

Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week, all of the children at school have been filling their classrooms and corridors with Christmas cheer and spirit. There has been the smell of Christmas lunches, and the occasional sneaky chocolate too! It has been lovely to see so many happy and joyful faces as children celebrate the end of a long Autumn term with a well-deserved party and celebration. Many of them are also looking forward to sharing their Christmas CD with their families too!

This term has been like no other, but the children have shown resilience and determination, starting every day with a smile and positive attitude. They have all been fantastic, and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on the 4th January, when we will start lots of new exciting topics for all of the children to get stuck into, as well as extra 'Catch-up' sessions to support children in working towards their end of year targets.

For now, though, make sure you have an amazing, restful and safe Christmas break...

Merry Christmas to you and your families!



OAK CLASS

In Oak Class, we are in full Christmas mode! We enjoyed decorating the classroom and we gained a new member of class - an Elf! Our Elf has been up to all sorts of hijinks, even diving headfirst down the chimney of our gingerbread house models!

We have sewn stockings, painted reindeer, crafted baubles and made Christmas cards. We even found time to write and post letters to Father Christmas; we are now watching the post for his reply!



SYCAMORE CLASS

In maths, the children are continuing to are consolidating their learning of subtraction. They're using number lines and bar models, and are able to represent number sentences in different ways. In literacy they have enjoyed bringing to life their reading text by incorporating drama to their lessons. Lots of lovely freeze frames of Stick Man and hot seating of Stick Lady.



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KEY DATES

18th December: Xmas jumper day & last day of term!

4th January: Back to school

11th January: Yr 6 height & weight measurements (TBC)

12th February: last day of term

22nd February: back to school

2nd March: School photos

4th March: World Book Day (TBC)

CONIFER CLASS

We have been learning about plants in topic, and the function of their different parts. The children have been so enthusiastic in their learning, they especially enjoyed learning how plants transport water! In art the children have produced some lovely Monet impressionist work. We have been very excited to record our song for the school CD and i think the children did an excellent job! We have also made the class feel a bit more festive with wreaths, paper chains and gingerbread men.



BIRCH CLASS

In literacy we have been learning how to write a discussion text. We've looked at the arguments for and against primary school children having mobile phones at school. They will now apply their skills to writing about the Romans in Britain - was their invasion a good thing for the people living in Britain at the time? In numeracy, we are looking at the equivalence of fractions and how they can be simplified. In topic the children have modeled themselves in clay as a Roman soldier. They have given themselves angry faces so they would be fierce and aggressive!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Swallowtail who became the House Champions on TT Rockstars. Special mention to Lily-May who scored 3,102 points! Our second congratulations is to Otter, the House Champions in Cross Country. Fantastic effort from all children!