



8th December 2023

Key Dates



Monday 11th December - Year 1 and 2 Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Monday 11th December - Year 4 Christingle at St Matthew's Church (children only)

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Wednesday 13th December - Mrs Moore's Performing Art's Performance to the school

Wednesday 13th December - Year 5 and 6 Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Wednesday 13th December - School Discos (payments to be made on ParentPay to confirm attendance)

- EYFS During the school day
- Year 1 and 2 3.15pm - 4pm
- Year 3 and 4 4.00pm - 4.45pm
- Year 5 and 6 4.45pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 14th December - School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December - Year 3 and 4 Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Thursday 14th December - Mrs Moore's Performing Arts Club performance (book tickets now)

Friday 15th December - EYFS dress rehearsal to the school

Friday 15th December - Provision Parent Afternoon (details to follow)

Monday 18th December - Year 1 and 2 performance to parents (9.45am and 1.45pm. Ticket information coming next week)

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS performance to parents (9.30am and 1.45pm - book tickets now)

Tuesday 19th December - Year 6 singing at the church (parents invited - details to follow)

Wednesday 20th December - Class Christmas Parties (details to follow)

Thursday 21st December - 100% Attendance Reward

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Thursday 21st December - Last day



Christmas Raffle!!!

50p per ticket - tickets can be purchased in class or at the office

Other prizes also includes

- Family entry to Burton Constable Hall
- Family Swim Pass (can be used at any of the East Riding Leisure Centres)
- Books & selection boxes
- Family ticket for Bowling at Game King



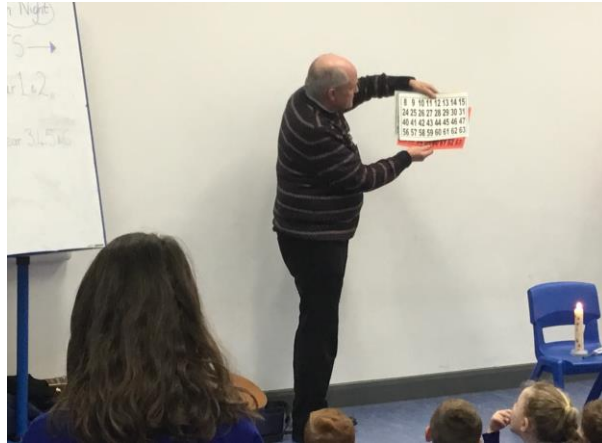
Good Luck!!!

Withernsea Primary School Newsletter

Advent

This week, in school, our assembly theme was Advent. We had Rev Clive in to tell us all about it. The tradition of Advent we know today, developed as the four Sundays before Christmas Day. Most of our children have calendars to countdown.





Pantomime for year 6

On Monday 27th November, Year 6 attended the pantomime in Hull at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel. An external company came in to perform Jack and the Beanstalk. The children enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a disco and all got to meet Santa. The children were all provided with a gift. It was a great day for all!





Christmas Jumper Day 2023

















1 - 5LW

Why is attendance important?

Working together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.

Punctuality It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

Weekly Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 90.5%

RCE -94.1%

RJH - 88.6%

1LA -84.2%

1DT - 87%

2SH -92.9%
2CH - 92.2%
2OD -82.9%
3AF - 93.8%
3CB - 93.9%
3LF - 92.5%
4CM - 90.9%
4KB - 95.2%
4ML - 96.2%
5CC - 89.2%
5LW - 93.2%
5RT - 89.5%
6EK - 92.5%
6KC - 90.8%
6RL - 94.2%
Provision - 81.4%

Shortbread



Ingredients

- 125g/4oz unsalted [butter](#), softened
- 55g/2oz [caster sugar](#), plus extra to finish
- 180g/6oz [plain flour](#)

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5.
2. Beat the butter and the sugar together until smooth.
3. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn on to a work surface and gently roll out until the paste is 1cm/½in thick.
4. Cut into shortbread rounds or fingers and place onto a baking tray. Sprinkle with caster sugar and chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.
5. Bake in the oven for 15–20 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to cool on a wire rack.

Class News



2 - Nursery

Nursery

In nursery, we have been getting very excited preparing for Christmas by making different decorations and helping to decorate our classroom. We also have a wrapping station where the children are practicing their wrapping skills making with boxes, paper and masking tape to make presents for under the tree.

In maths, the children have been comparing amounts and describing them as fewer and more.

We liked exploring ice and snow, we even had ice cubes in our water tray which we felt melting and cracking.

We had a great time on Christmas Jumper Day being festive!

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3 - Reception

Reception

We have been working so hard in reception on practicing our singing for our Christmas performance over the past couple of weeks. We are excited for you to watch!

