



Nightingale News



Autumn Term - December 2021



Dear Parents,

Despite our battles with this pandemic (you'll know only too well that as a school we have got away lightly until this half term), we have seen some terrific strides in learning across the school.

However, there's still a long journey ahead to get our children to where they need to be academically. But in this battle, we feel we are now making a strong advance forward. This is the case across school with our Year 6s preparing diligently for their SATs in the summer term and our Year 2s working courageously towards their belated Phonics Screening.

We now need to continue with this momentum if we are to get our children to where they need to be so that they meet their own ambitions and those the school has for them...and we need to do this in partnership!

As part of this drive we ask all of you to support your children in a regular programme of reading set by the school. You will have heard only too often the phrases from your child's teacher at parents' evenings,

"Reading with your child at home is very important."

I can guarantee that you will hear this throughout your child's time at school. There isn't a teacher that would disagree with this. This is because reading is a basic skill that needs routine practice; It underpins and supports all learning and allows children to succeed in everyday life. Becoming proficient in the basic skills requirements for a child's age will ensure access to the broader curriculum and enable children to produce and communicate higher quality outcomes.

Although sounding like a propaganda campaign, we really do need you to listen to your child read and take time to read to them too. So this Christmas embrace the notion of our Jolabokaflokkur and take time to share books with your children, now and into the new year.

Best wishes for a happy restful Christmas break filled with opportunities to spend time with family and loved ones.



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Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher



Nightingale Noticeboard



DECEMBER

Christmas Holidays

Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January

JANUARY

Tuesday 4th First day back following Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 5th [Roman Day \(Year 3\)](#)

Monday 17th [Roman Workshop \(Year 3\)](#)

FEBRUARY

Friday 4th Inset Day

Spring Term Half Term

Monday 21st - Friday 25th February

APRIL

Tuesday 5th Miller's Ark Visiting NPS (EYFS & Year 1)

Thursday 28th Hillier Gardens Visit (Year 1)

Easter Holiday

Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April

Monday 25th First day back following Easter Holiday

MAY

Monday 9th Sea City Museum (Year 3)

Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

JUNE

Monday 6th Inset Day

Tuesday 7th First day back following Half Term

Friday 10th Marwell Zoo (Year 2)

Friday 24th Inset Day

JULY

w/c 11th & 18th [Minstead Residential \(Year 4\)](#)

After School Clubs & Care

Here at Nightingale we have a wide variety of fun and exciting After School Clubs for children of all ages.

In addition to EnergyKidz, which runs daily until 6pm, we host Premier Tennis (Wednesdays, all Year Groups), Intergr8 Dance (Wednesdays for Years 3 - 6 & Thursdays for Years R - 2) and Coach Jake's Multisport (Friday, All Year Groups) and Football (Wednesday, All Year Groups) clubs.

To add to this already fab line up of clubs, from January, we will be hosting 'ComputerXplorers' which will run on Tuesdays (Years 1 & 2) and Thursdays (Years 3 & 4). For more information on all of our clubs, please click [here](#).



Please note - All dates / events are subject to change

Please click [here](#) for all the latest news and events

Staffing Update



Miss Wiltshire-Coe
LSA, Kingfisher



Mrs Prince
LSA, Sparrow



Mrs Piotrowski
LSA, Kite

In November, we welcomed Miss Wiltshire-Coe and Mrs Prince who join us as LSAs.

At the end of term, Mrs Piotrowski started her Maternity Leave. We wish her all the happiness in the world and look forward to her return later in 2022.



A Very Special Visitor



On Tuesday afternoon, whilst Year 2 were practising their Christmas carols in the hall, we had a very special visitor. Over the years, we have had some special visitors to Nightingale Primary School, but none as famous or as important as this one.



Whilst on his way back to the North Pole, Father Christmas made a pit stop at school to drop off some extra gifts. As the Elves were unavailable he was assisted by Leigh, the Community Champion at Asda Chandlers Ford. As soon as the children spotted him in the playground they invited him in to listen to them sing. After his impromptu carol concert he called into several classrooms to say a socially distanced hello! Thank you Father Christmas for the unexpected visit, and also Asda and Rotary Eastleigh for helping!



Library Link



CHRISTMAS ELF MISCHIEF...

Unfortunately, while Miss Doyle was recuperating, Mr Elf was busy making mischief in the library.



Can you spot ten things Elf did to the library?



