

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4th December 2020

Headteacher's Thoughts

Owls and Kingfishers returned to school on Tuesday and it was great to see them - I was certainly braced to open the car park gate in the morning for the excited group of Owls ready to pounce on a new day, I had missed it!

In our collective worship this week we have been looking at the season of Advent with its preparation and countdown to the festive period, which I feel that I can now mention as we are in December and the Christmas tree is decorated in the hall. It does feel strange to think that we only have two weeks left of term.

You will be aware that Christmas lunch this year will be on Thursday 17th December, which we are all looking forward to. To make that an extra special day, children are able to come to school in their Christmas jumpers, if they would like. Finally, to add to the excitement, FODS have very generously paid for us to go to the Pantomime...well in our own classrooms via a specially prepared performance on our screens. It is going to be a fun day.

Earlier in the week, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Christmas experience in the Church – we thank them for organising this experience as we are not all able to share a service together in church this year.

This week we have reports from Owls, Robins and Red Kites who are sharing some of their work with us. Check out their reports at the end of this newsletter.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned the parking in the village car park. I appreciate the challenges of parking particularly at the end of the school day; however, some vehicles are making it difficult for others to move around and also the disabled bays are not available to vehicles that need to use them. Please take care and thank you for your support in this matter.

A few reminders

- Flu Vaccinations are coming up on the 9th December for Reception to Year 6 children, hopefully you have been able to complete the online consent form. Please make sure this is completed as soon as possible if you wish your child to receive the vaccination. Any problems, please do let us know.
- With Christmas just around the corner we have made the decision that children should not bring in cards this year for all their friends. If they want, they can bring in one card each with a message for the whole class and they will be displayed on a display board within their classroom. This makes it safer for Covid reasons but also it will be great for the environment.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

“Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.” 1 Corinthians 12 12

Future Diary Dates.

Wednesday 9th December – Flu Vaccinations

Christmas Experience in church:

Monday 14th December – Eagles, Kingfishers and Cygnets

Tuesday 15th December – Robins, Red Kites and Owls

Wednesday 16th December – Mandarins and Ducklings

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Jumpers/Lunch and Panto

Friday 18th December – 1:30pm – End of Autumn Term

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Spring Term starts

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Daisy Brooks
Ducklings	Nico Urriza Rodriguez
Owls:	Tess Jackson
Mandarins:	Emily Hazel
Eagles:	Deya Mccay
Robins:	Rebecca Stuart
Kingfishers:	Charlie Ward
Red Kites:	Leila Dowley

Carry on below to read the next class reports.

Year 1 so far!

We have had a great start to Year 1! Our term has whizzed by and we're sure it is down to how much learning we have been doing since September! The children have been super at getting used to new routines and we are very proud at how well they have settled in.

A variety of books have been introduced to inspire our learning such as Here We Are, Traction Man, Man on the Moon and Beegu. Beegu has been a favourite, we created Beegu characters out of clay where the class had to observe the shapes of her carefully and use skills such as rolling and pinching clay to make her! They started with just a ball of clay and ended up with very accurate characters! The class also painted our own version of Beegu's planet using our very own watercolour pallets. They were super excited to sketch using their very own set of sketching pencils too! They explored the different hardness and softness of pencils!

Traction Man inspired our writing and we published our own version of a sequel to the original. Mr Leigh was so impressed with our work that we displayed some of our books next to his office for him to read and be proud of!

We have introduced lots of new concepts in maths for the children to learn. We were really impressed with how well they use a number line for subtraction and they are getting really good when 'locking' numbers in their minds when adding or subtracting in their heads.

Our discussions during RE have been thoughtful and calm. This term they have been thinking about how we should be looking after our world and one another. The children have generated some excellent ideas during our whole class sessions.

The children have enjoyed the balance of focused learning and play activities which has helped them adapt to life in Year 1 as well as developing their creative, explorative and social personalities!

