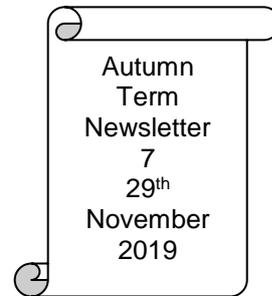




Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,
Here are some snippets of the amazing learning the children have been doing in the last two weeks.

Willow Class



In Willow Class we have been writing our own book about old toys. We have been adding pairs of numbers to make 5 and using the language of addition. We have been practising writing our numbers as well as counting and reading numbers. We read Emily Brown and the Thing, about a creature who is scared to go to sleep and talked about what makes us feel happy and what nice things we can think about when we're going to bed. We are doing well with our phonics and reading, having just completed phase 2 sounds last week.



We have been making our sock puppets. We have been learning about the nativity story and been talking about our nativity.

Beech Class

Y2 have been creating our own Traction Man stories using Adobe Spark Video on the iPads. The children have shown fantastic creativity in collecting props and deciding on how we can create

Traction Man and his sidekick using our classroom as the setting. We have characters such as Evil Gluestick and a prop called a bootship (Noah's school shoe acting as a spaceship).

In maths we have been looking at finding the difference between two numbers using multilink cubes and using vocabulary such as more than, less than and the difference between. We also explored addition and fact families to see how the numbers can be swapped around but we still get the same total.



Year 1 have enjoyed exploring 3D shapes this week - naming, sorting, describing and finding them in the real world.



Olly created a shape sentence after exploring the net of a cylinder and it read circle + circle + rectangle = cylinder and Gabe was interested in measuring the height dimension of our shapes.



In English we have looked at the tale of Puss In Boots and discussed what sort of character the cat is. Mean and sly or kind and clever? The children were more familiar with the character that features in the film and on television rather than in the traditional tale written many years ago. We used

drama to help us remember the story and retell it.

Year 1 and 2

In art we have been learning how to use chalk pastels to blend and make new colours, as well as learn how to observe our toys carefully before drawing them.

In P.E. we practised our Magic Toys dance and made shapes using our bodies. We made triangles and squares and tried to make pentagons too.



We have started learning the nativity songs and the children who need scripts have been given them. The children are so keen to learn the words and have already made great progress.

Holly Class

This week we have been finishing our 'Escape from Pompeii' inspired stories. We used our knowledge of Roman towns and jobs and focused on describing to create a picture for the reader. We also included speech to move our stories on and to show how characters were feeling.

In maths we have worked on division. Year 3s have been introduced to the bus stop method, Year 4s have recapped and solved 'what is my number?' problems incorporating division. We also found factors of numbers, demonstrating our understanding of times tables.

In RE we compared different artwork inspired by Incarnation. We have also begun to think about our own art that we will be creating as a response. In topic we have continued to imagine what life was like in Roman Britain. The Iceni villagers were presented with yet another tough decision. Queen Boudicca appeared outside the village boundaries, seeking refuge. We considered the

implications – whether the risk and potential punishments outweighed our sense of duty and loyalty. Some children argued that everyone would suffer at the hands of the Romans, while others argued that it was cruel to leave someone to fend for themselves.

After much discussion, the children voted NOT to let Boudicca into the village!

Silver Birch Class

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Silver Birch! Last week, we went on our trip up to the Houses of Parliament.



We were very lucky as we were able to see inside both the House of Commons and the House of Lords - which isn't always a guarantee. It was amazing to hear about the history of the building and both children and adults alike had lots of questions to ask. We also took part in a workshop based on passing a law. Both year groups decided to apply their work on climate and develop laws link to this.



The children were amazing ambassadors for the school and we even had people on the train telling us how great our children were - we were not at all surprised! In class, the children have been continuing with their fractions units in maths which has involved the children using equipment and diagrams to help show their understanding of the skills being taught. In English, we have been editing their newspaper articles. We have discussed the differences between editing and proof reading so that children are able to see that both are extremely important in the writing process. In science, we have begun looking at 'Change in Matter'. So far we have investigated the solubility of materials but will be carrying out a range of different investigations that will build on this knowledge.

Girls Get Active

Girls from Y5 and Y6 had great fun when they attended this event with lots of other schools where they explored different ways to keep active.

NEARS football tournament

Our football team did amazingly well at the NEARS football tournament where they came second. First and second places were decided by goal difference of just one goal! They played so well together and represented the school exceptionally well, showing our values as always. Well done team!

Big Sing

On Friday our Y5 children went to Ardingly College Chapel to sing with nine other NEARS schools led by the fantastic Emily Barden. The schools had learnt four songs selected by Emily prior to the Big Sing and then rehearsed singing them together before performing them to parents. They sounded amazing and it was lovely to see all of our children singing so enthusiastically. Well done Year 5!

Christmas Fair

Thank-you everyone for your very kind and generous donations for the tombolas. Next Friday (6th) is a non-uniform day with donations for the bottle tombola. These will be collected at the gate. If you have more than one child in school one donation is plenty and gratefully received!

Please join us on Saturday for the fair, it is always such fun with lots to do and buy, Santa will be there too!

Tinsel Trot

We will be carol singing around the village after school on Monday 16th December. Meet by the gate at 3.10 and join us for some carols.

Keeping access to the school clear

A number of vehicles have been seen blocking this access at busy times.

Please ensure emergency vehicle access to the school is maintained at all times.

Also continuous access needs to be available to the property next to the school. We really need your support with this.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to: Mia and Ava-Mai for showing love.



Mia and Harrison for showing love and Issac for being a good friend.



Dates for your Diary

Donations for the Christmas Fair Tombolas

Friday 6th December – non-uniform and donate bottles

Friends of Bolney Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2-4pm

Willow and Beech Class Nativity
Monday 16th December and
Tuesday 17th December both at 2pm
Tickets are available.

Tinsel Trot

Monday 16th December 3.10pm

Sharing Learning

Wednesday 18th December at
2.30pm

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December
All the school eat together and
Chartwells serve a Christmas dinner

KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 19th December
At 5.30pm in St Mary Magdalene
Church

INSET days 2019-2020

Monday June 1st 2020
Monday July 6th 2020
Monday July 20th 2020
(so we finish the school year on
Friday 17th July)

Thank-you all for your continued support with all that we do.

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School