



Tall oaks from little acorns grow...

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Date

Friday

20th December

2019

Newsletter

Merry Christmas everyone.

Christmas is always our busiest time of year, with lots of events taking place throughout school. In the last week, we have had our Nativity performances which have been a great success and the children clearly enjoyed being a part of them. Thank you to all the family members who have attended and supported the children. We have also had our Christmas fayre, where we were able to raise over £300 for some of the schools projects and the children all had an opportunity to make items to sell- which they did very well. We also had a special visit from Santa who I know the children enjoyed seeing and speaking to him!

Lots of other events have taken place this term. We have had our rainbow day which has helped raise money for the Katy Holmes trust, a charity selected by our Head boy/girl and prefects. They will continue to fund raise throughout the year for this great charity, so I thank you in advance for your continued support. The year 6s went on a very festive trip to the Shrewsbury Prison as part of their Crime and Punishment topic, the children all had a great day where they got to experience what life was like behind bars both now and during the Victorian era. Year 2 had the Bomber Command centre in to do a talk about Armistice Day and the children then went and represented the school at a Remembrance event. Next term we have lots more exciting events taking place, Church Lane aims to hold its very own Holi Festival of colour event in March, we have the Songkran festival in April (Buddhist festival of water), we have several classes studying Lincolnshire and there are lots of exciting trips planned locally amongst others.

Unfortunately this term, we do say bye to a couple of members of staff this term which is sad for all members of the Church Lane family. Irene (who works in our kitchen) is retiring after over 20 years' service. We would all like to wish Irene a great and well deserved retirement although she will be sorely missed within our team. The same can also be said for Alex (our Y1 Teaching Assistant (TA)) who is also leaving us to take on new opportunities. We again would like to wish Alex the best of luck for the future. This term we have also seen Mrs Barratt go off on Maternity leave and we would like to wish her (and Mr Barratt) best wishes for the birth of their baby which is due very soon.

This means we are welcoming several new members to the team. We have Miss Osborn joining us as Year 6 TA, Miss Savage joining us in year 1 as a TA and we have Mrs Marshall joining us as a Teacher.

On behalf of all the staff here we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Thank you again for your support this term and we will see you all in 2020!!

Mr Clay



UNIFORM

**Please ensure your child has the
correct uniform on daily.**

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2

Grey trousers/skirt/dress
Red & White summer dress (Summer term only)
White polo top
Round neck red school logo jumper
Black, White or grey socks/tights
Black school shoes

YEAR 3, 4 ,5 & 6

Grey trousers/skirt/dress
Red & White summer dress (Summer term only)
White buttoned shirt
Tie V-Neck red school logo jumper
Black, White or grey socks/tights
Black school shoes

PE KIT MUST BE IN SCHOOL DAILY

In a red PE bag

Red shorts
White T-Shirt with school logo
Trainers/plimsoles

**BOOTS OR TRAINERS ARE NOT TO BE WORN INSIDE
SCHOOL**

BOOTS CAN BE WORN WALKING TO SCHOOL BUT CHILDREN MUST CHANGE INTO SCHOOL SHOES WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN SCHOOL.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE REMEMBER THE STAFF CAR PARK IS NOT BE USED BY ANY PARENTS AT ANYTIME.

DURING TERM TIMES (THIS INCLUDES DROP OFF OR COLLECTION FROM BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE). PARENTS TO PARK IN DROP OFF AREA BUT DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR IF GOING OFF SCHOOL SITE ALSO DO NOT BLOCK THE GATES OR DOUBLE PARK IF THIS AREA IS FULL PLEASE FIND ALTERNATIVE PARKING THIS IS OUR FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT.

ONLY BLUE BADGED CARS CAN PARK IN THE DISABLED SPACES BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



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As part of working together to keep our children safe we have joined the National Online Safety Organisation.

visit the below link to take part.

<https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/churchlane>

For parent guides on popular Apps please visit our website and navigate to the parent section and then E-Safety.



Pre-school

This term we have explored Bonfire night, creating firework pictures and discovering why we celebrate it. We also celebrated Diwali and learned why it is called the festival of light.

We had the emergency services come and visit. The police and the Fire brigade came in to discuss safety and what to do in an emergency. The children were very excited to look at the fire engine and police car, investigating the different equipment that they use. With help the children made their own Fire engine using junk modelling.

We have seen the first frost of the autumn, the children explored and discussed what creates ice and why it melts. They enjoyed listening to the different sounds ice made when crushed or scraped and it encouraged us to try and make our own snow using cornflour.

The children had a trip to the local library where we listened to story time, joined in singing songs and they were also able to check out a book of their choice.

As you can see we have been very busy and are ready for a rest. We hope you have a magical relaxed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Pre-school Team



RECEPTION

We have had a very busy first term and we are all ready to enjoy Christmas with family and friends.

