

# Park Press

## Christmas Special



The KS1 Nativity was a huge success! The children worked incredibly hard learning all of their lines, the lyrics to the beautiful songs and the actions to go with them. Thank you to all of the staff for their time and effort on the beautiful costumes. You have all worked extremely hard!

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# RECEPTION



We have all been very busy during our first two terms at school. We have settled into our routines well and have made lots of new friends.



We enjoyed our topic called Marvellous Me at the beginning of the year. This helped us to get to know each other and learn our class rules.



We have had fun learning our letter sounds with Fred the Frog and are even beginning to read and write some words!



This term our class bears were taken by a villain and we had a great time learning how to be Super Heroes to rescue our bears. We designed and labelled our own Super Heroes and Superhero vehicles and even made our own Superhero comic books.



We have been learning to count carefully with the help of our Numicon resources and learning to recognise our numbers. We have had great fun learning in our 'Maths challenge' areas.

We love choosing our own learning and especially love to be outside. We have lots of activities to choose from and our favourites are the bikes, scooters, mark making on a large scale and playing instruments.

We are getting very excited about our new Winter topic and have really enjoyed learning 'The Snowman' story. We love to use our imagination in our 'Winter wonderland' role play areas and make up our own winter adventures!



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM RECEPTION!



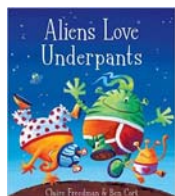
# YEAR 1



This term we went on a fantastic trip to @Bristol. We went inside the planetarium and had great fun exploring the different areas. When we came back to school we wrote some excellent recounts about our trip and used lots of time connectives to make our writing really interesting.

We also have been writing all about space. We have become space experts and have learnt lots of facts about the different planets in the solar system.

## Reading



We have been reading lots of different stories about aliens and space travel. Did you know .... Aliens love underpants?



## Children in need! Cake sale!

Thank you all so much for your support and for donating the cakes. The school raised £836 in total and a big part of that was our Year 1 cake sale.



## It's Christmas !!

As it's Christmas we have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas and why people give presents on Christmas day. We wrote our own special Christmas wishes and hung them upon our class Christmas trees.

We have had so much fun practising our Christmas nativity and we really hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

## Maths

This term we have been learning lots in Maths! We have been learning a wide range of ways to add and subtract using equipment, pictures and then number sentences.

## Thank you

Thank you for your continued support this term. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please encourage your children to keep up their hard work by reading and practising their key words lots at home over the holiday break.



# YEAR 2



This term in Year Two we have been learning all about the wonderful world of Roald Dahl and exploring different festivals!

## Roald Dahl Day

Roald Dahl day was a great success! The children's outfits were very impressive and the children enjoyed making Mrs Twit's eyeball cakes and dream jars. Mrs Trunchball spent the day patrolling the classrooms!



## RE

This term we have explored lots of different festivals including Diwali and Hanukkah. The children created information booklets to share their knowledge of each festival and they created fantastic Rangoli patterns.



## Bonfire Night

During November something very strange happened...a peculiar man planted a bomb in the school and the children set off to solve the Park School Gunpowder Plot to stop the evil villain Guy Fawkes! Many of the children are still convinced that it was Miss Aitken!



## ART

Picasso has been the focus of Art this term with the children being given the opportunity to be really creative by exploring shape art and unusual self-portraits!

## It's Christmas !!

Christmas is fast approaching and the children have been busy practising the Christmas nativity along with preparing their outfits. Those that were cast as characters and narrators did a fantastic job of learning their lines and they displayed some great acting skills! We hope you all enjoyed watching the show!

## Thank you

Thank you for your continued support this term. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please encourage your children to keep up their hard work by reading and practising spellings and times tables over the break.

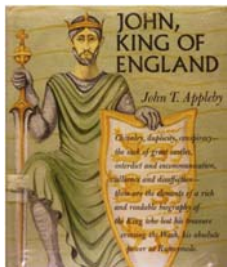


# YEAR 3



This term we have been learning all about Kingswood Park, which is just the other side of Hollow Road. Did you know that King John used to hunt deer and boar in this area over 900 years ago? That's why the park gates have a shield with a boar's head and two deer with crowns on their heads. The park was made in

1934 so that makes it 81 years old .



