

3rd December 2021

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

We have now finalised the details for our upcoming Christmas fair. We are following government guidance which currently says that this can go ahead. We will make sure our school is well ventilated and will be asking all visitors to wear masks. We will keep you updated if the guidance changes.

Our Christmas fair will be on:
Thursday 16th December
2:00pm – 3:15pm

All families are welcome to attend. There will be a Christmas performance from our drama group in the gym and a 'Christmas Market' in the main hall with things to look at and refreshments.

Can you please complete the form linked below to let us know whether you would like to come:

<https://forms.gle/cvQYNqCaSpdzGRENA>

It is great to see so many of our secondary aged students wearing masks in communal areas and helping to keep everyone safe; thank you for your support with this.

We would encourage as many secondary aged students as possible to also carry out twice weekly LFT tests. Please contact the school office if you are not yet set up for this and we will get it organised for you.

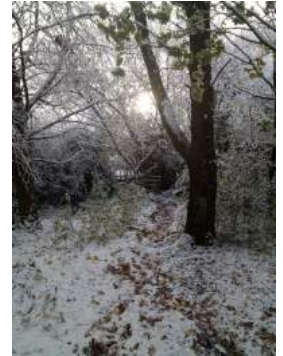
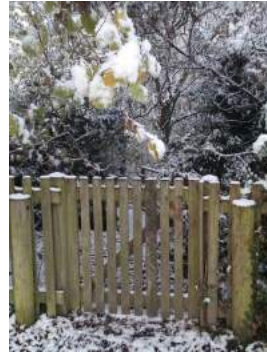
Have a great weekend,

Sarah

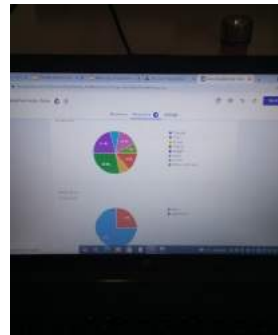


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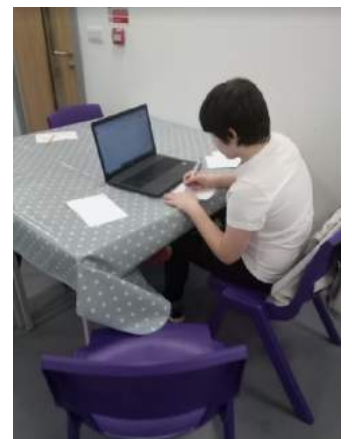
This week started with a surprise sprinkling of snow! We took the opportunity to go for a winter woodland adventure. The aim of the lesson was to take a photo that we could imagine on the front cover of a Christmas card. We looked at the best lighting and framing a photo. The students did an excellent job of capturing the beauty of the snowy landscape. We made sure we left some time for a good old snowball fight to finish!



The highlight of our week has to be our Breakfast cafe that we ran for staff. A lot of preparation went into planning the cafe from writing a letter to Sarah to outline our plan, menus, posters and an online order system! We carefully calculated how much our ingredients would cost and how much we would need.



On Wednesday morning, everyone was given a job in the cafe to ensure everything ran smoothly. Jude was head chef, cooking over 60 rashers of bacon! Dylan was in charge of orders and made sure everyone got the correct order. Harriet was our receptionist and called every member of staff to tell them when their order was ready. Jacob was head waiter and took money, showed customers to their seats and checked in to make sure they were enjoying their meal. It was truly phenomenal to see the whole class working together to pull this off - a real show of how far we have come this term.



DRAGONFLY

We had a great start to the week playing in the snow and made the most of it before it melted!



In R.E, we talked about what Christians and non-Christians give thanks for at Christmas. We made Thankful Turkeys and reflected on the things we have to be thankful for in our lives. Here is Joe hard at work on his:



And these are the finished results.

We learned about Haiku poems in English and had a lot of fun creating our own. Here are some of our creations. The children all created them independently. They just had a little bit of help making sure the syllable numbers were correct! We are very proud of them!