2021-2022 House Captains



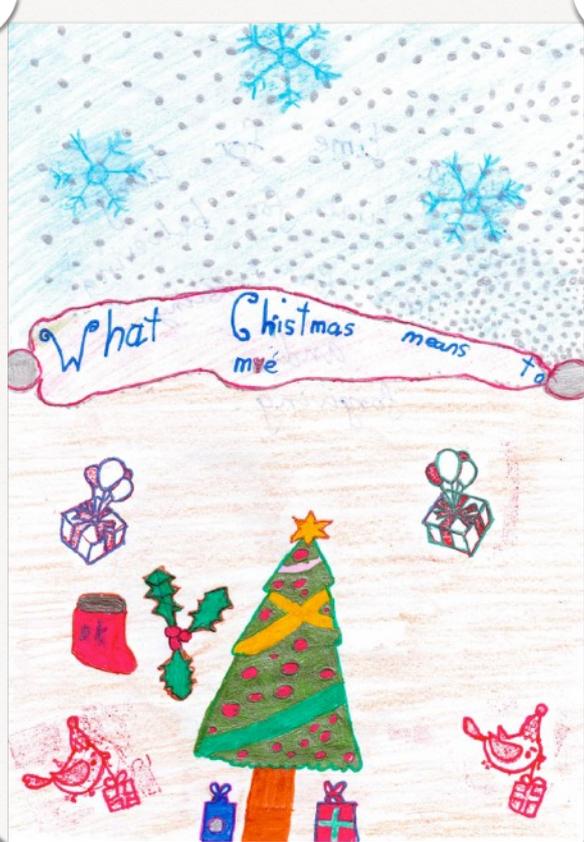
We are so pleased to announce this year's House Captains, voted for by the school following our virtual campaign. This year, the house captain speeches were watched by Years 1 – 6 from their classrooms, followed by a vote at the poll station for their favourite candidate to lead their House this year.

Introducing the House Captains of 2021-2022.



The role of a House Captain is very important to us at Nightingale Primary School and include responsibilities such as: welcoming visitors, managing the House Points system, inspiring others to try their best and earn house points, organising House competitions, leading their House Teams at our Sports Day, and much more.

The House Captains look forward to meeting in the new year to discuss the importance of their role in school, and will soon be organising their first House event of the year.



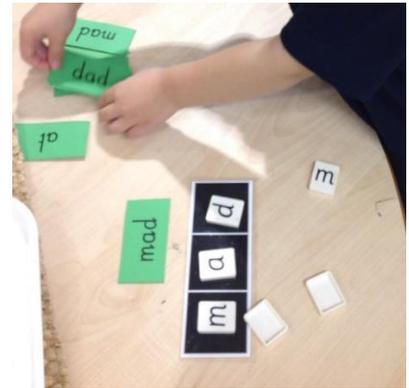
Congratulations Devina!

Huge congratulations to Devina (Kite) who won second place in Paul Holmes MP's Christmas Card Competition. Devina beat hundreds of other designs to take second place in the competition. We were delighted to welcome Mr Holmes to our School last week when he was able to present Devina with her certificate and prizes. Well done Devina!



EYFS Autumn Learning

The EYFS children have had a busy half term with lots of new learning. In Phonics, the children have been learning their Read Write Inc set 1 sounds, and learning to sound out and blend to read and build simple words using their magnetic boards and letter tiles. We have been really impressed with the children's effort and enthusiasm during our phonics sessions – well done Kingfishers and Woodpeckers!



The children have been working hard to be independent in their changing for PE and are beginning to get themselves dressed and undressed with more confidence; remembering to put all of their belongings neatly back into their bags. PE lessons have been lots of fun, especially when we have used some of our PE apparatus. We have been very lucky to have Coach Jake working with us this half term and the children are always very excited for his lessons.

Thank you all for your support with our Autumn Watch Day. The children had the most wonderful of times despite the grey clouds and drizzle! The children had lots of fun exploring the woodland area since its new face lift, taking part in a nature hunt and spotting the signs of autumn, collecting leaves and sticks to make Leaf Man, and lots more!



Our Topic work around Light and its significance in celebrations and festivals has been filled with colour, exploration and celebration of our similarities and differences. The children enjoyed celebrating and planning birthday parties for our class puppets, writing shopping lists and birthday cards. Now that it is Christmas they have been writing letters to Santa and Christmas cards to their family and friends, demonstrating writing for a purpose at its finest.