The park is used by lots of different people. There's a bowling green at the bottom, two free tennis courts and benches next to the beautiful flower beds at the top of the park. In the middle there are swings and a brilliant climbing frame along with the Green Tin which is great when it rains! We loved the new Chinese garden; however, some of us got a bit wet from the drinking fountain!



For our science topic this term we have been looking at sources of light and how shadows are made. We found out that a shadow is formed when a solid object blocks the light. We also discovered that shadows from the sun change size and position because the earth is moving around the sun. On the playground we made some strange shapes with our bodies and looked at our shadows.

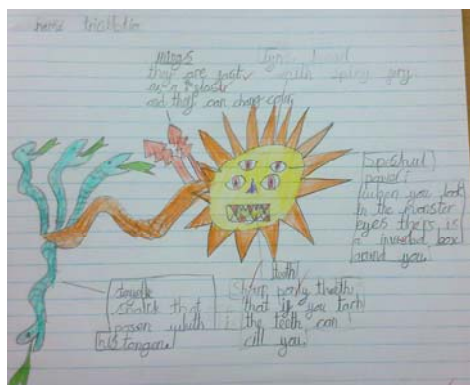


# YEAR 4

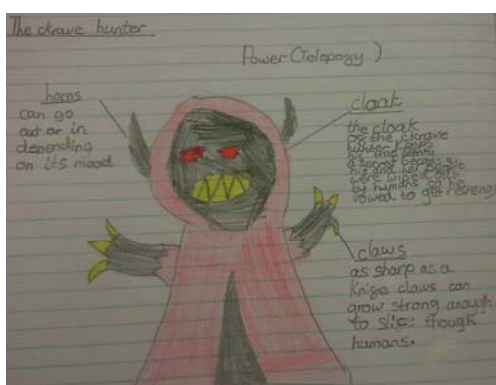


This term year 4 have been learning all about mythical creatures in Greek mythology. The local library got in touch with Year 4 and asked if they

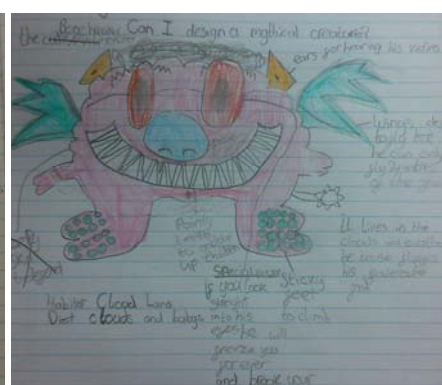
could help out with their Mythical Creatures section, as lots of their books have been lost or damaged. The children worked incredibly hard at designing their own mythical creatures and writing non-chronological reports about them. They were then made into books and are available for viewing at the library until the end of January.



Haifa's design from 4P



Amelia's design from 4W

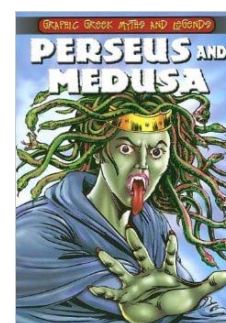


Vince's design from 4A



They also learned the story of Perseus and Medusa. The children had a go at writing their own versions of the story which they shared with their parents in school. I think they were all very impressed with their incredible writing! Well done Year 4!

## Maths



In maths this term we have been learning about 2D shapes, angles, symmetry, place value, negative numbers, addition and subtraction. We have all got very good at using the abstract method of column addition/subtraction! Next term we will be looking at multiplication and division.

## 4W's class assembly

Well done to 4W on your amazing class assembly! You all worked incredibly hard at learning your lines, song lyrics and very detailed dance moves. Your thriller dance was absolutely brilliant!!





# YEAR 5



A few weeks ago, Year 5 went on a fantastic school trip to the @ Bristol Science Museum. Our topic was space and so this visit included a trip to the amazing planetarium. When we got inside, we blasted off into space and went to the moon! We visited lots of different planets, an asteroid belt and then we went to another star system, millions of light years away!!!



