



Head's Comment's

This time last year as we were reflecting on the end of 2019 we were excited for what 2020 would bring us. The world events planned, the school events we were looking forward to, the curriculum we had planned for our pupils—little did we know that by March we would be closing school, events would be cancelled and we would be learning to live in a very different world.

We end the Autumn term and prepare to finish 2020 with many new procedures, precautions and risk assessments in place but still with our fantastic community of families and staff together supporting each other (and hopefully welcoming many returning families back in 2021).

We also finish this term sadly saying goodbye to year 2 teacher Miss Campbell who has



taught at Rolls Crescent just over 8 years.

Miss Campbell has been a loyal, reliable and inspirational teacher who will be very much missed at Rolls Crescent. She has made the decision to move to Northern Ireland to be with her family and we wish her well with all her future plans and adventures.

We sign off by hoping you enjoy the articles in our newsletter, and hope you all enjoy the holidays when they come.

Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner



Year 3

Another great half term in year 3! The children have been great and shown a lot of enthusiasm for our different topics this half term.

In Jigsaw they have been learning about Celebrating Differences children enjoyed discussing what different families look like and what it means to be apart of a family. They have created their own family portrait and shared with the class what they like about their family. The children also had some excellent discussions about how to resolve family conflict using different strategies.

We learn about a variety of religions in RE and this half term we have been focusing on Christianity. We are learning what we think the true meaning of Christmas is to Christians and compare this with what Christmas means to us. Year 3 have really enjoyed this topic so far and have been asking interesting questions and sharing their own

thoughts and ideas. The children have explored their own experiences with Christmas events and experiences of others. They acted some of these out and put them into freeze frames. The children were excited to explore some Christmas



items that Christians use at Christmas by doing some of their own research to produce posters.

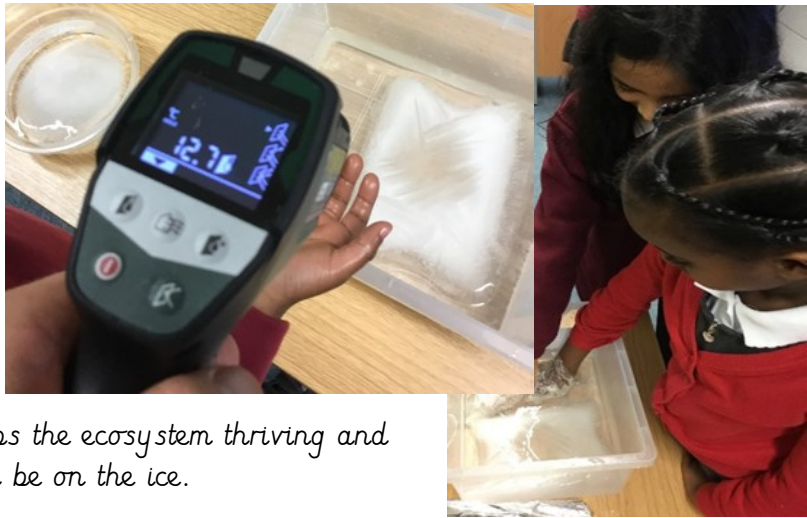


Year 4

Year 4 Antarctica Introduction

To begin our topic on Antarctica, Year 4 enjoyed some introductory activities about this fascinating

continent. We created some Antarctic animals for display, learned all about the krill that keeps the ecosystem thriving and tried to imagine how cold it would be on the ice.



Reception

Reception arrived one morning to find ants in our classroom and some footprints! Who could they belong to? After some searching, we found some footage of an anteater creeping into our classroom!

We have read a story about an anteater and suggested some other foods he might like to try. Along the way, we have pretended to be anteaters, some of us made anteaters at home and we have learnt about some new animals.



We will have our annual party afternoon on Thursday 17th December. We will be serving Christmas lunch and then having class parties in the classroom.

Year 2

Another great half term in Year 2! The children have been amazing, even though they have faced some difficulties. They have continued to join in with a variety of work in school and at home on Seesaw.

This half term the children have been learning all about Australia. In Geography, they have been looking at maps to identify where Australia is and have learned to identify the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. In Science, they have researched different Australian animals and are learning all about what makes them special. They are using this information in our DT lessons to build model homes for the animals that were affected in the Australian bush fires. I can't wait to see their finished products! In Art, the children will be learning about aboriginal art and creating some unique and interesting designs!



