

A Message from Mrs Smith

Good afternoon

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fayre this Friday. We have successfully raised over £800 on the fayre and performances tickets that is being put towards our whole school behaviour reward of the Cinema trip next week.

Please look out next week for our Spring Term curriculum maps detailing what your children will be learning when we return after the Christmas break

As always have a great weekend.
Mrs Smith

RSE Consultation

Please click on the link to review our RSE Consultation for parents and key stakeholders.

Parent Information - Key links

Any queries please contact

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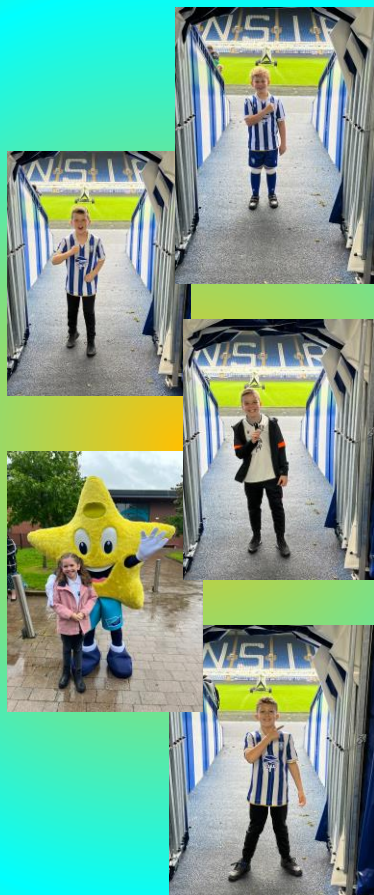
Events calendar

You Said.....

You would like further opportunities to support your child child's learning at home.

We did.....

We have run a successful reading and phonics workshop and nursery stay and play session this week - more will follow.



End of term Behaviour Reward

At the end of this term for all children that earn 65+ positive behaviour rewards point we will be taking them to a local cinema - We will be leaving approximately around 9.30am and will be returning for the end of the school day. More information will be shared nearer the time as to what lunch the children would like as we will be providing lunch for all children to have whilst at the cinema. Should you have any questions please speak to our class teacher.

Unfortunately, due to supervision ratio's we will be unable to take our nursery children on this trip but will arrange a different reward for them in the Academy.

Weekly Safeguarding Update

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year, excitable children and time to relax with family and friends. And of course, there are new toys to play with.

With a huge increase in sales of devices, it is important to ensure that your children are safe when playing with new kit. To help, we've set out a few top tips to help keep your household safe online over the holidays.

Learn your way around

Most devices have controls to ensure that children can't access content you don't want them to. Make sure your "in-app" purchases are disabled to avoid a costly surprise in the new year!

Tablets

Tablets are really popular with younger children, and the market has several which are geared towards child friendly content. When it comes to using them, start slowly; only download games and apps you have checked out carefully (sites such as www.net-aware.org.uk, or www.common sense media.org provide useful advice!) and steer them towards age targeted content such as www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/cbeebies/features/iplayer-kids or YouTube Kids.

Mobile devices

If you have older children, and are thinking about getting them a new phone for Christmas, this can pose its own challenges:

The old online safety message about having your home computer in a communal place becomes defunct, because phones are literally mobile computers and have the power of most traditional desktop PCs.

Our advice is to set some ground rules, and ensure they understand them such as a time limit of screen time, don't let children have their phones in their rooms and have full access!

Monitoring vs having a conversation

It is possible to install software onto devices that monitors online activity, alerts you to inappropriate behaviour, and can block access to certain content. This type of software is becoming increasingly popular, but while this might sound tempting, it does pose a number of issues around your child's right to privacy & could have an impact upon your relationship with them.

100% Attendance Winners

Well done to :

EYFS/KS1: RCH & 2MN

KS2: 5EW



We had **288** children with 100% attendance this week - well done everyone!

We are hiring!!!

We have playworker vacancies here at Watermead, if you are interested, please visit the OCL careers website..

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Shining a spotlight

Weekly attendance

RCH	95%
RHS	89%
Y1CF	93%
Y1OR	92%
Y2YS	93%
Y2MN	95%
Y3KHill	94%
Y3KHi	91%
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Weekly learning update.....

In Nursery we have been learning Christmas songs and preparing for our Nativity performance. We are looking forward to performing to our friends and family. We have been using our creative skills and made some reindeer decorations and reindeer food ready to sell at our Christmas fayre. We hope you like them!



In RCH Herries, we attended our very first school trip to the pantomime to see Aladdin. We loved all of the lights, music, dancing and even water.