The children have now settled and are really starting to show their individual personalities. The children are beginning to develop their special friendships and have developed good relationships with all the adults.

Our highlights from this term have been:

- Bread Making workshop with Farm Kitchen
- Celebrating Diwali
- Visits from the Police and Fire service
- Taking part in the 'Sleaford Duck Food' project
- Meeting Wes Magee (Famous children's author and poet)
- Christmas festivities

We are also very impressed with the children's attitude to Phonics. The children always show great enthusiasm to learning new letter sounds. We are now beginning to read and write simple words and some of us are even reading and writing sentences!

We have also thoroughly enjoyed reading a variety of story books to the children. You can really hear a pin drop in our classroom when we are reading a story to them. Please continue to read to your child over Christmas. We would love to hear all about the stories that you have been reading.

We hope you enjoyed our Nativity and agree that the children were amazing!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Hakes and Mrs Daynes



YEAR 1

Can you believe it, we're a third of the way through Year One! What a term it has been with settling into life in KS1 and meeting some huge expectations. We're all working hard, trying our best and becoming more independent and mature all the time.

In our English lessons we have made huge progress, our stamina has increased so we can read and write for longer periods which means the quality of work produced has sky-rocketed. All of the grown-ups in Year One are so impressed that we are using our 'Fred Fingers' to spell and are holding our sentences carefully, remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We've written about Bonfire Night and the Gunpowder Plot this half term as well as the Great Fire of London and the emergency services. We've had the police and the fire service come to visit us, both of which gave us a wonderful learning experience and the opportunity to ask lots (and lots!) of questions. We learned about Armistice Day and remembrance, talking about the people and animals that made huge sacrifices during war time. We've also managed to squeeze in another fairy story, this time 'Rapunzel' which has provided lots of chances to hone our acting skills using drama to act the traditional tale out as well as using adjectives to describe Rapunzel's tower. After Christmas our first topic to cover is a History focus about life in the past.

In Maths we've been learning about addition and subtraction, using concrete objects to support our fluency but often accessing work in our books. We are trying hard with our number formation and our counting and are making wonderful progress. We've used tens frames, part whole models, bar models and bead strings to support our learning, and some of us are even moving on to fluency and problem solving activities on a supported basis. After Christmas we will continue to work on subtraction and then move on to geometry then place value using numbers up to 20 soon after.

We've done lots of lovely topic learning this half term with a huge history focus. We've learnt about the creation of the fire service since the Great Fire of London, about the events of the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night every year. We've also done lots of art work surrounding remembrance and fireworks, painting by blowing through straws and creating beautiful poppies by collaging different materials. In Science we've sorted living and non-living things and had a wonderful adventure in the outdoor learning area looking for invertebrates and learning about different mini-beasts.

Time for a very well-deserved rest I think! Have a magical Christmas with your loved ones and we'll see you back here in January 2020.

Miss Cragg, Mrs Harris and Mrs Mawson.



YEAR 2

This term we have been focusing on WW1, Tangled and Christmas

Reading:

Reading, this has been at the forefront of all our learning. We continue to explore vocabulary, read with increased fluency in groups and 1:1. We have discussed a range of texts, film clips to develop our understanding and started to fully answer comprehension questions on a range of texts.

English:

This term, we have focused on cross curricular writing with History and written memories and what we are thankful for on Armistice Day. We linked our writing with our reading and had the opportunity to share this at an inter-school Remembrance service at Lincoln Bomber Command centre. We have also researched about a significant person in History, Edith Cavell, and written a biography about her. We have thought carefully about our sentence structure (including using correct tense, punctuation and grouping our information). We have made and written instructions on how to make Carrot biscuits (as these were eaten in the War as sugar was rationed) and used imperative verbs and correct tense. For December we are focusing on writing narratives, with the Retelling of the Christmas story through Rapunzel.

Maths:

In Maths it has been all about addition and subtraction and understanding how we can use number facts. We have used the inverse to check calculations. We have explored different methods to add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally. We have added and subtracted single and two-digit numbers and rehearsed exchanging tens!

Topic:

In Geography, we have investigated places. We have used world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries and the seven continents. We also enjoyed identifying locations of key places we have studied in History, namely the journey Edith Cavell took during the War.

In Science, we have learning about animals and humans. We have described the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. This has included experiments and asking and answering questions. For example, how to remove germs and also how to keep warm!

In Art, we have made Armistice Day Poppies using both paint and clay. This gave us the opportunity to take inspiration from the artist Georgia O'Keefe, create tints and tones and share our work as part of a wreath at the Inter-Schools Remembrance Service. It looked beautiful. Also, we experimented with 3D form, moulding our clay into a 3D poppy.

In Computing, we have been learning how to communicate electronically. We have learnt to use power point and navigated the programme in groups of three. We planned a presentation based on all our learning on World War One then edited our work and presented it.