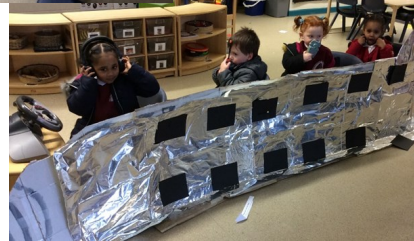
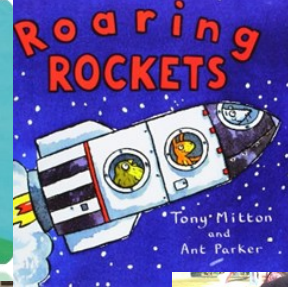
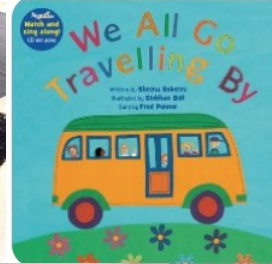
Nursery

This term Nursery has been exploring our big question 'How Do We Go Places?!'

Our first story was 'We All Go Travelling By' and the children really enjoyed singing the song, doing the actions and talking about the different transport and the noises they make. We were very shocked to see the words disappear from our favourite book because the Word Monster had eaten them!

The Word Monster apologised and got us a small yellow rocket as a gift and luckily the children worked hard to help their teacher label the transport again! 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 'Roaring Rockets'. T

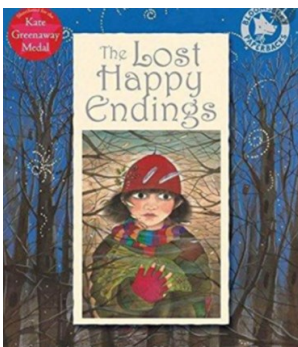
he children learnt about how a story can be structured with a beginning, middle and end and recalled important main events. After the Christmas holidays our big question will be, 'Can I talk about a story?' and we will be focusing on lots of traditional tales, including, 'The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and The Billy Goats Gruff'.



We would like to thank all our school community who helped us to raise over £900 for Children in Need this year. At the last count we had a total of £919.71 that is still increasing as Children in Need merchandise is bought. Thanks to everyone who dressed up or donated time and money.

Year 5

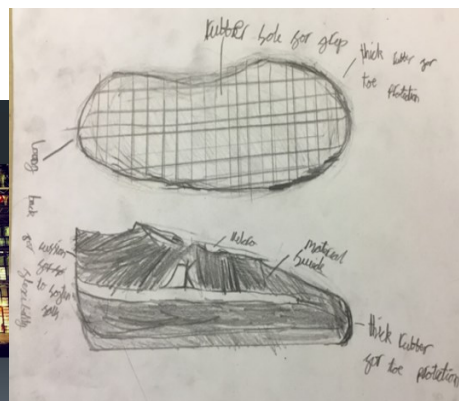
This half-term, we have been writing narratives based on the book 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We have been focusing on developing the character, environment and atmosphere as the story builds towards a sinister problem but a happy resolution.



In Art, we have also been planning trainers to create in the style of the famous designer Tinker Hatfield. This linked in with our topic about the Americas and the USA.

Tinker's Art Philosophies

- Form and Function
- Application of the newest technologies
- Inside Out



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!

In maths we have been learning all about addition, subtraction and number bonds.

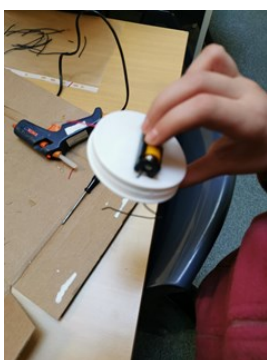


Year 6

Don't forget that Friday 11th December is Winter jumper day.

This half term Year 6 are learning all about Tigers and how we can protect them, writing a persuasive information text.

We have also learnt about Cyber bullying and how to help a friend in anti -bullying week. We made a pledge to help each other and created a class plaque to cement our promise. We also wrote a poem as part of a school writing project.



We have learnt about Tinga – Tinga art and will be also drawing Tigers using symmetry. As part of our learning about electricity and light in science, we have made fully functioning light-houses, creating designs and switches ourselves.

In maths, we have been learning long division and applying our knowledge to word and real-life problems. In RE we are learning about the traditions of different religions which links to our PSHE topic of celebrating difference.



Autumn Term will finish on Friday 18th December 2020

Years 1 and 3 : 1:50pm

Years 2, 4 and 6 : 2pm

EYFS : 2:05pm

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