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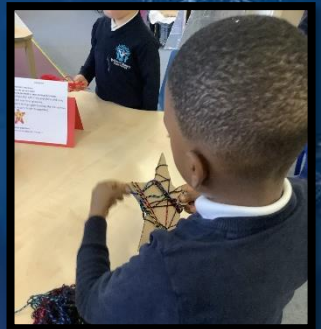


Learning this week: 20th December 2022

Darwin:

The children have been practising our Christmas songs and really enjoyed sharing them with you all. We have been making stain glass windows, the children chose different coloured paper. We talked about how we could see the light through the paper, we held our pictures up at the window and we could see all of the colours and light through the paper. The children have been enjoying the snow this week, we have been looking closely at our shadows; we noticed that when the sun comes out so do our shadows. We have been using our fine motor skills to make Christmas stars, the children wrapped wool around their stars to create a colourful star.

Stars of the week : - Darwin class for singing beautifully to our parents



Cartwright:

The children have had such an exciting week, ending our half term with a wide range of special events. As you can imagine, there has been a lot of Christmas excitement! The children had their Christmas lunch, wearing their Christmas jumpers and eating lots of tasty food. Santa paid a visit to the class and the children also took part in their Christmas 'sing-a long' in front of parents. They stood on stage and sang confidently. We have also had our STEAM Showcase, where the children proudly displayed their work from this half terms project. Each child has designed, made and evaluated their own animal shelter and shared their work happily with parents and carers. We have also had our Christmas party in class and taken part in lots of Christmas games and activities. It has been a wonderful half term, well done Reception! Enjoy a happy and safe Christmas and we can't wait to see you again in the New Year.

Star of the week - For being a kind and helpful member of Cartwright Class

Kandinsky:

What a fantastic final week to finish off the Term. The children finished off their market stalls in STEAM and were proud to show them at the STEAM showcase morning. In English, the children published their golden write and shared it with their peers. In Maths, the children have worked on partitioning numbers within ten. On Friday, the children performed the nativity to the whole school and were amazing. On Monday, they performed again to family, and they were once again outstanding. They put a huge smile on everyone's face and made everyone feel the Christmas spirit. The children also had an exciting visit from Santa this week. Have a lovely Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Star of the Week – Bhule- for showing determination in reading and writing.

Star Writer – Abdia for beautiful presentation in her golden write.

Star Reader – Korvin- for using 'Fred-in-your-head' during phonics.



Seacole:

We had a fantastic final week in Seacole Class! In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication equations when a group contains zero or one item. We identified that anything multiplied by zero is zero and the children applied their learning to a series of questions. In English, we have published our golden write for our eye-witness letter based on the Great Fire of London. We presented our neatest handwriting and were all very proud of our work! As we had finished our STEAM, we were able to welcome parents in to look at all of our hard work. We were excited to share what we had achieved and had worked extremely hard on our houses. Well done Year 2!

Star of the Week – *Comfort for her excellent Great Fire of London quiz she completed for her homework.*

Star Writer – *Jonathan for using his phonics in English to write about after the Great Fire of London.*

Star Reader - *Jacob for his superb efforts during his phonics sessions.*



Chawla:

Well done to all children in Chawla Class for another fantastic week! While the week has been very busy and filled with a lot of activities, the children have all been working fantastically. In our English lessons, the children have now completed their golden write for instructions on how to build a model Roundhouse. Within our maths lessons, the children have been learning further strategies for adding 3-digit numbers. We have then applied this learning to multi-step word problems. We hope you have an excellent break and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Star of the Week – *Aadhvika, for always being an excellent role model to her peers.*

Star Writer – *Ben, for working so hard on his instructions about how to build a model roundhouse.*

Star Reader - *Abigail, for using intonation when reading aloud.*

Ramanujan:

In Maths, Year 4 have been busy investigating the 9 times table, and its relationship to the 3s and 6s. This has helped us to solve problems involving all three times tables. In English, the children have been using co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions to extend their writing in their letters recounting the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. This week in STEAM, we have been busy finalising our Roman town, using our understanding of Roman architecture to construct the various styles of buildings. The class have continued to show amazing teamwork, communication and co-operation skills to complete their projects, which the class loved presenting at the STEAM Showcase. From all of us in Ramanujan Class, we hope you have a wonderful, restful Christmas break.

Star of the Week – *Anna for her teamwork, leadership and always being a supportive and kind member of the class.*

Star Writer – *Erza for the amount of work she is producing in her writing.*

Star Reader – *Liliana for her eagerness, participation and ideas when exploring extracts linked*



Davinci:

In Maths this week, we began learning how to divide using partitioning. In English, the children wrote fantastic biographies about Tutankhamun. They considered which layout would be most suitable and included a range of techniques within their writing. We also had our STEAM Showcase, and it was wonderful to be able to share the children's products with their parents. At the end of the week, we went on a trip to The Hill Community Centre and decorated a William Morris Christmas Tree! The children did a fantastic job of decorating the tree and enjoyed a hot chocolate and a sweet treat to thank them for their hard work. Have a brilliant Christmas!

Star of the Week – *Amelia for showing excellent enthusiasm towards all learning and asking questions if she is unsure.*

Star Writer - *Harper for independently writing a fantastic Golden Write about Tutankhamun*

Star Reader - *Ted for having an excellent love for reading!*



Shakespeare:

The final week of term has been even busier than normal! The children have worked incredibly hard to finish each of the units of work we have been doing this term. In English, we completed our newspaper report based on the book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. Many of the class grasped the difference between writing a story and writing a newspaper report, which was great to see. The quotes they used also highlighted their ability to appropriately move between formal and informal writing. In mathematics, we have continued to study fractions, thinking about how we add and subtract fractions with different denominators. In STEAM, we completed our model Anderson Shelters, which we then bombed and destroyed! It was fantastic to see just how strong the internal structure of our models was, they survived very heavy bombing! Thank you so much for all your support this term, the Year Six team wish you a very happy Christmas.

Star of the Week – *Lacie for her excellent attitude to homework this week*

Star Writer – *Sami for writing a superb paragraph and continuing to improve it after feedback*

Star Reader - *Zac for regularly reading at home.*

Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday 4th January** – School Opens / Children return
- **Thursday 12th January** – Year 3 Trip
- **Friday 3rd February** – Year 5 Trip
- **Friday 10th February** – School closes at 3pm for Half Term
- **Monday 20th February** – School opens / Children return
- **Tuesday 21st March** – YR and Y6 Height and Weight

Christmas Fun!

Christmas Parties



Christmas Lunch



Snow Days



The Hill – Tree Decorating



Santa



Have a lovely Christmas holiday
and a happy New Year! Seen you
in 2023!

Kind regards, Ally Johns and the
School Team

Thank you!

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