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Welcome to St Joseph's

This year we welcomed 22 Reception children into our school. They have all enjoyed exploring their new school environment.



Singing Lesson

We have been learning lots of new songs with Miss Parker from Durham Music Service.



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Once Upon a Time

Our topic for the first half term focused on traditional and fairy tales. We enjoyed activities such as building homes for the Three Little Pigs, making Gingerbread Men, planting beanstalks and making a character puppet.



Scarecrow Competition

We took part in the Murton Scarecrow Competition and made a fantastic Jack and the Beanstalk scarecrow! We all loved stuffing Jack and the Giant!



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Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We made some delicious cakes to help raise money for Macmillan!



PE

We have enjoyed sessions with Hoopstarz where we have been working on our movement skills and playing some team games. Some of us also took part in an afterschool 'Movement' club.



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Baptism

As part of our RE topic, we visited St Joseph's church to learn all about Baptism. Father Hastie baptised our doll and we got a Baptism candle to bring back to school.



Fairy Tale Ball

We wrote invitations to fairy tale characters to invite them to our Fairy Tale Ball. We couldn't believe it when Cinderella accepted our invitation! We loved singing, dancing and playing games with her!



Remembrance Day

We learnt a special song all about rationing in World War I and we performed it in front of our friends and teachers. We made our own poppies and painted the poppy fields.



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Diwali

As part of our Light Up the World Topic we listened to the story of Rama and Sita and created our own Diva Lamps from clay.



Bonfire Night

We made our own firework displays using an iPad and this inspired our calendars that we made for our parents using spin art.



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Hall Hill Farm at Christmas

We enjoyed an excellent day out at Hall Hill Farm where we were shown around by Santa's elves before meeting the man himself!



Nativity

We all worked really hard to learn lots of Christmas songs and we performed our nativity 'Everyone Loves a Baby' to a hall packed full of our family! They were all really impressed with our show!



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Christmas

After half term we started our preparations for Christmas. We had a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children and had our annual Christmas Fayre. We also had a delicious Christmas dinner. We had a special trip on the bus to see the pantomime at the Sunderland Empire. We all enjoyed an ice-cream during the interval!