This is Bob the Bot
And he has a big square mouth
He has no feelings. By Freddie

The bird is in tree
He had a treehouse where live
and he had some friends. By Axel

Train chugging along
Bird in the way of the train
Bird was squished badly By Joe

Paper and pencil
making a drawing so fun
It's so beautiful By Lukas

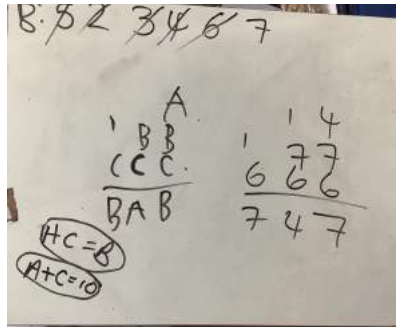
My MacDonalDs new
Milkshake machine broken.
The cows don't give milk By James

Maverick had a pet
Called Spice. When Spice was here he
had a house. It's good By Maverick

POLAR

We had a very busy week with lots of different activities and managed to capture it all on camera!

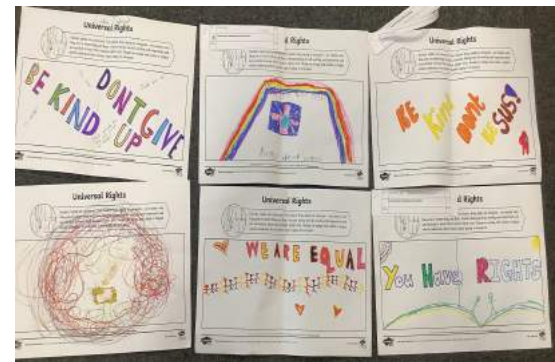
At the start of the week, we spent some time in the forest school and learned that it can be a great booster, as studies have shown that children who spend time outdoors in nature are happier, smarter and have several benefits to our wellbeing. Xander has created something brilliant during this session.



Daniel has impressed us with his cryptography in Maths with Katie; as well as, solving different colour patterns using his Rubix cube.



Tommy really enjoyed teaching his cooking, as part of his reward bingo. It was fair to say that Tommy has taught us how to make the best cookies. We used different ingredients and they tasted beautifully. We all worked together to ensure that the cooking room looked spotless too. Emilia took charge in washing the dishes, whilst others wiped the tables, dried the dishes and put them away.



Towards the end of the week, we enjoyed guessing famous slogans and then used this idea to create our very own slogan to design a poster for Human rights in PSHE.

We came to a mutual agreement on what game we should play in P.E and became really competitive. We worked great in pairs throughout the session and it was brilliant to see the level of skills we brought into this session.

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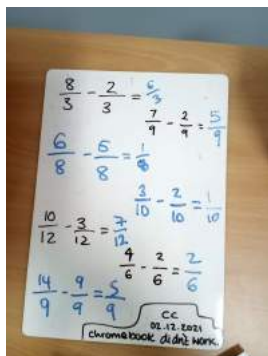


What an exciting week we have had!

On Monday, we had a very special visitor to our class - Mr. T the tortoise! Kate was worried about missing out, but got to meet Mr. T over a video call. The class are currently working on persuading Kate to get a class pet. Maybe something low maintenance like stick insects? It was great to see how caring the students all were towards the tortoise and how knowledgeable they all are when it comes to animal care.



On Tuesday, we had another special visitor - the bones of King Richard III! The students were able to add injuries to the skeleton to reflect the real injuries of the King. The students worked together to remove the feet of the skeleton, as when Richard III's body was found in the car park, his feet could not be found! The students used masking tape over the bones to then draw the injuries on and were able to work out that the cause of death was likely to be blunt force trauma from war wounds to the head.



The students have also been working hard on subtracting fractions this week. Camron was feeling especially proud after doing some subtractions with Elyssa and realising that it is actually far easier than he thought it would be!

