



We are coming to the end of the autumn term and the end of 2019. It has been a successful term with a range of trips, workshops, school celebrations, fund raising events and of course learning and progress.

As we reported in July, at the end of this term we will also be saying goodbye to our Executive Principal Mr Dave Watson. From January 2020, he will be taking on a new challenge as the CEO of a group of schools in Bristol. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mr Watson good luck in his future role. We are thankful for the work and guidance he has given us over the last five years.

We would also like to thank all our staff who work very hard, with continued commitment and drive, to

continue to develop Rolls Crescent Primary School to be the school we are proud of today.

Finally, a big thanks to all of you—our parents and carers. Your continued support is invaluable to us. We do hope we will get to see you all at our planned events over the next couple of weeks. We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful holiday break and to all those celebrating, a very Merry Christmas.



Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner

Year 6

Year 6 have been writing persuasive information texts in English, learning lots of technical language and facts to persuade you to help save the tigers. We have been focusing particularly on the use of parenthesis. Read more on the Year 6 blog! Leave us a comment if you wish! We have also learnt how to draw tigers in art using different pencils, crayons and paints.

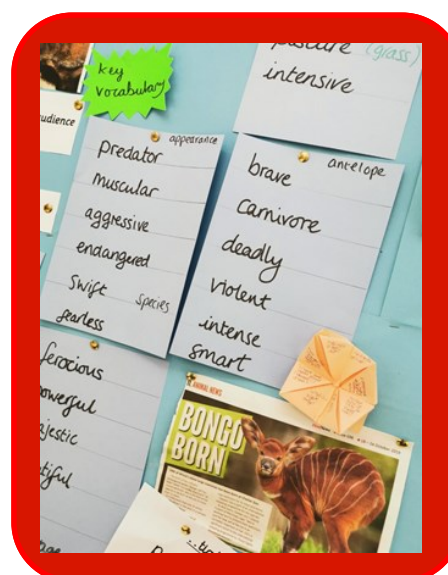
In topic we have been learning a new song all about longitude and latitude to help us learn key facts about our world. Ask your child to sing it for you!

The children have had the opportunity to work scientifically experimenting and investigating electrical circuits and we certainly have some scientists of the future here

in year 6. They have particularly impressed with their questioning and devising of hypotheses.

Some year 6 children have had their art work featured in an exhibition at The Lowry and visited this week to see it and receive a certificate. They had worked in conjunction with venture arts and crafted a textile banner about our school values. They made us all very proud!

We are still selling raffle tickets—prizes will be drawn on the last day of term. Good Luck!



Year 4

Our big question in Year 4 is 'Why is Antarctica so important?' Whilst the weather has been so cold, we have felt like we have actually been in Antarctica over the last few weeks so we decided to have a super learning day all about Antarctica. We carried out lots of different activities and we all had a brilliant day.

We had a visitor from Greenpeace who talked about the importance of Antarctica and told us about some of the animals that live there. We made sledging biscuits, which would have been used by explorers as a good energy source. They were really easy to make and everyone really enjoyed the taste of them too!

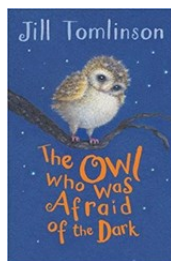
In the afternoon, we made a mural showing some of the animals that live in Antarctica, we drew whales, seals and penguins and made a great display. We also carried out an interesting Science investigation to find out how different animals like seals and whales stay warm in the freezing cold water. We used a bowl of ice and icy water, with one hand we wore a glove and then on the other hand wore a 'blubber glove'. We placed our gloved hand in the icy water and it felt really cold, then we tried out the same thing wearing a 'blubber glove' (a glove with a layer of fat inside it) and we could then keep our hands in the water for much longer. We found out seals and whales have a layer of fat underneath their skin which means they can stay in the icy water for a long time without getting too cold.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic half term. We have been reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.

We wrote beautiful firework poems using different types of words. Can you spot an adjective? A verb? A noun? What about an adverb?



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Year 2 were also lucky enough to have a special visitor who brought in his pet animals and insects, linking to our work in Science. We were able to hold real Australian animals, ask questions and find out about nocturnal animals and how they have adapted to survive in their environment.

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They were blissing in the sky very colourful.
The fireworks were exploding and bright.
The fireworks were zooming and they were
swirling in the sky. They were shooting and
banging in the sky. The fireworks were booming
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were serkling in the sky.



Year 3 How does Asia affect where I live?

Year 3 have had a really exciting Autumn term. Our current topic is '**How does Asia affect where I live?**' This has been really exciting, the children have explored Asia and why people like Asia. We have looked at the buildings, animals, the beaches, deserts, rainforests and the mountains. Weather has also been a big factor. We are looking at specific countries in Asia (India, China, Taiwan and Japan). We have looked at the similarities of the UK and China and looked at British values and democracy.

