

6th December 2024



# We are all created unique and special.

He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness. 1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

I had a lovely evening of wreath making at school this week that had a great attendance of 22 people including a number of parents and their friends. Not only did it raise valuable funds for the PTA but everyone left with a fabulous wreath too! Thank you to all of the year 3 parents who attended their express event this week—it was a great turn out! We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents from the other year groups on Monday next week if they are able to attend. As we head towards Christmas there are lots of exciting things happening in school notably Christingle and the pantomime next week! Don't forget to add an orange to your shopping list this weekend!

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

# LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

**Year 1** have really enjoyed their new shape topic. The children have been learning the names for 3D shapes. They loved going round the classroom and seeing that shapes they could find. They discovered that water bottles and glue sticks are cylinders and that the tissue boxes are cuboids.

#### Ask me: What 3D shapes can I name?



**Year 2** have started our new topic of shape and we have been learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In English, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases and using these to elevate the quality of our writing. In History, we have continued learning about Florence Nightingale and why she is significant.

# Ask me: Choose a shape and describe its properties.



**Year 3** have had an exciting week! They really enjoyed their trip to the Antiquities Museum on Tuesday for their Express event. They got involved in lots of different activities relating to the prehistoric times. They also had their marble jar treat where they baked and decorated their own gingerbread biscuits. In English, they have been researching spiders and have written a detailed non-chronological report about them.

Ask me: Tell me an interesting fact about spiders.







**Year 4** had their marble jar treat this week, with a trip to Windsor Castle. They were lucky enough to be invited to the castle, whilst it was closed to the public. The children were excited to see the Doll's House and the new miniature editions of books by authors such as Julia Donaldson. When they reached the Christmas tree in St George's Hall they discovered a small bag hanging from the tree containing some chocolate. After visiting the tree, the children disappeared along some of the hidden passages for a quick behind the scenes tour. All of the children were incredibly well behaved and polite, asking sensible questions throughout the visit.

Ask me: Tell me one fact about the glass pantry in Windsor Castle.





**Reception** started their companion project Puppets and Pop Ups this week, focussing on the story Room on the Broom and spending time role playing the story and making paper plate puppets. In maths, we have been practising our subsisting skills and describing position, they then had the chance to practise making 4 in different ways.

Ask me: To show you different ways of making 4







# **FORTHCOMING DATES**

9th	Express event at 2:50 for years 1, 2,
December	4 and Reception
10th	Pantomime at Theatre Royal
December	Windsor for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
12th	Christingle Service at the Lower
December	Chapel at 2:15 Parents can attend
13th	Pantomime coming in to School–
December	Reception only
18th	School Christmas Lunch– remember
December	to book on School Money
20th	School finishes at 1:15 for Christmas
December	Break
6th January	Children return to School

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Olympic Gymnast Beth Tweddle this week. She showed the children some videos of her fantastic skills and talked about her journey

to the Olympics. She also spoke to the children about the importance of exercise and movement; drinking lots of water and also not giving up when they make mistake.



**SPARKLY GREEN** 



**CELEBRATION** The results of this week's celebration awards

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Safa and Maxi

Year 1: Sia and Ruqayyah

Year 2: Natalie and Emaan

Year 3: Oscar and Yavi

Year 4: Mila and Ollie



Reception: Robyn

Year 1: Lara

Year 2: Roisin

Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: Ilyana



A huge well done to all of these children. We are really proud of you.