## After the trip, some children explained what they enjoyed about the experience.

“ My favourite part of the trip was the planetarium as it was fascinating and we learned loads” Amy 5N

“ My favourite part was that we made our own animation. James and I made one about Santa and when we watched it, it was really funny.” Jordan 5PR

“ I really enjoyed the planetarium and the best part was going into space” Ashley 5PR

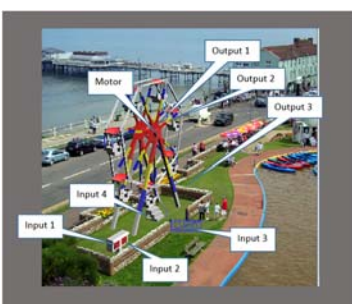
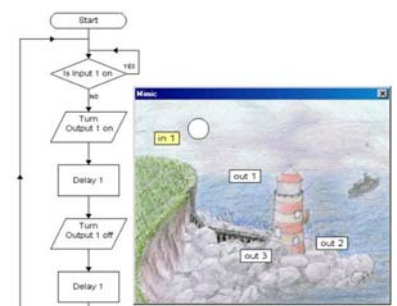
### **Science experiment**

We really enjoyed completing a whole science experiment all about resistance. We predicted what we thought might happen, wrote a method and list of equipment we would need. After conducting the experiment outside we then completed a results table and created a graph to display our results.



## **WE HAVE BUDDING COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS!!**

During term 2 we have been using Flowol, which is software to help us understand computer programming. We have learnt that computer programmes are run by flow diagrams which link commands together to make things change on screen. A computer game will be run by thousands of programmes running alongside each other.



We really enjoyed making our own programmes and fixing programmes with mistakes.

Some of the programmes involved making lights flash at a zebra crossing and making the light of a light house flash, while the klaxon sounded and window lights came on all at the same time. But our favourite was making a ferris wheel run at different speeds while lots of flashing lights came on!







# MEET THE TEACHER

Hello My name is Miss Archer



## What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is steak and chips. Although, I do love sweet potato fries as a special treat!!



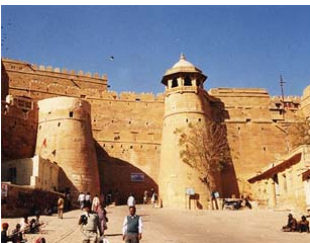
## Favourite movie

That's quite a hard question! I think my favourite movie is Oliver and Company. I love all the songs in the film and the fact it has a happy ending.



## Favourite song/artist

My favourite artist is Muse and I mainly listen to rock music. I haven't been to a festival yet but it is on my list of things to do.



## Favourite holiday

My favourite holiday has to be when I visited India for a month. We trekked through the Himalayas and spent time in Rajasthan where I built a wall for the local school.



I do also love going skiing in the winter and I am very excited to go during the Christmas holidays.

## Why did you want to become a teacher?

I have always loved learning and as a child I really enjoyed school. I want to help children enjoy their learning too. Also I love working with children because everyday is different!



Thank you for taking part Miss Archer!

# WINTER WONDERLAND



Hot on the trail of their spooktacularly successful Halloween Disco, the Friends of Park Primary organised another fabulous evening of entertainment. This time the theme was Christmas and a tinseltastic time was had by all.



As children and parents waited expectantly at the school gates, they were welcomed by Olaf and Elsa who flew in from America, making a special effort to attend the festivities. Santa himself dropped in on his sleigh which looked fantastic lit up in the night sky. Fabulous Christmas lights lit up the scene and Rudolph said "This is the best Christmas party I've ever been to and I hope to be back again next year."



Pupils made a fantastic effort dressing up for the occasion. There were all kinds of outfits from Snow White to Santa's Little Helpers. Once inside the fabulously decorated hall, Children were treated to an array of festive treats, including delicious cocktail drinks with edible glitter, a chocolate fountain and of course children danced to funky tunes from the resident DJ. As well as all the disco fun, children could also get a tattoo, have their nails painted (popular with the boys) and play all kinds of games on the Christmas stalls. You could even find out your very own elf name and of course there was a mountain of sweets to eat and no one was sick! But there was one more treat in store, as all pupils were given their very own hand wrapped present. Children and parents skipped home full of Christmas cheer, looking forward to the festive season.



A big thank you to everybody at The Friends for organising such a super event and for raising so much money over the year. They are putting together a Christmas list for Santa and brand new toys, games and equipment will be ready for children to use in New Year.





# NOTICES

## The School Choir

On Friday, Choir took part in the South Gloucestershire carol concert at Clifton Cathedral. They have been rehearsing hard all term to learn lots of different traditional carols including one in French. We got on our coach straight after lunch and travelled to the cathedral. We looked very smart in our new t shirts thanks to the Friends.

We had a fun taking part, we sung our hearts out and learnt more about the Christmas story. The nativity play was acted out in front of us with a real baby and donkey to add excitement to the day.

