



November Newsletter

A note from your Head of School.

Hello all,

What a busy month it has been!

We are entering such an exciting time of year and have so many lovely experiences and opportunities planned ahead.

November has brought some amazing achievements for our school community and for some individual pupils and the children on a whole continue to make progress as they continue through Autumn term.

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Best Wishes

Miss S Simcock



Learning Updates

Little Wrens

This week the Little Wren's went on a Gruffalo Hunt outside. We are continuing to practise our Nursery Rhyme 'Twinkle twinkle little star' ready for the nativity.



Robin's Class

Robins class have continued to work really hard and are making good progress.

The Year 1 and 2 children continue to work really hard on their phonics, and have started engaging with phonics lessons at home! We have even been taking it in turns to read like the teacher to show off our fluency and expression. I have been really impressed.

Keep it up!

In English, we have started our new story 'Rosie Revere, Inventor' The children have enjoyed finding out about the main character and have been producing some excellent writing.

In Mathematics, we have moved onto calculations and the children have been practising addition and subtraction methods. They have been using equipment to support their learning.





In History, KS1 children have just finished their learning about living memory, how life as a child has changed over the years... we are just starting our Geography unit which is all about our locality and the village of Utkinton. The children have been discussing the amenities the village has.

In RE we have been exploring the Christmas story and what it tells us about Jesus, who he was and why he was sent by God.

In PE Year One and Two have been focusing on fundamental skills such as throwing, catching, rolling, kicking etc. On Tuesday we concentrated on our underarm throw and catching using balls. We played lots of team and group games.



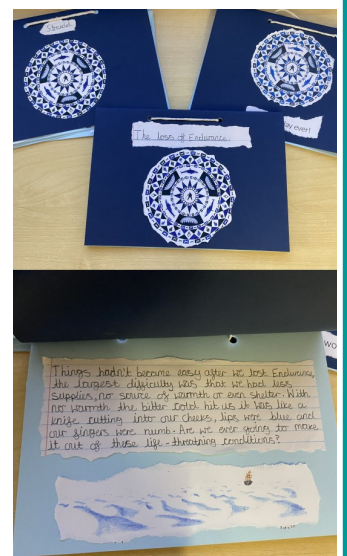
In Science, Year One and Two have been identifying and sorting materials. We have tested materials and discussed their properties. Year Three have been learning about fossils, how they are formed and the work of the English Paleontologist, Mary Anning.



Eagle's Class

Eagles Class have had a very productive start to the second half of Autumn Term. The children worked hard to draft and redraft their endurance narratives, based on our class text 'Shackleton's Journey', before producing

beautiful booklets to publish their final drafts. The class have now moved on to our second text of the year, 'Charles Darwin's The Origin of Species' by Sabina Redeva. This week, we have focused on the skills of building description and dashes to separate clauses.



In Maths, the children in Year 5 have explored multiples, factors and prime numbers before applying this knowledge to solve fluency and reasoning-based problems. The children in Year 6 have built on this further, solving problems consisting of common multiples, common factors and recognising prime numbers up to 100.

The children in Key Stage 2 have been investigating the history of Skara Brae, using the internet to research the significance of this historical site before presenting their findings in a slide show. To conclude our topic, the children have also explored the changes in the way of life / settlements in the Bronze Age.

In R.E, Eagles Class concluded their work on Creation and are now focused on the Incarnation aspect of The Big Story of Christianity. After exploring the significance of water and the Holy Trinity using the story of Jesus' Baptism, the children produced their own artwork to present their understanding of the story.



Whole School Updates

Our trip to Chester Zoo

The children (and staff!) had a fabulous time at Chester Zoo.... exploring the world through habitats and animals. The children represented the school impeccably, asking questions of the zoo staff, reading the information about the animals and engaging in discussion about the animals they encountered. Thank you to Mrs Bochniak and Mrs Gutmann for transporting some of our pupils and enabling us to keep costs down.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

It was a lovely afternoon to welcome so many families — parents and grandparents in to be with the children and be together as a community for such a worthy cause. We managed to raise just over £60 for Macmillan Cancer Research. There was a lot of pride in the school, as children showed off their books and families made some wonderful comments on their children's learning. Thank you to everyone that attended and donated.

Remembrance Parade

Our pupils represented our school impeccably at St Helen's Remembrance parade and service. Three of our Year 6 pupils opened the church service leading with a confessional prayer. Pupils also laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. The wreath had a special prayer written by Peter which reflected our thoughts at this special time to remember and respect those that gave their tomorrow for our today. After the event, I was inundated with some lovely emails which commented on how professional the children were and how lovely they looked in their school uniforms. Thank you to all families that attended and especially for bringing your children in their uniforms. It was a beautiful service and I felt immensely proud to be there with our children. Thank you to staff that attended in support of our pupils.





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Christingle Service

Our Christingle service was beautiful. It was lovely to spend the afternoon making our

Christingles and to come together to sing a hymn, share in the special meaning of the Christingle and to really begin the Christmas festivities and mark the beginning of advent together.

Thank you to all that attended.



Forest Schools

Over the last two forest sessions, we have been using the loppers, hand saw and peelers to cut and whittle wood. We have designed a special Christmas present and next session we will assemble it ready for Christmas.



Boccia

Some of our pupils were involved in an inter-school competition of Boccia! We were extremely pleased and delighted that the children represented our school wonderfully

and also won first place! Thank you Mr Penny for organising such a super event and a very well done to our children for winning the school a trophy!



Inter-School Football

Two of our pupils participated in a football competition at Brereton Primary School. They were fabulous ambassadors for our school and came back to school beaming with their medals. Well done Emily and Amelia! Thank you Mrs McLean for taking them.



The Courier

Congratulations to Leo for his fantastic Christmas artwork that features on the front of the Village newsletter!





Dates for the Diary—

Wednesday 7th November

Panto at Brio Leisure Centre Northwich

Please ensure your child has a water bottle.

We will be leaving school straight after registration. Please ensure your child is on time!

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Please come in a Christmas jumper and non uniform. Please bring in a £1 donation and we will also be selling cakes at break time with a suggested £1 donation. This year we have chosen to support the Northwest Mission Christmas campaign.

This year has been the most difficult Mission Christmas they have ever experienced. They provide small Christmas gifts to families that cannot afford to provide them for their children. They received 31,806 applications for local children and young people living in our community in November alone. Your non uniform and cake donation will make a huge difference to families.

Wednesday 14th December

Nativity Performance

Please drop the children off at 4.50pm—doors will be open from 5pm for parents and carers to take their seats. More information regarding ticket availability will be sent out on Monday 5th December.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December

Santa's Grotto—your child will visit Father Christmas for a special treat!

Friday 16th December

Last day!

Wednesday 4th January

Back to school for the new year.