our knowledge of the epic poem Beowulf to practise this genre—writing Kennings about the evil monster Grendel.

Next, we'll put everything we've learnt into practise as we complete our Writer's Showcase! We'll be writing Kennings about one of the character's we met in our Norse Saga—Sif, Loki or Thor.

### Dates for your Diary

**Christmas Jumper Day**—Friday 10th December

**Break the Rules Day**—Friday 17th December

### RE Week

Our last week of term will be RE Week where we'll be exploring the question of what message the angels brought at Jesus' birth.

**PE days** - Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit.



**Naidu** - Thursday and Friday

**Pankhurst** - Tuesday and Thursday

**Wilberforce** - Wednesday and Thursday

### Homework Expectations

- **Reading** - at least x 4 (10/15 mins)
- **Spelling Shed** x 3 (10/15 mins)
- **Maths** - TTRockstars/Numbots x 3 (10/15 mins)

We really appreciate your continued support!