We had a great time and sang beautifully



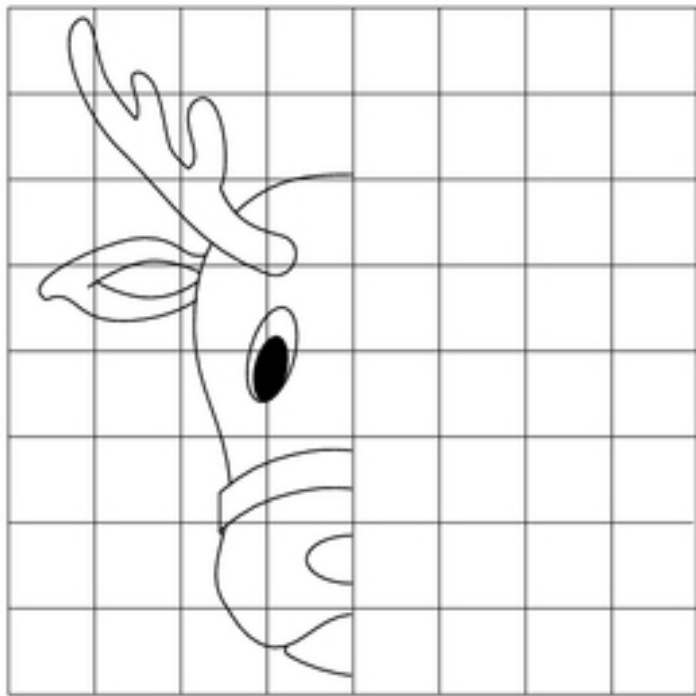
## Year 3 charity event

Thank you for all your food donations. Here are a few of the children taking all your generous donations to Tesco to be sent out to people in need. Year 3 would like to say a massive thank you to all who supported our charity event!





# CHRISTMAS



Find the differences!



## Christmas Riddles

Use the code below to solve the riddles.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

19 15    8 5    3 1 14    8 15    8 15    8 15

What does Santa clean his sleigh with?

3 15 13 5 20    15 6    3 15 21 18 19 5

Who came bearing gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh?

23 9 19 5 13 5 14

Where was Jesus born?

1    19 20 1 2 11 5

Christmas Crossword Puzzle

**WORD BANK**

- sleigh
- reindeer
- holly
- presents
- green
- red
- ornaments
- stocking
- candle
- Frosty
- wreath
- carols
- bow
- star

**ACROSS**

- Another name for decorations
- Christmas songs
- This evergreen has red berries
- The name of a famous snowman
- A traditional Christmas color
- Bright heavenly body visible at night

**DOWN**

- Another name for gifts
- Made of wax, this gives off light
- Santa has eight of them
- Hang this over your fireplace
- A decoration made with ribbon
- Horses pull this over the snow
- A decorative ring hung on doors
- The color of Rudolph the Reindeer's nose



