



## Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Next week's lunch menu is 'Week 2'

### Celebrations!



A huge well done to the children nominated for an Allstars award this week:

#### **Be independent**

Isla-May; Fletcher

#### **Be proud**

Naman; George; Nova; Jacob

#### **Be kind and caring**

Sebastian

### Attendance award

This week the attendance trophy went to the Fox class with an attendance of 94.1%

*WELL DONE FOXES !*

### Rainbow Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received reading awards this week:

#### **Red award for 25 reads**

EYFS: Elsi; Divyansh; Layla-Leigh; Imogen

YEAR 1: Fletcher; Leo; Jasper

YEAR 2: Letrell

#### **Orange award for 25 reads**

EYFS: Toby; Poppy; Freddie

YEAR 1: Ruby

YEAR 2: Archie

#### **Yellow award for 50 reads**

EYFS: Mckensie

YEAR 2: Naman

#### **Green award for 75 reads**

YEAR 2: Bella; Felicity; Elden

Keep reading everyone! 😊



### Homework

This week's homework will be the final one for this half term. There will be no homework tasks to do over the holiday but we'd really love you to keep reading! Don't forget you can still log in and read on Bug Club too. Just see your child's class teacher if you need a reminder of your login details.



### Christmas Fair

The children had a great time at our Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see them choose what to buy with such independence and enjoyment. Thank you to our team for putting everything together and to all of our families...especially for your flexibility with the changing plans. We raised just over £293!

Which is amazing 😊 Photos from the event are on page 2 of the newsletter. We will be spending the money raised on a visit from 'The Puppet Man' who has visited us in school before. He brings puppets for the children to use and retells familiar stories in a fun and engaging way.

### My Child's Art

We received almost £30 in commission from your purchases. Thank you! We will put this money towards our Puppet Man visit too.

### Pupil Hub

Our Nativity films are almost ready for you to watch together.

They will be uploaded to our Pupil Hub which you can access through our website. Please check Weduc Notices if you need a reminder of the Pupil Hub log in details for your year group.



### Autumn Days

Our topic this half term has been 'Autumn Days'. We have been answering the big question 'What happens in Autumn?' As we were unable to invite you in to school to see our learning we have put together some photos of what has been happening this term...you can find them at the end of the newsletter.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas dinner in school

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

School closes for Christmas break

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

School reopens for the Spring Term



# Christmas Fair Fun!



What have Year 2 been learning this half term?

We studied the work of artists Andy Goldsworthy and James Brunt. Their art work inspired us to create our own natural art. We even had a Tweet from James Brunt who was impressed with our creations!



james brunt artist @RFJamesUK · 30 Nov  
Replying to @ThorpeacreInf  
Wonderful creations artists, so nice to see 👍👍



In Science we have been learning about animals and their habitats. We investigated how blubber keeps animals warm. We put our hands into icy water then we put lard on our hands and put them in the water again. We discovered that our hands felt less cold with the lard than without which is similar to how blubber works on polar animals.



We recreated houses from the time of The Great Fire of London. We talked about what they looked like and how they were built. Then we had our own 'Great Fire' to see why and how the fire spread so quickly.



We learnt about the Hindu festival of lights called 'Diwali' in RE. We made Diva lamp holders, Mehndi patterns and Rangoli patterns which are a few of the things that happen in Diwali.



What have Year 1 been learning this half term?

We studied the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We made our own land art and used clay to make Autumn leaves.



We learnt about the Great Fire of London and we enjoyed having our own Great Fire! We made Fire of London art work using different materials to create the flames and houses.



In Science we have been answering the questions:  
 What types of weather are associated with Autumn?  
 Why are flowers different colours?  
 How is water transported in a plant?  
 We have really enjoyed using Art to share our Science knowledge.



What have EYFS been learning this half term?



We learnt about Remembrance Day. We created some poppy art work thinking carefully about the colours and shapes we needed to use.



We looked at the route of the bus that went past school.



We then watched the bus drive past school.



And made a list of stops for the bus driver

We also enjoyed the story of Whatever Next.



We acted out the story



We made a space rocket.



We made model rockets for our school teddy

We have had fun learning outdoors in Forest School and in Continuous Provision.

We have been learning about the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, our author of the term.