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Christmas 2016

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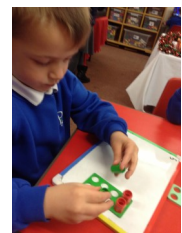
We have all been very busy during our first two terms at school. We have settled into our routines well and have made lots of new friends.

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 we have been learning all about a story called Stanley's Stick. We went on our own stick adventure looking for sticks and making different things with them when we returned to the classroom. We also practised our writing using sticks and how to go at measuring different sticks using the words long and short to describe them.



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 'Math's 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 making Christmas cards and writing lists to father Christmas. We love to use our imagination in our 'Winter wonderland' role play areas and make up our own winter adventures!

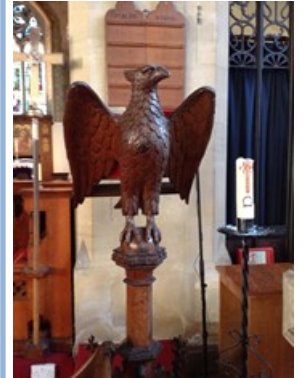
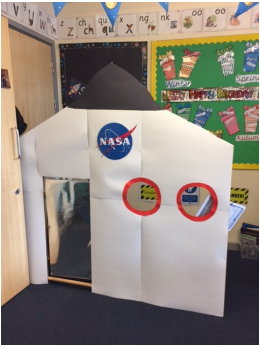
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM RECEPTION!

YEAR 1

We have had fun finding out about SPACE this term.

We transformed our role play areas into space rockets and control stations and the Space Dome brought the Universe to us.

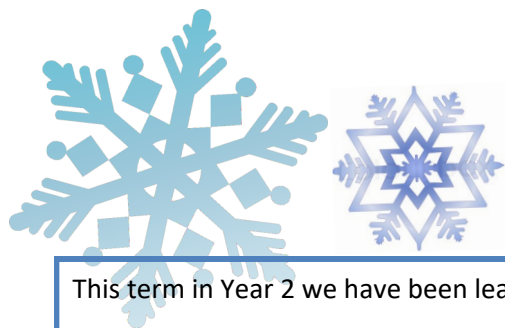
We had to climb through the dark tunnel into the Dome where we were magically transported to Outer Space. There we learned some ancient stories about the constellations and why the moon can look so different.



We visited Holy Trinity church to find out the names of different parts and what they are used for. On the way we enjoyed a walk through the frosty park and while we were there Mrs Hutchings played the organ for us. It sounded grand and quite loud.

During Bullying Awareness week the theatre company told us the very clear message that it is wrong to bully and we must tell an adult if it ever happens to us. We made Superhero masks and posters to remind us of this important message.





YEAR 2

This term in Year 2 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 and all the children made a brilliant effort to dress up! We had an art-filled day making glittery dream jars and colourful Roly Poly birds and every child went home with a golden ticket!



This term we have explored lots of different festivals

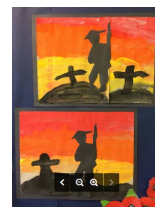
including Diwali and The Gunpowder Plot. The children have learnt all about Rama and Sita and have written some fantastic stories. They have also created some beautiful Rangoli patterns.



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! The children worked together to solve the mystery and reveal the secret 4-digit code to disable the bomb!



We have done some lovely art this term including self-portraits, Diwali diya lamps, firework pictures and remembrance paintings. The children have explored using a variety of media, for example oil pastels, chalks, clay and acrylic paints.



It's Christmas!

Christmas is fast approaching and the children have been busy practising the Christmas nativity along with preparing their outfits. 2W and 2I have been making sheep and donkey masks and 2R have been busy making Christmas decorations. Those that were cast as characters and narrators have done a fantastic job of learning their lines and we hope you all enjoyed watching the show!

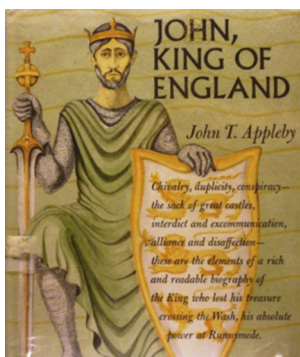
Thank you for your continued support this term. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please encourage your children to keep up their hard work by reading and practising times tables over the break.



YEAR 3

Kingswood Park

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 82 years old.

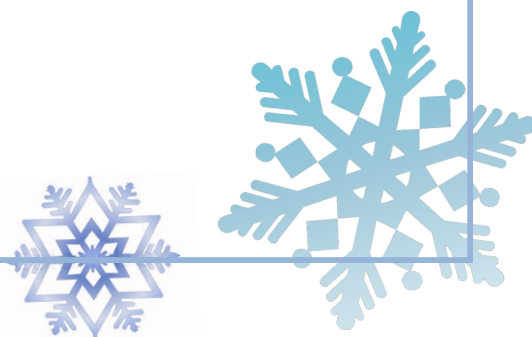


The park is used by lots of different people. There's bowling green at the bottom two free tennis courts and a benches next to the beautiful flower beds at the top of the park. In the middle there are swings and a brilliant climbing frame along with the Green Tin which is great when it rains! We loved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



Shadows

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.