We wish all of the children and their families a wonderful Christmas and look forward to another fun-filled half term.



Marvellous Us

The Year 1 team have been really impressed with the way the children continue to approach each new day in Year 1

The children are enthusiastic and becoming more independent now that they are confident with the year 1 routines. They enjoy solving challenges in their learning and have demonstrated that they can co-operate in pairs and small groups to complete a variety of problems.

This half term the children have worked in their Phonics groups to learn new sounds. They have enjoyed reading a new story each week, answering questions and developing their sight vocabulary. The children have all made progress and are now using their phonic knowledge to spell green words in Phonics group time. The Year 1 team and other adults in school have all commented on the super attitude towards learning the children have and the way in which they walk around school to join their group.

The children have been very busy this term and enjoyed coming to school as a Superhero to launch our English topic around the book 'Marvellous Me'. The children produced some super writing about themselves. They have also enjoyed the story of Supertato, setting traps to capture the Evil Pea and completed the topic with making up and writing their own version of Supertato.

In Maths we have continued to work on place value using numbers to 50. This has included learning our number facts up to 10, odd and even numbers, counting in 2's, counting forwards and backwards to 50 and practising our number formation. We have also been thinking about how to count on from a number to find a total.

This half term the children also enjoyed getting outside for Autumn watch and using the refurbished Woodland area. During the day they made bird feeders, looked for signs of Autumn, planted bulbs and enjoyed playing with the Autumn leaves.

We are so pleased with the progress the children have made this half term. They continue to conduct themselves so well when they are in class, the hall, outside with Coach Jake and when we visit the library.

We look forward to the next chapter in the Spring Term.

The Year 1 Team



Welcome to our Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2

What a busy half term we've had! Full of learning, fun and best of all trips.
Take a look at all of our activities!

Diving into the past

We were extremely lucky to have Christin Mason and her colleague from 'The Maritime Archaeology Trust' to show us what their job entails and show us all the awesome artefacts that they found whilst diving. We even got to try on diving gear. What a great experience! Fun was had by all!



Autumn Watch

This year our Autumn Watch day was on Bonfire Night. We had great fun making bonfire pastel art, working together to make a round table using leaves in the woodland walk and performed an autumn poem to the Year 4 children. We also celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of light by making Diya Lamps and Rangoli patterns outside our classrooms.



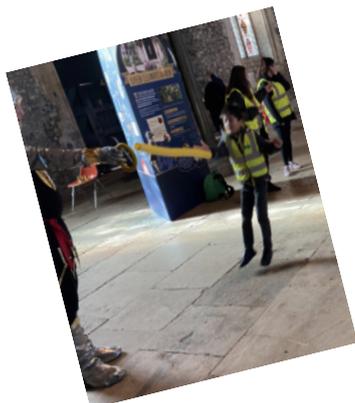
King Arthur's Round Table

Our trip to The Great Hall and The West Gate Museum was a great success. We learnt how to joust, use a broad sword and how to behave chivalrously as a knight should. We loved seeing the Round Table and how enormous it was! We loved having our snack on the roof of the West Gate Museum and trying on the different pieces of armour.



Marvellous Measuring!

We enjoyed using rulers and multilink to measure different objects around the classroom.



Year 2's Winchester Adventure

The Great Hall and West Gate Museum

Our First School Trip

On Friday 12th November, Year 2 had their very first school trip! With nerves and excitement as we started our journey, we made our way to our trusty steed (commonly known as a coach!). We had a double decker and this was very exciting. Sparrows were on the top on the way and Wagtails on the way home!



The West Gate Museum

The West Gate Museum was awesome because we saw lots of features that are on castles. We saw the murder holes, arrow slits and also went on the roof to see the battlements. We got to try on suits of armour and found out that it was very heavy! We also saw where prisoners had carved 'graffiti' into the floor boards.



Knight School

In the Great Hall we met a knight called 'Sir Humphries' (Jack Humphries, our dedicated student from Barton Peveril). He taught us how to joust, to be chivalrous, how to look after a horse and even how to wield a broad sword! All of these activities took place inside the Great Hall under the supervision of King Arthur's Round Table itself!



King Arthur's Round Table

Even though we knew that the Round Table was a replica commissioned by for the wedding of King Edward I's daughter, it was absolutely awe inspiring! The children couldn't believe how big it was and we stood underneath it to see its sheer size!



