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December Blog

This month, our students have been working very hard to finish all their school work before the Christmas holidays. The specific holiday that we focused on teaching this month was Christmas in the UK.

Yasmin decided to do a presentation showing how British people celebrate Christmas. She showed photos of her decorated house, her family and the traditional Christmas dinner. At the end, she wanted to get the students interacting and to see if they could recall any of the information they just learnt through a quiz.





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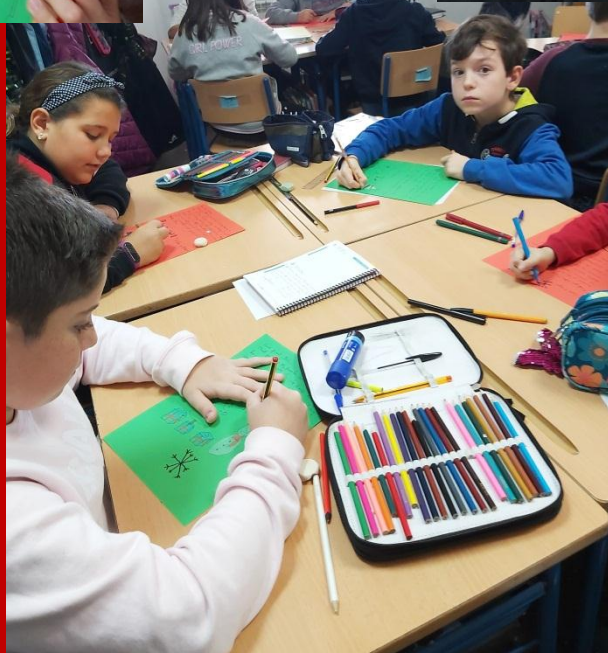


eTwinning Christmas Letters

This month, our students sent letters to their pen pals at Wick Primary School, Bristol to let them know how excited they are for Christmas! The students here at Gloria Fuertes School have lots of plans to go ice skating and buy presents and to help decorate their homes with their families. The children were excited to know how the children at Wick Primary School celebrate Christmas and to find out what plans they have for the Christmas holidays and what traditions they follow. Our students also spent a lot of time decorating their letters to make them look more festive and colourful. Here are some photos of the letters that we sent to Wick Primary School.



