

Friday 6th December 2019

## Message from the Headteacher

### Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

We will be combining National Christmas Jumper Day with our Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Please make sure you have ordered your child's lunch and topped up your dinner account in the juniors. Thank you.

### Junior Snow Ball

Junior pupils are planning their Snow Ball, which is next week on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets are available through ParentMail within the school shop. The deadline for purchasing these tickets will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December by midnight. Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones or cameras. There will be an opportunity to get a photo with friends in the photo booth.

### Class Parties

Class parties will be on **Monday 16th December**, further messages will be sent out from year group teams about this event. If the children keep their fantastic behaviour going, I am reliably informed that Father Christmas may well visit on that day too in the infant school.

### Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure your child has gloves, a hat and a warm black or burgundy coat in school every day as the weather gets cold over the next two or three months. Make sure all items are clearly labelled. If your child wears wellington boots to school in the morning in very wet or snowy weather, please also send in their school shoes for wearing inside school.

### Infant Concert

The children are very excited about performing their concert to you. The concerts will be in the infant school hall. Thank you for providing their costumes, they all look wonderful.

We ask parents to be seated by 9.10am for the morning shows and 1.50pm for the afternoon shows. Please bring quiet toys to distract young toddlers and keep them on your lap unless you have a ticket for them. We look forward to sharing this lovely concert with you.

## Key Dates

Date	Event
11.12.19	Y6 Ruby Class Sky Skills Studio Trip
12.12.19 & 13.12.19	KS1 Christmas Concert - 9.15am and 2pm shows
16.12.19	Christmas Parties (afternoon)
17.12.19	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Junior Snow Ball - 5.00pm to 6.30pm Reception Christmas Nativity for Birch parents and Elm parents (AM)
18.12.19	Y6 Coral Class Sky Skills Studio Trip XMAS Factor Juniors Reception Christmas Nativity for Oak parents and Yew parents (AM)
19.12.19	Last Day of Term - Early Closure

## Early Years

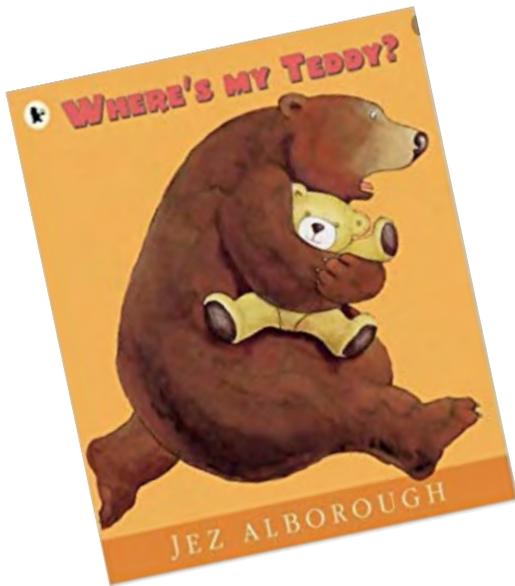
### Nursery

This week in the nursery we have been sharing the story 'Where's My Teddy?' by Jez Alborough. We enjoyed making the voices for the Gigantic bear and Eddy when they were both looking for their teddies. We also talked about how they might be feeling. **At home:** *How would you feel if you lost your teddy or favourite soft toy?*



In phonics we have been learning all about the sound 'p' for paper, pebble, pen, pencil, penguin, pig, piglet, pink, people, Pudsey and purple. We had a lot of fun using a polar small world activity that had penguins, polar bears and pink ice cubes. The children even worked together to complete a large floor p-p-puzzle of a p-p-police car.

**At home:** *Can you find anything in your home that begins with this sound?*



In maths we have been learning to understand and use words that describe position, by playing with some bears, saying if they are behind, by, in, in between, in front of, on and under objects. We have also had fun looking inside numbered gift bags to find out if they contain the matching numicon piece and number of presents.

**At home:** Can you put a toy in different places and use the words we have been learning to talk about where it is with your child?



Some of the children have been playing with our Christmas nativity models too. We have told them who the models are and they have been making up stories and talking for the characters.



## Reception

In Maths the Reception children have been looking at different coins, especially 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. The children were surprised to see that there were no 3p or 4p coins! Every class set up a pretend toy shop where children could come and practise using the coins in their role play.



In literacy this week we have continued to read and write sentences about The Naughty Bus. We have also been learning the sounds y, z, zz and qu. Please keep using the phonics fans in your book bags, especially reading and writing the words accompanying y, z, zz and qu.

