

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL RETURNS WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017



SCHOOL ENDS FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017

PLEASE REMEMBER THE STAFF CAR PARK IS NOT BE USED BY ANY PARENTS EXCEPT PUDDLEDUCKS PARENTS AT ANYTIME OF THE DAY DURING TERM TIMES (THIS INCLUDES COLLECTION FROM AFTER SCHOOL CARE).

Also children need to be in school at 08:45am.

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Date

Friday 16th December 2016

Newsletter

PE and Sports Round-up



What a fantastic end to a great term. Lots of exciting activities have taken place. We have seen year 5 have lessons with the space centre, they installed a 5 metre inflatable tent in our school hall. The children were able to learn about the stars, our solar system and the connections with space and the Greek Gods. In addition, the children in year 5 also completed their bike ability training, where all of the children in the class were at least able to complete level 1- a fantastic achievement.

We have had the potato bus in for the last week where the children have learnt about the life cycle of a potato, the children thoroughly enjoyed their learning and especially enjoyed eating the wedges.

Thank you to all the families that came and supported our Christmas Fayre, we were able to raise over £500, which is a fantastic amount of money. The children had produced lots of beautiful crafts and sweet creations that I know went down very well.

We have recently seen the KS1 and the Reception nativities take place which the children thoroughly enjoyed being a part of. Thank you to parents/carers for supplying costumes and for attending the shows.

I would like to wish everyone a fantastic Christmas and I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas break.

Mr C Clay



YEAR 6

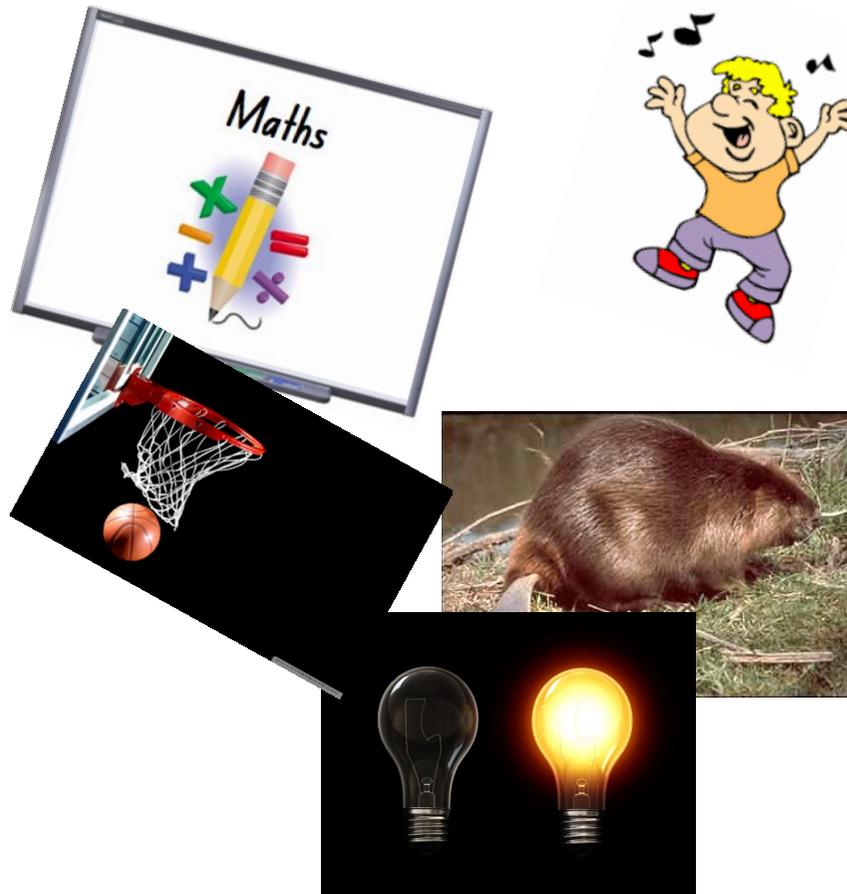
The children have been working extremely hard. They have been applying their literacy skills to produce a non-chronological report on beavers.

In Maths, the children have been revising all four major operations and making their knowledge secure in Place Value.

In Science, the children have been investigating electricity, while exploring how different factors affect the brightness of a bulb in a circuit.

In PE (with Miss Dix), the children have been performing a dance routine, while learning key skills in basketball.

Finally, I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy new year.



PE & COMPETITION PHOTOGRAPHS

Some excellent sports performances this half term. The Netball team played two league fixtures, one against William Alvey, where they lost 10 v 2 and the second against Caythorpe, where they lost 6 - 3. However they turned it around at the tournament and won three out of their four games, qualifying for the finals. At the finals the team played really well, but unfortunately did not come away with any medals. The Netball team have three more games after Christmas.

The Football team were only able to get one game played this half term and they travelled to Heckington for the match. A close game which saw Heckington eventually take the win 2-1. The Football have four more league games arranged for after the Christmas break.