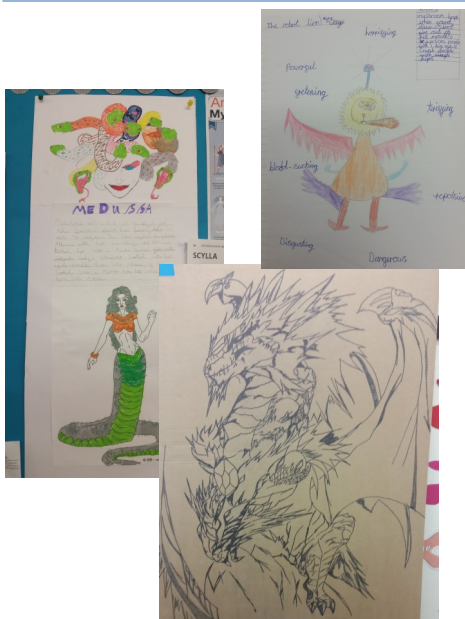
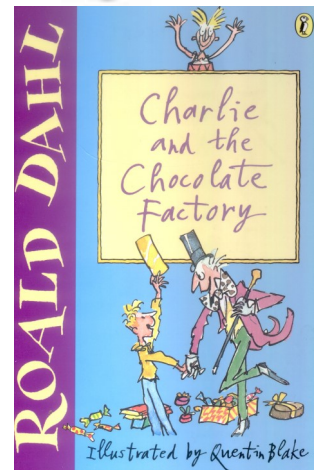




YEAR 4

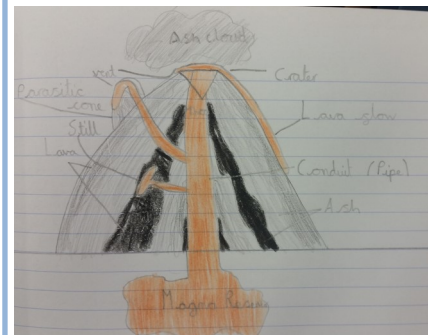


Year 4 kicked off Term 1 with our Chocolate topic! Everyone was really excited to design their own chocolate bars and produced some fantastic work. The term ended with the children writing their own versions of 'The Chocolate Room' chapter from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Everyone wrote some really lovely narratives—well done Year 4!



During Term 2, we have been learning about Mythical Creatures. The children have really enjoyed this topic and once again have produced some really amazing work. From designing their own mythical creatures for Kingswood Library, and writing their own versions of Perseus and Medusa, to writing persuasive letters to Father Christmas encouraging him to choose a new creature to pull his sleigh this Christmas, everyone has done really well. We're not sure how Father Christmas will be able to choose!

We have also been learning about mountains and volcanoes. We have produced some brilliant diagrams of volcanoes and learned about where lava comes from. As well as this, we now know about lots of famous mountain ranges! Miss Archer has even been to the Himalayas and told her class lots about it.



4HA performed their class assembly based around Chocolate during Term 1. This was a fantastic assembly that everyone really enjoyed watching. The acting was absolutely fantastic. Well done 4HA!



YEAR 5



Year 5 have been having a fantastic time learning about Space! First of all we spent a day learning about different aspects of space. In Mrs Rainbow's class we watched a fascinating film about how astronauts eat whilst in the space stations. This included how they hydrate, store and prepare their food. We then got to make and try our own space pudding which we thought was delicious!

In Mr Jelf's class, we were finding out about space rockets. We then had the chance to make our own rockets out of junk modelling.

Finally, in Mr Nichols class, we got to experience what it felt like to be an astronaut! We put on big gloves which gave us the feeling of how an astronaut would cope with day to day tasks. This was SO tricky ! We also dropped a ruler for our partner to catch, this tested our reflexes as this would be important for an astronaut. We had a fantastic day and learnt so



much!



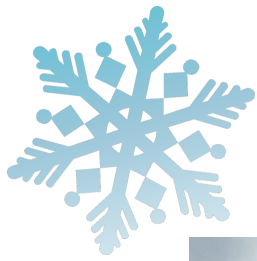
We then went to @Bristol to learn even more about Space. We visited the planetarium which gave us lots of facts about space. It was so exciting and we felt that we were actually flying around in space! We learnt all about the planets, our solar system and all the other solar systems in the galaxy.

After that, we were able to enjoy all the other @Bristol exhibitions and visit the shop to by a reminder of the day!



We made a display of our space homework. We spent a long time making these and they all look fantastic!





