

Dunstall Hill Primary School

AUTUMN (2) TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER



The end of another term, a term like no other. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all the school community for your efforts and consideration during this difficult time. I appreciate it has not been easy for anyone, but as usual our Dunstall Hill motto Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM) has certainly shone through. We will endeavour to continue and ensure the safety of all is paramount.

The children are a credit to all with their thirst for learning, their limitless energy and smiles have made our term.

Read on to see a small snippet of memorable moments from Autumn 2.

Mr Fellows

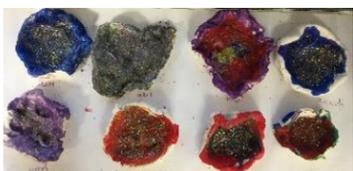
Nursery

We have had a super half term learning all about our incredible bodies and the amazing things they do. We spent some time looking at what makes us unique and represented this by making images of ourselves using different materials including the ipads. Here are some of our marvellous creations.



We've also been working on our fine motor skills and spent some time learning how to sew. We used plastic needles and wool to carefully put together our puppets.

This half term we have focused on the celebration of Diwali and made some colourful and sparkly Diya lamps. We also took part in Remembrance Sunday by making our own poppies.



As part of geography awareness week we explored our school environment, the UK and other countries around the world. The children made their own maps, wrote postcards, looked at world famous landmarks and made our own sun catcher globes.



Year 3

Germany

This half term Year 3 children were given the opportunity to research facts about Germany, they completed fact files about the capital city of Germany and the culture of



Germany. They were able to use atlases to locate Germany on a map as well as surrounding countries within Europe. Children also researched about human and physical features of Germany and compared this with the UK.



Remembrance Day

As a school we took part in a different remembrance day. All classes made poppies to commemorate 11th of November 2020.



Year 1

For our topic Fun Fun Fun!

As a part of our topic 'Guy Fawkes' the children made glittery firework pictures adding sparkle to their work! The children also made Guy Fawkes in the forest school area using a range materials.



For Diwali the children in ICT painted pictures of rangoli patterns. The children used bright colours and they were very creative with their patterns.



The children have been reading the story of the birth of Jesus. In groups, the children acted out the story.



We will be finishing of our topic with fun Christmas activities.

School Roof

I am sure you are aware we have had some works to our school roof. This will continue into the Spring Term and provide us with great insulation and protection.



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Year 2

As an introduction to their topic 'Into the woods', Year 2 went into the forest school area. They were given a ball of clay that needed to be flattened and made into a square shape. They then looked around the forest school area to find inspiration from the natural patterns. The children then tried to recreate these patterns on the tile using natural material. Also, Year 2 went into the forest school area. They found natural objects to make sounds for example crunching leaves, hitting twigs, banging logs. They then formed a group to put some of these sounds together to produce a piece of music that was then performed to the rest of the class.



In Art, Year 5 researched and found out about a famous Victorian artist. They created a repeat pattern of their own which was inspired by his artwork. They used various art materials including pencils and oil pastels and considered the different techniques that they were taught to vary the tone and shade of their design.



In Year 6, our Autumn 2 topic has been the 1960's. We have studied the Civil Rights Movement; looked at music and fashion of the time and significant events and individuals. We took inspiration from Roy Lichtenstein's Pop Art and created our own piece in this style.



The City of Wolverhampton Council Anti-Bullying Charter
Status Achievement Award 2020

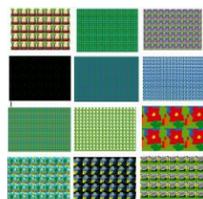


For the third year in a row we have achieved the Anti-Bullying Charter Award. A fundamental part of our core values - well done all!



Year 5

In Computing, Year 5 used 2Code on PurpleMash to create their own program. They used variables, timers, backgrounds, speed and angle to animate their Victorian characters and brought them to life! They also used 2PaintAPicture to create their own William Morris inspired pattern based around nature. They used different brush sizes, colours and mirror image effect to transform their final piece of artwork.



