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Primary Update, Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! Despite the unusual circumstances this Autumn Term, the children have been wonderful and a real credit to you all. They have arrived each day with a smile and shown an enormous amount of enthusiasm for their learning. We are all exceptionally proud of them!

Below, the teachers have provided updates with some of the areas of learning they would like to celebrate with you.

Nursery	Reception
 <p>This term, we have been looking at what makes us special. Our learning focus has been about making relationships with new friends and learning how to talk about our emotions. We have spent time learning about Autumn and recently enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts. The Nursery team wish you all a Merry Christmas!</p> 	<p>What a wonderful first term we have had in Reception. We have loved getting to know your children and have been blown away by their enthusiasm and love of learning. We have enjoyed reading <i>Stanley's Stick</i> and using our imagination to pretend our stick is something else! The children loved pretending to ride around on magic broomsticks, fish for sharks and cast interesting spells!</p> <p>The children have amazed us with their phonics and are enjoying sharing their reading books and other books in school. This week, the children have been retelling the Christmas story, sharing their Christmas traditions and, of course, covering the classroom in glitter! We are really proud of all the children and what they have achieved this term. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we can't wait to see you again in 2021!</p>
Year 1	Year 2
<p>Year 1 have explored the changing seasons and weather – starting from Autumn, then into the Winter festivals of light. This has culminated in designing, making and evaluating a moving Christmas card with a slider or a pivot. We had lots of fun describing all the things that <i>Stanley's Stick</i> could become, such as a magical staff, a wiggly snake or a loud trumpet, and we have written long stories about these adventures. We have learned to add and to subtract; we are now confident in working with numbers up to 20. We have begun learning the Phase 5 phonics sounds and have so much knowledge that some tricky words are no</p>	<p>This term, Year 2 have been learning about three different events throughout history. We started the term looking at Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot. The children created some beautiful firework art to go with this. Then, we moved on to talking about the importance of Remembrance Sunday. We wrote acrostic poems thinking about the First World War and why we remember the armistice. Finally, we took an in-depth look at the Great Fire of London. We found out why London was so badly devastated by this event and what was done to make sure it never happened again. The children have created beautiful</p>





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longer tricky! We have learned about being similar and different and have explored how to show kindness and be respectful towards others.



pieces of work using acrylic paint. They have also taken part in a PE workshop themed around the events of the fire and showed how much they had learnt about it. In English, the children have written a story about getting stuck, instructions for making a Christmas decoration and some beautiful Christmas poetry. In Maths, the children have learnt more about addition and subtraction, money and have started work on multiplication and division. We have been very impressed by the amount of homework the children have sent in from the topic grids provided. Children have been awarded house points for completing such fantastic work! A great term - well done everybody!

Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing term and we are so proud of each and every one of the children; they truly deserve a well-earned rest!

This term we have been learning about the differences between villages, towns and cities, and we used Cranbrook - as a new town - to help us understand why settlements are built where they are. In science, the children have learnt about raw and synthetic materials, and the need to look after our world and become more sustainable. They have even had a go at making their own recycled paper, but we all agreed that it wasn't good enough for drawing on! It was great to see so many children bringing in their home learning which we could add to the class learning wall. In Maths, the children have learnt lots of new strategies to help them when they are multiplying and dividing. In English, the children have been writing stories in character or about a setting, and have even had a go at writing using inverted commas to show when someone is talking.

Enjoy your Christmas holidays, stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to seeing in the new term, ready to learn more!

Year 4 & 5

In Year 4/5 this term we have been learning about the rock cycle in science and natural resources in Geography.

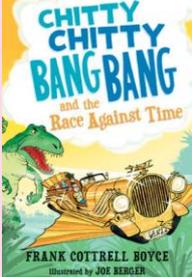
We enjoyed investigating the different types of rock and how they are formed. We learnt about natural resources and how we can be more sustainable by using renewable resources and recycling!

We thoroughly enjoyed writing letters persuading the teachers to provide money for pets, playground equipment or comfortable furniture! Thank you all for your support this term! Have a restful break and an enjoyable Christmas.





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Year 6	
	In Year 6, we have been creating our own chapters involving Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; everyone has enjoyed taking Chitty to different places and times, even Ancient Rome! We have learnt about how Geographers conduct fieldwork and we have even interviewed people about making our school even more environmentally friendly. We have all worked very hard this term and Mrs Eagers-Bee and Miss Morath are incredibly proud. Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Cars on the School Site

A repeat reminder that cars are only allowed on the school site if being driven by a blue badge holder, with the agreement of the school. This applies **only** to the main gated car park, where we also have a strict speed limit of 5mph. Please do not enter the Campus via any other entrance or remove cones to access the service road under any circumstances. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of our (and your) children. There have been a number of concerns raised about vehicles entering and exiting the premises this term, and we had a very close call this week with a car reversing down our service entrance. This is not acceptable and we will need to review our site guidance for vehicle access if this continues into next term.

Reception Nativity on Youtube

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone involved in putting together our (virtual) Christmas nativity this year. Our students have put on a fantastic performance which we are all very proud of. Please visit our Youtube channel or click the below link the view the performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvVTxyhKlY>



I would like to say an enormous thank you to you all, for your support and understanding this term. It has been greatly appreciated by all staff. I would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas on behalf of all staff at the Campus. We hope you have a well-deserved rest and some much needed family time. We will look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 5th January.

Best wishes,

Louise Moretta
Head of Primary

Diary Dates

Spring Term – Non-Pupil Day	Monday 4 th January 2021
Spring Term Children return	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 th February 2021
Children and Staff Return	Monday 22 nd February 2021