YEAR 6



What a busy start to the year it has been! Our first topic (landmarks) ended on a high with a day trip to London. The children were able to see lots of major landmarks including: The London Eye, The Shard, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, The Gherkin and many more. After our boat trip up the River Thames, we enjoyed a picnic in St James' Park to eat lunch (luckily the weather remained cheerful). Unfortunately the Queen was not home so we took a brisk walk back to the coach. The day was enjoyed by all.



6W commemorated Remembrance Day with an emotional class assembly which reminded us how much we have to be thankful for. Year 6 were also able to visit the church on Armistice Day and placed poppies in memory of those who lost their lives during the war.

This term we have been learning about the Second World War. The children have looked at different aspects of life during the war, including rationing, The Blitz, and general life for a child of their age.

They have used this information to create beautiful pieces of writing, describing the journey of a young evacuee, as well as working in pairs to construct a miniature Anderson shelter with working lights. Although we only have a few weeks left of the term, we have lots of things planned!



MEET THE TEACHER

Miss Burrows



1. Why did you want to be a teacher?

I wanted to become a teacher because I became an aunt at a very young age so I love working with children and teachers in my school had a huge influence on me.



2. What is your favourite food?

Pizza (chicken and sweetcorn)

3. Who is your favourite musician or band?

Depends what mood I am in.

4. What is the best holiday you've been on?

When I travelled around Asia because I met a lot of people.



5. What was your favourite subject at school and why?

English because I love writing imaginative stories.

6. What is your favourite film?

Labyrinth.

7. Choose 5 words to describe yourself.

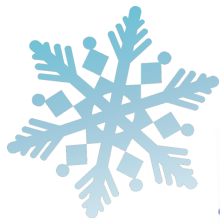
Energetic, ambitious, vivacious, chatty and bubbly.



Thanks Miss Burrows!

See you in Term 3!





CHRISTMAS

Reindeer Letter Tiles

Cut out and rearrange the letter tiles to make all of Santa's Reindeer!

XEN	R P	DAS	NNE
HER	ZEN	CO	DO
NCE	PID	CER	PH
VI	LIT	R B	RAN
DA	MET	DOL	RU
CU			



Find The Differences!



h	u	e	b	c	k	s	b	t	c	q	w
h	d	c	h	e	a	b	r	a	r	k	u
o	r	h	l	s	l	e	i	g	h	e	c
l	o	r	w	z	s	a	n	t	a	p	e
l	i	i	r	o	k	w	u	f	r	z	m
y	b	s	e	r	e	i	n	d	e	e	r
s	m	t	a	i	y	z	w	f	i	f	m
m	t	m	t	y	p	a	f	z	t	c	e
r	r	a	h	n	t	s	k	l	j	a	r
n	h	s	r	q	c	a	r	o	l	a	r
v	p	r	e	s	e	n	t	s	i	y	y
b	o	p	u	d	d	i	n	g	y	m	d

What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a duck?

Answer: A Christmas quacker!

