



Kirkby Malzeard CE School Newsletter

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What a fantastic term, packed full of exciting visits and activities which has culminated in a crazy Christmas week. We hope you enjoy some of our photos.

I hope you enjoy the December newsletter.
Mrs Sarah Taylor

Festive Fun

What a jam-packed week of festive fun it has been. We began our final week of term with the Acorn & Oak nativity – what a performance it was! The show began with red carpet interviews, followed by a premiere of the story of Christmas. We were so

impressed with the costumes, acting and singing skills. Huge congratulations to all the pupils and staff for such a professional performance – we loved it!



There have been many other fantastic activities occurring around school this week...

Christmas dinner was a real hit – Mrs Wilcox made us a delicious lunch, which we enjoyed whilst listening to Christmas music and chatting to friends.



This was made even more special by the array of Christmas jumpers and outfits that were worn to raise money for 'Save the Children'.



A lively festive sing-along with Mrs Harris, Christmas card-making and Christmas movies have also really got us all in the Christmas spirit.

Just a reminder that St Andrews Church will be holding a carol service on the 19th December at 10:30pm. This is a booking only event, which can be organized by contacting the vicar, Ian Kitching.

EYFS Building Works

It has been a busy couple of weeks with the new building works in our EYFS outdoor area. Acorn and Oak classes have been in awe of the diggers and machinery busy at work each day. It has been amazing to watch the transformation and it is looking absolutely incredible. We can't wait to start our adventures out there in the new year.

Mrs Pawson and Mr Baker have been an integral part of organising the building works and we are extremely grateful for all of their hard work and dedication to developing our outdoor learning space.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all members of the school community for their patience regarding the building works these last two weeks and for adhering to our health and safety requests.



The British Legion & Children in Need - living out our values

Supporting charities throughout the year is something our children are very passionate about and our school council once again did an amazing job of fundraising for this back in November.

Thank you for your support in purchasing poppies in support of the British Legion. It was great to hear how some of the children saved their own pocket money to make their poppy purchases - lots of life skills learnt. We have been learnt about remembrance in our collective worship sessions, as well as the acts of significant individuals. At 11am on the 11th November we also took part in a minute silence to remember those who sacrificed their lives to help us.

It was great to see everyone in their Pudsey gear for Children in Need - congratulations to the winners of the Pudsey t-shirt raffle, Tallulah & Scarlett.

Our school council work very organising events and fundraising; we are very proud of them and grateful for all their hard work – thank you!



Our Golden thread...

Being creative has been our golden thread for this half term and this has been enhanced by some wonderful activities. Mrs Harris, our music teacher, organised a visit in school from the North Yorkshire Music Service. They presented a fantastic assembly during which the children listened to the musicians play a variety of instruments, whilst learning about how they worked. The children were thrilled by this session and were so inspired hearing 'The Snowman' and 'Harry Potter' themes being played.



If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument, please contact the school office for further information.

Our classes have been exploring our thread even further...

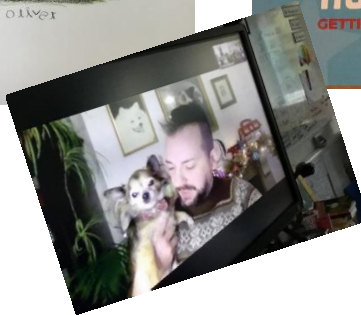
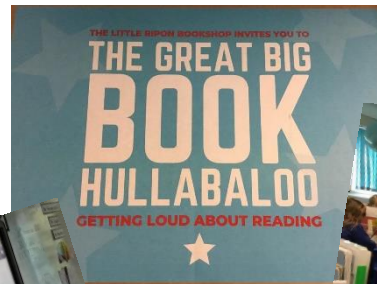
Acorn Class took part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' – learning five different rhymes and actions during the week, as well as exploring the rhymes in various creative ways. Acorn have also been painting, drawing, and representing what they can see looking carefully at different objects. There has been some shine like a star moments when using a 'mixed media' approach!

