DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6th December 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

Last week, Year 5 headed off for a morning in Oxford to visit the Museum of Science – this was an adventure to further their learning for their work on the solar system. They learnt about the various theories that have changed over time about the earth or the sun being the centre of the solar system and the various astronomers throughout history. They also were able to see one of Einstein's blackboards. I have enjoyed listening to their discoveries this week.

The eagle-eyed would have noticed that we were expecting a printing workshop led by Kingham Lodge, however due to other circumstances this has been postponed to after the new year. So, we will look forward to that.

Thank you to Charlbury Garden Centre for their kind donation of our Christmas Tree this year.

The FODS Christmas event and grotto this evening starts at 4pm. Similar to last year, there has certainly been a great interest in meeting Father Christmas through the booking system – I am sure we will feel the excitement in school as the time approaches.

Keeping the Christmas feel, here is a reminder of the events during the final week of this term. Following a similar pattern to last year, we start with Tuesday 17th with the Year 1 and 2 Nativity in church from 9:30am, followed by the Nursery Christingle at 10:30am, finally to round off the day we have the KS2 Carol service – in this service the children will sit with their parents to enjoy singing carols together with readings read by the children. On Wednesday, following the success of last year, the Reception Nativity will be in the hall at 10am. On Thursday, is the chance to come in your Christmas jumper rather than your sweatshirt to enjoy our Christmas lunch together. Finally, the last day of term (20th December), we finish at 1:30pm for the Christmas holidays. A fun-packed week to finish off a busy term.

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.

Monday 9th December 2:30pm SENCo coffee catch up

Tuesday 17th December

9:30am Year 1 & 2 Nativity in church

10:30am – Nursery Christingle

5pm – KS2 Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 18th December 10am Reception Nativity in the school hall

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December – 1:30pm – School closes for Christmas Holidays

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly over the last few weeks.

Ducklings	Eli Fisher, Harry Waddington
	Loukas Pyrovolou
Owls:	Jacob Mittell, Rowan Tyler
	Gideon Wa, Joel Wright
Mandarins	Bilal Elouahabi, Miles Buckland
	Roman Mercer, Percy Cocklin, Sophie Xhakollari
Eagles:	Hallie Buckingham, Toby Hemmings
	Freddie Fowler, Ariana Cook
Robins:	Lucy Beards, Isla Blackford
	Ruby Milner, Kiera Stuart
Kingfishers:	Shannon-Rose Wells, Florence White
	Rufus Law, Samuel Hale, Evie Wright
Red Kites:	Oliver Dickinson, Bill Appleton
	Chloe Pratley, Alexea Timms

News from the SENCO

Dear All,

We have been running a very successful 4-week SWIFT course on a Monday. Parents have been learning about aspects of Autism and the impact this has on daily life for children and families. We will be running the course again in the Spring term. If you have a child with a diagnosis or you suspect and we may be keeping a watchful eye please email me and let me know if you would be interested.

Sensory needs

Children that struggle with socks – may benefit from seamless socks, these are widely available online.

Asda and Marks and Spencer's also do lines of sensory clothing that might be of interest.

Tea/ coffee and catch-up

On Monday 9th 2.30-3.15 I will be available for a cuppa and catch-up in the school hall. Please come along

Ruth Leach

Around the school

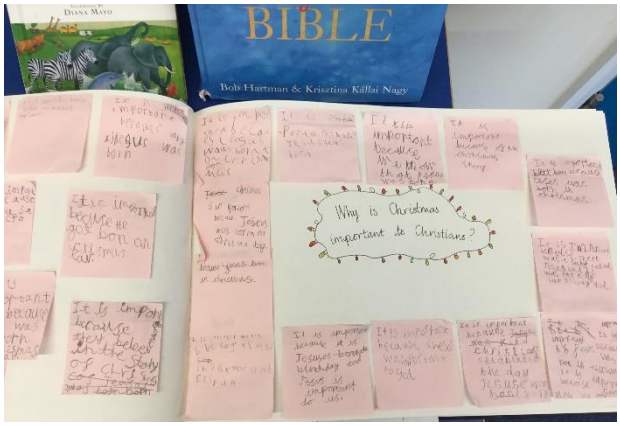
Year 2 have been very busy this autumn term. Here is some of their learning.