In English we have been studying a book called 'Winter's Child' this is a book based on winter and how the long winter has lasted too long and the family are waiting for the spring to arrive.

Through this book we have done lots of letter writing, diary entries, character and setting descriptions which has also included lots of SPAG work.

In science we are looking at forces. There has been a lot of practical activities using different scientific skills and planning experiments using magnets and friction.

We are hoping to plan a trip to explore China town in Manchester City Centre where the children will discover how multi-cultural their city is and how they will be making links to China and Manchester and Manchester and Asia.

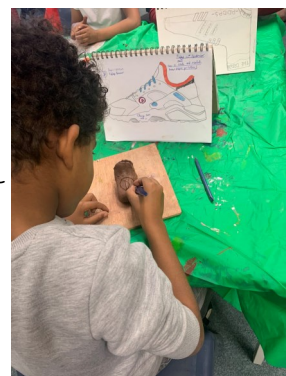
All the children in year 3 have transitioned really well from KS1 to KS2 and the whole year 3 team are very proud of them.

We are all really excited about the academic year ahead.

Thanks to everyone who has donated items to sell at our winter fair. We will let you know how much we raised in our next newsletter.

Year 5

We have been very lucky to have had the experience of going over to MMU and taking part in a scientific workshop. We had the opportunity to conduct several experiments, all based around our current topic, forces. We all had a lovely time and I think there may be a few budding scientists in our midst. Manchester Academy have been very kind to us this half term by inviting us over for a 'welcome' morning as well as a pantomime production. During our welcome morning we got a little taster of high school life, sampled some of the canteen cuisine and even designed our own t-shirts. Look out for some funky designs. We have more activities planned with Manchester Academy for the future, so watch this space. One of the highlights back in class was making and designing our own 'sneakers'. We studied the work of Tinker Hatfield, looked at some real-life examples (thanks Mr B.), then designed and made our own clay models. We have learnt a lot about the artistic side of shoe design and shown our own influences. We'd like to say a thank you to all the parents and carers for your support so far and we look forward to the new year and the new term.

**Reception**

In Reception we have been talking about what makes a good friend and how to be kind and look after others in our class. We made a friendship tree using our handprints to show how we stick together and look after each other.

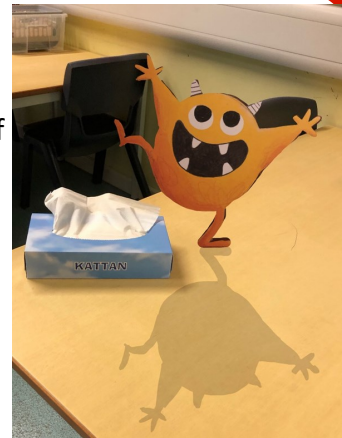


It is Winter jumper day on Friday 13th December. Wear your favourite winter jumper and bring in £1 for the Save the Children charity.

Year 1

We have been learning about animals this half term in science as part of our big question. We wanted to learn all about whales and where they travel to. We made our own model whales out of stuffed socks. We filled our socks with rice, cut out card for the fins, eyes and mouth and tied the tail with an elastic band.

In English this half term we have been visited by Nibbles the Book Monster! He has nibbled his way through quite a few of our resources. Hopefully we'll be able to track him down before he nibbles anything else! .



Football news

The Year 5/6 boys' team have kicked off their season this half term with games against St. Andrews and Old Moat. We lost to St. Andrews in a tightly contested affair including a second half fightback. Goals came from Yusuf and Giorgi. The Boys bounced back with a victory in the CLIC derby against Old Moat. The game ended 7-4 with 4 goals from Giorgi and a hat-trick from Diandro. Last game of the calendar year was against St. Margaret's. It was a tough match but our team showed resilience and determination.

Find out more about your child's curriculum by going to our website and finding their knowledge organisers.

Nursery

This term Nursery have been exploring our big question 'How Do We Go Places?'. There has been exciting transport in our classroom to role play in, including a bus, a train and an aeroplane! Our first main story was 'We All Go Travelling By' and the children really enjoyed repeating the words from the book and talking about the different transport. We were very shocked to see the words disappear

from our favourite story because the word monster had eaten them! Luckily the children worked hard to help their teacher label the transport again and the word monster sent us a hot air balloon to say sorry! Then a rocket landed in our classroom! We talked a lot about space and where rockets go and to help us understand more we read the story 'A Way Back Home'. The children learnt about how a story can be structured with a beginning, middle and end and recalled important main events. After the Christmas holidays our big question will be, 'Can I talk about a story?' and we will be focusing on lots of traditional tales, including, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and The Billy Goats Gruff.



Dates for your diary:

**We return to school on Monday
January 6th 2020.**

Friday February 14th is a training day.