



Weekly Learning Update 09 December 2022

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been very busy with lots of Christmas preparations, writing and creating Christmas cards, calendars, baubles, clay decorations and of course lots of singing practice for our Christmas play!

We also went on a lovely frosty walk in the garden and crunched our way through the grass, found lots of ice which led to us painting the ice with powder paint and setting up a tuff tray experiment to see what happens to bubbly water over night.



It was lovely to talk to so many parents for the parent consultations this week and to see lots of parents on Monday afternoon at our festive stay and play chatting to you and creating many wonderful Christmas crafts - the biscuit decorating table was definitely the most popular!

Have a lovely frosty weekend and keep warm!



Reception (King Class and Parks Class)

One week to go and we have been preparing to wow you with our nativity production next week!

Not only have we rehearsed but have found time to go on 'a bear hunt' in our outdoor area. As we acted out the story, from finding the bear in the cave to stumbling through the forest and splashing through the deep cold river.

We have also had the pleasure of receiving a visit from our friends at St Gabriel's church. The children answered questions based on the nativity and watched a short clip retelling this special story:

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



In RE, we have looked at similarities and differences, and transferred these skills to identifying differences in special stories which have been shared this term linking these to our school values.

In PSHE, we have continued our learning around 'celebrating difference' and how we are all **unique**. This week we discussed how our differences and similarities can be used in our relationships to be a 'good friend'.

Santa's post box is full of wonderful letters from the children.

In phonics, we have recapped the phonemes 'j', 'v', 'w' and 'x'.

Year 1 (Bell Class and Windsor Class)

We have had a brilliant and busy week in Year 1 full of amazing experiences for the children.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed 'Victorian Day' where the children were able to dress up as Victorian school children and take part in Victorian school activities. The children spent the morning looking through artefacts such as an ink well; a chamber pot; a praxinoscope; a candle snuffer and more! The children also enjoyed creating their own Victorian scrapbook. The morning saw children taking part in interactive Victorian-style lessons where they were taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Religion. The children learnt to write with ink pens as well as having their cleanliness checked by the Headteacher! In the afternoon, the children enjoyed playing with some Victorian toys in the hall as well as coming together as a year group to sing the National Anthem with their decorated Union Jack flags. The children represented our school amazingly and they should be incredibly proud of themselves.



On Wednesday, we welcomed Grown Ups to attend our 'Peter Rabbit Tea Party' to celebrate Peter Rabbit's 120th birthday as well as celebrating the amazing work the children have completed during their English this half term. It was a joyous celebration where the children had an opportunity to share their stories with their

adults, take selfies with Peter Rabbit and decorate biscuits with icing and LOTS of sprinkles! Thank you again to all the grownups who were able to come – the children loved it!



In English this week, we have been writing our own rules for our Tea Party as well as writing sentences recounting the events.

In Maths this week, we have focused on Geometry looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We have been focusing on being able to identify and name the shapes as well as focusing on our reasoning to sort the shapes based on their properties.

We have also been working hard practising our Christmas Nativity which we cannot wait for you to see on **Wednesday 14th December at 5pm.**

Year 2 (Braille Class)

We have had a brilliant week.

In Maths, we have continued learning about subtractions and solving missing number problems using **inverse**.

In English, we have been finishing off our own versions of 'The Bear Under the Stairs.' We have been using **adjectives**, **adverbs** and **similes** to add extra detail.

Find the missing number:

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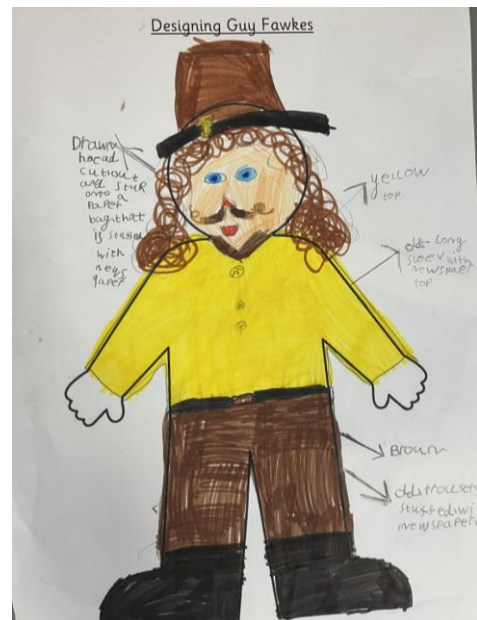
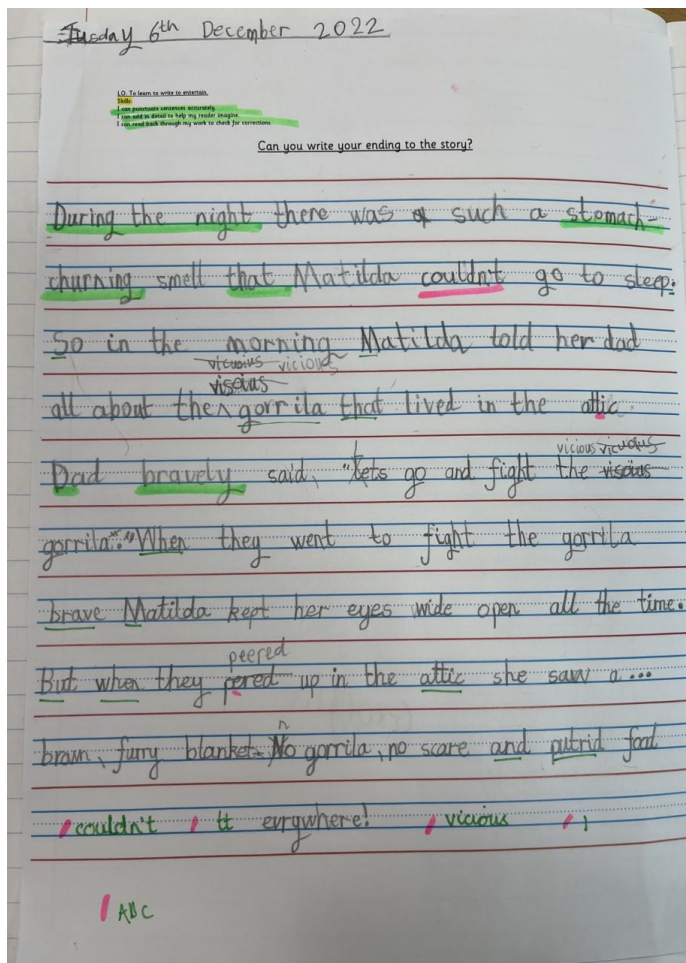
3. $4 - \underline{\quad} = 3$

5. $7 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$

7. $\underline{\quad} - 2 = 1$

9. $8 - 5 = \underline{\quad}$

11. $\underline{\quad} - 2 = 0$



In D.T. with Miss Phelps, the children started designing their own Guy Fawkes, linking to the topic of the Gunpowder Plot.

These are our Tudor houses that we started last week and hope to finish soon!

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Year 3 (Berners-Lee Class)

Berners-Lee have impressed Mrs Fuller and I once again with their commitment to all aspects of their school learning and extra-curricular events.

A small group of Year 3 represented St. Gabriel's at an indoor athletics competition alongside Year 4 earlier in the week. At the event, they completed a series of a track and field events where they came 2nd overall! Well done to everyone who took part, as this is a fantastic achievement!

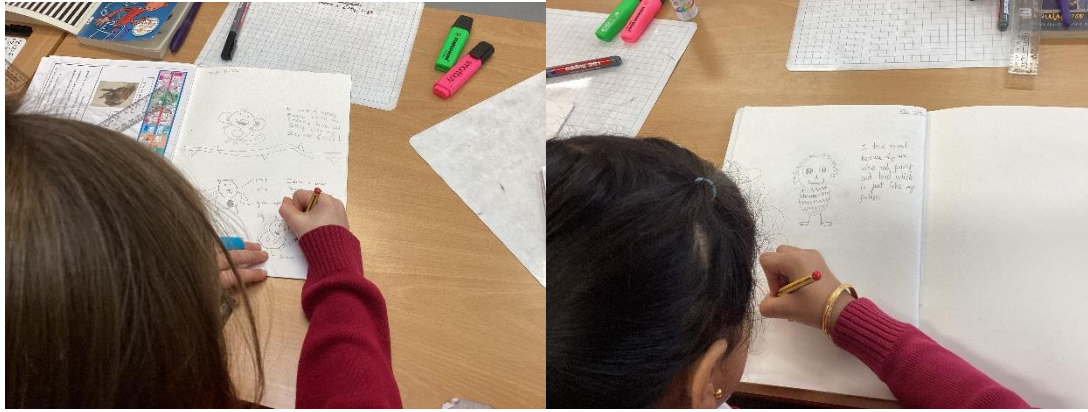
In English, we have learnt how to use paragraphs and have written persuasive letters to a supermarket with the goal of encouraging supermarkets to reduce their plastic waste in order to save marine animals!

In Maths, we have completed learning on multiplication and division. The pupils have learnt that multiplication is linked to repeated addition and that division can be shown through sharing and grouping. It would be brilliant if the pupils could ***continue to practise the 3,4,8 times tables over the Christmas Holidays*** as after Christmas we will begin to learn multiplication written methods.

Most afternoons this week, we have been practising our Christmas songs for the Carol Concert. I have been really proud of how well Year 3 have learnt the songs and actions and their behaviour during rehearsals has been exemplary!

