



Christ Church CE (VC) Primary School Autumn Newsletter 2020



Dear Parents

As we finish today and look forward to celebrating Christmas next week, I want to pass on grateful thanks from myself and all the team at Christ Church for the many messages of support and good wishes that we have received this term. It has been a very different and at times, difficult, autumn term, but as usual the children and families of our school community have worked together to ensure that our school continues to be a happy place to learn (even if sometimes, that has to be at home!).

In January, Mrs Coates will begin working from home, prior to her maternity leave, and will only be in school for the first week. Mr Clements has also come to the end of his contract with us and we wish him well in his next placement. I am pleased to say that Mrs Marshall will be the full-time teacher in Class 3 until Mrs Coates returns.

Mrs Glass has also shared the wonderful news that she and her husband are expecting their second baby but because of COVID, this means that she will only be with us for the spring term. In order that the children in Class 2 have as much continuity as possible, I am pleased to say that in January, Miss Taylor will be the full-time teacher in Class 2. Mrs Glass will continue to work during the spring term and will take over the role of Catch-Up Teacher and Year 5 maths teacher as unfortunately, Miss Potter will also be leaving us ... but will no doubt return to Christ Church, as she tends to do, at some point in the future!

Mrs Machin spent a very strange last day with us on Wednesday but we wish her much happiness as she spends some well-deserved time with her family and look forward to the time when she can return as our star reading volunteer.

Our nativity performance of 'Straw and Order' has had to be postponed until after Christmas but the children still enjoyed a performance of 'Cinderella' – thank goodness for Zoom!

All the staff are very grateful for the beautiful cards and lovely gifts that we have received – thank you for your kindness. I am certain that on Christmas Day, amidst the excitement of presents and food, all of us will take some time out to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, particularly this year.

Unfortunately, COVID and all that goes with it, is not going away any time soon. If you or your child begin to feel unwell and have a test during the Christmas holidays, please do let me know via my email address

headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk

So, all that is left to say is, have a very Happy Christmas - rest, relax and stay well and we look forward to seeing you on the 5th January.

We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Cooper and all at Christ Church



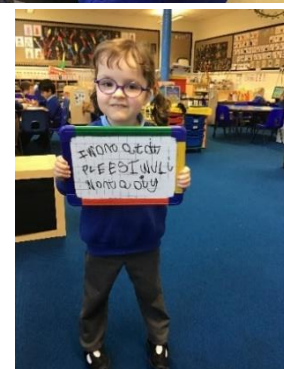
Class 1

Class One have had another fun filled and busy term. We enjoyed making friendship bracelets for each other and asking lots of questions to find out interesting thing about our friends.



Some of us have played in the home corner and turned it into a hairdresser's!! Our tuff tray was filled with pumpkins to dig out and play with.

We are getting very good at using numicon and the part- whole to help us with our maths. Lots of us are enjoying learning phonics we even pretend to be the teacher and we are beginning to use our sounds to help us with our writing.



PE has been so much fun with Mr Schindler from Skipton Tennis Centre.



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Class 2

What an exciting and busy time we have had during the autumn term.

In Science, Year 1 and Year 2, in their own year groups, have learnt about the topic Humans and Animals. We have learnt so much about healthy eating and how we can keep our bodies fit and healthy. We have enjoyed completing lots of practical activities.



In English, our class book was 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. We have enjoyed reading the story and then we retold the story in our words. We also created some wonderful art work using collage to create an owl picture.



In DT, we have been learning how to create a sliding mechanism. The class have had so much fun discovering how sliding mechanisms work before designing their own. Then carefully using their drawing, cutting and sticking skills the children created their own piece of work.



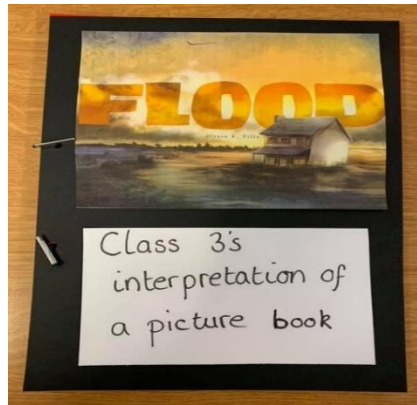
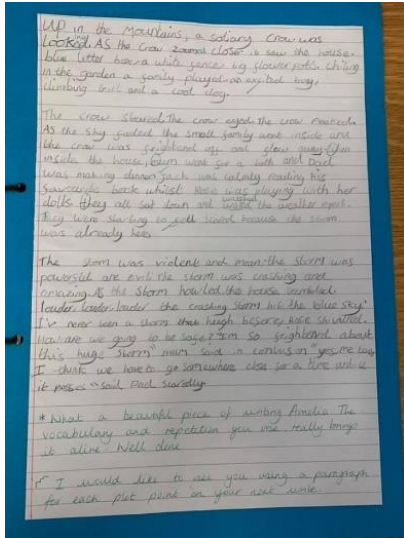
In PE, we were lucky to be taught Multiskills by Kanga Sports and we have been developing our underarm and overarm throwing skills. The class have really enjoyed using the skills they have learnt over this term and were able to apply them during a competitive game of bench ball during the last few weeks



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Class 3

This half term we have really developed our writing skills, this time using the story, 'The Flood'.