carol

christmas

holly

merry

presents

pudding

reindeer

santa

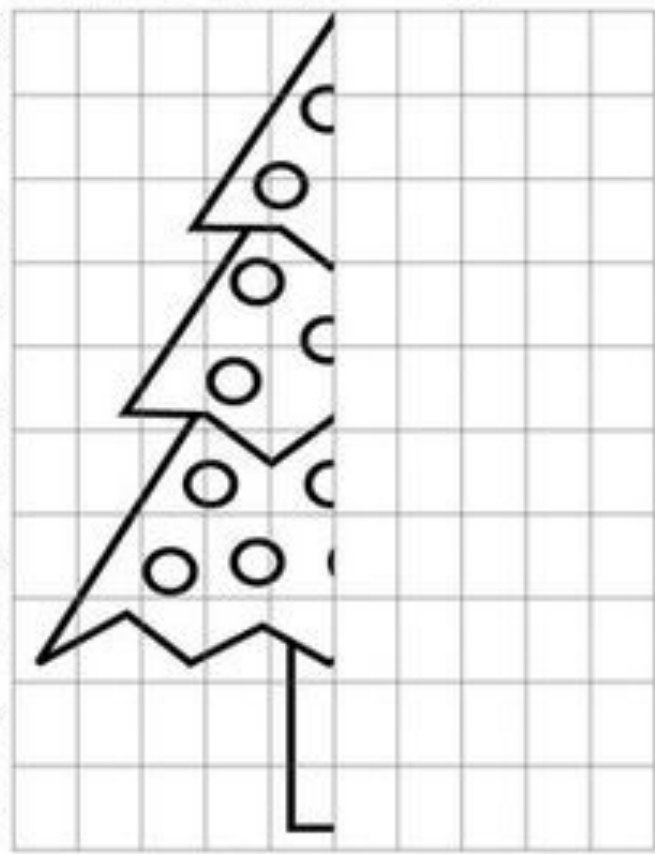
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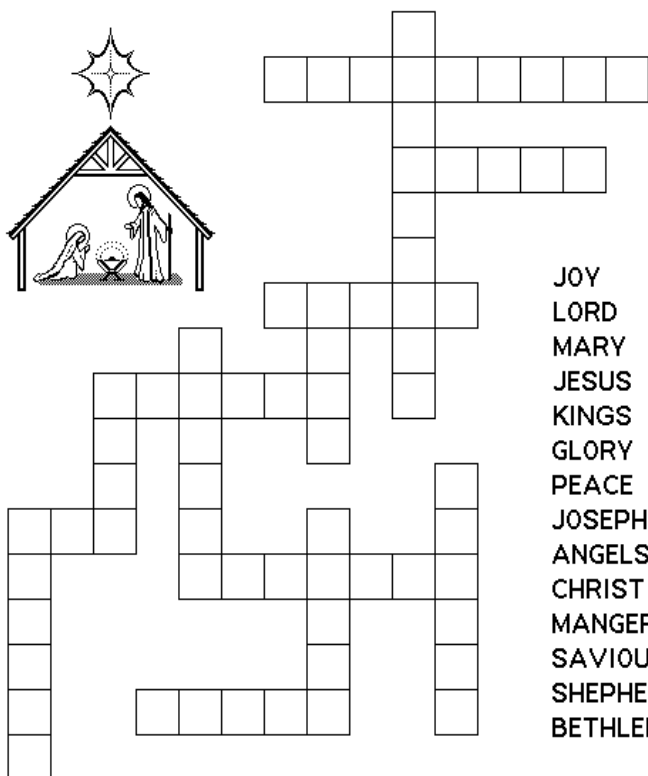
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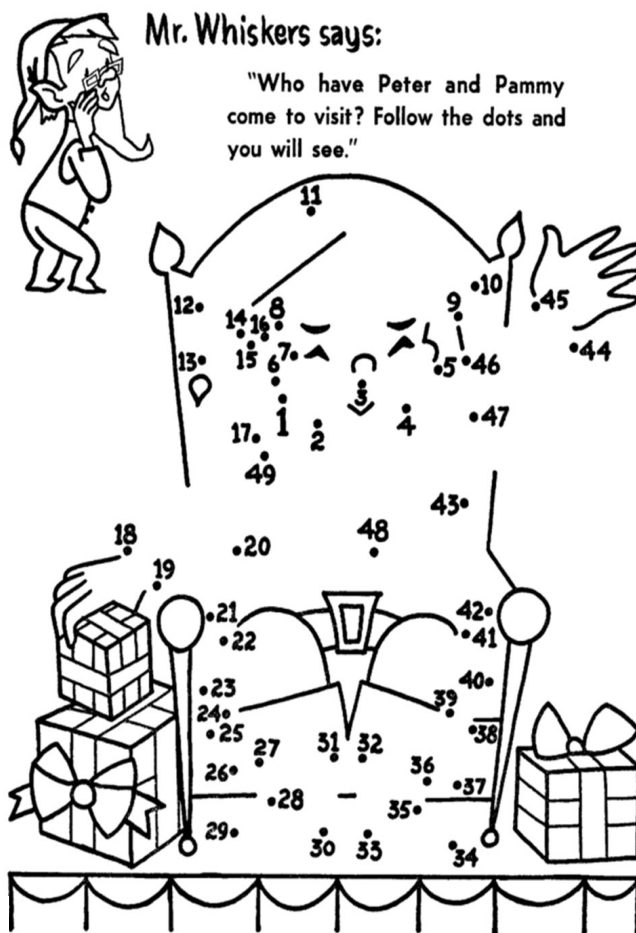


Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM



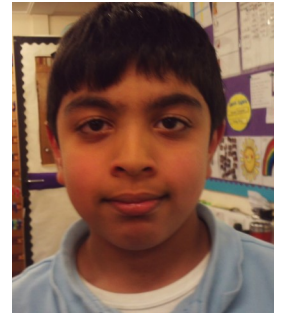
JOURNALISM

This Term, Miss Archer started 'Journalism Club'. Your journalists for Term 2 are: Lacie Owen 4A, Abdul Bakhsh 4A, Vince Parker 5J, Emma-Louise Bennett 6SB and Oliver Selby 6B. These journalists have written articles about their learning over the first two terms.



MYTHICAL CREATURE

We made our own mythical creatures and wrote facts about them. We drew them again in our art books and coloured them in with oil pastels. Later, we wrote monster reports on our monsters. We made a book of the monster reports and gave it to the library. We had an assembly there and talked about all the books. After a while, we read the story of Perseus and Medusa. The story was very exciting. We got to act out most of the story. We wrote a biography of Medusa.



By Abdul Bakhsh 4A

In Year 5, during term one we have been learning about EGYPT and we wrote about a chosen God of our choice. We had the choice of AMMUT, ANUBIS and THOTH.