What a wonderful day!

The trip was enjoyed by all and the children enjoyed wearing their own family coats of arms on the tabard they made for their half term homework. They looked great and all the visitors were impressed by how great they looked! We are now looking forward to our Marwell Zoo trip in the summer term!



Year Three Newsletter

What a wonderful, productive half term we've had in Year Three!



Butser Ancient Farm.

Our trip to Butser Ancient Farm was a great start to our topic this half term and the children loved digging for and cleaning historical artefacts, creating chalk designs, jewellery making and wattleing a fence to build a wall. Some highlights were sitting in a 'real' Stone Age roundhouse and seeing some of the animals they may have had around. Our trip is now inspiring lots of lovely writing.

Autumn Watch

We welcomed the season changing enthusiastically this year with some cave paintings in charcoal on the new woodland walk path. Exploring different colours and media in the woodland walk, we then created multimedia art and designs using leaves, sticks and whatever we could find. Finally we finished off the day beautifully by creating seed bombers and spreading them all over the school grounds to encourage new growth next year.



Maths

In Maths we have been learning all about fractions and using our number and multiplication facts to support us in finding fractions and multiplication around us.

Events

We had some fantastic outfits designed for Be Bright, Be Seen, a beautiful poppies mobile outcome created by both year 3 classes and dressing up for Children in Need. We especially loved taking part in the Pudsey trail in school and looking at the travelling book fair this year and adding to our Christmas wish lists.

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4!

The Victorians

This term we had Victorian day which is where you dress up as a Victorian and you do what the Victorians would do when they went to school.

First we did had writing in my opinion it was quite tricky however I enjoyed it but it wasn't my favorite part of the day but it was fun.

Finally we practised chants and songs for 22 mins it was fascinating my favorite song was all things bright and beautiful. The chant which good better best never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.

The worst thing was the teacher had something called a cane and she would hit it on your desk if you were talking, over her and if you were silly you would get a duice hat.

Then we practised our timetable it was still quite tricky because we had to do it in chalk.

Now it's my favorite part of the day we tried Victoria sponge cake it was amazing apart from the jam. Other than that it was good.



Autumn Watch

It was a blustery Autumn day! We began the day searching for bugs and plants in the boggy school grounds for our science project, we also enjoyed an Autumn scavenger hunt. We then had the amazing Mrs Lidstone do some forest school with us. We made little hanging owls with wood we sawed and feathers to make the wings. She also treated us to some toasted marshmallows over the fire too! We also made luxury habitats for a woodland creature for our STEM project where we had to consider whether it could be waterproof, protected by predators, attractive or comfortable!

First We made smores which finlay's mum they were so yummy. After that we made wood owl's they were so cute. Next we did a Bug hunt we had to dig in the dirt eww. Next we made a outdoor thing for foxes my partner was Erin. She was very creative. We then it was lunch.



Timetables!

This term Owl and Kite class went head to head in a battle of the timetables on TTRS. It started off neck and neck, but the Kites pushed through and were victorious in the end. We have also been enjoying games such as Timetable splat, Table champs and Hit the button.

Cooking and Dance

This term we have cooked some healthy, delicious dishes including Minestrone soup, Bolognese and Pizza. We have learnt various cooking skills as well as learning to stay safe with sharp knives and hot hobs. We have also had the delightful dance coach to teach street dance too and learnt grooves such as the 'The Janet Jackson' and the 'Duster'.

Year 4 Victorian Day



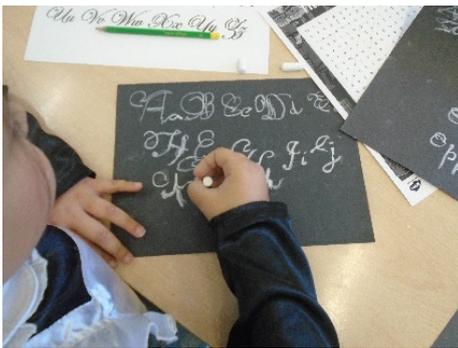
This term, our whole class for the Victorian day started with hand writing. The hand writing was so difficult and so hard. It was way to fancy.

When we finally finished the spellings we spent 22 minutes singing songs and chants which was quite fascinating. In my opinion it was quite fun.

The worst thing was our teacher. She would bang a cane on the table and give you a dunce hat if you are silly.