In Design Technology, we have enjoyed investigating shell structures and creating our own 3D Christmas box. We found putting the structures together tricky; however, with a bit of determination, we have all produced a fantastically decorated box.



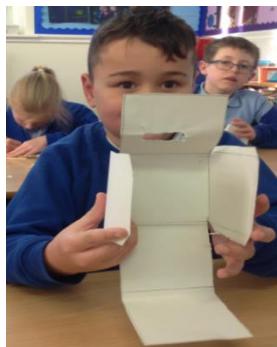
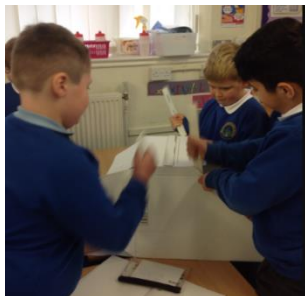
We have found our topic work on the Egyptians incredibly interesting. We have created timelines to represent the different periods and looked at when the Egyptians were in power compared to British history. Two areas we have enjoyed looking at in particular were the hieroglyphs and the process of making a mummy!



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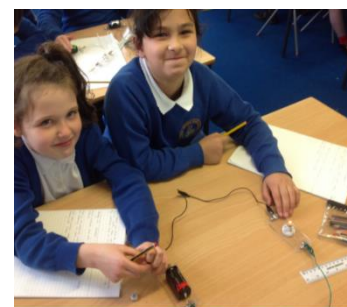
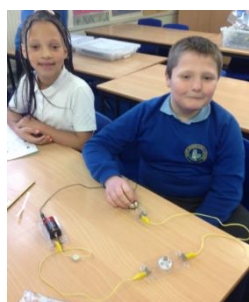
Class 4

In Design Technology we were learning about 3D shell structures. We first investigated different boxes and the discussed the reason for the shape of each box. We then went on to design and make a money box for ourselves by drawing our own net for the box. The children then enjoyed assembling and decorating their money boxes. The finished money boxes looked fabulous!



In Science Year 4 have been learning about electricity. We made a circuit and then investigated how to use switches and buzzers. Mrs Shuttleworth gave us a challenge of making a switch using a piece of card and 2 paper clips. We had to use this to make the circuit work. We managed it! Year 5 have been enjoying learning about forces with Miss Potter.

Whilst we were learning about the History of the Maya Civilisation we explored the many different ways in which they were an advanced society. We also enjoyed making temples and Maya masks. Do you know who is behind the masks?



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Class 5

This half term Class 5 have enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. We have done some fantastic work about the daily life, the pyramids and the gods. We were impressed with how advanced their civilisation was. In Art we designed and created our own Mayan masks and in DT we used 3D nets to create our own Mayan Pyramids.



In English we have been learning all about the great Explorer Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to the Antarctic. We have really enjoyed learning about his adventure and we have done some fantastic narrative writing about different parts of his journey. We took part in a drama lesson and played the role of different crew members when they arrived safely back on land.



In science the Year 6s have been learning all about light. They made their own shadow puppets and investigated how shadows are formed. They have also found out about how light is reflected and also refracted. The Year 5 children have been learning about forces with Miss Potter and they have been investigating how different forces act on objects.

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COVID

Please inform school via headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk if your child or a member of your household receives a positive COVID test result during the Christmas holidays.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please inform the school office directly. As part of our safeguarding / monitoring procedures, we do need to have a reason for the absence and would be grateful if parents can provide this when notifying. This will also help us to reduce the spread of COVID in our school community.

School Lunches



Thank you to Mrs Greaves and Mrs Riley for cooking a delicious Christmas lunch – we all enjoyed it very much!

Parents please check to see if your child is eligible for free school meals by clicking on this link <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

The spring term menu is not yet available on the North Yorkshire website but we will provide a link as soon as we can.

The Nativity – ‘Straw and Order’

Class 5 and the rest of the school enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day and have been rehearsing hard (in their bubbles) for our nativity this year. We look forward to performing it for everyone next term.

Happy Christmas Everyone!