Also, we were told about mummification which everyone enjoyed because it was quite gory and still fun at the same time.

In term two we have been learning about SPACE. On our loop day we learned about space food and watched a really long video, but it was worth it. After that we used some powdered chocolate and water to make a scrummy chocolate sauce which we ate. Then we built some rockets out of junk modelling and they looked amazing!

Also, we went to @Bristol which was very interesting and we went in the planetarium. We learned loads of amazing facts and they were incredible.

Everyone there was excited about the planetarium, even the teachers. Additionally, the classes favourite part was the bubbles and some people actually managed to get the bubble over themselves! We also loved the photo booth which was cool because we chose if we liked something to eat or not, then we took a selfie which was very funny! In maths we have learned loads about adding, subtracting, multiplication and



dividing. In term one we did lots of multi-step problems, column addition and subtraction. In English we wrote about Varmints and we were trying to persuade the others to join us in the pods. In term two we have been reading COSMIC and we wrote about the Gobi desert.



By Vince Parker 5J

CLUB



In year 6 we have been learning about landmarks in term 1 and in term 2 we learned about WWII. We have made a Blitz scene using pastels and using black paper. Also we did some descriptive writing about some scenes in WWII. We also did an air raid siren drill where we had to get under the tables as fast as we can, shut the blinds and turn the lights off. On the 21.11.2016 we did a discussion text about whether or not to have evacuees in a situation

like world war 2. We decided it would be a great idea to have evacuees again. In maths we have learned BIDMAS which is the order of calculations. Also, we have learned the short multiplication method and how to divide by two digits. We have learned about fractions and equivalent fractions. We also did adding and subtracting in the millions and billions.

By Oliver Selby 6B



Maths

In year 6 we been learning about fractions. The first lesson we did was an entry test; this is so our teacher can see how well we know the unit (fractions).

We were given a fractions wall that we had to cut into pieces. After that we were given a few questions such as: what is equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ (one half). After that we tried ordering the fraction. It took a long time to understand it, but we finally got it.



English

In English we have been learning about semi-colons and colons. You use a semi-colon if you are putting two simple sentences together without using a conjunction.

As well as that we have been writing about World War II. We have wrote a piece of writing as if we were a child in World War II about to get evacuated to the countryside. It was a fun story to write because we could really use our imagination. However, it was hard because we had to write it in formal language (like they did in WWII). We had to write 5 paragraphs in total.

By Emma-Louise Bennett 6SB



Year 4

How to make chocolate mice



We made a set of instructions to make chocolate mice. Firstly , we mixed milk chocolate and biscuits together. Next, we added two spoonfuls of sour cream. After that, you cover the bowl in tin foil and put it in the fridge for a hole night . The next day , we took the mixture out of the fridge and moulded it in to a mouse body. Next, you get 1 white chocolate button and cut it in half. After you done that add it to make it like mouse ears. Once you have done that, get 3 silver balls and put 2 for the eyes and one for the nose . Finally, you get one red sweet lase and stick it for a tail.

By Lacie Owen 4A

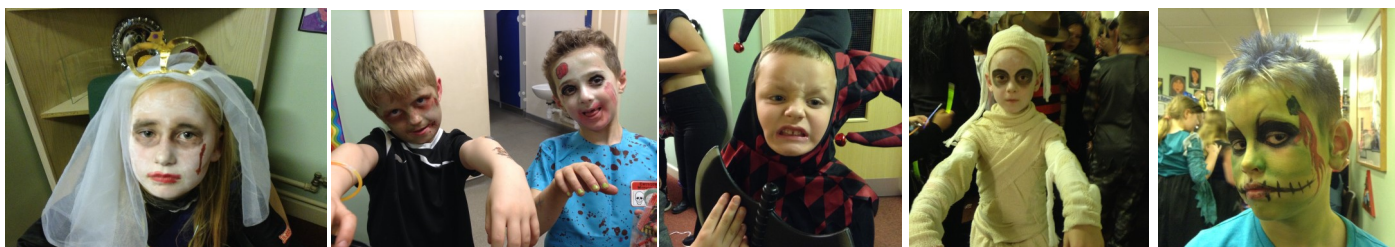




A BIG THANKS TO THE FRIENDS

The Autumn is the busiest time for the **Friends of Park Primary**. This term they have organised two major events that are now firmly fixed on the school calendar, the **Halloween Disco** and **Winter Wonderland**.

The Park Primary **Halloween Disco** was very well attended again this year with nearly 500 children dressing up in all manner of ghoulish outfits; Zombie brides, mad jesters blood sucking vampires, wicked witches and Ancient Egyptian mummies. There was lots to eat, drink and a great time was had by all!



The Winter Wonderland event was based on the film Polar Express. No effort was spared in creating a magical Christmas atmosphere. There were so many lights, costumes and props you could have been on a film set. Inside children could enjoy games, refreshments and the kicking tunes of our resident DJ.