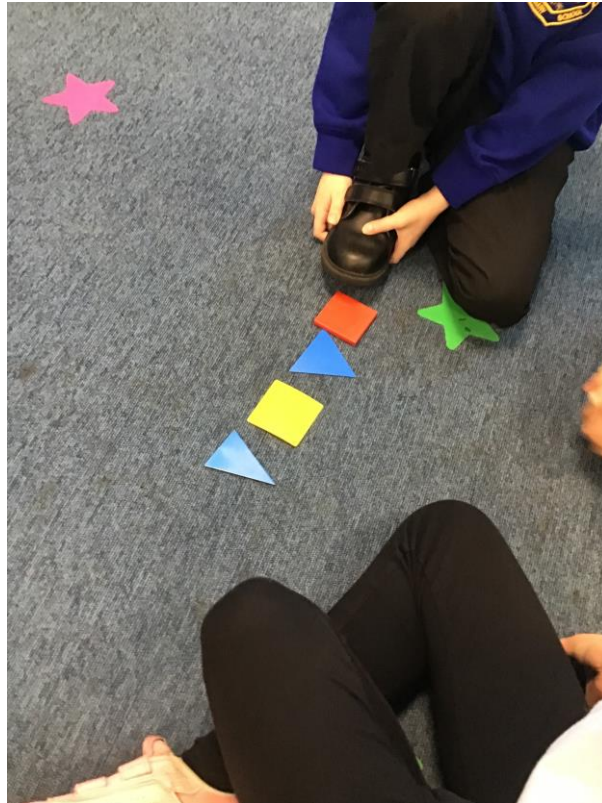
In maths, we have been exploring numbers to 5 and learning how to represent them and how to make them using different parts.

We have continued to read the Christmas Selfie Contest in our literacy, we have been writing key words and sequencing key parts of the story.

Lots of children have been designing their t-shirts to represent Withernsea, drawing the Lighthouse, beach and pier towers.

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Year 1

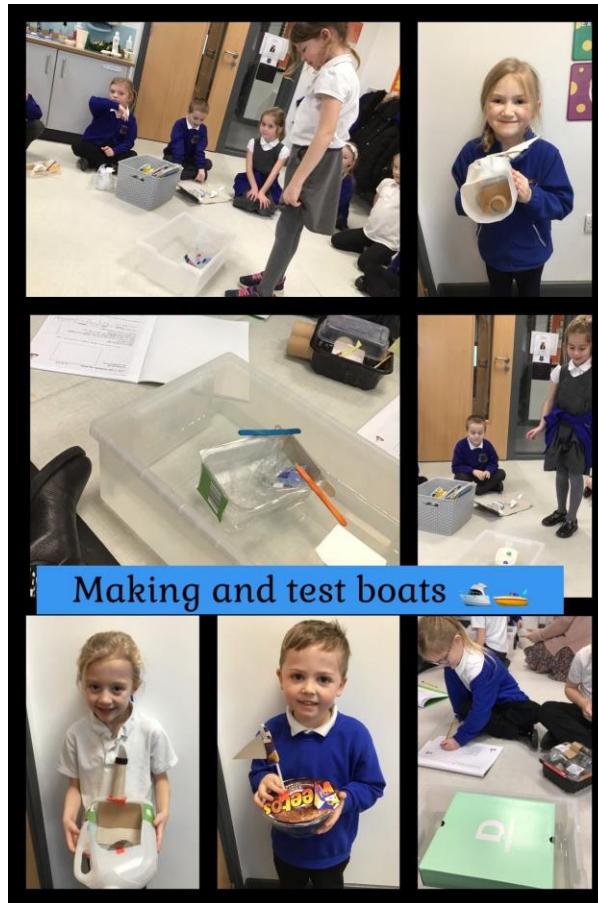
This week in Year 1 we have been exploring character descriptions. We have worked together to find our WAGOLL (what a good one looks like) and have created our writers toolkit, to help us write our own next week. We have explored some amazing adjectives, and the children are becoming superstars at describing! We have learnt all about the conjunction 'and' and we are beginning to use it to extend our sentences too.

In Maths we have started to look at our teen numbers, going all the way up to 20! We have created the numbers in many different ways, we have explored the number line to 20 and have even had a go at estimations. The year 1s are brilliant mathematicians!

We have worked super hard in DT to finish our cars this week too, we have added our wheels and tested them to make sure they rolled. Next week we will evaluate our work.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Huteson, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Armstrong



We have had a wonderful week in Year 2!

We have worked really hard in maths, looking at multiplication and division. We have discussed some tricky methods but have shown great resilience when completing our main task.

In English we have been exploring poetry, using Tony Mitton's *Voice of Water* as our focus. We have looked at the features used, had a go at creating some rhyming words and onomatopoeia and we even had a go at writing our own version of his poem - we were superstar poets!

In History, we had a very exciting visitor, Mr Parrish! He came to talk to us about the role of a firefighter and we compared this to what we know about the Great Fire of London. We recognised that in the modern day, firefighters receive specialist training, have safety equipment to wear and are given lots of important resources to help them put the fire out. This helped us to understand how difficult it must have been to control the fire in 1666.

In DT last week, we used our designs to create our own boats using various materials. This week we got to put them to the test, we put them into water and checked them against the brief. We needed our boat to be waterproof, to float, to stay rigid and to carry a passenger! Some of our boats passed the tests, others need a little repair work following our test due to using the wrong material, making them too heavy or them tipping over when a passenger boarded! We will be re-designing our boats next week to make them even better.

