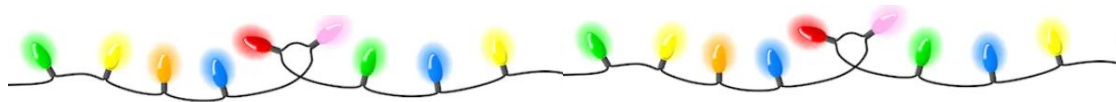




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## Weekly Newsletter

W/e 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fun week and we are thoroughly enjoying providing the activities you remember yourself from primary school. Our Nursery and FS2 pupils were amazing in their first live performances of a Nativity! Mrs Keating has shared the symbolism around the Christingle and all the children are coming home today with one that they have made as part of the assembly.

As I mentioned last week, I would like to make another donation to the Bassetlaw Foodbank at the end of term. If you are able to support this with any donation, I know that it will be very gratefully received. Items currently most in need are:

Christmas treats – like selection boxes, mince pies or Christmas puddings

Passata

Sweetcorn

Rice pudding

Anti-bac spray

Female deodorant

Dry cat food

Long-life milk – particularly 1-pint cartons

Coffee

Any financial donations can also be made via us so that fresh fruits and vegetables can be bought and put into the seven-day parcels that are being distributed in our local area.

As we get closer to the end of term, school continues within the national guidelines and new restrictions. Adults in school continue to wear face coverings in shared areas and our classrooms are ventilated at different times throughout the day. If there are further changes required, I will of course keep you informed.

Thank you,

Mrs Cowell-Clark

### Contacting us:

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is:

[parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to

[office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Finance queries should be directed to: [finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

And IT support queries should be sent to: [itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

## National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'Let's connect this Christmas (some way)'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.



## Recycling

We are continuing to recycle old pens, crisp packets, cans and old batteries in school. Please send any recycling into school with your child. **We are now also recycling used/empty printer ink cartridges!**

## Please turn off your engines and considerate parking



Please turn off your car engines whilst waiting in the village hall car park and on Hillview Crescent. This is more environmentally friendly and considerate to those around them.

Further, for those parking at the village hall, please can you ensure that you park your vehicle appropriately and in the correct parking spaces provided to ensure that other parents can get in and out of the car park easily.

## Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Parentmail will be open soon for you to book your child's lunches, Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Spring Term 1. A Parentmail will be sent out when the registers are open. Please note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.



## We're on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook and Instagram! Search for 'Clarborough Primary' and follow us for regular updates and see what we are getting up to!



## Toys and Fidget Toys

Please note that fidget toys or any other sort of toy should not be brought into school unless you have spoken with your teacher and they have permitted your child to bring it in.

## Christmas Swap Shop and Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

We have set up our Christmas Jumper Swap Shop in school. If your child has outgrown their Christmas jumper, bring it in and swap it for another Christmas jumper in our Swap shop. Further, if your child does not have a Christmas jumper and would like to have one for our Christmas jumper day next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, then please feel free to take one from the table. Any jumper donations are welcome!



## Lateral Flow Tests and Illness

We continue to see positive COVID cases in our surrounding area and thank you for your support in getting your child a PCR test if they have symptoms or are unwell. I would like to share this guidance from Nottinghamshire County Council to remind you that positive cases can only be confirmed by a PCR test via post or a testing centre and not through LFT tests.



### **Reminder: LFD testing is not recommended for children under 11**

We wanted to remind you that parents of children aged under 11 should not be advised to use LFD tests with these children, as this would not be in line with national guidance.

Information for the public on [ordering lateral flow test kits](#) states that people should only use the service if they are aged 11 or over, and the [NHS website on rapid testing](#) also states that children under 11 do not need to do rapid tests.

If children are identified as close contacts of a confirmed coronavirus case by national Test & Trace, they will be advised to get a PCR test, unless they are aged four and under, when they will only be advised to get a PCR test if they are living in a household where there is a confirmed coronavirus case.

It's also that time of year when other illnesses are around. This information (below) is from the NHS to provide support should you be unsure whether your child should attend school.