This Party is Bad for
your **Elf!**

Has Christmas Come Early this Year?

It seems like Christmas has come early for teachers and pupils of The Park Primary. The Friends have spent much of their fund raising money buying a digital camera for every class in the school. Here are members of Ms Thompson's Digital Leaders Group presenting teachers and pupils with their new camera and memory card. The Friends have also made generous donations to funding a visiting theatre group and the provision of seats, benches and tables around the school.



So a big thank you and a Merry Christmas to everyone involved with the Friends. We really appreciate all your efforts and hard work!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE



The Christmas Craft Fayre was a fantastic success as ever. Everyone really enjoyed themselves making biscuits and Christmas cards, colouring Christmas pictures and having their nails painted! A lot of fun was had by all - a big thank you to everyone involved in organising it.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Mrs Rainbow and her Community team were lucky enough to visit ASDA recently. This was because the Community team thought it would be a lovely idea to help local people with their shopping—whilst raising money for charity.



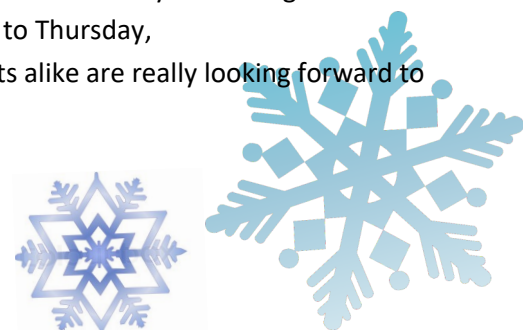
The children were so helpful and met lots of wonderful people in our community. They certainly knew how



to pack a bag by the end of the morning and they were also lucky enough to meet Pudsey himself! Well done to the Community club for making such a big effort and for raising so much money!

SCIENCE WEEK

The first week back in Term 3 (week commencing Tuesday 3rd January 2017) will be Science Week! The school has been part of the Tim Peake project, so we are dedicating this first week back to all things Space! Children from Years 1 to 6 will all be involved in a variety of exciting and interesting Space-themed Science workshops from Tuesday to Thursday, culminating in a day focused on Space-themed Art on Friday. Staff and students alike are really looking forward to taking part.



OUTDOOR



We had a fantastic harvest this year and have stored the **apples** so that we can use them over the year.



With money from **Bags of Help** we have tidied up the garden and replaced the raised beds and fencing. Now it is time to start filling the beds and the Autumn Garlic and Onion have gone in.

Every class has been busy planting more daffodil bulbs all over the school grounds so hopefully there will be a great display in the new year. Remember to plant the bulbs with the roots pointing down and at a depth that is 3 times the height of the bulb.

Other News:

- We made it to the top of Kelston Round Top in October and raised £50 for BBC Countryfile's Children in Need Ramble. Well done everyone—see the film on the website.
- We have a photo of our Year Fives in a celebratory book for The Rocket Challenge which the RHS will be giving to Tim Peake.
- The first apples have been baked on the fire by Year Five and made into apple crumble by the community group.
- For more photos and the BLOG take a look at www.wildurban.org

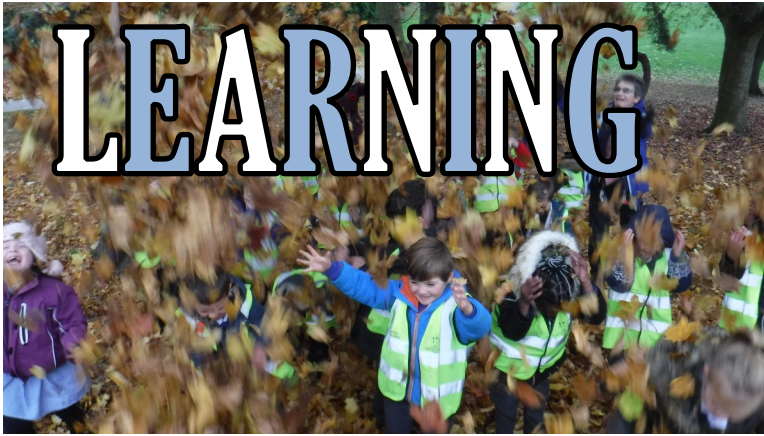


Santa in the Park

We have been busy decorating the park



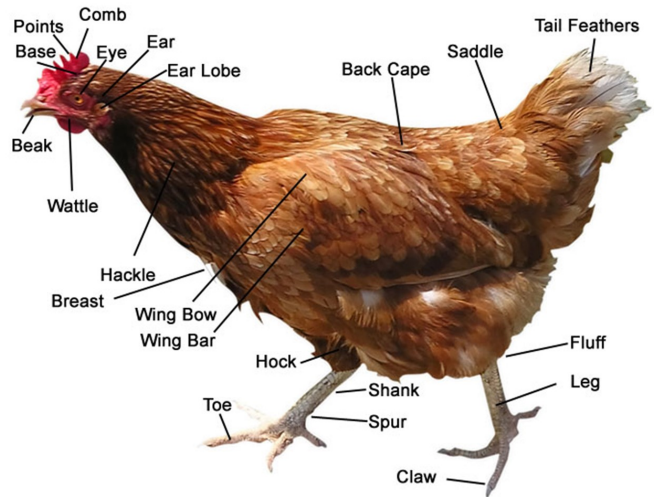
LEARNING



We made **tie-dye** handkerchiefs use blackberry juice as the dye.