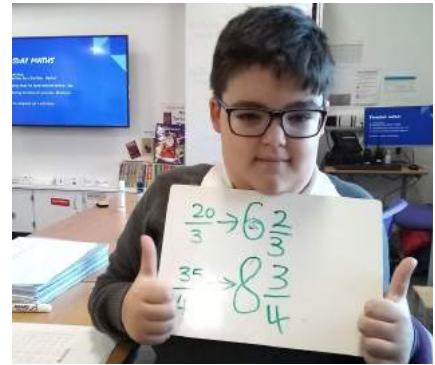
ODYSSEY

It was really exciting to have the snow with us at the beginning of the week. All of Odyssey class were brave enough to venture out into the cold to throw some snowballs and make footprints on the playground.



On Monday, we cooked Toad-in-the-Hole and we practised whisking and combining ingredients. I'm pleased to say that everyone is getting much better at washing up and clearing away the equipment they use which is all part of the cooking experience!

We have finished our Richard III topic this week with a Classroom Courtroom. Everyone took on the role of someone in court to answer the question of whether or not he was a good king. Damon was a barrister for the defence and presented lots of



good arguments to the jury. Bradley and Callum acted as star witnesses and Ethan was the judge. Connie, Theo and Zane on the jury, decided that in the end, Richard was not-guilty of all the crimes he had been accused of. Jan was very relieved as she had been in the dock as Richard!



We have started making our boxes as part of our DT project and everyone was able to demonstrate skills of hammering, sawing and gluing. We also had to measure the wood carefully and sand down the rough edges.



Everyone has been working really hard in maths and English too. We have been looking at the features of play scripts and we even had a go at turning part of the story into a play script. We also learned how to write in the first person and use evidence to describe how we might feel as Scrooge. Everyone learned how to divide fractions and calculate fractions of amounts in maths.



VOYAGER



In our DT lesson this week, we worked on using limited resources to build strong bridges. Tom tasked both of our classes to stick to a £100 budget (and items of material were set at various costs, e.g. 3 sheets of A4 for £10, 10cm of tape for £10). All students worked well and showed Character Education traits, such as cooperation, respect and resilience.



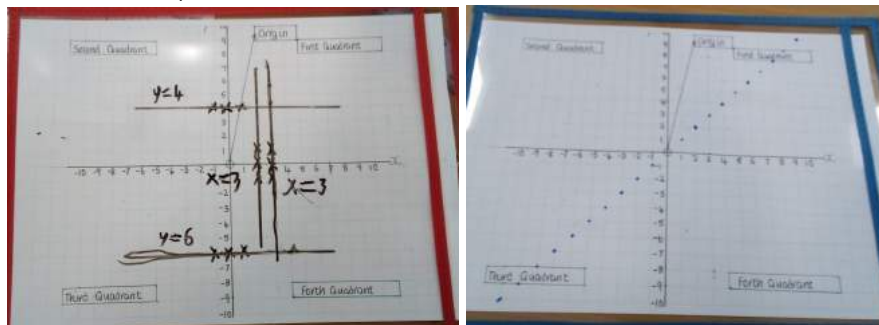
In our Laundry and Home Care lesson this week, we looked at the care labels on



clothes and focused on the washing temperature (and hand washing), tumble drying and ironing symbols in particular. The weather wasn't too kind on Wednesday, so after checking pockets and sorting "dirty" clothes for washing, we couldn't peg them out... But luckily I'd thought ahead and bought an indoor ailer in!



We have continued to work on the Cartesian Plane and graphs in maths, having practiced with our laminate pouches to build confidence and knowledge of reading and plotting them... we ventured further to using an extreme sized set of axes that I'd made on the floor of the gym and used electrical tape to plot various lines! This really helped to look at steepness and compare lines to each other.



APOLLO

Just lots of lovely pictures of independent and paired work this week!



OTHER NEWS



- ★ Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- ★ Thursday 16th December (2:00pm - 3:15pm) - Christmas Fair
- ★ Friday 17th December - Last day of term
- ★ Tuesday 4th January - School opens

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