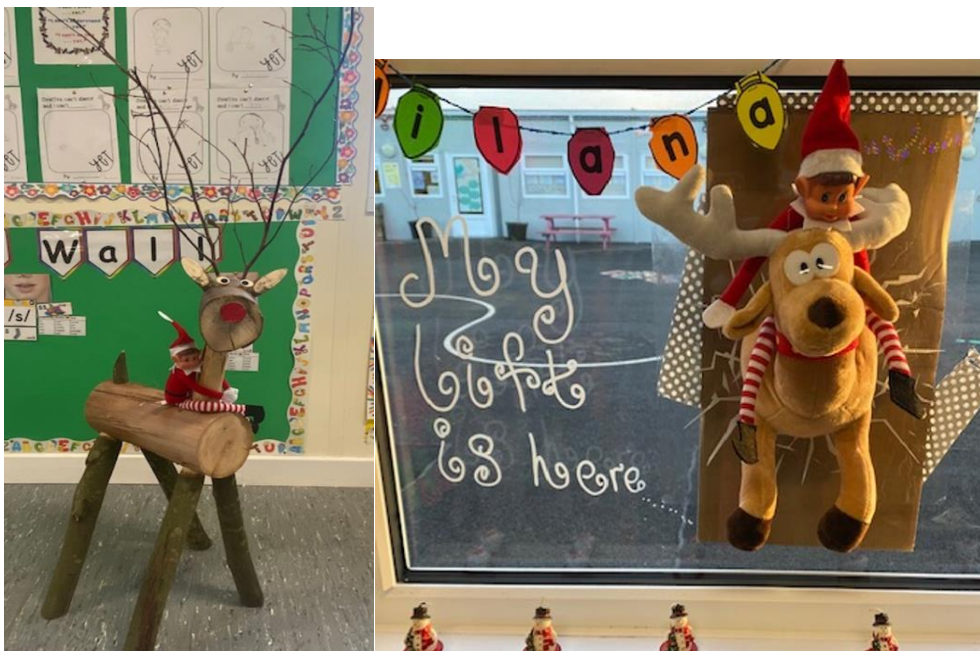


December review

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a fantastic month in here in Junior Infants. It was full of excitement and chaos, especially when an unexpected guest appeared at the start of the month. 'Cotton Candy the elf' had us all very excited every morning to see what mischief and mayhem Cotton Candy got up to when we weren't around.



Literacy/ Phonics

We spent time reading some wonderful stories about the holiday celebrations around the world in December. I think everyone's favourite was 'The Grinch who stole Christmas by Dr Suess. We also did a lot of hard work on our Jolly Phonics program, we finished group 2 (CK, E, H, R,M,D) and we started group 3 (G). Junior Infants did a lot of work blending the CVC (Consonant- Vowel, Consonant) words from the sounds we have covered in Group 1 and Group 2. We are all very excited to keep going through each of the groups in the new year.



Maths

Our learning this month was focused on learning all about the Number 4 and 2D Shapes. We had great fun working in pairs, one child used their finger to draw a shape on their partner's back and the other child guessed the shape.



Art

We were able to do loads of lovely December themed art this month, the pictures below are just some of the wonderful things that we created this month.



The whole class created this wonderful collaborative winter picture of Rudolph and all his friends.



As we had a classroom visitor for December, (Cotton Candy) we turned ourselves into elves too.



Also, we had 1st and 2nd class join us in making Christmas Tree decorations one day, which is always so much fun as they are so helpful and kind.

Ethical Education

We focused on different celebrations around the world this month, we learned all about the Jewish celebration of Hannukah we learned the song 'Drediel, Drediel, Drediel', we made our own Hannukah's and our own driedels. We also focused our learning on different celebrations and festivals such as Winter Solstice, St Lucia's Day, Kwanzaa, and the story of Christmas.



I want to say a 'BIG' Thank you from Junior Infants to 1st and 2nd class for helping us make our Reindeer food to bring home with us. It was such a lovely, fun activity and Junior Infants had a fantastic time working with the boys and girls in Emma's class.



We have had such a fantastic first term together, that was full of energy, wonder, and amazing curiosity. I hope everyone has an amazing winter break and you all enjoy yourselves.

I can't wait to see everyone in the New Year 😊

Kind Regards,

Ciara