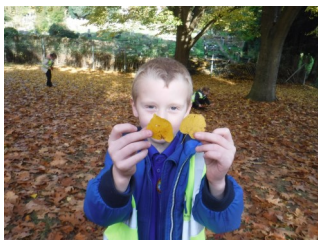
In making the **spider's webs** we have been practising our fine weaving and knotting skills. It just showed how difficult it is for a spider to make it's own web.



Pecker, Tianna, Clucky and Betty are all doing very well. The children are used to feeding them and collecting their eggs. They even have to wash their house every week.

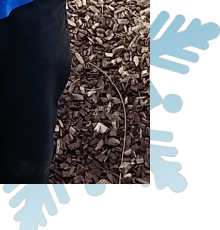


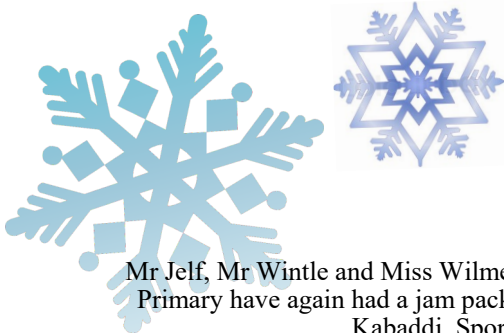
Autumnal Leaf Symmetry Patterns



Can you help?

Would you like to help the children in the garden? If you have experience or would like to learn about growing plants then we would love your input into our school community. Please contact school (01454 866536) or talk to Ms Whitney if you would be interested.





SPORTS

Mr Jelf, Mr Wintle and Miss Wilmer 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 number of events such as Netball, Kabaddi, Sportshall Athletics, Girls and Boys Football matches and Tag Rugby.

Boys Football team

The boys football team have again pushed on in the league winning all of their games, Games were played against St Stephens, Beacon Rise and Hanham Abbots. First league match of the term was against St Stephens, this game brought the best in the team with an excellent 4-1 win, pick of the goals from Cameron Phelps with a 20 yard volley! Next up was Beacon rise away, this game was a lot closer fought in a scrappy game, however with two late goals from Cameron Phelps we saw out the game 2-0.

These two league games sandwiched a cup also against Beacon Rise, with a few players missing and rare off today for the players Beacon Rise caught us off guard and convincingly defeated us 5-2 even with Cameron opening the scoring straight from kick off to put us 1-0 up, unfortunately our cup run as come to and end, there is always next year! The final game of the year saw us come up against Hanham Abbots in the winner takes all match to finish the year top of the league. In a tense and nervy game of football with very few chances to mention, Hanham won the game with a well taken goal with only a couple of minutes to spare. We pilled on the pressure but to no avail. We will now have to settle for second place in a very competitive group, we will now enter another round in the new year playing against teams from other regions that also finished 2nd.

Girls Football team

The girls football team have had an amazing start to the season. They comfortably won their first league cup match and are awaiting the next round and have won 1 and narrowly lost 3-2 to Hanham Abbots in the league. Every year the girls take part in the ESFA football tournament and in previous years we have just missed out on progressing to the second round but this year has been very different. With a combined team of girls from Park and Parkwall we had great success in the first round tournament winning the group stage convincingly and then going on to beat Christchurch 3-0 in the quarter finals, winning on penalties in the semi-final against Alexander Hosea and finally facing local rivals Hanham Abbots in the final who we beat 1-0. The girls then progressed to the county round where they travelled to Gloucester. It was a real test for the girls as they were playing on a very large pitch and against some tough competition but once again they remained strong. They won the group stage after stepping up in the final game and winning 4-0. They then once again faced Hanham Abbots in the semi-final who they outclassed winning 2-0. Then came the final and for the third time they faced Highnam. In the group stage they drew twice against them so after a motivational team talk from myself and Mr Jelf we made it clear that a win was needed! The girls didn't disappoint and an early penalty decision gave us an opportunity. Nerves were high and not many of the girls were keen to step up but luckily Lauren Hill was confident and she scored the penalty resulting in the team winning the tournament! The girls will now progress to the regional stage of the tournament where they will play all of the winning teams from across the South West and they are now only one step away from reaching the National final which will be played at a football stadium, our fingers are crossed for them!

