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to our...



School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

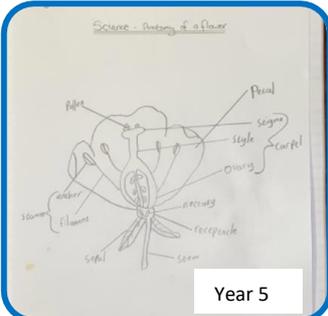
We have had a busy term in school, the children have all worked really hard and are making good progress. It is great to see children enjoying learning so much and relishing a challenge. We are so proud of all children in school, they have adapted to the new ways of working fantastically and their behaviour has been excellent, they are an absolute credit to their families and to school.



Year 5

What have we been up to this term?

Foundation Stage have been preparing for Christmas as well as the children setting up their own Costa cafe with a drive through and restaurant. In class 1 the children have been making memory boxes and learning the real meaning of Christmas. Class 2 have been learning about many significant figures from the past and present e.g. Sir Tom Moore, Rosa Parks and Christopher Columbus. Class 3 have loved finding out about rocks, relics and rumbles. They have written newspaper reports about volcanoes and have been amazed by the world under our feet. Class 4 have been learning about the USA its states history, geography and culture.



Year 5



Class 5 have been learning about plants from germination and parts of a plant to fair trade and allotments. Class 6 have compared the Arctic and Antarctica - looking at animals, plants, indigenous people and the explorers who have visited.

Reindeer Run As you know the whole school have taken part in a Reindeer Run to raise money for Wakefield Hospice. The children really enjoyed taking part in this event and I am so proud to say we raised over £1200, more than double our target! Thank you so much for your support. A massive well done needs to go to Mrs Earnshaw who ran 20 miles, encouraging and supporting the children dressed up as a Christmas elf.



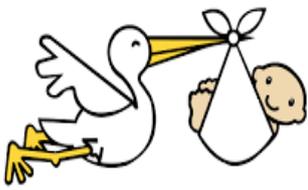
An Extraordinary Christmas As an 'All We Can,' partner school we were asked to film a nativity which could be used in churches and schools across the country. Class 2 took part in the 'Extraordinary Christmas Nativity' with Gemma Hunt, presenter of CBeebies and Songs of Praise. We are so proud of all the children who have been praised by church leaders across the country.

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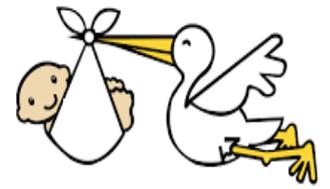


Virtual Cross-Country Key stage two recently took part in a cross-country event, their timings were entered in to the pyramid cross country competition, as the schools are unable to meet up. I am delighted to let you know we won both boys and girls events in Class 3 and 4. The girls won in Class 5 and boys in Class 6.





Baby News I am sure you will join me in sending love and best wishes to Mrs Watkins and Miss Dearden who have both started their maternity leave. We are looking forward to welcoming two lovely healthy babies into our school family soon.

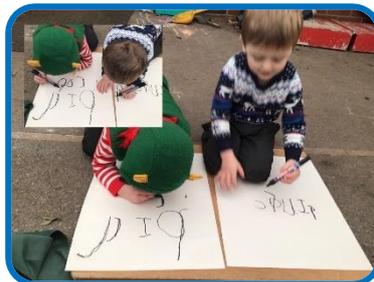


School Priorities The school development plan for the year has been set and signed off by the governing body so I can now inform you of our school priorities. We will maintain a focus on reading in school and encourage children to read as much as possible. We encourage children to read a range of books using Bug Club but also to share books as a family. We will focus on problem solving and times tables in maths to ensure children can apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems. As a school we pride ourselves on how we provide a wide and varied curriculum. Recently we began using the Cornerstones curriculum, this a creative and thematic approach to learning that is mapped to the National Curriculum to ensure comprehensive coverage of national expectations. It is based on a child-centred pedagogy called 'The Four Cornerstones' find out more here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=otbga-VEzrE&feature=youtu.be> It is delivered through imaginative learning projects (ILPs) and knowledge rich projects which provide a rich menu of exciting and motivating learning activities that make creative links between all aspects of children's learning. The Four Cornerstones are engage, develop, innovate and express. We believe children learn better when they are encouraged to use their imagination and apply their learning to engaging contexts. Our curriculum provides many learning challenges throughout the academic year that require children to solve problems, apply themselves creatively and express their knowledge and understanding effectively. We are also developing a new school website.



Year 4 Thanksgiving pencil pots



COVID Symptoms It is vitally important you follow this procedure if your child develops symptoms of COVID in the 2 days after school has finished. They will need to be tested and you will then need to let me know as soon as you find out the test result by email at headteacher@methodist.wakefield.sch.uk At this point, if positive, I will inform Public Health England, local health protection teams, identify close contacts and inform them that they need to isolate. If your child displays symptoms more than 2 days after the end of school and test positive you need to follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace rather than informing me. I would, however, appreciate it if you let me know the weekend before we return to school.

Dates to Remember!

Monday 4th January – School opens after Christmas

And finally... Everyone at school would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas with your families and hope in 2021 things will improve and start getting back to normal.

To see regular updates of the great things happening in school follow us on Twitter @WakefieldMetSch and @MrsClark17