# PUZZLES



## Getting Ready for Christmas

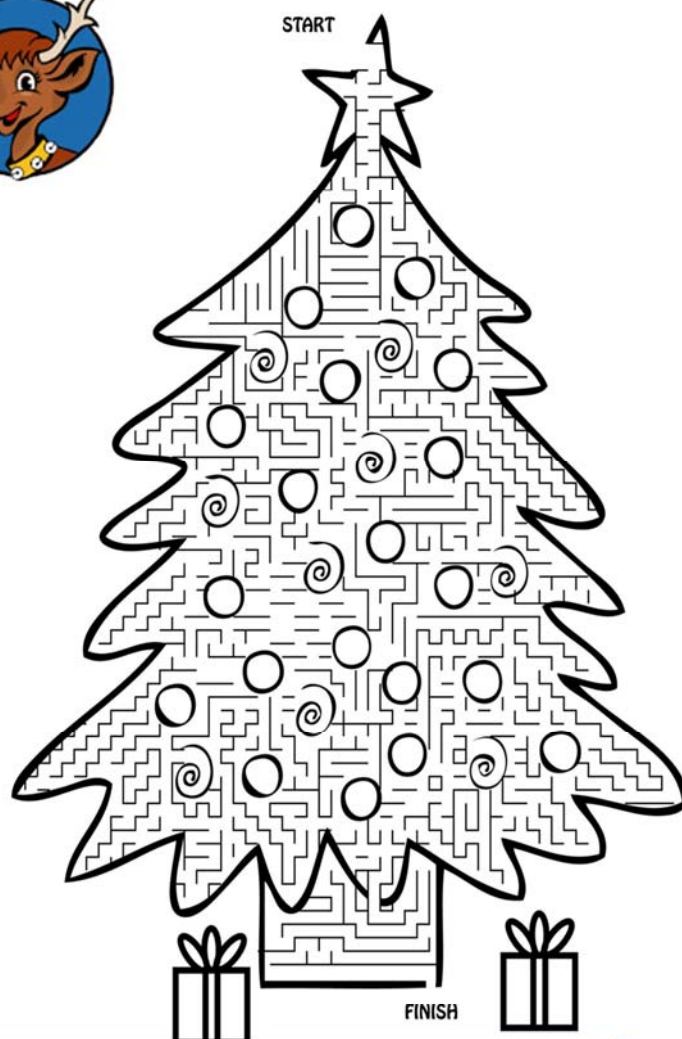


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SANTA  
SLEIGH

SNOW  
STAR  
STOCKINGS  
TINSEL  
TRAIN  
TREE  
WINTER  
WREATH



## CHRISTMAS TREE CUPCAKES



Image by Stephanie Chapman

### Ingredients

- 125g caster sugar
- 130g softened butter
- 30g cocoa powder
- 2 medium eggs
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp milk

### For the butter icing:

- 125g butter
- 250g icing sugar
- Green food colouring
- Assorted sprinkles

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C / Gas Mark 4.
2. Cream together the butter and sugar, using an electric mixer until the mixture is light and fluffy.
3. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well in between. Then add the vanilla extract and stir.
4. Gradually sieve the flour and cocoa powder in the bowl. Fold into the mixture using a large metal spoon.
5. If the mixture is too thick, add milk and mix together. The mixture should have a smooth, 'gooey' consistency.
6. Spoon the mixture into cake cases and bake for around 15 minutes – use a skewer or knife to see whether the cupcakes are cooked all the way through. Then leave to cool before icing.
7. To make the butter icing, sieve the icing sugar into a bowl and add the butter and a few drops of food colouring. Mix with an electric mixer (be careful, it will go everywhere!).
8. Add the icing to a piping bag, and pipe onto the cupcakes. Swirl upwards to look like a tree – then decorate with sprinkles and silver balls.



# SPORTS

Mr Jelf and Mr Wintle are pleased to announce the Christmas edition of the Park Press Sports Bulletin. Park Primary have again had a jam packed sporting schedule having already taken part in a Year 3/4 football tournament, football team league and cup matches, girls football tournament and league matches, tag rugby league, sportshall athletics and a Kabaddi festival.

## Boys Football Team

It's been an up and down start to this year's football team. With arguably our strongest team for some time the team started the season brightly winning our first two games; a friendly versus St Patrick's 4—3 and 10-1 defeating St Peter's in the league cup. Our first league game was against strong opposition in Hanham Abbots which turned out to be a disappointing 3-0 loss. A break in league and cup fixtures saw us take part in the English schools football competition at Filton Wise Campus. The team played out of their skins for the whole tournament, only conceding one goal and winning the final 1-0 vs St Michael's with a late goal from Leo Ferrante. This saw us progress to the South Glos finals at the GFA Headquarters at which however we didn't perform as well as we could and were knocked out, only scoring 1 point from 3 games. It was a tremendous effort from all the boys to reach this stage of the competition. A special mention to JACK WOODLAND for some outstanding goalkeeping throughout both competitions.

Back to league and cup action. In the cup we again came up against Hanham Abbots and again came up short in a close game losing 4-2. In the league, November finished strong with a 7—2 win over Longwell Green and a solid 1-1 draw away to St Anne's. The season still has a long way to go with many games to be played and lots of points to be won.