Oak Class have been getting creative whilst learning about Hong Kong - making delicious spring rolls and learning about a new vegetable...pak choi! Pupils chose which vegetables they wanted alongside noodles and soy sauce. Oak have also been spending time in the wildlife area, experiencing a campfire just like the character Plop does in the story that has inspired their writing this half term – 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. They played games, sang campfire songs, sipped hot chocolate

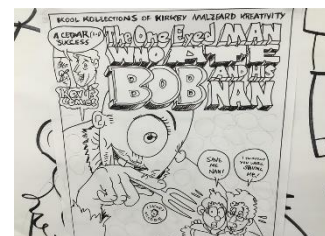
and roasted marshmallows - it was truly magical and inspired lots of creativity to support our writing.



Oak and Palm also teamed up to get creative this half term, by attending the Big Book Hullabaloo event, hosted by The Little Ripon Book Shop. We met Alex T. Smith live on Zoom and found out all about his amazing books, how he found his inspiration for Mr Penguin, Claude and becoming an author - we have even more budding authors amongst us now! Alex shared his top tips for writing, as well as giving us a masterclass on how to draw Mr Penguin! We also met Bongo, his dog! A fabulous morning, which inspired pupils to write and illustrate their own Mr Penguin stories.



Palm & Cedar also got creative with a different kind of author – the comic book writer and illustrator Kev Sutherland. Kev creates comics for The Beano and Marvel, as well as creating his very own Shakespeare graphic novels. Both classes enjoyed their very own comic art masterclass, during which Kev showed us how to create comic characters, storylines and then how to make our very own comic! We learned lots of helpful hints and tips, as well as having lots of fun and giggles. It was amazing to meet a real-life author and illustrator in person and to have our very own caricatures drawn by Kev.



Last week in school Palm got creative in their history learning – I thought I had stepped back in time when I saw the playground filled with lots of tiny Anglo-Saxons! Palm had a great day of learning with John, an Anglo-Saxon expert, who took us back in time to AD 200 when the first settlers arrived. Palm then moved through history, learning about the Roman army leaving England, invasion in AD 440s and onwards to 1066. John then shared some amazing artefacts that Palm went on to investigate. In the afternoon pupils embossed their initials in runes on pieces of leather to make a keyring. A great day was had by all!



Cedar Class have been getting creative in their geography learning, exploring The Grand Canyon in Geography and creating their own in the outdoor raised beds. It was a wonderful practical activity that demonstrated how erosion carves out our different landscapes. The children have been fascinated by how amazing our natural world is and how varied the biomes are within the United States of America.

The Grand Canyon has also been the focus of Cedar's artwork this half term. They have been sketching various landscapes and conveying texture through different media.



I think you will agree our golden thread has weaved its way into all our pupils' learning this half term!

Our golden thread for next half term is 'Life-long Readers' so we will be talking about books even more so than usual in school- is that possible? Of course! We absolutely

love reading at Kirkby Malzeard Primary School!

There are so many benefits to reading, not only to ourselves, but being read to. I hope that you all enjoy many books together during the Christmas holiday.

Homework Questionnaire

Thank you for all your feedback regarding homework. The children have also had an opportunity to express their views on homework in school. This will be collated over the coming term and we will be in touch regarding the new homework policy shortly after this.

Enrichment

Next term we will be starting a dance club and Sports Cool will be providing a gymnastics club for both KS1 and KS2. More details to follow in the new year.

Sports Cool will also be teaching KS2 fencing and KS1 dance – we can't wait!

Friends of Kirkby School

Our PTA has done a phenomenal job fundraising and supporting school this half term. From providing refreshments on our Open Day, to selling delicious homemade curries and organizing a Christmas raffle! We can't thank them enough for all of their hard work and commitment to supporting our school. If you would like to become a member of the Friends group, they are always looking for new recruits! Please contact Ann Watt for further information regarding how you can become involved.

Finally, hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the new year!