Year 6

During Black History Month, Year 6 pupils reflected on significant individuals who have made an impact on the change of laws during the time of segregation. At the end of this week we celebrated by creating a BHM inspired piece of art.



Year 4 - Outdoor Learning

As part of our English lessons, we have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. During our outdoor learning session, we looked at pictures of Charlie's house. We used descriptive language to describe his house. We got into teams and we were set the challenge of creating a shelter for the Bucket family using the resources available to us in the outdoor area. We worked within our teams to select and use appropriate resources in order to construct the shelter. Once we had constructed our shelters, we evaluated them and made suggestions as to how they could be improved.

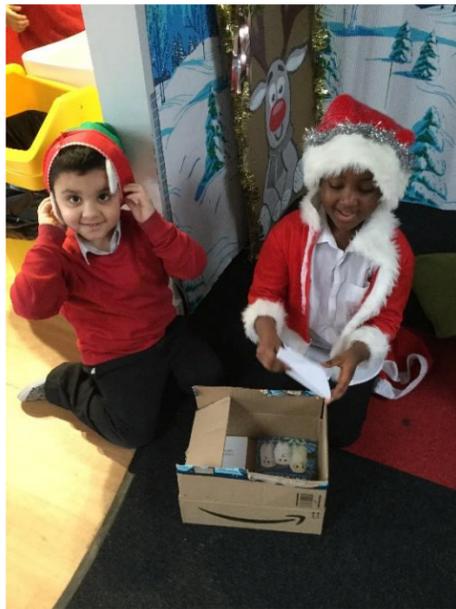


Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you for all the wonderful donations. We are all delighted that we have raised £279.74 which will go to 'Save the Children'.

Reception

This term, Reception have really enjoyed the topic of Twinkly lights and gloomy nights. We started the topic looking at the different events that happen in November 2020. The children had a great time making firework chalk pictures and rockets and making Diya Lamps for Diwali. The children also liked learning a new song about five little rockets in space. They were able to find the different number rockets on a number hunt in the classroom.



Key Dates:

Back to school: **Tuesday 5th January 2021**

Covid-19 Up-date

Please contact the school via the school email address if there are any positive cases over the holiday. We have a duty of care to ensure we all remain safe.

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PE Timetable

PE days will remain same after the holidays so please wear PE kit as normal.

Christmas Nativity

Unfortunately, due to the new guidance and restrictions we have not been able to organise a Christmas Nativity like we would normally do. So staff and children have created a Christmas Nativity Story Board.



If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Get a test and stay at home



Wash hands – keep washing your hands regularly.



Cover face – wear a face covering in enclosed spaces.



Make space – stay at least 2 metres apart – or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

From all the staff at Dunstall Hill Primary School have a wonderful holiday, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay Safe.



Children have also been reading the story of Owl Babies and acting this story out. We have enjoyed finding out about owls and retelling the story to all of our friends in Reception.



We have also had a great finish to the topic by learning all about the story of the nativity and dressing up to retell the story. Children have enjoyed the Santa role play area, where they have been wrapping, making preparations and writing lists to Santa for all the different presents their friends would like.

			
Year 3—Gabriel, an angel of God, visited Mary to tell her that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.	Year 2—Gabriel visited Joseph in a dream to tell him about the son of God. He told Joseph to take Mary as his wife.	Year 1—Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, but everywhere they went, they were told there wasn't any room to sleep.	Year 5—One innkeeper saw how tired Mary and Joseph were and let them in a stable where he kept his animals.
			
Nursery— That night, Jesus was born. He was wrapped in a blanket and laid him in a manger where hay had been put for the animals.	Year 4—Gabriel visited some shepherds to tell them about Jesus' birth. He told them to follow the star to Jesus.	Reception—The shepherds headed to Bethlehem to visit the Son of God.	Year 6—The Wise Men had also heard about the birth, and they headed to Bethlehem with gifts—frankincense, myrrh and gold.