## Girls Football

This year the girls football team has been boosted by the addition of several girls from Parkwall who have settled into the team well. We began the year with a football tournament where the girls outclassed their opponents, winning every game in the group stages. They were then matched against a strong team in the quarter finals, and a small goal kick error led to a last minute goal from the other team. Although we went out in the quarter finals it was great to see the newly formed team trying to play real football by passing and moving. Next up was our first league game against Cadbury Heath who are another strong and established team. We arguably played much better football and were unlucky to lose 3-0. The majority of the game was spent in the opponents' half. It was just one of those days where no matter how hard the girls tried, they couldn't get the ball in the back of the net! Despite the loss, the girls went into the next league game against St Anne's feeling positive and they deserved to win 4-2. Once again, they played great football throughout the whole match, always looking to pass the ball around and shoot when the goal was in sight. It was a stand out performance from Alana Reilly who had a strong half in goal and then came out of goal in the second half to score a goal almost instantly. She was even close to having a second in the final stages of the match. Fingers crossed the winning streak will continue into the new year! It's also been great to see so many girls joining the football club and turning up to weekly training sessions. We are hoping to arrange some friendlies to give more of the girls the opportunity to play in competitive matches.

## School Football Team Results & Scorers

Friendly—St Patrick's 3—4 PARK PRIMARY—Leo x 3, Lewis W

Cup—PARK PRIMARY 10—1 St Peters—Leo x 3, Lewis W x 2, Vinny B, Charlie P X 2, Riley S, Ryan

League—PARK PRIMARY 0—3 Hanham Abbots

League PARK PRIMARY 7—2 Longwell Green—Leo x 3, Lewis x 2, Ryan S, Charlie P

Cup—PARK PRIMARY 2—4 Hanham Abbots—Leo, OG

League St Anne's 1 -1 Park Primary—Charlie P

League Barrs Court 1—0 Park Primary

For a full list of results and scorers from the GFA competitions, please see our website.



The winning team being presented their medals from Women at Bristol Academy after winning the English schools Football



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## Tag Rugby

A fantastic start to the rugby season has seen no fewer than 40 different children represent the school team across a variety of matches and competitions. After 2 rounds of the A league we are currently sitting in 3rd place; after 4 rounds the top 6 teams progress to the final. For the first year we have also entered in to the B league. A solid start saw the teams win 1, draw 2 and lose 1, our only loss coming against a very strong St Stephen's team. I'm looking forward to taking the team along to round 2 next term. In October we entered a Yr 3/4 team and a Yr 5/6 team in to the Aretians Rugby World Cup tournament. Both groups played well throughout the day and battled hard in the group stage. Having won the group our Yr 3/4 progressed to the QF in which they beat Cadbury Heath and then the SF where they were victorious over The Ridge. A hotly contested final against St Michael's followed where the scoring was even. Unfortunately, we lost the game by 1 try, but 2nd place overall out of over 25 teams was an amazing achievement for a team who have had very little rugby experience. In the Yr 5/6 competition we also won our group and progressed to the second round. Victories in the 2nd round, QF and SF over Emersons Green, Barrs Court and Blackhorse led us in to the second final of the day. We came up against an unknown team in the final. Trinity are a private school from Bath who were very well drilled and very experienced. The final was a tough game which saw us lose 6-3, Trinity were a great team and deserved to win the tournament, so congratulations to them. Last month on a bitterly cold Friday afternoon we took our Yr 5/6 team along to the Cleve Rugby tournament. In past years we haven't quite performed to our full potential in this tournament so we had something to prove. It did not stop raining from the minute we got there until the minute we went home and at one point we found ourselves dashing to the bushes mid-game to avoid the tennis ball sized hail stones!! When we did get down to playing we took a while to get going and after drawing the first group game we kicked on from there, winning the next 4 matches. It was at this point the tournament organisers decided to postpone the rest of the matches due to the weather. The tournament has been re-arranged for March where we will return as group winners along with 7 other schools who have qualified for the Quarter Finals. The winner of the tournament will qualify to represent the South West at a county event. A great rugby season so far; well done to everyone involved.



## Tag Rugby

### League Round 1 Results

For a full list of results, please see our website—[www.parkprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.parkprimaryschool.co.uk)



A League Round 1

Come and Try Round 1

Year 5/6 World Cup

A League Round 2

Come and Try Round 2

L2 Cleve Rugby Tournament

B League Round 1

Year 3/4 World Cup

## Sportshall Athletics

A team of nine boys and nine girls took part in this year's sportshal athletics at the Grange. Sportshal athletics involves children competing against other local schools in events such as long jump, triple jump, speed bounce, javelin and relay races. After some excellent performances on both the track and the field we unfortunately just missed out, coming second to a very strong St Stephen's team. Plenty of our children impressed coaches and were invited along to join local athletics clubs. Well done to all children involved!



Children here at The Grange just after taking part in a new team game Kabaddi!