The next thing that I remember is that we did timestable questions. Some was easy some were hard but it was cool.

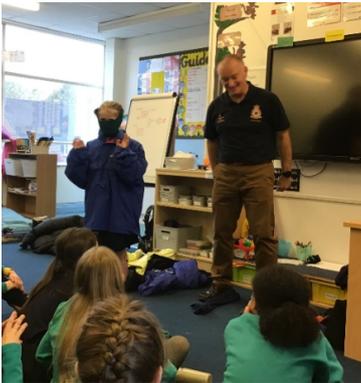
The best till last play time! We all played real life victorian games! All and all great day and learnt alot!



Year 5

The children in Year 5 have continued to work exceedingly hard over this half term and have continued to build on their learning behaviours and resilience.

Our topic of Polar Lands has been a huge hit with the children, starting with a visit from a real-life Antarctic explorer; which gave the children a great insight into what survival in this desert land is like. Including the use of rubber gloves! Within science, we finished off our learning on light and how the eye sees before recapping the states of matter and exploring the creation of new substances. There is a lot of excitement to be had with some vinegar and some bicarbonate!



Another thrilling day was our Autumn Watch Day. The children were so excited to take part in each of the activities, but Worm Charming and collecting was definitely the winner on the day! Each class managed to collect a tray full of worms which were then used to create their own wormeries. The children also worked on some beautiful Autumn poetry using the natural objects around them as their stimuli. The natural world also became their template when they used foraged items to create a collage comparing how the world would look if we look after it, compared to how it would be if we didn't.



Year 6

This half term in Year 6 has been jam-packed! It's been a rollercoaster ride- lots of fun but also some nightmares! This is because our topic has been Crime and Punishment which is not for the faint-hearted! We have also been keeping up our daily maths, showing resilience to improve our scores!



CSI Hook Day

Somebody had stolen Mrs. Sutcliffe's laptop! The suspects were Mrs. Beckett, Miss, Doyle, Mr. Burton, Mrs. Overthrow and Mrs. Sharp. We did 3 experiments/activities to discover the hidden clues! All three classes sprinkled drops of vinegar on bicarbonate soda to see which suspects had been at the scene of the crime. We also did fingerprint scanning and chromatography (ink investigation). It was found that Miss. Doyle was guilty as charged!



History

Hangings, whippings, guillotines and stocks, being boiled alive and burning at the stakes! These were only a few of the punishments that the tudors had to suffer with. Trials always favoured the rich as the judges knew the rich had something to give them!

DT- Creating punishments

We have been creating CAM designs based on punishments throughout history. We felt like builders, sawing rods of wood! Some people were a bit nervous about using the saws but they powered through it!

Scientific Enquiry

This term we have been learning about the circulatory system. Red blood cells carry oxygen through the body. White blood cells fight diseases and viruses- even COVID-19! There are two types of white blood cells- eaters and rememberers. When you get a vaccine, it gives you a small dose of the illness so then your rememberer cells can remember it and they alert the eater white blood cells who destroy the illness or disease.

We are also going to be dissecting real pig hearts, looking at the different parts in the heart!



Thanks to Leon and Harvey (Buzzard) for your help writing this!

Taking our Values Beyond the School Gates



Our Nightingalers aren't just superstars in the classroom. They're also superstars outside, embodying our school values of respect, courage, compassion and friendship in everything they do.



Alfie participated in his first rugby tournament at Winchester RFC.



Duniour is a superstar in the making! He has made fantastic achievements whilst at Dance School and at a recent awards party came away with 5 awards including performer of the year (voted for by the parents), dancer of the year (voted for by the teacher), students teacher dancer of the year, class clown and a 5 year achievement award. He literally won everything apart from 2 categories. Well done Duniour!



These children have been working hard at home reading. A huge congratulations for sticking to a task, even if it does mean doing it everyday!



Effie-Rae and Herbie have been performing random acts of kindness. First Effie donated a gift through the toy appeal and then they donated some selection boxes to the food bank trolley.



Evelyn won a silver medal with 2nd place at the Winchester Dance Festival



Arthur is smashing his sessions at Code Ninjas. Even though he wasn't quite old enough, he joined a class for older children and is doing amazingly well and is well on track to be the next Steve Wozniak.



Jessica has completed Pony Magic Level 1. Well done!



Daisy was awarded her Silver Brownies Award and made a group leader.



