



Merry Christmas!

Headteacher's Message

Christmas songs have been heard through the school corridors and even Santa's grotto has been seen in the school hall; it must be Christmas time.

Children are now coming to the end of their projects and it has been great to see the diverse range of learning happening in classes. From a Mayan convention in year 5, a puppet show in year 4 and an Egyptian escape room in year 6, to name a few. We will review government guidelines next term so that we can again welcome parents in, please watch this space.

I would like to thank all staff this term for their continued hard work. We also welcomed two new members to the team this term, who you will have no doubt met already: Ms Paula Russell (TA in year 1) and Miss Georgia Williams (TA in year 4).

Despite complications and a change to restrictions, staff have still managed to put together Christmas performances with the children, albeit virtually and I hope that parents have had the chance to enjoy those performances.

Thanks also go to the PTA for all the fundraising efforts this term; the children loved the Christmas stalls and visiting Father Christmas.

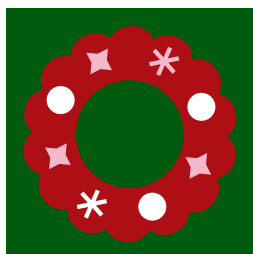
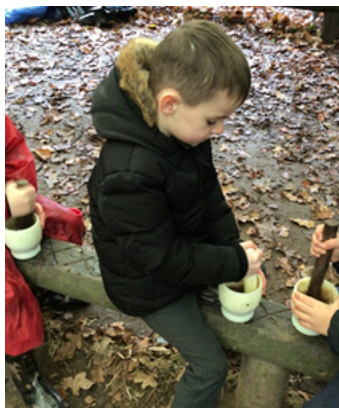
Finally, this continues to be a difficult time for all of us and I would like to thank parents for your continued support. Saving any government announcements during the Christmas holidays, I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 5th January. Have a happy and healthy holiday!

Mrs K Harris

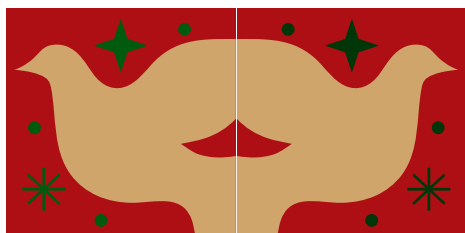
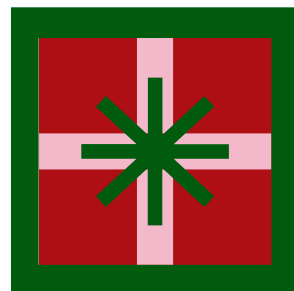
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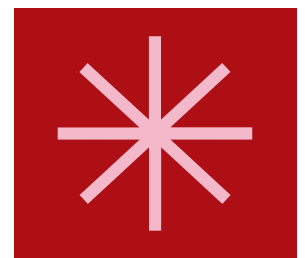
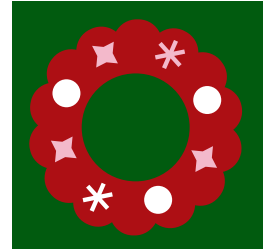
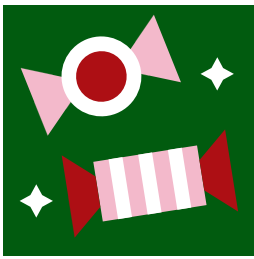


Here are some highlights of the term from different classes...



This term Butterfly class had an amazing time in Forest School. We looked at different habitats, built dens, practiced our whittling, made instruments and created decorations for the Christmas tree.





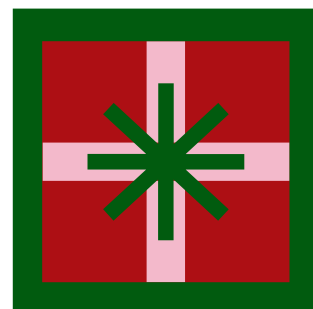
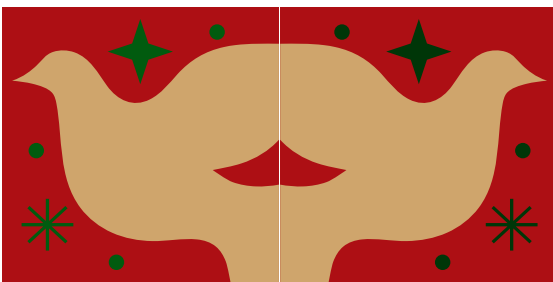
The children in year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed going back 10,000 years to the time of the Stone Age. The children have worked hard and creatively to learn about an era that was such a long time ago. So long ago it's quite a tricky thing to imagine!!

We had a fun day in the forest filming our video and afterwards, the whole class learnt the basic steps to edit the movie. We're delighted with the final result. If you have children or siblings in Year 3 I hope you were able to enjoy it.