In RE, we are learning about Christianity this term. We are learning how Christians express their beliefs and which celebrations are important to Christians.

This learning has been linked with Music and our preparations for our Christmas KS1 nativity. We have been learning to sing accurately and follow the melody.

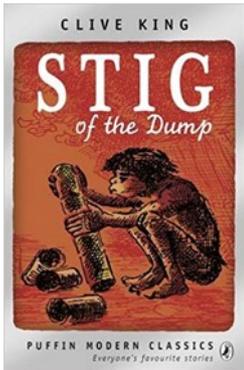
Trips: We have continued to be adventurous and our class were privileged to be part of the Lincoln Remembrance event. We were very proud as we received praise afterwards about how sensible and mature our class were. Well done! We also had a wonderful follow up external visit with an interactive workshop trying on war artefacts. We asked and answered lots of questions.

To see the whole learning journey of this term, please see our class page on: <http://www.churchlanepriamry.org.uk/Year2AutumnTerm2019.asp>

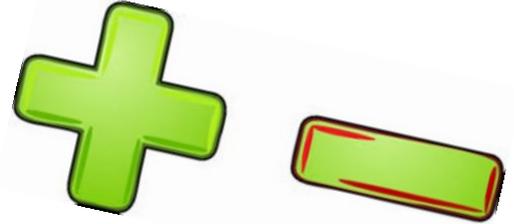


YEAR 3

This term has been an extremely busy one for us in Year 3! We have worked hard to complete lots and lots of things.



In English, we have worked really hard to tackle the units of instructions and narratives! For this, we have had to work hard on our construction of sentences using lots of description. This included expanded noun phrases, adverbs and direct speech. For our instructions, we've made sure that we are using clear commands with appropriate adverbs so our Stone Age friend, Stig, can follow them!



In Maths, we have been trying hard to understand the topic of addition and subtraction. We first looked at mental methods and how we can use what we already know about number. Then, we began to use formal written methods to solve harder problems. There were some really large numbers to add and subtract! We even had to use exchanges in our work which can be quite confusing when you switch from addition to subtraction! We have also been tackling statistics including bar charts, pictograms and tables! We have been able to ask and answer questions about these charts.



In Science, we have continued learning about rocks and soils. This term, we have been able to explore how soils are made and how this is related to rocks! We even conducted an experiment all about the permeability of rocks. We know that this means that the rock has pores which air can be forced out of!

In History and Geography, we continued to learn about the Stone Age and its eventual change into the Bronze and Iron Ages. We found out about hunter gatherers and the food they would have eaten. We also looked at the progress of settlements from caves to stone houses like at Skara Brae! To end, we have been exploring the transition to the Bronze and Iron Ages including the mystery of Stonehenge!

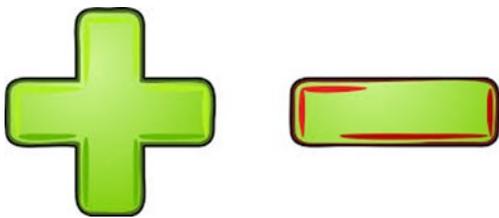
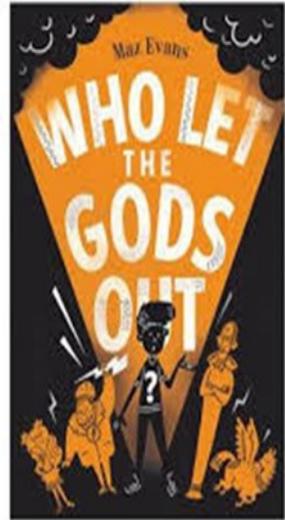


A great term Year Three! Well done, have a good rest and I look forward to seeing you next year! :)

YEAR 4

This term has been busy, busy, busy in year 4. We have been working really hard to get all of our work done in time of Christmas.

We have been working hard in English reading our novel "Who let the Gods out" as well as looking at a variety of Greek Myths and legends. Through our reading we have looked at the different word types we have come across, such as: verbs, nouns, conjunctions and adjectives. After looking at some of these tricky words we created our own character descriptions describing some of the horrid beasts we had come across in our stories and the dark and scary places they may have lived.



In Maths, we have been building on what we already know and doing some fantastic addition and subtraction. We have looked at using bar models to represent our calculations and how we might work them out using the formal written method. I have to say we are now experts at addition and subtraction! As well as looking at addition and subtraction we have also been working hard understanding statistics. We have created class charts looking at the children's favourite colours and the different ways we could record this. The children have used their previous knowledge of pictograms to help them create tables and represent information in charts and graphs to help explain their mathematical discoveries.

Science has been mind-blowing this term, looking at the states of matter- solid, liquid and gas. Children have experimented and investigated the different states and the interesting ways materials change states. Not only this but children have looked at the water cycle and even created their very own which they have been able to take home and carry on exploring!