When should my child return to school?						NHS
<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*			

## Christmas@Clarbrough!



December is finally here! Here's how we are PLANNING to celebrate the festive season at Clarbrough. We will let you know of any changes due to national regulations but hope that the following will go on as planned:

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Clarbrough Primary School Christmas Fair 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

We are so excited to welcome you back onto the school grounds for our Christmas Fair! Please join us and support the school with this event. There will be many stalls and activities for you to enjoy! Delicious food will be on sale and of course no Christmas Fair will be complete, without a Christmas raffle! Any donations towards this raffle, would be gratefully received. In light of recent Government advice, if you are attending this event, please wear a face mask.

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity At school 1.45pm**

Come along and enjoy our KS1 Nativity at school. We would ask that no more than three adults from each family attend. There is no need to purchase a ticket this year but any cash donations are welcome on the day. The Nativity will be taking place outside under the canopy, so please wrap up well!

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 10am at St John the Baptist Church, Clarbrough**

Come along and enjoy our KS1 Nativity at St John the Baptist church. We would ask that no more than three adults from each family attend to keep numbers as safe as possible for the church. There is no need to purchase a ticket this year but you are able to donate to the church fund whilst you are there.

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch at 12.15pm and Carols around the Christmas tree at 3.15pm (Village Hall Entrance).**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be having their traditional Christmas lunch with Christmas hats and crackers. **You can book in and pay for this now on Parentmail.** Children are to attend in full school uniform.

Carols around the Christmas tree will take place again this year! Our KS2 children will sing you a few Christmas songs on the playground at 3.15pm. You are more than welcome to come and join in and please arrive via the Village Hall gate – Have your singing voices ready!!

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Class Christmas parties**

The children can get their party outfits ready for their Christmas parties on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December!! Each class will have their own little party with guaranteed music, games, dancing and laughter – so start planning their outfits! If your child is having PE on this day, they don't have to come in their PE kits because the PE lessons will be adapted accordingly.

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Last day of term!**

Finally, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and wear a Christmas jumper for the day. If you have any spare or outgrown



Christmas jumpers at home, we would really appreciate any that can be donated to school so we can have a 'Christmas Jumper Swap Shop!' If your child is having PE on this day, they don't have to come in their PE kits because the PE lessons will be adapted accordingly.



## Eco Warriors

This week, the Eco Warriors met up and made some wildlife friendly reindeer food to sell at the Christmas fair – Great job everyone!



## Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)

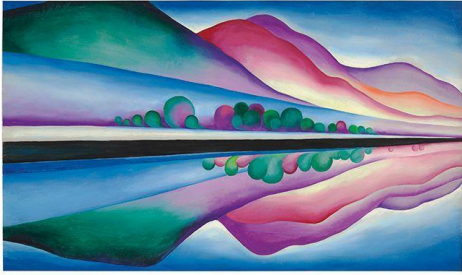
This week we have been so busy rehearsing for our Nativity performances which took place on Thursday. The children worked so hard and we had so much fun learning our words and songs – we are so proud of them all! A huge thank you to all the parents and other family members who came and watched us, it was so lovely to see you all there and it made us feel very proud and excited!

What a wonderful time of year this is - watching the children searching for our naughty elf each morning is truly magical!

We have very little to show this week as much of our work will be coming home over the next few days and we don't want to spoil the surprise!



## Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)



This week the Reception children have been continuing to learn about Christmas, especially thinking about it as a celebration of Jesus' birthday. On Thursday morning they performed their Nativity for their parents and we were so proud of how well they did - they were fantastic!

We have also been enjoying lots of Christmas activities such as decorating our class tree and practising wrapping presents.