Aside from the leagues, pupils have also represented Church Lane in Sportshall Athletics, Change4Life Combat Sports Festival and the Cross Country competition. Please visit the school website for full reports and photographs from all of the events.

A reminder that PE lessons will start back straight away after the Christmas break, so please ensure your child has their PE in school when we return. All children should have a white t-shirt, red shorts and trainers or plimsolls.

Thank you

Miss Dix

See page 15 for photos

PUDDLESDUCKS



This term the children in puddleducks have been getting ready for christmas! We created lots of christmas crafts and explored tinsel and baubles on the tree.



YEAR 5

What a fantastic half term we have had. The highlight of the term has to be the National Space Centre bringing in their Stardome for us to use for an entire day. Year 5 were allowed sole access to the Stardome where they discovered new information about the sun, Earth and moon. The moon's phases as well as Greek mythology. This was a fantastic opportunity that has enhance the children's knowledge and writing from it.

Secondly, we had the luxury of two days out of class completing our Bikeability modules. Most of the children succeeded in obtaining their level 1 and 2 bikeability which allows them to confidently and competently cycle on roads. The children absolutely loved the two days learning new things and a big thank you goes to the children for their outstanding behaviour as well as the Lincolnshire County Council for giving the class the opportunity for free.

Moving on, year 5 have developed their understanding and ability in writing non-chronological reports, the writing produced throughout class has been remarkably amazing. The writing is some of the best I have seen from the group. In addition to this, year 5 have been learning about multiplication and division, which has been a big step up in difficulty from year 4. They have shown awesome determination to progress and achieve highly which is evident in their end of term assessment results.

A huge well done to everyone in Year 5! You have done amazingly. Have a fantastic Christmas and a very, very happy new year!!



YEAR 4

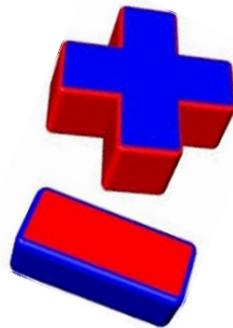
We have had a super term continuing to learn all about the Amazon Rainforest! We have looked at monsoons in the rainforest and what effect they have on the environment. We then looked at the 4 different layers: Emergent, Canopy, Understory and the Forest floor. Year 3 used their knowledge of amount of rain over the year and created a bar chart to show their results. In Art we have created our own rainforest animal masks- we will be bringing these home soon! This topic has now come to an end and we will be learning all about the Rotten Romans after Christmas.

In Literacy, we have looked at poetry. We looked at a range of poetry pieces based in the rainforest including: tongue twisters, riddles, shape poems, rhyming and non-rhyming poems. This was really good fun to perform and then we wrote our own poems- these were great too! Secondly, we looked at explanation texts. We had to use our key skills using fronted adverbials of time and casual conjunctions to write our own explanations from still images. We had to explain the actions and this was followed up watching the clip to see if we were close to being correct!

In Numeracy, we have been working really hard with our multiplication and division. We have worked so hard learning our multiplication tables, we then used these skills for the grid method- these questions are really tricky! Also, we needed our skills for short division problems! We have finished the term solving investigations up in North Pole- there are some naughty elves up there!

Well done Year 3 for a fantastic term and I will see you in 2017!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

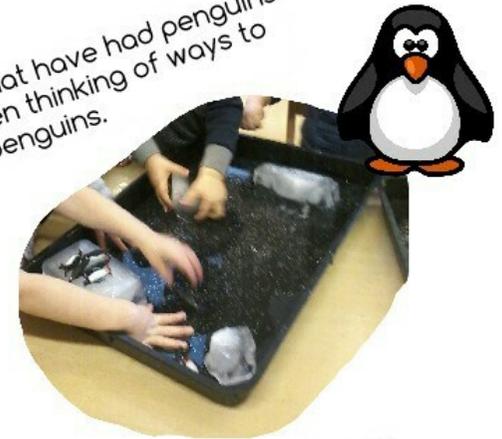


What we have done in Nuthins ...



We have made poppies out of old plastic bottles which we painted and glittered. Making a bowl full for remembrance day.

We have explored the ice that have had penguins and the children have been thinking of ways to rescue the penguins.



With Christmas coming soon we have been doing lots of activities from making Christmas cards to cutting Christmas paper to wrap up presents like the story 'Dear Santa.'



TALL OAKS



YEAR 3

This term has been an extremely busy one for us in Year 4! We have worked hard to complete lots and lots of things.

In English, we have looked at poetry. We explored how poems can use rhyme, similes, onomatopoeia and even metaphors too! We were able to write our own poems in free verse about a special moment to remember. We even managed to link this to our topic of the Vikings and thought about how we might feel if we were arriving in Britain for the first time. For our non-fiction topic, we have been working hard on learning about recounts. Year four are able to explain the different features, including the 5Ws (we are very fast at reciting these!) We have just finished writing our own recounts about the birth of Jesus too.