In History and Geography, we have continued to learn about the Ancient Greeks. We have been looking at the myths and legends and the interesting tales surrounding them as well as exploring the Greek gods and goddesses. We have also looked at where the Greeks lived and how this is different to how we live now.

Mrs Barratt has told me how much of a great term you have had year 4 well done! Have a great Christmas, a happy New Year and I will see in January for another fantastic term!



YEAR 5

This term we have taken part in a vast array of workshops with Healthy Minds – they have helped us build healthy relationships and managing emotions. We have also had the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership in to teach us about seatbelt safety. Finally, we have had a workshop on road safety with the PCSO.



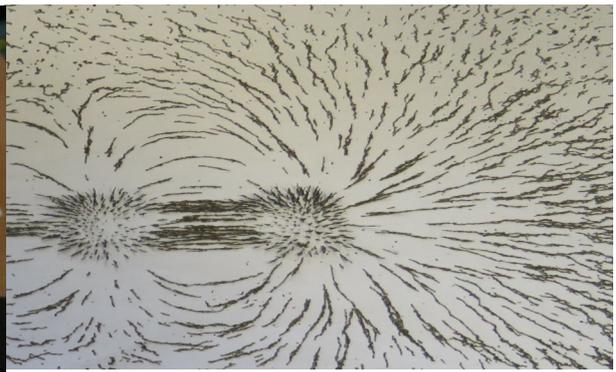
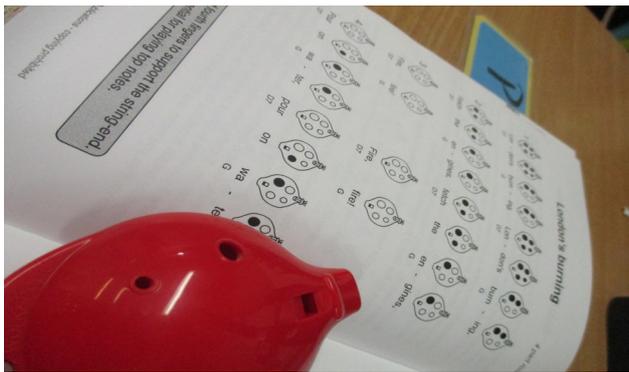
In Maths we have been studying Addition and Subtraction – looking at formal written methods; mental methods as well as using the inverse to assist our working out.

English has been a discovery in to the world of discussion, understanding people's points of views and decisions using evidence and facts to back it up.

We have been visiting Dr Robinson at Carre's for science and have participated in many different science investigations – including using Bunsen burners!!

In our Geography and History lessons we have been looking further in to Scandinavia and also in to crime and justice during the Viking era. In RE, we have been studying Christianity – in particular, Quakers and Roman Catholics. We have also been learning to play the Ocarina in music.

It has been a jam-packed term and everybody will certainly deserve their break!



YEAR 6

This term we have been looking at crime and punishment in year 6. We have enjoyed a trip through history – from the Roman times to current times - looking at how crime and punishment has changed.

We have had the opportunity to go on a trip to a prison and have had CSI experts in to give us a glimpse at how crimes are solved today!

This led to our own science experiments about witch trials, where we learnt a lot about how to create fair tests and variables.

We have completed some great English work including some non-chronological reports and we have completed our fractions unit!

Have a great Christmas break!



PE

The end of another busy term for PE and School Sport. The Football team have played two more league fixtures, one against Winchelsea, where they won 5-1 and one against Rauceby, where they lost 9-2. The team also played in the qualifying rounds of the Football tournament, winning one game, drawing one and losing two. We also took part in a TAG Rugby tournament, where the team won two, lost two and drew one! To end the term, thirty two children took part in the Cross Country competition at PGL Caythorpe, in very muddy conditions. Well done to all the children who took part, but a particular mention needs to go Esme who finished 10th and Neda who finished 16th, out over over 100 children.

We have also been busy in PE, Year 3 have finished another term of Dance Fit, whilst Year 5 are half way through their block of swimming lessons. Lots of hard work has been going on in other classes, with children developing their skills in Lacrosse, Tennis and Hockey, as well as Dance and Gymnastics.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, with PE kits!!

Mrs Smith



PHOTOS



DIARY DATES

**SCHOOL RETURNS ON
MONDAY
6TH JANUARY 2020**

School starts 8.30-8.45

17th January 2020 KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics Festival

24th January 2020 Y3/4 Change4Life
Combat

31st January 2020 Y5/6 Sports hall Athletics

6th February 2020 Netball v Navenby

7th February 2020 KS2 Goalball

10th—14th February 2020 Paris Trip

14th February 2020 Valentines crafts for parents
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SCHOOL ENDS 14TH FEBRUARY 2020