



# Crystal Class News

4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **Things to note:**

We have been practising our Christmas song which is 'Frosty the Snowman'. We will be recording our song next week and the children are allowed to wear Christmas hats and jumpers for the recording. We shall be recording our song on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Could all children wear a Christmas jumper on this day please? I have also attached the link for the song we are using. The children have taken home the words to practise and they can use these words to sing along with the link. It would be really helpful if you could help your child practise regularly in preparation for Wednesday. I have also classed this as reading. If your children practises their song through three times in a day then they can write it in their reading records. Thank you for your help in advance... I'm sure you will really love the song after all those practises!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCjrcjFGQCA>

We are also asking for a big push on Time Tables Rock Stars. Throughout the school, we have noticed a decline in its use. This is a great tool and it's really important that children to continue to practise their times tables on a regular/daily basis – it certainly makes maths a lot easier for them in the long run.

## **This week:**

In Maths, we have reasoned and problem-solved our column addition and we have now progressed onto column subtraction. The children have been using a range of strategies to help them with this. Some have used tools, others have drawn pictures and some children are reverting directly to the abstract method. Next week, we shall continue with column subtraction and problem-solving with it.

In English this week, we have been looking at non-chronological texts. The children have been recognising the features as well as planning their own dragon fact file. We have been looking at technical language and the children have created some amazing diagrams to use in their reports, labelling and presenting their learning.

During our project, the children have been learning about how to keep their dragons healthy. We are now at the stage that the children are preparing and planning their documentary to film... it appears that we have some 'David Attenboroughs' in the making. Next week, we shall be looking at magnets and creating a design to help fix Toothless' tail.