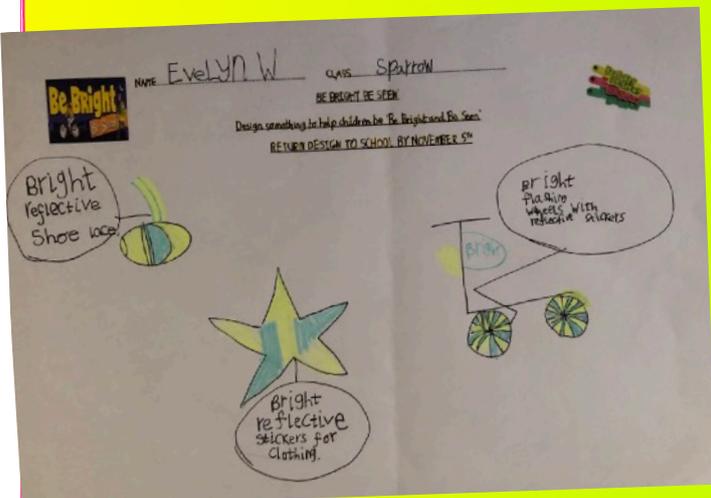
Be Bright Be Seen

On Friday 5th November we all dressed in our brightest clothing and accessories for 'Be Bright Be Seen' Day. On the day, we were blinded and dazzled by the children's outfits!

This event kicked off a project which the Young Governors are helping to organise which aims to look at traffic around school and make coming and going to school safer, especially during the darker months of the year.



As part of the event, we held a competition for the children to design something that they could wear or hold that would enable them to 'Be Bright and Be seen' on their way to and from school. We had some amazing designs and choosing the winners was a very difficult task.

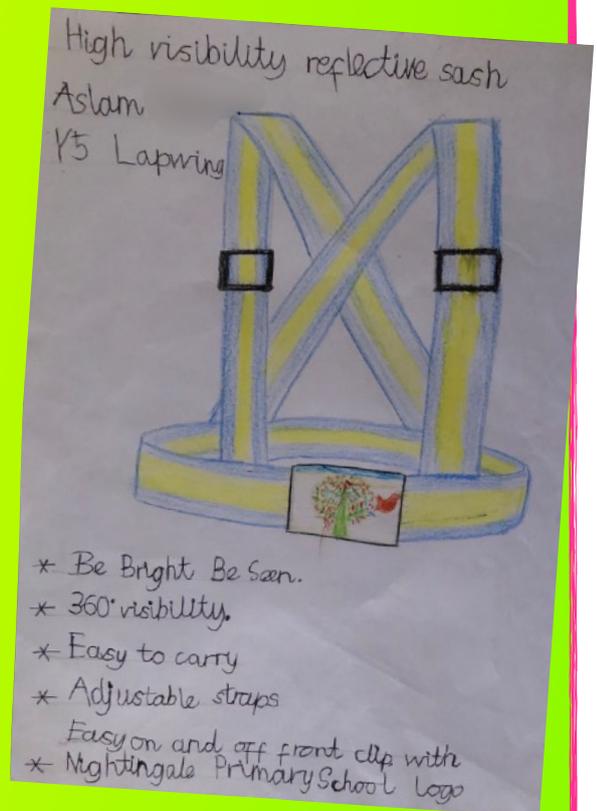


Evelyn and Thea, two of our winners

We are delighted to announce that the winners are.... Evelyn W (Key Stage 1 Winner) & Aslam R (Key Stage 2 Winner). Congratulations!



Some of our fabulous prizes for our talented winners



This half term our School community have been phenomenally supportive of our charity events



Children in Need

On Wednesday 17th November children and Staff alike put on their wellies and joined in a Pudsey Bear Ramble through our beautiful school grounds and woodlands in support of Children in Need. On the ramble, the children followed a trail where they had to find the Pudsey signs and collect the letters to spell out a secret message. The children raised a huge £337.86. Thank you to everyone who donated! Together we make a difference!



Harvest Festival

At the start of October we held our virtual Harvest Festival and were overwhelmed with the amount of donations we received. Following the service, we donated all offerings to the Eastleigh Basic Bank who support our local community. We are pleased to share the letter of thanks we have received from them. Thank you again for all of your very generous donations.





Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch - 16th December

On Thursday, the day of our Christmas Lunch, the children were invited to take part in Save the Children's Jumper Day. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful cause.