Year 5 writing and
decorating the
Christmas Letters



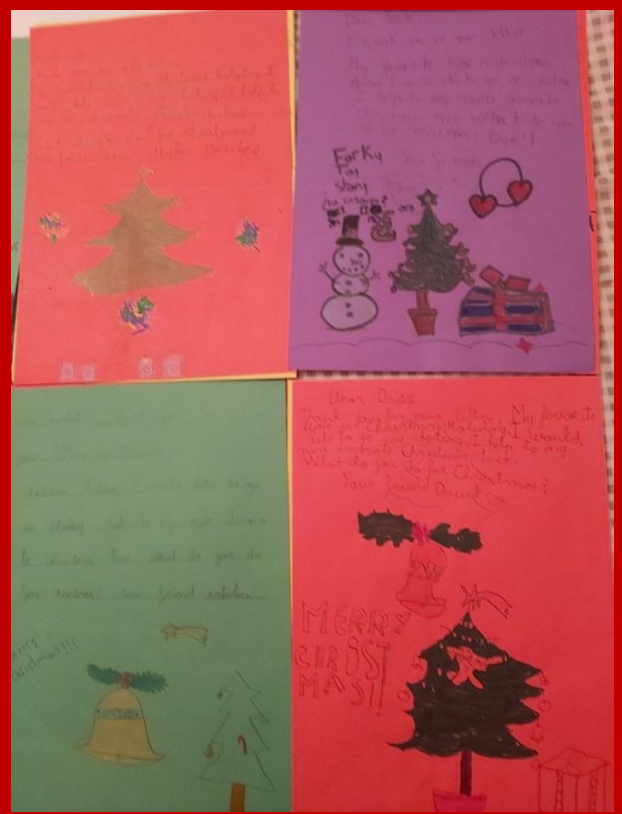
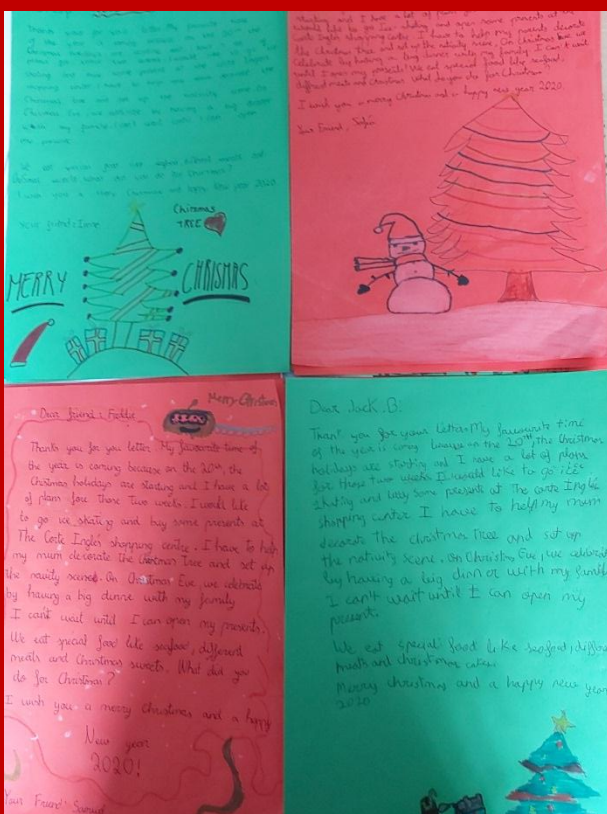
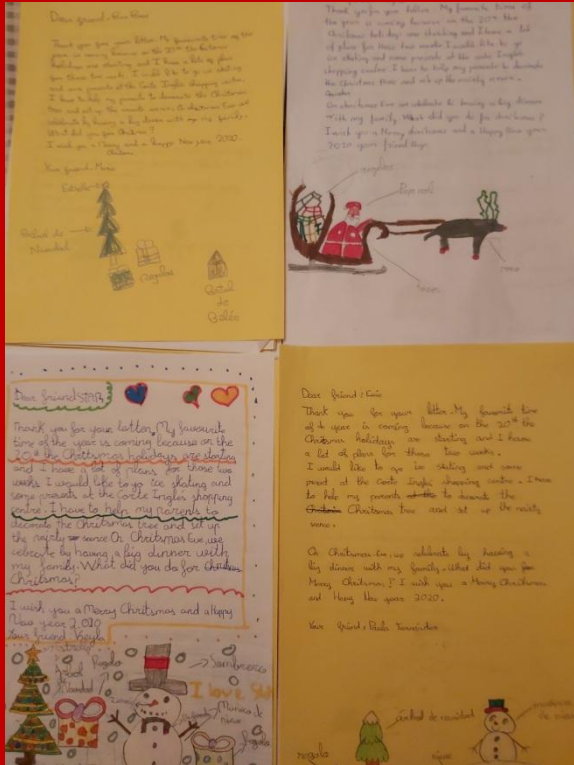


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eTwinning Christmas Letters

Here are some more examples of the christmas cards years 3, 4 and 6 have made:



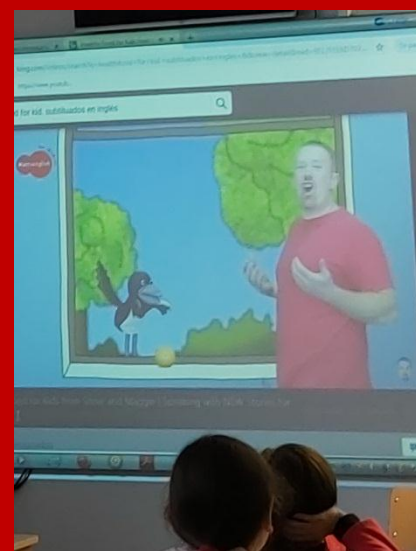


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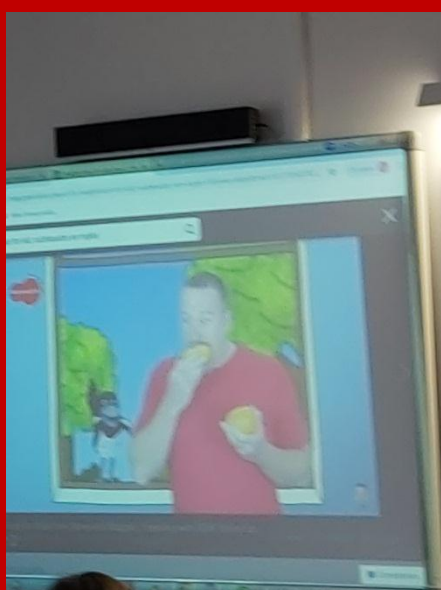


Healthy Breakfast in Spain v UK

The students in year 5 have been learning about healthy food. The year 5 classes watched a funny video in English about what foods are healthy and those that aren't. The video featured Steve and Maggie the bird. Maggie was taking all the unhealthy foods away from Steve, leaving him to eat fruit. Then Maggie ate all the unhealthy food and got a tummy ache. It was very funny and the students learnt so much!



Year 5 classes watching the video





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Healthy Breakfast in Spain v UK continued

The year 5 students then went on to talk about breakfast foods in Spain and in the UK. The breakfast in the UK is very different to that of Spain and the children were interested and surprised at some of the foods that Brits eat for breakfast like sausages, bacon, mushrooms and beans! They were learning how to compare the two, saying sentences "olive oil is healthier than sausages" and tomatoes are healthier than butter." They also learnt how to express what foods they liked and disliked with the auxiliar Yasmin.



Comparing the two
breakfasts





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Healthy Breakfast in Spain v UK continued

They then made a poster of a British breakfast and a Spanish breakfast to help them learn all this new vocabulary. A student from each year 5 class had the responsibility of learning a couple questions to ask the doctor for Gloria Fuertes School, Alicia Moreno, about what she thought a healthy lifestyle entails. They asked even asked her whether she thought the British or Spanish breakfast was healthier!



Year 5D making breakfast posters





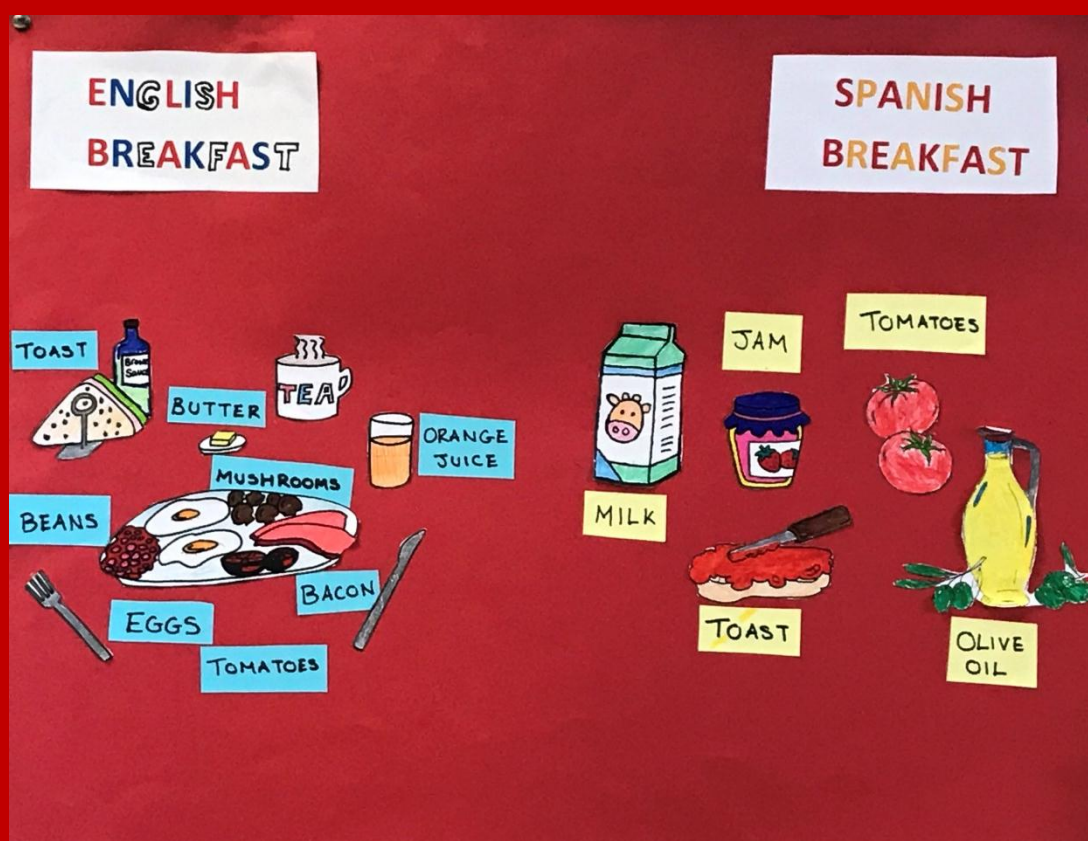
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Healthy Breakfast in Spain v UK continued