In RJH Crowder, we have made salt dough decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre. We really enjoyed adding the glitter to the trees.



Y1 Piper have had such an exciting week! We had a special visit from Father Christmas' friends! The children had a lovely time meeting the Reindeers and asked lots of questions. We even gave the Reindeers their magic dust to help them fly on Christmas Eve! On Wednesday, Miss Holmes and Miss Frost joined the children for Christmas Dinner and pulled lots of crackers. A magical week!

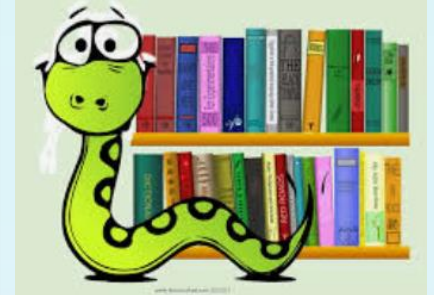


In Y1 Barrie we have had the most amazing, fun filled week! We have worked hard in our dress rehearsals for our Christmas performance, we have had a special visit from Santa's reindeers, we have enjoyed a Christmas lunch all together which was just delicious, and we had lots of fun pulling crackers and sharing our jokes around the table! We have also spent time creating some special surprises that will be on sale at our Christmas Fayre!



Weekly learning update.....

This week in Y2 Raisen this week we have worked really hard with all their learning. I am very proud of all that they have achieved so far in year 2. They have blown me away with their knowledge of explanation of different texts. They can answer in full sentences and are trying really hard to remember their capital letters and full stops.



This week in Y2 Symons we have been very busy creating our Christmas baubles for the Christmas fayre. We made some snowmen baubles; we used many different skills including scrunching paper to help with our fine motor skills. We cannot wait to sell them at our fayre and raise money for a good cause.



This week Musgrave have worked hard to edit and improve our instructions for our magic potion. We have worked hard to spot any spelling or grammar errors. We then improved our work by adding adverbs and adjectives.

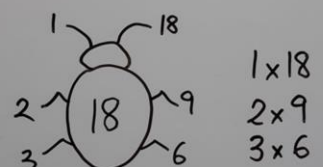
In Year 3 Emerson we have been making decorations to sell at our Christmas fayre. We have had lots of fun doing it and have been getting into the festive spirit!



In 4AP Wordsworth we have been using factor pairs to help us work out and develop our understanding about how multiples work together to develop pairs in multiplication.

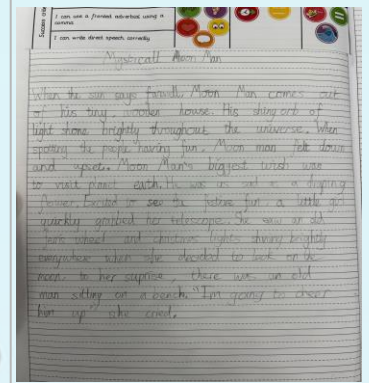
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Factor pairs

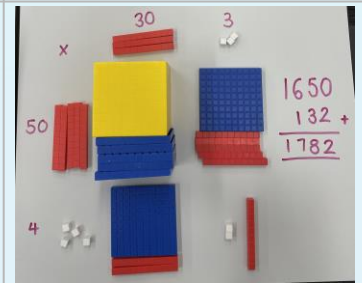


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This week in 4TB, we have been writing our own Christmas narrative based on 'Moon Man' this half term. Using our writing rainbow, we have used a range of writing techniques such as: similes, metaphors and onomatopoeia.



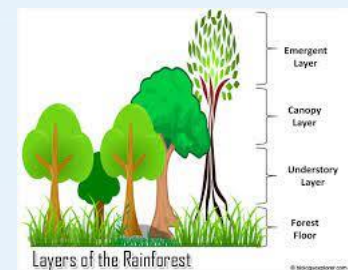
This week in 5EW, we have been building our knowledge of multiplication. Children have engaged well in our new topic and have used a range of methods to work out their answers.



This week in 5SW, we have been writing a balanced argument about our text 'The Lost Happy Endings'. The children have really engaged with the different sides of each argument and have written a fantastic final piece!



6JW have been writing persuasive letters this week in writing and have been learning about ratios in maths. We have also been learning about rainforests in geography and have also written biographies on Carl Linnaeus and the Dalai Lama.



This week in 6LK we have created Christmas cards and hot chocolate reindeers to sell at the Christmas fayre. We have also spent an afternoon baking gingerbread treats and decorating them with artistic designs ready to sell as an enterprise topic for the fayre.

