

Monthly Magpies

Historic Mystery:

In December 1872, the Mary Celeste was found deserted and adrift in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. She was an American Merchant Brigantine. No-one knows what happened to her crew but the cargo was completely intact. What do you think happened? Why not be a historical detective and try to solve the mystery for yourself? You could write your own story about the sailors, or draw picture to show your ideas.



Fun and Free:

Why not experience the magic of Christmas by hearing some amazing choirs sing carols in the heart of London? Each night in Trafalgar Square, a different group will be performing some festive favourites. Why not make it extra special and go on December 5th when the London lights will be switched on? For more ideas, check out:

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/7-free-things-to-do-with-kids-for-christmas-in-london-2019/>



Composer Central:

This month we are celebrating the incredible work of John Williams. Born in February 1932 and is widely regarded as one of the greatest American film composers of all time. Some of his most famous works include Home Alone, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Harry Potter and Jurassic Park (Miss Wilson's favourite!). Why not enjoy some of his music together? You could curl up in front of your favourite of his films and enjoy a special family time during the holidays. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHalXjs0cDA>

This month we will be listening to Williams' music together during assemblies and relaxed start.



Love our Libraries:

This month we are celebrating the incredible books of Terry Deary. He has written an incredible range of Historical Fiction for children, as well as his world famous Horrible Histories series. Key Stage One might enjoy Tudor Tales: The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King (from Terry Deary's Historical Tales). Older readers might like his WW2 novel, Put Out the Light.



Where we live:

Frost Fair: Carshalton Ponds

Saturday 7th December

The event is run by local charity EcoLocal with the Friends of Honeywood Museum. As it gets darker, the area is lit with twinkling fairy lights which all helps create a magical atmosphere. There are stalls from the Wallington Farmers Market offering a varied range of tasty treats as well as a variety of local craft stalls selling gift ideas such as glassware, pottery, woodcraft and more. There is a tasty hog roast & seasonal food with bar & warming drinks.



Marvellous Mental Health:

Did you know that the way we talk about ourselves can really affect how we think about ourselves. Next time you look in the mirror, notice something that you like about yourself. Say it out loud. Try saying something like, "I am strong! I am capable of amazing things! I am fun and interesting!"