**Star of the week: All of Reception class for doing so well in their Nativity!**

## Year 1 (Joan Miro)



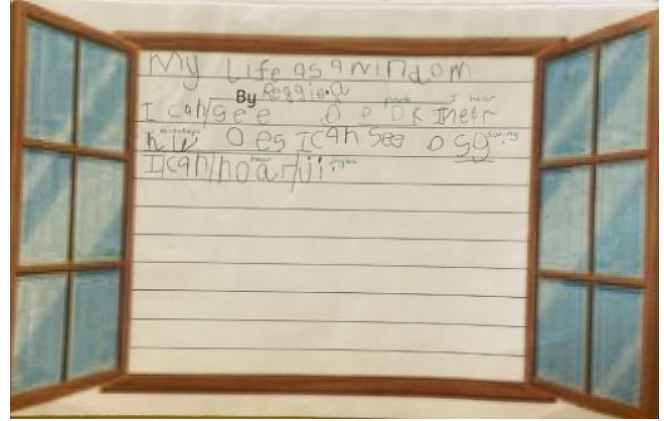
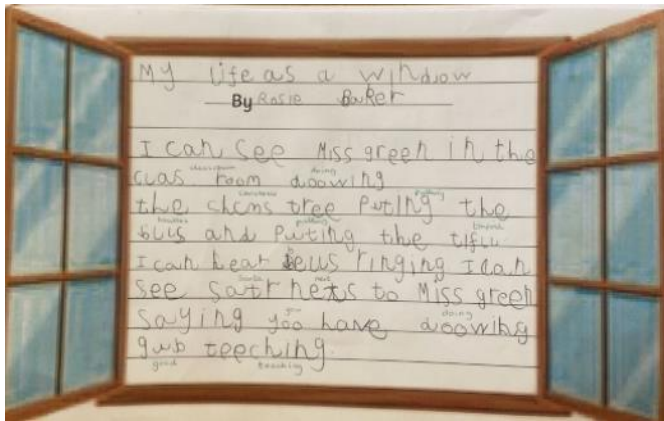
This week, the children have improved their speaking and listening skills as the Christmas Story is almost ready for you to see.

Spellings will not be sent home this week. Instead, a bespoke phonics pack will be sent home for some extra special Ho, Ho, Ho Homework over the Christmas holiday!

In English, the children used the M&S Christmas advert as a stimulus for writing. They used their senses to describe what Percy Pig would feel, see, hear, smell and touch when roaming the empty shelves of the shop.

On Monday, the children also took part in a 'Big Write' morning where they wrote about their life as a window. They thought carefully about what they could see through the window and used their phonics to sound out words and put these into a sentence.

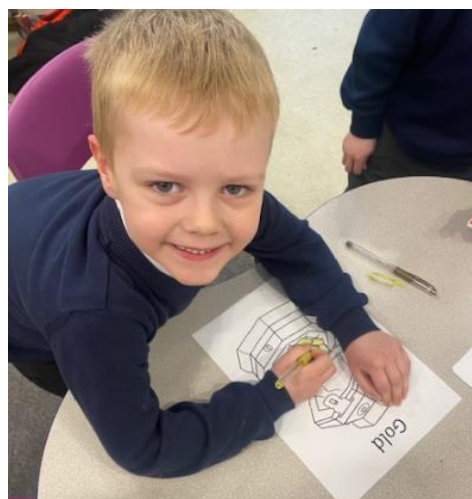




On Wednesday, as part of RE afternoon, the children thought about the importance of 'presents' and why we give and receive presents at Christmas. They were very excited to see a large present in the classroom and after lots of wondering and anticipation, they opened the gift. The children were told that inside the present was the most special gift. They each took a turn to peek inside the box, only to see themselves looking back!



The children also learned about the three wise men from our Christmas story and the importance of the gifts they brought for baby Jesus.



Next week, the children will perform the Christmas Story! The week will also be filled with festive fun ... we can't wait to show you what we get up to on next week's newsletter!



**Star of the week: Lewis for beautiful singing during the Christmas Story!**

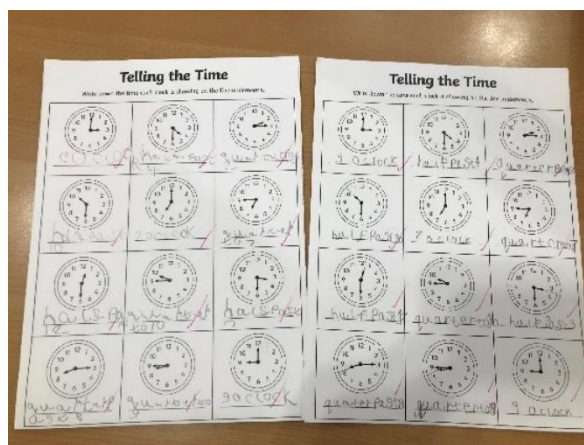
## Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)



Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week, alongside Year 1 to practise and rehearse our Nativity ready for next week. We have been up to the church for a visit and to see where we will be sitting for our performance up there. We are hoping to see lots of you at our performances next week and I know the children will love to see you there too.

As well as lots of rehearsing, the children have been busy with their learning too. We have been looking through the common exception words that the children need to learn from Year 1 and Year 2. They need to read and write these words on sight. Once these have been completed we shall send the words your child still needs to learn home with them so they can keep practising them with you as well as in school.

