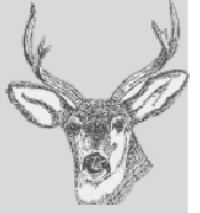


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PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 8th December 2023

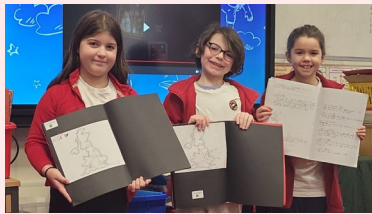
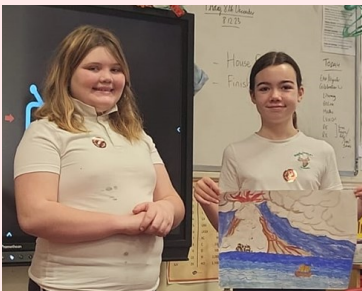
Infants looking back at last week

This week we have written beautiful descriptions of a Christmas picture, adding super adjectives to create atmosphere. We have looked again at the changing seasons, thinking particularly about the challenges Winter brings for animals, as well as creating our own bird feeder for the decking. Nativity rehearsals are well under way and we can't wait to share it with you next week! Reception have enjoyed a variety of Christmas stories finding the rhyming string in the text. We had a lovely discussion of the meaning of Christmas and what Christmas means to them. Reception have completed some great art work for a winter display in the classroom.

Infants Looking forward to next week

Next week will feature final rehearsals and the two Nativity services. (We have fitted all the children's costumes but some of them may need, for example, a long sleeved top under them for warmth - keep an eye out for dojo messages on Monday!) We are also looking forward to more gorgeous pictures from our Posada journey as Mary and Joseph travel nearer to the stable...

Best work of the week was awarded to Archie, Charlie, Jasmine, Joshua, Maisie, Ellie, Margot, Libby and Eli



Lower Juniors looking back at last week

In Maths, Y3's have concentrated on their 8 times table, learning the facts and applying them to different styles of questions. Y4's focussed on how to multiply 3 numbers. They then consolidated their addition and subtraction methods and strategies. In Literacy, pupils have worked hard on writing instruction texts, we are all looking forward to reading their finished pieces. In Geography, Year 3 and 4 mapped out the Roman roads, Watling Street, Fosse Way and Ermine Street. We found which Roman cities they connected and had a look to see the differences between then and now.

Lower Juniors looking forward to next week

In Science, we will be continuing to design and build our magnetic games. All the groups have come up with some brilliant ideas and it will be exciting to see how they put their ideas into reality based on what we have learned this term. In Computing, we will be making the final touches to our HTML websites, adding text, colour and pictures to make them appealing. In Maths and Literacy, the children will be completing assessments to show off all the children have learned this term. We are really looking forward to participating in the Infants Nativity next week.

Upper Juniors looking back at last week

Pupils have been busy this week writing poetry based on the natural world. They have particularly focused in on waterfalls, deserts and forests producing some fab haikus and tankas. As well as this they have been completing their mystery stories. We looked at some different archaeological sites in Topic and decided what used to be there in Roman times and what other questions we would like to ask. We have read some more of our story 'The Thieves of Ostia'.

Upper Juniors looking forward to next week

We are excited to help the infants with their nativity in church. As well as this we will be doing some assessments to see how everyone is getting on. We will be finishing off our mystery stories and putting finishing touches to our Roman topic books. Y5 will be doing their last session of Forest School and in computing the children will be finishing off their world changing robots.

House Points

Haddon— 65

Riber—72

Chatsworth—35

House Points Prize Winners—
Haris and Jessie

PE Stars of the Week

Rosa &
Arnie

Safiya
& Ed

What's on next week

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| Mon 11th | |
| Tues 12th | Individual violin lessons with Mrs Basford PM Nativity Dress Rehearsal PM |
| Weds 13th | Little Darlings Toddler Group 10.30am—12 noon. 2pm Nativity Service. Doors to church open at 1.30pm 6.30pm Nativity Service. Doors to church open at 6pm. Please bring ALL children back to school—doors to school open at 6pm. |
| Thurs 14th | Juniors Ukulele Lessons |
| Fri 15th | Forest Schools -Year 5 Please wear long sleeves, long trousers (not leggings), sturdy shoes and weather appropriate outer wear. PE at School for other years. Full school PE kit please—white PE T shirt, red shadow stripe shorts or grey/black jogging bottoms and red school jumper. No earrings and no hoodies. Longer hair to be tied back please. |



Sports Events & Results

Infants PE Session in the Village Hall (right) and our Junior Netball team with their 'Spirit of the Games' Certificates (below)



Forest Schools



Members of our school community enjoying the FOSDS Christmas Fayre.



Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) update: Thankyou to our staff, governors and parents for all your contributions during our SIAMS inspection, which took place on Tues 5th December 2023. Whilst full details remain confidential until the final report has been published we are pleased that the inspector was able to discover all the ways we try our best to provide for our community as a church school.

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