We are all enjoying our learning journey in year 1 and we are ready for the next set of new challenges next term!

Mrs King and Ms Butt



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This term, we have been busy learning about the Anglo-Saxons!

We have been reading *Anglo-Saxon Boy* by Tony Bradman and following the adventures of a character called Magnus. We enjoyed a hot seating activity to role play asking Magnus questions and imagining his answers. We have also created our own Anglo-Saxon characters and described them.

The Anglo-Saxons did a lot of weaving to make their clothes and we had a go at weaving too and then wrote instructions on how to weave. We found out that the Anglo-Saxons made beautiful jewellery and we had a go at designing some with amazing results. They also had time for sports and games. We have enjoyed playing an Anglo-Saxon board game called Merels which you could try at home too.

We have been finding out about Anglo-Saxon homes and food and are planning to write our own information books. As we have found out so much, I have a feeling some of these books will be quite long!



Our Anglo Saxon weaving



Playing some Anglo-Saxon games

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Y6 News

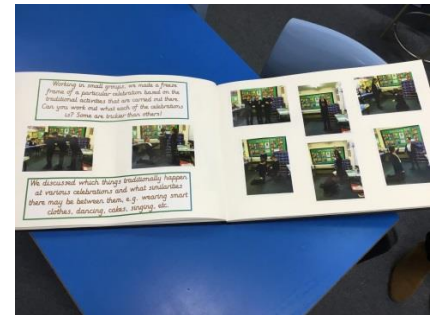
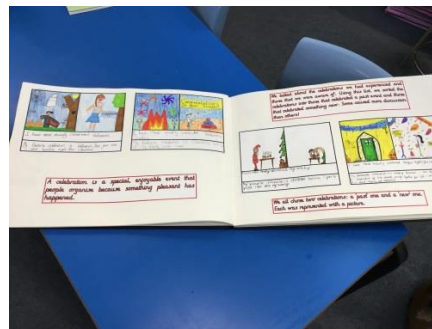
In art, we have studied many artists including Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol and William Morris. Most recently, we have studied William Morris and we have drawn beautiful designs. We had to fill the whole page and some of us made it symmetrical.



At playtime we have had to be creative with the limited space due to having bubbles. We have come up with games like hoopla, musical chairs, skipping and mini football. In hoopla we have to throw a quoit into a rounders pole.



In R.E. we have studied Islam and we designed our own prayer mats. We also looked at many celebrations and why we celebrate them.



In English we have been learning to use empathy in our writing. We are reading *The Goldfish Boy* and have written several pieces about the characters in the book. Mrs Harris was really pleased with our *Wallpaper Lion* piece of writing.

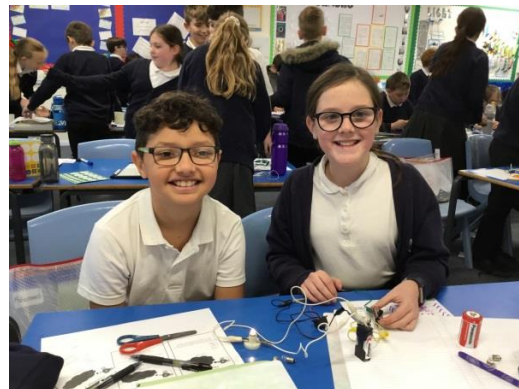
In P.E. we have been doing circuits. We do activities for 2 minutes and then rest for 30seconds.They are high intensity and you get tired very quickly.



We have been reading Viking Boy, a story set in Viking times about a boy names Gunnar who seeks vengeance on Skuli who killed his father. We have written newspaper reports like the Saxon Chronicles. We have made clay Viking men who portray how a Viking warrior would look. They turned out very well.



In science we have been looking at electricity and what uses it such as bulbs, motors and buzzers. We made a loop game where you had to get a circular piece of wire around a metal pole without it touching. If it touches it will complete the circuit and a buzzer will sound.



Y6 Reporters - Xander and George

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