Here are some of our favourite photos from the film:

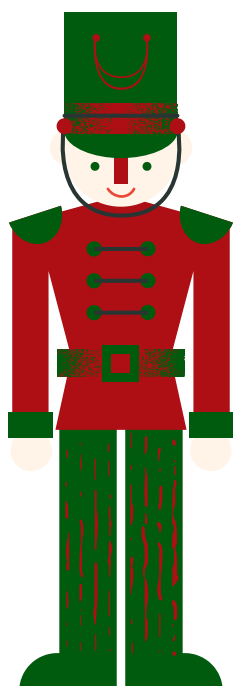
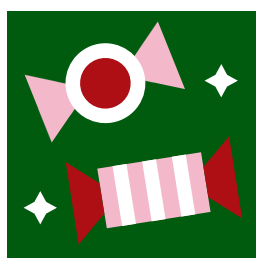


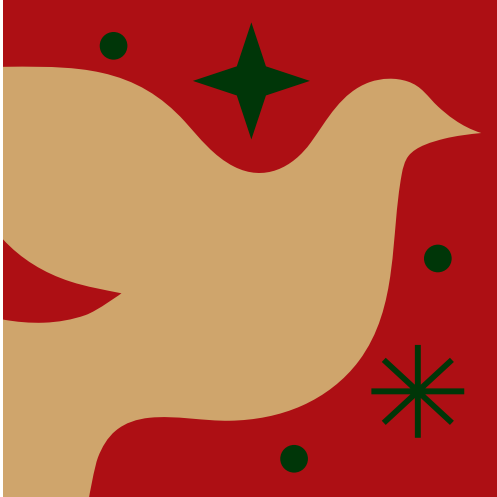
Deer Class thoroughly enjoyed a puppet workshop delivered by Sally from Wishworks Productions. We were so proud of how the children were well behaved and polite whilst being creative and imaginative – producing a production of Rama and Sita collectively. We are excited to now write and produce our own scene using the skills we have learnt.



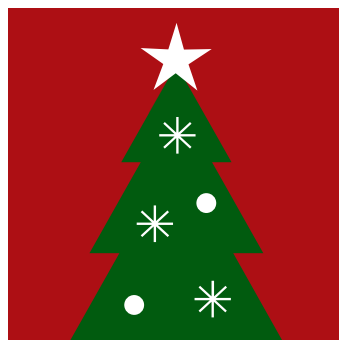
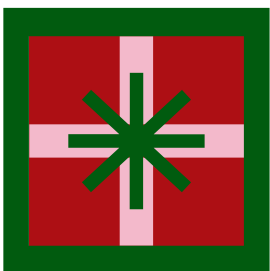


We have also thoroughly enjoyed a term of Forest School and the Year 4's have certainly been busy den building, climbing trees, toasting marshmallows and splashing in the muddy puddles!





Maya Convention in Year 5 In Year 5 we finally reached the end of our goal of our project, our Maya Convention. As a class, the children work really hard making masks, collaging and drawing Maya temples. The class wrote and performed a song written to a famous tune full of Maya facts. The class worked super hard we are really proud of them!





Creative writing in Year 6

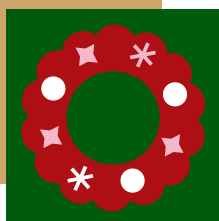
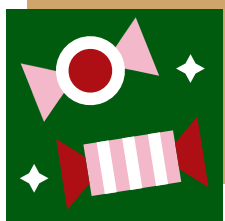
In English this term we have been building towards writing narrative pieces set in Egypt/Ancient Egypt. Please see below, for your reading pleasure, a selection of passages from our narratives.

"Imagine you're homeless in Egypt for five long-lasting years with only your best friend for company. That was my case. You wouldn't stick out in a bustling city and no-one would notice you from the tall, beige buildings. You have to walk barefoot on the burning gravel, which feels like searing-hot coals, scrounging and begging for food, in the midst of the midday sun. My name is Oscar Wilde, and this is my story."

"As Kayla sat and watched the birds fly swiftly across the shimmering blue ocean, she ran her hand through her thick, curly brown hair and carefully rubbed her eyebrows. It had been three days since Kayla Sanchez had seen her parents and she was heartbroken as she watched the waves crashing over themselves.

It was scary. I didn't know what was happening. It was dark and smelt horrendous. I vividly remember a bright light and a tall, slender lady with brown hair and blue eyes...that was a long time ago..."

"It was a blindingly warm day. The sun's beams were beating down upon us whilst my feet swished through the silky sand. The camels were groaning pleadingly. Any clouds moved hastily away to make room for clear ocean blue skies, but suddenly...I'm falling! I crash on a seemingly marble floor surrounded only by darkness, sand leaks in from above..."





From the PTA....



Despite the challenging times we have raised over £1,600 this term – an astonishing amount of money for our school.

Thank you to everyone involved – to the PTA and parents who gave their time to help organise, plan and run the events, buying and wrapping hundreds of gifts and lots more besides. Thank you also to those who donated or contributed by buying cakes, tickets and gifts.

We're looking forward to sharing what we have planned next year and hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season.

To find out more about these events and plans for next term search 'PTA' on the school website, email us or find us on Facebook.

**From our
Broadwater Down
family to yours,**

*Merry
Christmas!*

Term 2

Friday 17th Dec – Flu Vaccinations
Friday 17th Dec - End of term

Term 3

Tuesday 4th Jan - Inset day
Wednesday 5th Jan - First day of term
Friday 11th Feb - End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st Feb - First day of term
Friday 1st April - Last day of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April - First day of term
Monday 2nd May - Bank holiday
Thursday 26th May - Last day of term
Friday 27th May - Inset day

Term 6

Monday 6th June - Inset day
Tuesday 7th June - First day of term
Thursday 21st July - Last day of term