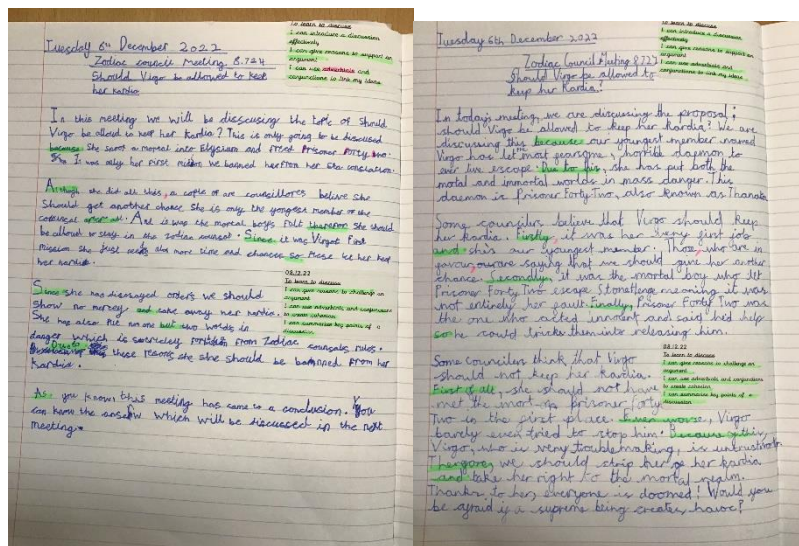
Year 4 (Hopper Class)

This week has been a busy one in Hopper class. We have finished writing up our sequel stories in English, created our very own sculptures to represent an important person in our lives, revisited multiplying by 10 and 100 in maths and reviewed our whole topic learning in R.E. and Humanities! The children have worked tremendously hard and it has been great to speak to you all about the progress they have made in our parent consultations this week. We have also managed to practise our Christmas concert songs to fine tune them in preparation for the main events next week and look forward to seeing you all there!



Year 5 (Jackson Class)

It has been a fantastic week in Year 5, where we have been trying our hardest to finish off lots of our wonderful learning from this term. In English, the class have been writing their own discussion text and thought really hard about how they can use conjunctions and adverbials to build cohesion into their writing. I was really impressed with the efforts each and every child put into their writing this week – for many of our children, it was their best piece of writing yet.



In Maths, we continued focusing on adding fractions where the denominators were different and in Science, we conducted our own group investigations to find the best wrapping paper alternative for a Christmas present by testing the properties of materials.

In DT, the children finished their mask designs by adding the final layer of paint and it is safe to say their final products are absolutely amazing and fit for an Ancient Greek Theatre production!



Year 6 (Gutenberg Class)

It has been another busy week in Gutenberg this week! In English, we continued our learning around David Roberts' text "Suffragette" as the children found out more about the experience of women in the 1880s. First, we explored the possible reasons a person might strike from work as we looked at the famous 1888 strike of the Bryant and May match girls. The children strengthened their skills of note-taking and began to learn about the subjunctive mood through their writing of a convincing speech to help support the match girls' campaign.

In Maths, we moved onto a new topic of converting units of measurement, specifically capacity, length and mass. The children were tasked to use their knowledge of conversion methods to solve problems using both metric and imperial measurements.

In Science, we have been learning about micro-organisms, the three different types, what they look like and how they can be helpful or harmful. We then shifted our focus towards mould, a common fungus we find at home, and started asking questions about how it grows and what conditions are best for encouraging its growth. We then set up an investigation where groups placed three slices of bread into ziplock bags and made observations over the week. It has been great to listen

and watch the children use their observation skills and prove their predictions right!



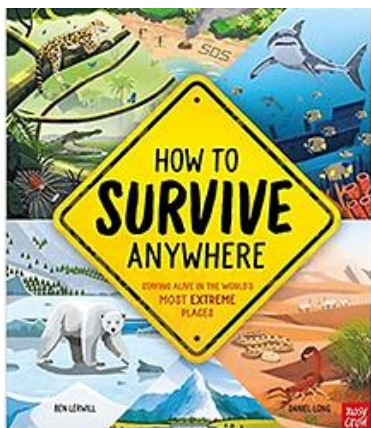
Other News

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert – At 2pm and 5.30pm on Monday 12th December.

Christmas Fair, Thursday 15th December 3:30-5pm

Recommended Read

'How to Survive Anywhere' is a fantastic non-fiction book that takes the reader on



a journey to the most extreme places in the world, and even into space! The extreme places referenced in the text are some of the most well-known in the world including, the African Savannah, The Antarctic and the Amazon Rainforest. The book not only offers new and interesting facts about each place but also a deeper understanding of what it would truly take

to survive in each. Each location has 4-6 pages dedicated to it and follows a similar layout pattern. This book is an enjoyable read that is guaranteed to encourage the next generation of world explorers!

Online Safety

Here is a great interactive educational [game](#) and site for children to learn about how to stay safe online from The National Crime Agency's Education team.

Family Information Service Newsletter

The Family Information Service supports families across Warwickshire with advice and information. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling [01926 742274](tel:01926742274) or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies.

Each week, the Family Information Service produce a newsletter with useful information for families. Click [here](#) to read this week's newsletter.



Celebration Assembly – Friday 16th December 2022

Come join us next week for our final celebration assembly of the year.



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