In history, the children have been learning about monarchs and castles. The children learned that in 1066 the Battle of Hastings took place and William the Conqueror became King. They looked at images of the Bayeux tapestry which tells the story of this important time in history and tried to draw a section themselves.

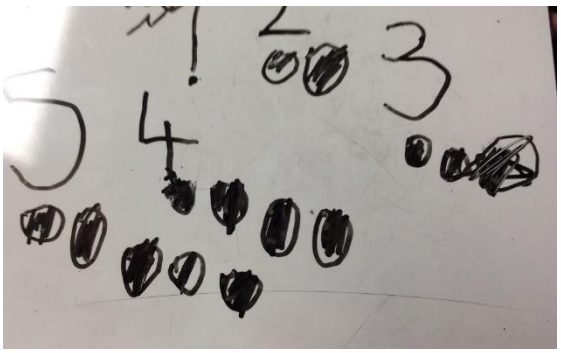
They found out that William the Conqueror built many castles, and can now talk about the different parts of a castle. Using their new skills in clay work they created a castle clay tile using slip to join clay together.

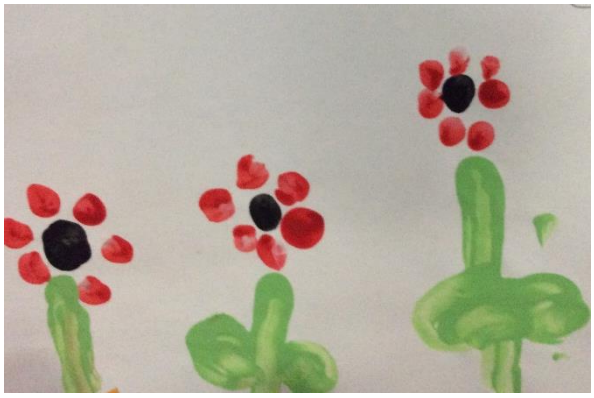
Year 2 took part in the whole school assembly for Remembrance Day. They created a beautiful wreath, that is now hanging in the classroom.

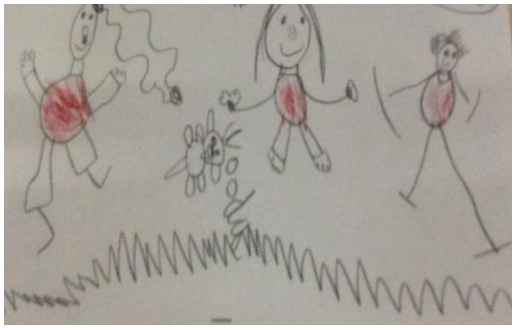
In RE children are learning about Christianity and thinking about why Christians celebrate Christmas. They have been learning to retell the Christmas story and are preparing to share this at the KS1 nativity in church.



In **Reception**, one activity which the children have really enjoyed is creating their own pictures. Here are just a few.







Celebrate Christingle

at
St Bartholomew's Church
on
Sunday 8th December
at
4pm

We look forward to seeing you

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Come and see the decorated trees,

Saturday 7th December
11am to 4pm
Sunday 8th December

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
DOGS ON A LEAD WELCOME

Vicky's After School & Holiday Club Ltd

Christmas Holidays 2024/2025

Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!

Located at Aston & Cote Primary School - from 8.30 am – 5.00 pm

Monday 23rd December 2024
Thursday 2nd January 2025
Friday 3rd January 2025

Vicky's Holiday Club is open to all children aged 4-11
and will include fun activities, including arts and crafts,
sport, indoor and outdoor play, baking, games and much more. Bring your own packed lunch (a light tea will be provided) £40.00 per day

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