We look forward to welcoming you to our craft session on Monday afternoon at 2pm.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3 have had another productive week in school. We have finished our non-chronological reports on the Stone Age Cat and they have come out looking fantastic! The children across all three classes showed a great deal of care and resilience in creating them, we can't wait to put some of them on display. In addition, our history project pieces on 'The Ages' are coming along very well too. The children have spent many lessons carefully putting them together by comparing various aspects of each Age, from the Stone Age to the Modern Age. We also loved the French afternoon planned by Mrs Egan in which we studied the French traditions of the Festival of St Nicholas and created some artwork based on this. Other than this, our P.E. with Ryan from Hull FC has been progressing - the children are developing their tennis skills by practising their rallies.

Year 3 team.



4 - Some photos from our French afternoon studying The Festival of St Nicholas!

Year 4 8/12/23

This week in Year 4 has been fantastic! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their French afternoon, learning about the French tradition of St Nicholas and enjoying some tasty French treats! We have been working hard to learn our carols for our Christingle on Monday afternoon and are very excited for this! Unfortunately this is our last week swimming, it has been fantastic to see the progression the children have made and we are so proud of how far they have come! We have tested circuits this week in Science to learn about conductors and what materials do not conduct electricity. English has been fun, we have started a new topic of Diary writing and have been putting ourselves in the shoes of Roman soldiers! In Guided reading we have began a new book- 'The Tin Forest' and the children have enjoyed making predictions about what they think it is going to be about! We are looking forward to the exciting things that are happening next week such as Christmas dinner day, Little shop of Horrors show and the school disco!

Have a great weekend!

Year 4 team



Year 5 have now completed their unit based on multiplication and division with the children showing lovely progress. In Writing the children have written their own portal stories and are now looking at nonsense narrative poetry using the 'Jabberwocky' for inspiration.. In Reading the children have been focusing on their non-fiction text 'The Space Race' are have learnt lots including all about the Apollo 11 landing! In Science we have explored different methods of separating mixtures and how we can use each method effectively. On Wednesday afternoon we spent the afternoon learning all about Saint Nicholas and enjoyed doing fun crafts and earning about the traditions carried out in France on Saint Nicholas' Day. In History, the children have continued to learn about the development of the railways during the Industrial Revolution and are creating their own presentations base on their learning in this topic. In PE we are continuing to develop our netball skills with the help of Hull FC.

We have lots of lovely Christmas activities coming up in the next two weeks and look forward to seeing you for our Year 5 Christmas Crafts on Wednesday 13th December 2pm-3pm.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 5 team



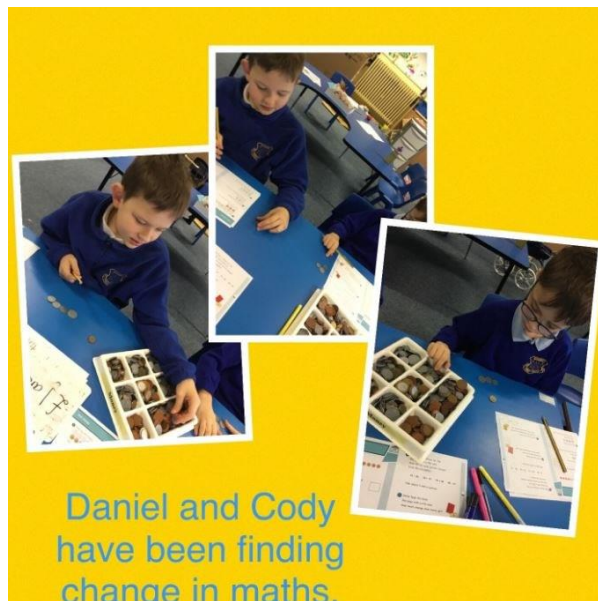
5 - Year 5

This week, year 6 have completed a set of SAT mocks. The classes have worked really hard on their mock papers and made us very proud - we are seeing lots of progress in both the scores and their confidence. In writing, the classes have started to plan their own narratives (based on a short film called 'Francis Brandywine'). In guided reading, as we approach the end of our novel, the children are very excited to see what happens and have enjoyed finding out more about our main characters. In computing, we have continued our new unit and learned about how messages are sent across the internet. This week, year 6 also celebrated St Nicholas day: the classes creating St Nicholas inspired art pieces and tried some spiced biscuits. On Thursday, it was 'Christmas jumper day' and it was lovely to see such a range of Christmas jumpers and outfits - we are definitely getting into the Christmas spirit!

-The year 6 team



6 - Year 6



7 - This week in The Reef, we have finished reading *Fantastic Mr Fox* in guided reading. We have finished our unit on addition and subtraction in maths and we have moved onto multiplication. We have been learning about the Christmas story in RE. We made jam tarts and mince pies on Thursday. We have been rehearsing our Christmas play and we can't wait to show this to parents and carers!



8 - This week in the Rainbow Room we have enjoyed thinking about our favourite toys. We have been reading stories about Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs. We have enjoyed playing with the potato heads. We have also been practicing our cutting skills and working on numbers to 20 in maths. For the last 2 weeks our topic will be all about Christmas.