In Maths this week, we have been revisiting telling the time. The children enjoyed this and were very happy when we got the little clocks out for them to practise with. Once they had shown a few times on their clocks they had to say what time was shown on different clocks and write it down. We were very impressed with how much the children had remembered from last year.

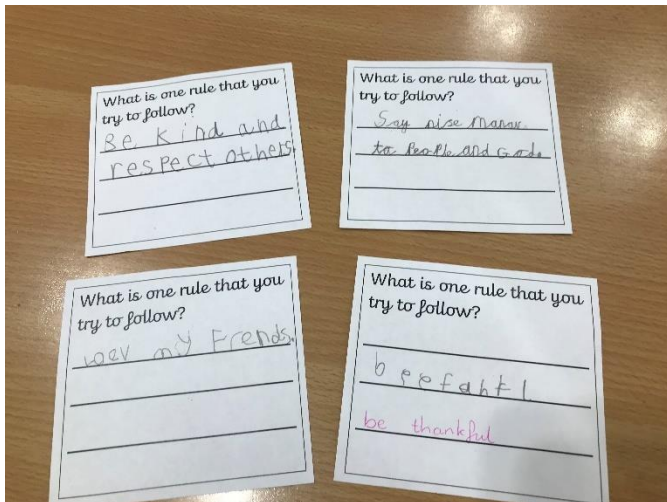


On Wednesday afternoon we looked at the 'good news' part of the Christmas story as part of our whole school RE day. The children thought about the good news that the angels brought to the shepherds in their field. We then made some angels and thought about what good news the angels might bring to the world today.





We have also continued to look at Moses as part of our RE topic. We found out how God parted the Red Sea to help rescue his people from Pharaoh when he had again changed his mind even after God had sent the 10 plagues. After they had got through the Red Sea and were making their way through the desert, God gave Moses some rules that his people had to follow. We discussed how these rules are important to Christians even today and what rules we have to follow in different places such as home and school.



We are really looking forward to our Nativity and lots of Christmas activities in school next week.



**Star of the week: Ayda for always being kind and considerate to others and for always trying her best in everything she does!**

### Year 3 (William Morris)



In Year 3 this week the children have made colourful Christmas decorations to hang on the class Christmas tree. They really enjoyed designing and decorating their own Christmas gonks and, I think you'll agree, they make the tree look much better!

The children will be bringing home their decorations to hang on their own

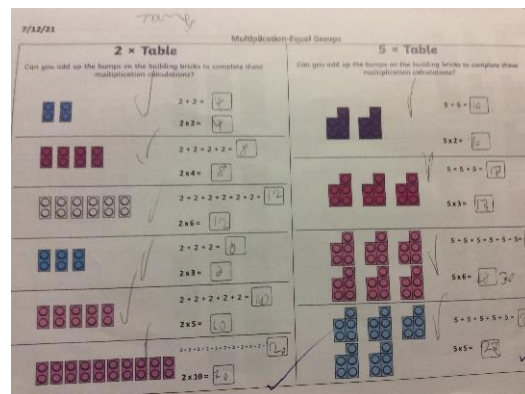
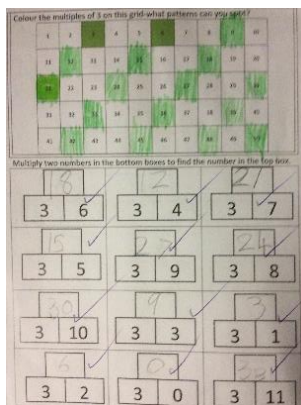
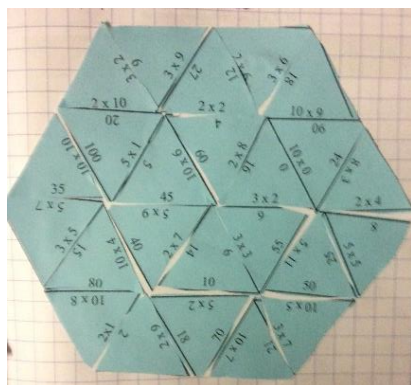
Christmas tree next Thursday.