Sportshall Athletics

After weeks and weeks of practice boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 took part in the level 2 competition stage at The Grange School. Children took part in a number of track and field events coming up against 5 other schools. Both boys and girls excelled in every event winning all but one. This gave us a massive score of 416 points. We now had to wait nervously for the other regional events to see if we made it into the top 2 teams that would make through to the level 3 games in January. After a week long wait we were presented with the winners trophy after finishing only 4 points above our nearest competitors St Stephens!

Well done to all the children involved, the team will now travel to Bristol Grammar School on Monday 30th January for the level 3 games.

Year 3/4 Football Tournament

Children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the yearly football tournament held at The Grange. We managed to take 2 strong teams mixed with some children from Parkwall. Both teams were separated into groups. After both playing three games defeating St Barnabas, Cadbury Heath and Barrs Court along the way both teams made it through to the final group with the 3 winners of each group playing each other. First up Team Park played a close and excited game versus St Stephens this tight game was edge by a wonder goal from St Stephens and they held on to win 1-0. The second game of the group pitted both Park teams against each other after a great game with some brilliant football played Park 'A' ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Josh McMurray.

In the last game of the group Mr Jelf's Park/Parkwall team drew 0-0 against St Stephens. This draw meant that St Stephens finished 1st with Park 2nd and Park/Parkwall 3rd.

BULLETIN

Boys Football Team

Park 4—1 St Stephens (Cameron P, Charlie P, OG)

(Cup) Beacon Rise 5 –2 Park (Cameron P, Riley S)

Beacon Rise 0 –2 Park (Cameron P X 2)

Park 0 –1 Hanham Abbots

Sportshall Athletics Results

The Park	416	Qualify for Level 3 Games - 30th Jan 2017
St Stephens	412	
Mangotsfield	316	
Blackhorse	298	
Beacon Rise	280	
Barrs Court	224	
Wick	200	
Staple Hill	188	
Cadbury Heath	162	
St Barnabas	158	



Year 3/4 Football team - Grange cup Runners up!



Girls Football Results

(League) Park 2-3 Hanham Abbots

(League) St Annes 0 –13 Park

(ESFA) Park 0-0 Highnam

(ESFA) Park 2-0 North Nibley

(ESFA) Park 1-1 Highnam

(ESFA) Park 4-0 North Nibley

(Semi Final) Park 2-0 Hanham Abbots

(Final) Park 1-0 Highnam



Year 5 Kabaddi Team—Finishing 5th place at this months competition at The Grange.

For a full list of other results and scorers please head over to our website.





CHRISTMAS RECIPE

Gingerbread wreath

Prep: 45 mins

Cook: 12–15 mins

Serves: 12–15 people

Turn delicately spiced, iced biscuits into an edible Christmas decoration - a gorgeous gift to give to someone special over the festive season.

Ingredients:

For the gingerbread:

- 175g dark muscovado sugar
- 85g golden syrup
- 100g salted butter
- 350g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 egg, beaten

To decorate:

- blue food colouring paste (optional)
- 500g fondant icing sugar
- silver edible glitter (optional)
- ribbon and cellophane (if giving as a gift)



Method:

1. Put the sugar, golden syrup and butter in a saucepan. Bring to a simmer, then bubble for 1-2 mins, stirring until well combined. Set aside to cool for 10 mins.
2. Tip the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices into a large bowl. Add the warm syrup mixture and the egg, stir to bring everything together, then gently knead in the bowl until smooth and streak-free. The dough will feel a little soft now, but will firm up once cooled. Wrap the dough in cling film and chill for at least 30 mins.
3. Remove the dough from the fridge and leave at room temperature until softened. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line two baking trays with baking parchment.
4. Cut off half the dough and keep the rest wrapped in cling film. Roll out the dough to the thickness of a £1 coin, then use a plate or the base of a cake tin as a template to cut out a 20cm circle. Transfer to one of the baking trays, then use a 7cm cutter to stamp out and remove a circle in the middle. Roll out the remaining dough and cut out a variety of other shapes to decorate the wreath (you'll need about 20-25 pieces – we used stars and angels) and arrange these over the trays too.
5. Bake the biscuits for 10-12 mins, swapping the trays over halfway through cooking. Stamp a hole in the top of the ring using a small cutter, or the end of a piping nozzle, as soon as it comes out the oven – you can tie a pretty ribbon through this later. Leave to cool on the trays, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Mix the icing sugar with enough water to make a thick icing. Transfer to a piping bag fitted with a small nozzle, then decorate the biscuits as you wish, using a little edible glitter, if you like. We flooded some of the biscuits with pale blue icing (see tip) and piped white details on the others. Leave the icing to dry for 1-2 hrs, then use a little more icing to stick the biscuits to the wreath. Thread a ribbon through the hole and wrap up in cellophane, if giving as a gift (the ribbon is just for show and may not support a hung wreath). Will keep for 2 weeks.