After the interview with the doctor, Alicia Moreno, a student from year 5, Rafa, was speaking to the auxiliary, Yasmin, about which breakfast (Spanish or English) she thought was better. They discussed what types of food children normally eat in the UK and Spain and other types of food they eat for special occasions. Yasmin also asked which breakfast Rafa preferred.

You can watch the video on the platform Padlet.





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Visit to the Theater: Preparation

This month, many of our students were lucky enough to go to the local theater to watch a performance of a play in English. In order to prepare themselves for the performance, the different year groups made a poster about the play they were going to see. This month's play features Sherlock Holmes!



Year 5 making Sherlock Holmes character posters





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Visit to the Theater Continued...

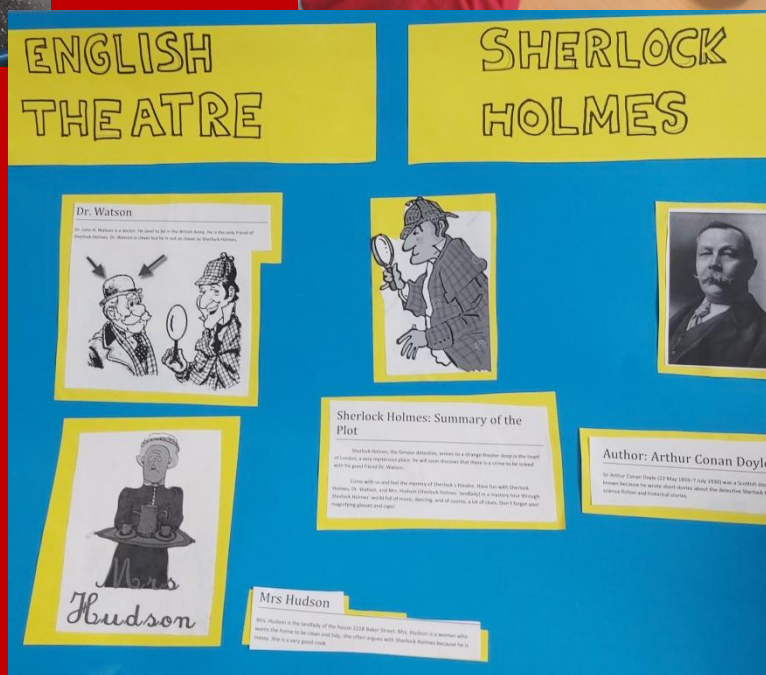
Yasmin also gave Years 5 and 6 a worksheet which provided a summary of the plot, the characters and some new vocabulary that was going to feature in the play. The students had to guess what each word meant and try to describe it to Yasmin before matching it with the correct description. Finally, there was a fun word search featuring all the new words that the students have learnt.