A robot is an intelligent. A dog is an intelligent pet. So what person would not want a intelligent robot dog? No doubt the most popular pet invented! Once connected to your robot dog can instantly call on your clever capable canine wherever you are. As you know dogs have a staggering sense of smell. They can smell things no human can smell when you are within 1 metre of your I robot dog a proximity sensor triggers the sniff sensor. If the Oder detector reaches 14 oudergrams it will result in the activation of the bark alerter. Be assured that you can adjust the volume settings for a personalise bark.

In English, the children have been analysing and writing their own explanation text to explain how their robot dogs work. They have found thinking of technical words for the dog's body parts hilarious! They have also been learning to improve the quality of the adjectives they choose, how to start sentences with adverbs and include questions, statements, commands and exclamations in their writing to keep the reader interested.

In Maths, the children have moved away from learning written methods to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and onto multiplication as repeated addition. We recapped the 2, 5 and 10 times table on Tuesday and have moved on to calculating and looking for patterns in the 3x, 4x and 8x tables. The children have already worked incredibly hard and made terrific progress. I have included a few pictures to show you how much they have produced in just a couple of days...



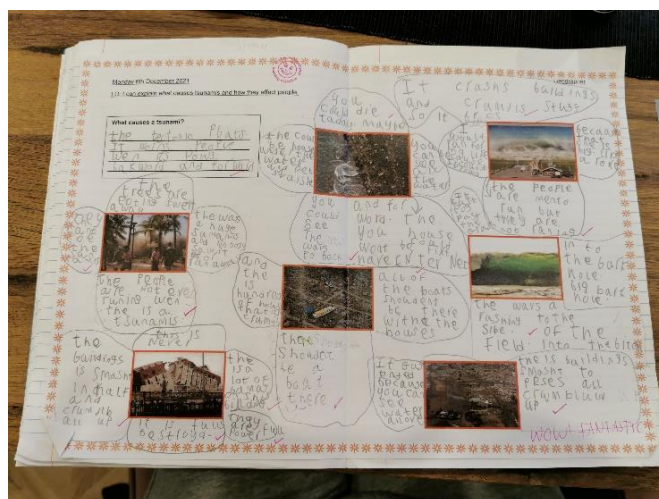
On Wednesday afternoon the children spent time thinking about the meaning of Christmas to Christians. We looked at the painting called 'The Light of the World' and thought about why Christians thought Jesus was the light of the world. We looked at candles in relation to the lighting up of the darkness, showing the way, bringing calmness and being an inspiration to others. We started learning a song called 'Show me the way to shine for Jesus' and made lanterns.



In French, we have been learning to count to 11 and playing a game to help us and in PE we had our last gymnastics session because next Thursday it is the class Christmas party.



To end our topic of 'Extreme Earth' the children completed a 'show me what you know' sheet. They all worked very hard and as you can see, the end results were wonderful. The children definitely showcased their learning of this topic in their own way. Well done Year 3!



**Star of the week: Maisie-Lou for her brilliant Geography work and for taking pride in her work!**



## Year 4 (Salvador Dali)

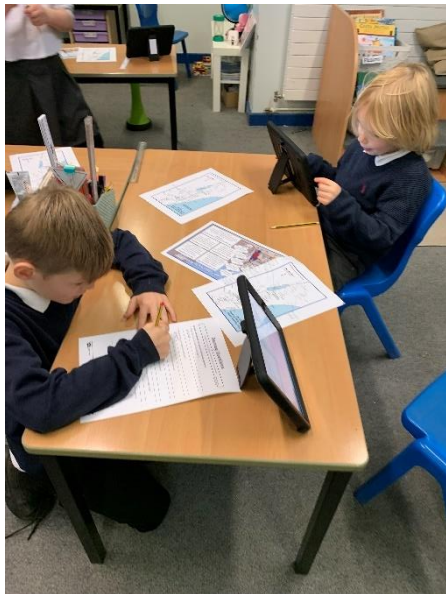
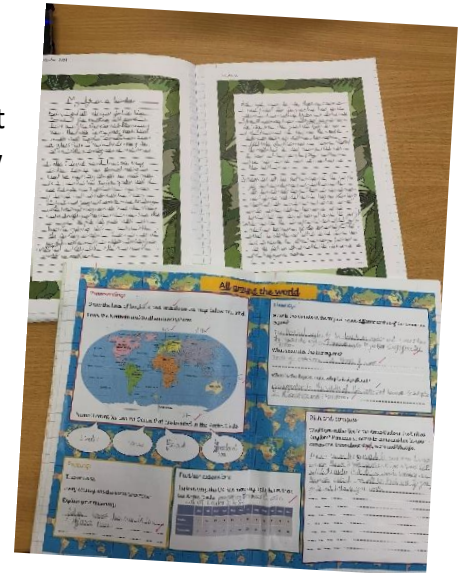


In English, the children have been completing their writing of a recount using the whole school project theme of 'My life as a window'. They were all fantastic and everyone worked incredibly hard.