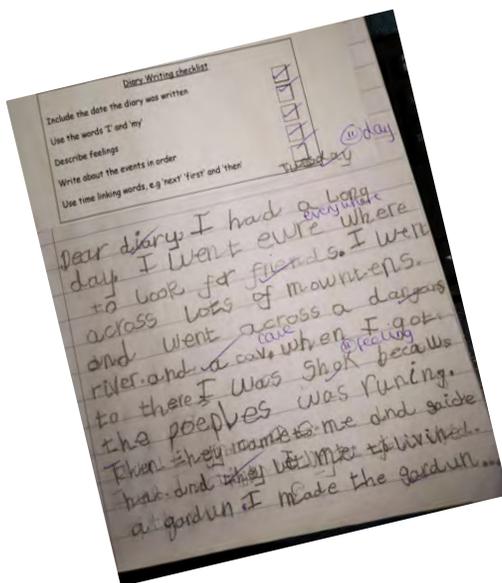


In PSHE we have been talking about the things we are good at, and that we got to be good because we practised and practised that thing (without giving up). We also noticed that we are all different, and decided that it would be difficult if everyone in our class was good at and liked doing the same things!

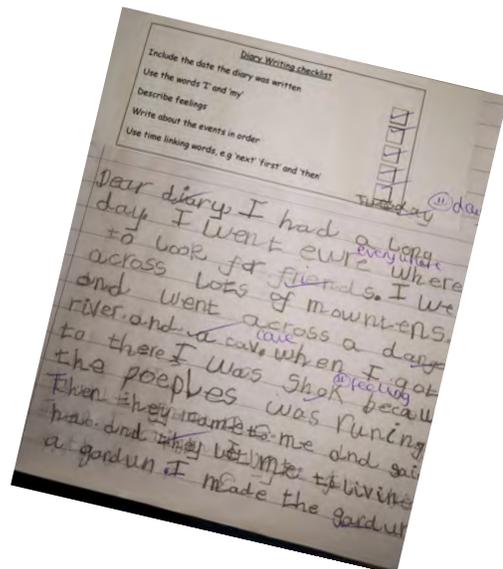
## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

In Maths we have been learning to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. We learned some of their properties too!



In English we have been writing diary entries in the role of The Lonely Beast, and exploring his feelings through the story.



We have also been practicing really hard for our Christmas concert next week. We are so excited! Our costumes look fabulous and we can't wait to perform.

## Year 2

This week year 2 enjoyed a Great Fire of London workshop, the children acted out the events of the fire.



Also this week the children have been busy practising their Christmas concert. They have really enjoyed dressing up in their nativity costumes a big thank you for providing them. In maths this week the children have been drawing arrays to represent multiplication facts. By the end of year 2 the children are expected to know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Thank you for all your help with the year 2 Gruffalo project homework they all look fantastic!





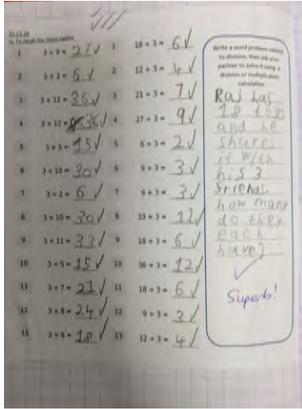
The year 2 elf on the shelf has been up to mischief this week he has been caught surrounded by sweet wrappers. Next he was discovered swinging from classroom displays and he has been wrapping up items in the classrooms! However he is extremely shy and only moves when the classroom is empty. We wonder what he will get up to over the weekend?!

## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

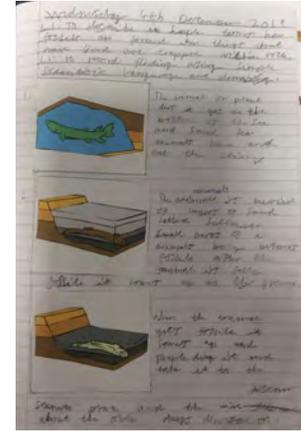
This has been a great week for Year 3. We visited The Chertsey Museum and took part in some tremendous workshops on Pre-History. The workshop was very interactive and involved a lot of practical activities throughout the Museum. We learnt about the past using artefacts, gained an understanding about how to handle, care and appreciate original and replica objects and explored life for people in prehistoric times.