Year 5 doing
the
worksheets



The finished poster





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Visit to the Theater: Sherlock Holmes

Years 5 and 6 were able to see a production of Sherlock Holmes in English. Since this was for the older classes, the English vocabulary and phrases that were used were a bit more challenging for the students but they were able to understand all of it. Some of the students were brought on stage so that they could interact with the actors and use some of their newly learnt Sherlock Holmes vocabulary. The students loved going to the theater and they thought that the performance was very funny and entertaining. Here are some photos from their trip:

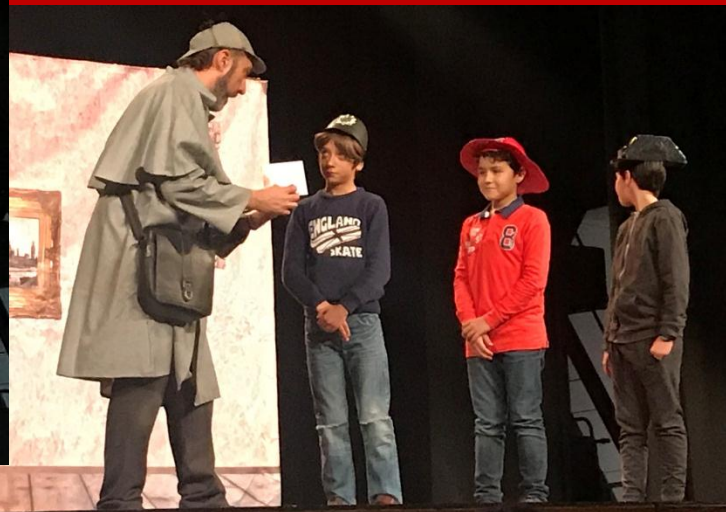




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Here are some more photos from the students going up on stage:





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Christmas Lessons

As previously mentioned, Yasmin decided to show the students how they celebrate Christmas in Wales through a fun presentation. The students had to guess the names of the decorations that are used to decorate homes In the UK, this allowed the students to recall their previously-learned Christmas knowledge and use new words they have learned in a fun and interactive way. Yasmin showed the students pictures of her home and her family doing different Christmas activities last year. The presentation contained lots of pictures and some simple phrases so she used this activity for most of the classes (years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) excluding year 1. At the end of the presentation, they children did a quiz to see if they could remember what people in the UK do at Christmas time! Here are some of the pictures from the activity:





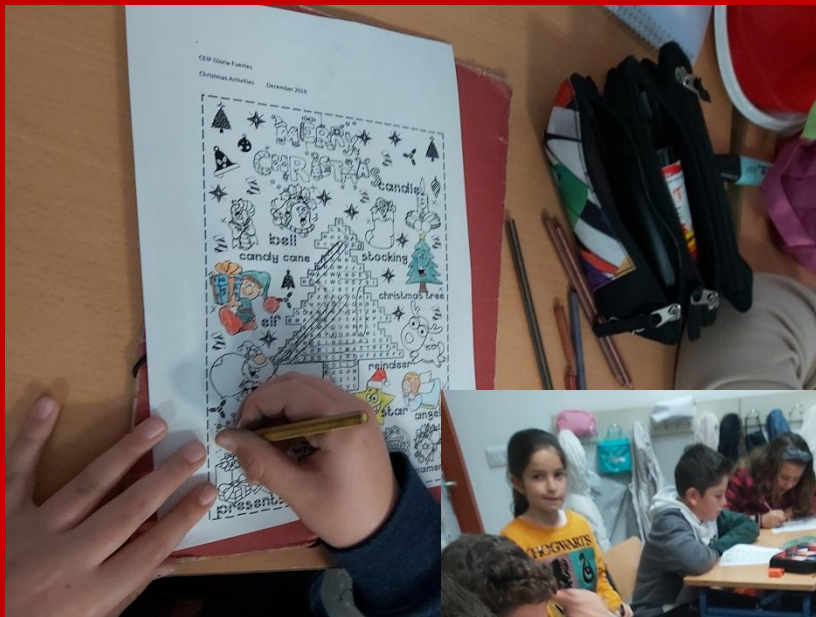
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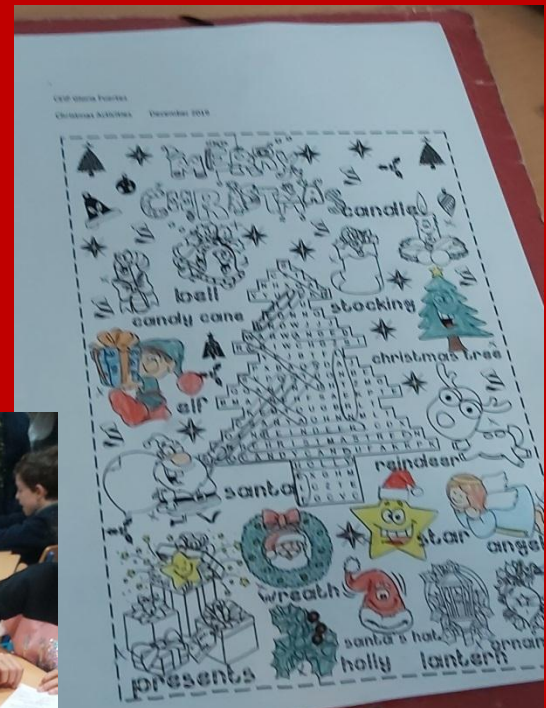
Christmas Class Continued...

After finishing the presentation with the students, years 5 and 6 completed a Christmas worksheet which featured a word search, a letter to Santa, a true or false activity, a description, a song and a poem. The children had a lot of fun to get stuck into!

After they finished the worksheets, they could colour the Christmas pictures all around the outside of the worksheet. While the students were finishing the worksheet, they were able to ask Yasmin about some of the cultural traditions that she celebrated in the UK and her current plans for the Christmas holidays.



Year 5 doing the



worksheets



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Christmas Class Continued...

For the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade classes, the students completed a colouring worksheet. The students needed to do a colour the Christmas tree. The Christmas tree was numbered and each number had been associated with a different colour, the students had to follow the instructions and colour the Christmas tree according to the number key. The worksheet also included different Christmas vocabulary that you could see in the picture which they had to find. The students loved that they were able to do a fun worksheet to celebrate the holiday. If they had any questions about Christmas in the UK, the students were able to ask Yasmin while they were completing their worksheet.



Year 4 doing the worksheet





Christmas Class Continued...

In the Year 1 classes, Yasmin worked with the students on simple Christmas vocabulary like: Santa Claus, Snowman, Bell, and Reindeer. After listening and repeating, the students worked on finishing a simple word search activity which allowed them to see the letters of words and reinforce learning. After they finished the word search, they coloured the pictures and did a Christmas drawing at the back of the page. They drew things like a Christmas tree, a reindeer and even Santa Claus. They also made little Santa decorations!





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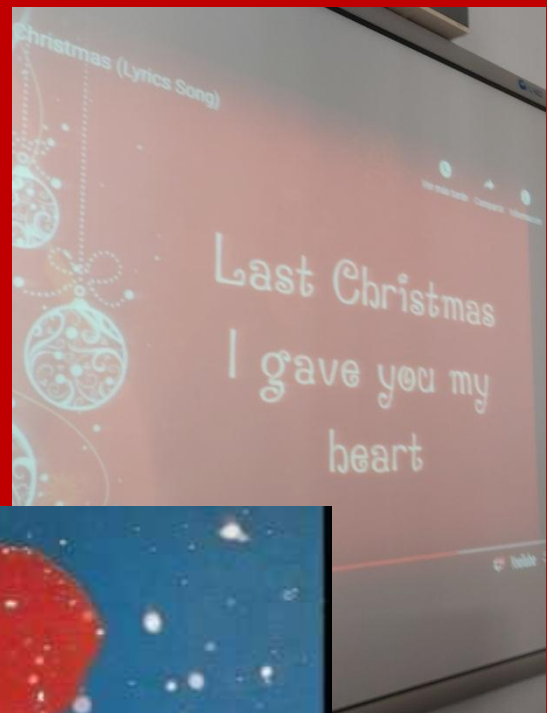
Christmas Songs

The students have been learning Christmas songs to sing in class while they are doing different Christmas activities.

