

Friday 5th December 2025

Christmas is such a magical time in schools! There is a general hubbub of activity with play rehearsals, Christmas crafts and much talk about advent calendars! The children have assessment week next week - please reassure them that it is so that the teachers can tweak their planning and nothing for them to worry about!

We have a Christmas post box for the children in the hall. It's a great opportunity to practice handwriting and the children are always delighted to receive a card. Our children in Oak just love a responsibility and are enjoying sorting and delivering the cards.

Two packed weeks to go - I hope to see many of you at the Christmas fair on Sunday!

Christingle

To mark the beginning of Advent on Monday, two of our incredible Year 6 Leading Lights led the whole school in understanding the symbolism of the Christingle.

The children then supported each other, under the watchful eye of the staff, to make their own. I think the hardest part for them was the practice of waiting - they were not allowed to eat any of the goodies until they came home, much like waiting for Christmas.



We gathered the children together to light them for a moment of light. It was so lovely to see their faces lit up in the candle light.



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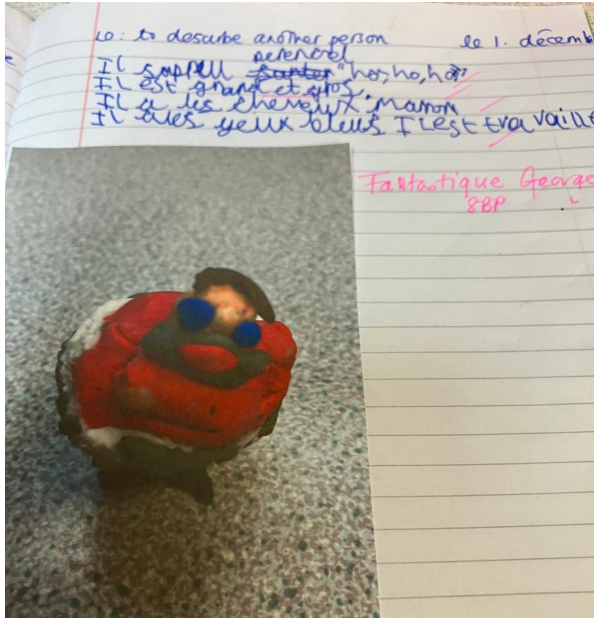
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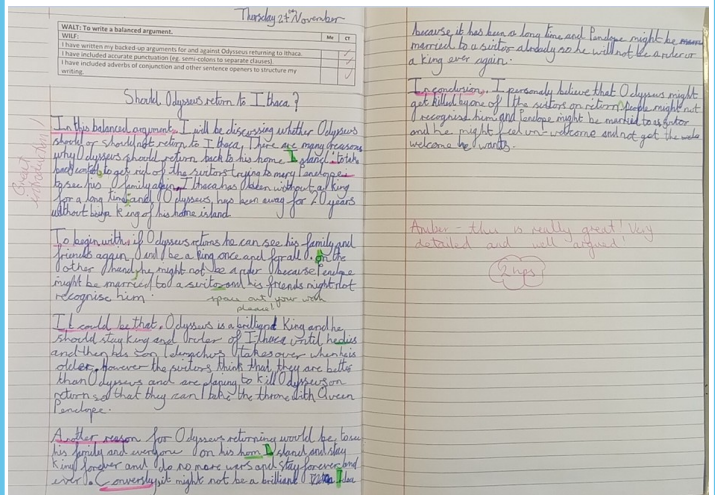
Elm

Elm class pupils have been busy this week making plasticine characters and describing them in French. This festive example 'le Pere Noel' is



Oak

For our Nativity this week, Oak class have been working hard and practising without scripts! In our English lessons we have finished writing our balanced arguments about whether or not Odysseus should return to his homeland (Amber's example is shown in the picture). In maths, we have started recapping long and short division. Next week, Oak class (and the whole school) will be doing our termly assessments in reading, maths and spelling and grammar.



Ash

Ash class has been very busy learning more about what an astronaut does and what goes on at a space station!

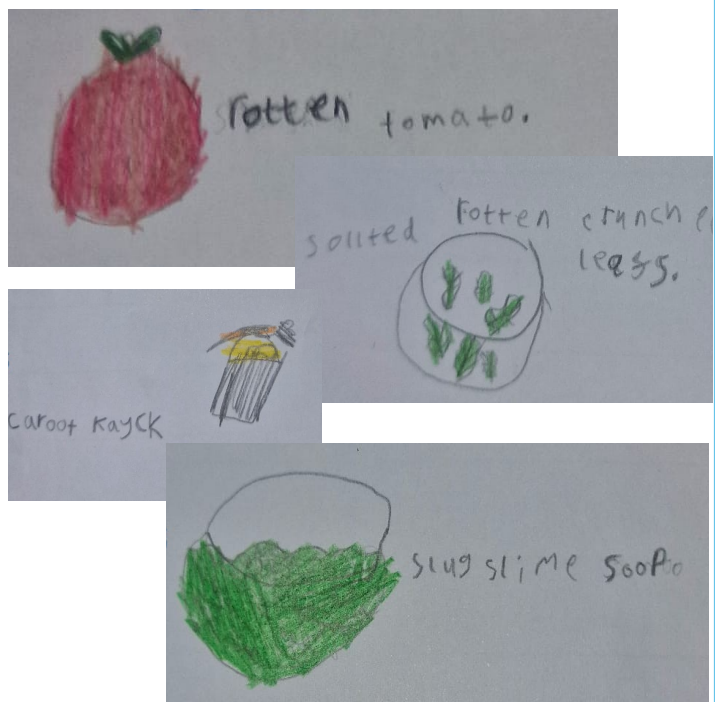
They even made some amazing snowflake repeating patterns by printing. These will go up on our Winter display board.



The children have also been working hard on phonics and writing this week.

Beech

More slug action in Beech and the children have been thinking of some inventive food ideas that a slug might order at the slug café! The children have also enjoyed creating shape patterns in maths and watching to see what Elfie has been up to!





Celebrating our values this week:

Polina - showing love and kindness

Ash class have the best attendance this week with 92%.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Stars this week:

Wilf and Emily for taking on extra roles in the Nativity

Amber for her fantastic argument in literacy

James for his writing

Freddie and George for their writing

Zoe for her speech

Noah for his phonics

Annabelle for her contributions in class

Phoenix for learning her script lines

Keep up the hand washing and make sure your children are getting plenty of sleep.

Lunch leader awards:



Amy, Ellis, Jensen and Tommy

Nativity - Bethlehem B&B!

The children are excited to be able to share with you their dramatic and musical talents. The performance will begin at 2pm. Doors will open at 1:45pm in order that you can get seated and settled before 'Curtain up'.

You will appreciate that space is limited, so please bear in mind that we are able to accommodate 2 guests per family.

I know you are in for a wonderful treat!



Dates for your diary

December

Monday 1st Christingle and Non-uniform day

Tuesday 2nd Christmas Craft day with parents

Sunday 7th Christmas Fair

Tuesday 16th Nativity

Wednesday 17th Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Friday 19th Christmas Church service and a special visitor in school...

Other early dates for your information:

February 26th Parents Consultations

June 17th Residential

July 3rd Sports Day (Join us at 12:30 for a picnic before activities start)

July 13th Oak Class production

July 20th Leavers' Service at the Church

July 21st Awards Assembly and Leavers' send off



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