In Maths we have begun to explore techniques for learning our times tables and have also been learning the division facts.

In Science we have been learning about how fossils are formed and placing the process into different stages.



English has been very enjoyable as we have continued to read the wonderful *Tales of Despereaux*. Our learning has involved using the new thinking frame for defining the character of Despereaux. This frame has deepened our thinking and allowed us to explore characters in more detail.

The anti bullying workshop was a great success and we all learnt quite a lot from it. We used a virtual reality headset to see a bullying situation develop, had a class discussion about the scenarios presented and then looked at responses from bullies and victims.

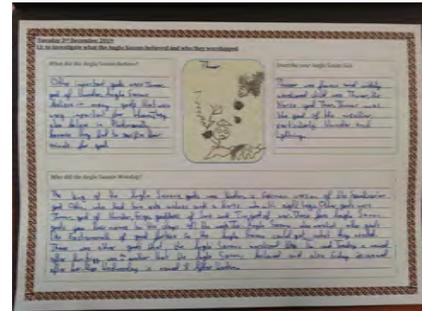


Alongside all of the amazing work we are doing in class, we have also been joining in with the activities during this festive season. Year 3 are preparing for the Xmas Factor and are getting into the competitive mood!

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have started to draft our alternative story of Leon and the Place Between. We have analysed and applied the writing features we need to include in our writing to guide us to become authors. To make our stories different, we worked on creating new portals for the characters to go through, new fantasy worlds and we have also included an evil character to make our work more exciting. In mathematics we have been developing our knowledge of dividing by 100, multiplying by 1 and 0 and also dividing by 1. We have developed our skill of explaining the effect using place value charts in the context of money and measures. We have also been looking at the 6 times table in detail to help us understand and apply our knowledge in a variety of situations.

In topic, we have been researching and making leaflets and posters to explain what religious beliefs the Anglo Saxons held and who they worshiped. We really enjoyed this lesson and discovering links between Anglo Saxon gods and the names of the days of the week. In science we have contributed ideas as to how to classify creatures.



In PSHCE, we have been learning about and took part in an anti bullying workshop using virtual reality equipment to identify different forms of bullying, we also discussed and explained how we thought situations could be resolved. We also tapped into the mind of a bully to understand why they choose to bully, this really helped us answer many questions. In our lesson, we have been working on creating posters with anti bullying messages.



## Times Table Rockstar Tournament



Well done to Amber Class for Winning the Tournament this week, it was a close result this week. A fantastic achievement for all children logging in this week. We look forward to our next Tournament next week. Remember to log in everyday and play for 5 minutes, perhaps invite a friend to join you in a friendly battle.

## Year 5

Another fabulous week in year 5! In literacy we started to work on the exciting poem, 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and the year group is hooked on it. Alfred Noyes' poem had the power to thrill the entire year group as we read the story of the Highwayman, and his doomed love for Bess, the landlord's black eyed daughter.



In Maths we have continued to learn about cube numbers, square numbers and prime numbers and multiples and tried to apply this knowledge to everyday problems.



The year group enjoyed the virtual reality anti bullying workshop. This anti bullying workshop focused on anti bullying using the latest VR technology. Bullying remains a desperately worrying problem for many children and their parents. This workshop



entered the children into a real life situation whilst learning about the background of characters, learning about their motivations and offering tactics to reduce bullying. The workshop was a real success as the children were fully engaged and learned about various ways to reduce or eliminate bullying.

Emerald class also had an outstanding assembly about celebrating differences and we learned a lot about how some people are different and that we need to respect everyone for who they are! Be yourself. Don't feel like you have to change who you are and copy everyone else. They performed the song 'So am I' by Ava Max extremely well. At lunchtime everyone in the playground was humming the song as they all loved it. Well done everyone in year 5!



## Year 6

This week, as part of PSHE, we took part in an anti-bullying workshop. Year 6 really enjoyed using the virtual reality equipment and discussed how situations could be resolved. In Topic, we have been learning about the ancient Maya city 'Chichen Itza' and the children have created informative leaflets about the main features of the city. In English, we worked in groups to complete a Role on the Wall activity which involved making inferences about the character's thoughts and feelings, and analysing the character's actions. We are continuing to learn about fractions in Maths, moving our learning on this week to multiplying fractions. During ICT, the children enjoyed using the PIXL Unlock app on the iPads to develop their vocabulary knowledge, which they can continue to do at home, as well as access fun activities to support them in other subjects.