In Maths, we have worked extremely well to understand the topic of multiplication and division. We first looked at mental methods and how we can use our times tables to help us to answer some tricky questions. Then, we began to use formal written methods to solve harder problems. There were some really large numbers to multiply as well as there being some tricky numbers to divide (which sometimes left us with a remainder!) We have just completed our post-tests and all the children should be really pleased with the progress they have made.



In Science this term our topic was sound. We have discovered what makes sound, the difference between pitch and volume, the structure of the ear and how different ear shapes and sizes can help to improve the sound we hear. We created our own investigation to decide which one we think makes it easier for us to hear.

In Topic, we continued to learn about the Vikings and their invasion of Britain. We found out about the countries the Vikings came from and the longboats that they travelled in to come to Britain. We have also learnt about the different houses and clothes that the Viking wore as well as writing about how we might feel if the Vikings invaded a place we were in.

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



YEAR 2

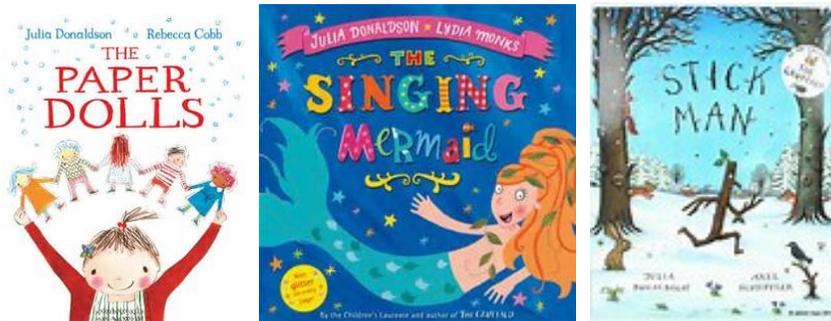
We've had a busy term as always with our learning focussing on reading and writing Traditional Tales, exploring letter writing, in maths, addition and subtraction and fractions as well as investigating materials in Science.

Not to mention our wonderful Nativity Play.



The children are making great progress and are really blossoming in their enthusiasm for learning.

After the Christmas Holidays we will be focussing on Fiction and Non-Fiction reading and writing using the amazing author Julia Donaldson as our theme. We will be exploring rhyme, writing character descriptions, researching facts about the author and writing them into a report.



In maths we are moving onto multiplication and division and we will also be exploring the seasons as part of our science. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

With thanks and Christmas blessings,
Mrs Copson & Sue



PHOTOGRAPHS



RECEPTION

What a super a few weeks it has been. We have been working very hard in our Maths and Phonic group times. The children are making super progress with their reading and writing and are beginning to write simple sentences. We have really enjoyed writing our own list for Santa.

Alongside our hard work in Maths and Phonics, we have been learning about:

Our Pets- Thank you for your lovely Pet photos.

Wild Animals

Nocturnal Animals

Oral Hygiene- We had a visit from the Dentist to talk to us about how to look after our teeth.

We have had lots of fun with our Christmas Festivities over the past few weeks. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Nativity and the little bag of treats that your child has been creating for you to enjoy at Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Reception team.



YEAR 1

What a term we've had! This term's topic was Baby It's Cold Outside and boy did we find out lots about cold places! We could give David Attenborough a run for his money with our knowledge about Emperor Penguins and I'm sure some of the children in Year 1 now have "Penguin Keeper" on their list of dream jobs. And a tremendous job they'd do too! In English we've concentrated on non fiction, writing lots of facts and information organised under a title with captions and labels on our pictures. Pretty much all of our writing now starts with capital letters and ends with full stops with wonderful finger spaces, look at us go!

In Maths this term we've focused our time and energy on numbers...specifically adding them together and taking them away from each other. We know that when we combine numbers they get bigger and when we subtract them they get smaller. We've also learnt lots of strategies to help us do this in lots of different ways. We also had a few weeks learning about money, it certainly made our world go round! We can recognise different coins, using them to make different amounts and combining them to add them together. We can use those coins in different ways and some of us can even work out how to give change! If we're not going to be penguin keepers at the local zoo then we can be bankers instead!

In Science we learnt lots about seasons and the changes that occur in nature and in the weather. We went on an autumn walk, we found leaves and looked at berries, seeds and conkers, we discussed animals and what happens to them during wintertime and talked about the different clothes we wear in each season. Another job to add to the list, meteorologist!

Of course we had another big job on our hands this term, turning into budding singers, actors and actresses. I'm sure all the grown-ups will agree with Miss Cragg and Fiona, Year 1 did an amazing job in our Wiggly Nativity. The children worked so hard to learn all of the songs and remember where they needed to be and when during the performances. And wasn't the wriggling wonderful!

Overall a fantastic term with lots and lots of hard work going on both in and out of the classroom. Well done everyone, you deserve a rest and a wonderful Christmas. Be safe and I hope you've done enough to secure your place on Santa's nice list! Looking forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to start all over again in January.