In Maths, the children have been interpreting charts and practising their 7 times table.

In Science and Topic, they have been completing their end of unit overviews all about the knowledge they have gained over the past few weeks.

In RE, they participated in the whole school RE focus afternoon. Our theme has been 'journeys' so they focused on the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus and considered the challenges of their life journey. They had so much fun role playing, looking at an ancient map and using a route planner to plot the distances and times that Mary and Joseph took.



Next week, the children will be participating in lots of Christmas activities, including; singing around the Christmas tree, having a Christmas lunch and enjoying a Christmas party.



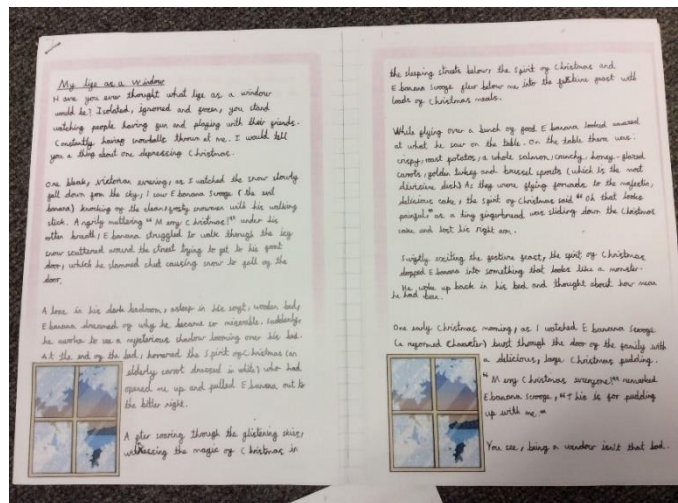
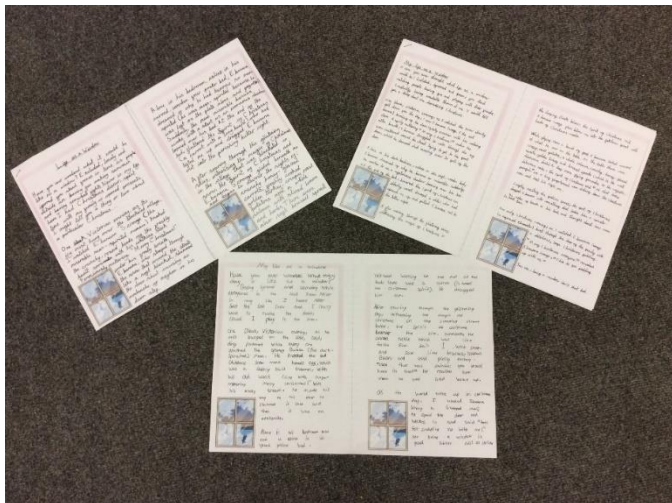
**Stars of the week: Charlotte for your fantastic writing. You worked tirelessly to ensure you had covered the success criteria. A huge well done!**



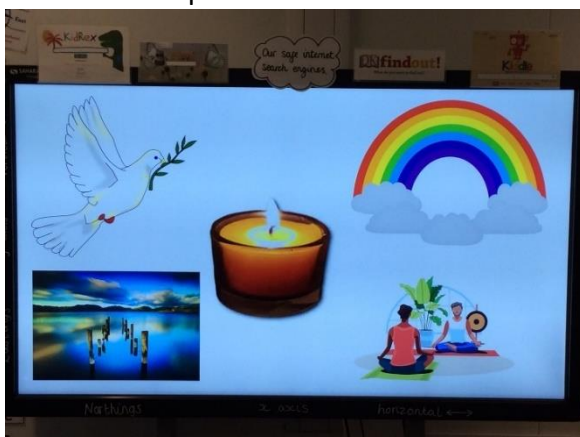
## Year 5 (Banksy)



Banksy Class have been truly exceptional in the hard work and determination they have shown this week in planning, drafting, editing and completing their whole school write entitled, 'My Life as a Window.' Based on the Aldi Christmas advert, they had to imagine what life would be like as a window, observing what was happening during one particular Victorian Christmas. The quality of writing is fantastic and they all worked so hard to complete their writing to a high standard. As a celebration of completing their writing, on Thursday they made chocolate stirrers with sprinkles!