Year 5's favourite Christmas song is called Last Christmas by Wham! However they have been playing the version by Cascada because it is more upbeat and easier to sing along to the lyrics. The students learnt the words of the chorus almost immediately and have even been singing the karaoke version.



Karaoke of Last Christmas





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Christmas Decorations

Christmas is always a fun and exciting time here at Gloria Fuertes. You can see all the fun we've been having through all the decorations we have made! Here are some for the decorations that you can see in the hallways between the classes.





REFLECTION OF THE WEEK:

"But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time ... as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time ... when men and women seem to open their shut-up hearts freely... I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."



-Charles Dickens in a Christmas Carol

(British Writer)



REFLEXIÓN DE LA SEMANA:

"Pero estoy seguro de que siempre he pensado en Navidad... como un buen momento; un momento amable, indulgente, caritativo y agradable... en el que los hombres y las mujeres parecen abrir sus corazones callados libremente... Honraré la Navidad en mi corazón, e intentaré mantenerlo todo el año".

-Charles Dickens en Un Cuento de Navidad

(British Writer)



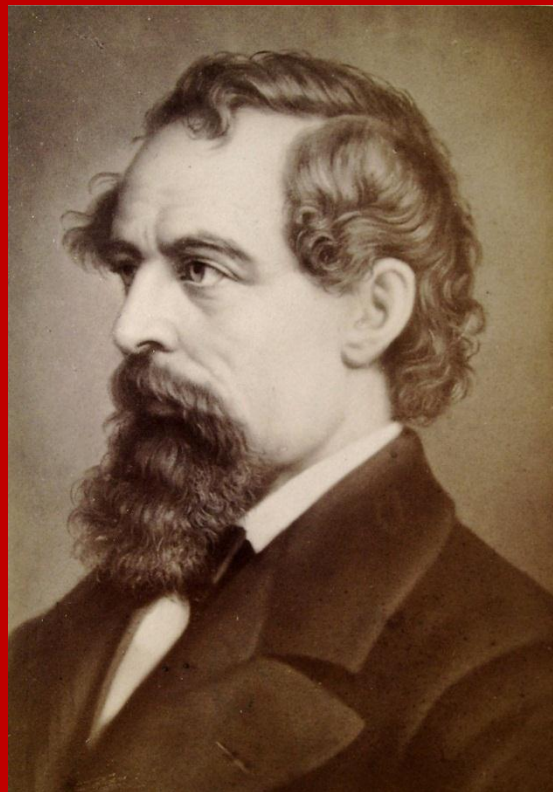


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Reflection of the Week Explanation:

The reflection of the week comes from a famous British writer named Charles Dickens. This quote comes from his book "A Christmas Carol" which really represents the spirit of Christmas. Christmas is a time where families, friends and strangers all come together to share gifts, eat together or just spend time with each other. It is a kind time where everyone sets aside their differences and views each other as an equal; there is no rich or poor, old or young, man or woman etc. There is just a lot of love and happiness to be shared between everyone "when men and women seem to open their shut-up hearts freely." This is saying that throughout the year, people tend to be more focused on themselves, they don't really care for one another like they do at Christmas time where it seems to be only then that they take into account their families, friends and those less fortunate than themselves. People only try to be kinder at Christmas and this quote takes into account that we should try to do this the whole year round, not just at Christmas. We should always try to be a good person, to be kind to those around us and we will always have the Christmas spirit if we keep it in our hearts. Only then can we have a happy, kind and pleasant time all the year round.



Charles Dickens

And most importantly, the bilingual team here
at Gloria Fuertes wishes you...

**A Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year!!!**

See you next year!