On Wednesday, we enjoyed our RE themed afternoon based on the Christmas Story and the theme of peace - both in the hearts of people and in the world at large. After watching a short film based on the Christmas Story, they examined a selection of artefacts and pictures on the theme of peace and were asked to think of one word which connects them all. They then discussed the different meanings of peace and completed a reflective piece about living in harmony with others. Finally, they designed versions of the Christian cross to express what is important in their lives.



<b>Hatred</b>	For me, hate is... <i>harming people</i> Hate makes me think of... <i>war</i>	<b>Love</b>	I can show love by... To be really loving means...
<b>Hurt</b>	A time someone hurt or upset me was... <i>I was called stupid</i> People can be hurt and upset by... <i>mean words</i>	<b>Forgiveness</b>	If someone has upset me, the best thing I can do is... If people could learn to forgive more, the world would be...
<b>Despair</b>	Despair to me means... <i>have nothing left</i> The sorts of things which make people despair are...	<b>Hope</b>	My hopes for my own life are... My hope for the world is...
<b>Sadness</b>	Something which makes me sad is... People can be very sad when...	<b>Joy</b>	Something which made me very happy was... The world would be a happier place if...

Next week we will be celebrating Christmas in the classroom with a variety of events and activities happening: puzzles, games, parties, Christmas dinner, card-making, crafts, carol singing and maybe a Christmas movie!



**Stars of the week: All of Banksy Class for their amazing writing!**



### **Year 6 (Lucian Freud)**

This week, we have had a very busy time! In English, we wrote our short story based upon the title 'life through a window'. These short stories were fantastic and the children transported me from location to location with their vivid description. We had stories from football grounds, skyscrapers, our own classroom and even a window in a bakery in 1666 that watched as the forgetful assistant forgot to put out the fire causing the great fire.

After we finished our stories, we returned to our biographies about Adolf Hitler which we will share next week.

In Maths this week we have been looking at all things angle related. The children learnt to identify angles from what they look like, estimate their size and then measure them with accuracy using a protractor. We ended the week with an angle related murder mystery and drawing angles with Mrs Cowell-Clark.

In Computing, the children have been looking at how to edit and improve images. We have taken some stock images of landmarks and played around with cropping and colour corrections to try to make them look even better. During this, the children used Google Maps and street view to find a world land mark of their choice to try to edit.

In the afternoons this week, the children have been taking part in some career related activities that they began in Year 5. This week we looked at what a cover letter is, building up on something they began last year, and what it might be like to go for a job interview. We had some children as an interviewing panel and others interviewees and they ran 'mock' interviews for a fictitious job. They then had to self and peer assess how they thought they did.

Rounding off the week, we had a RE afternoon where each year group looked at a different aspect of the Nativity story. In Year 6, we had the idea of 'incarnation' and how Jesus being delivered to Earth as an incarnation of God. The children recreated a famous painting by creating the hands of God delivering Jesus to Earth.







I have been immensely proud of how hard the pupils of Year 6 have worked this week and I am sure we can keep it up for the last week.

And remember: *At Christmas, it's not the presents that are under the tree that matters. It's the love and people who are gathered around it.*



**Star of the week: Cameron for his determination and resilience this week!**

### **Dates for your Diary....**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Clarborough Primary School Christmas Fayre 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity At school**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 10am at St John the Baptist Church, Clarborough**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch. Carols around the Christmas tree**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Class Christmas parties**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day. Last day of term!**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Children return back to school.**

### **Out of School Achievements**

A big well done to Isla this week. Her football team played in an U8 girls' tournament in Sleaford on Saturday. Isla scored 8 goals and her team won the tournament – Amazing effort Isla!





A big well done to Rowan who received the 'Man of the Match' trophy from Retford United FC Junior Blacks' match against Woodhall Spa United – Great work Rowan!

A big well done to Albie who received the Star Player Certificate from Retford United Juniors this week – Great work Albie!



A huge well done to William who achieved his Stage 4 Learn to Swim Award this week – Great work William!



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie or Mrs Woods on [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)