



## Head's Comment's

We have noticed that in the last couple of years, as we come to the end of the calendar year, we write about the unusual and unprecedented times we are living in and what a strange year it has been.

2022 has been no exception. We have experienced the first ever British Monarch celebrate her Diamond Jubilee (70 years of service.) Sadly, soon after, we also lived through the passing away of Queen Elizabeth II and saw King Charles III take over on September 17th 2022.

We are also living through tough financial times. The 'Cost of Living Crisis' has been difficult for us all and is also affecting us as a school. However, throughout all these times, we see the tremendous community spirit that exists between us all.

Whether it be collecting food parcels for our local food bank, cash donations for our



national charities or even support for other countries who are also experiencing hardships, we have been able to work as a community to help, support and show great generosity. It seems right that we take this opportunity now to say a big **THANK YOU** for your compassion and kindness for each other and the wider world.

We hope, when it gets here, you enjoy your winter break and are ready for the year 2023.

We wonder what we will be reflecting upon this time next year?

*Best wishes,*

*Mr Reynolds and Mrs Turner*

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## Year 5



This half term in Year 5, our English work has been based on the book *The Lost Happy Endings*. We have enjoyed writing some quite gruesome tales of our own!

In Maths, we have been moving onto multiplication and division.

In science, we have been finding out all about the Solar System, and on our fabulous trip to Jodrell Bank had an opportunity to show off our knowledge and find out even more! The space dome was a real highlight, bringing the wonders of the universe to life!



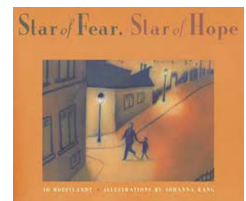
## Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy half term. The children have been working really hard and written some fantastic reports about owls during our English lessons. In Maths we have been learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and trying to apply this knowledge to help us solve calculations and word problems. Our Geography topic has been all about the United Kingdom; the children made some wonderful models of the UK and used atlases to work out where all the capital cities were located. In Science we have been learning about animals and what they need to survive and we had a fabulous trip to Martin Mere Wetlands Centre. The children took part in a Generation Wild project where we met Ava the Osprey - the children had to complete different activities including making a nature trail, searching for different animals and even using things we found in nature to make different objects for animals - have you ever seen a table for a vole or a bridge for a duck? Well just ask Year 2 how they made them! We saw otters, flamingos, black swans and even some baby ducklings at the centre. We had a fabulous day and the children were great ambassadors for the school, all the Year 2 staff were proud of them! We have also been working really hard on our Christmas production of 'Hey Ewe' and we can't wait to perform it! Next half term our big question is "Who is our Monarch and what do they do?" Our learning will have a focus on rulers, we'll be looking at the British Royal Family and also comparing modern day rulers to those from the past.



**Year 6**

In Year 6 this half term, we have been writing a narrative from the point of view of Helen from the book, 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' which tells the story of a child living through the Holocaust. In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about fractions with a focus on adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. In D.T., we have been tasting foods from around the world and creating our own recipes for a guacamole which will be making in the coming weeks. Finally, in History, we have been continuing to learn about immigration with a focus on the Windrush and how it changed Britain.

**Nursery**

We have had a lovely half term learning all about transport for our big question, 'How can we go places?' We have really enjoyed the books we have read which have been all about vehicles, 'We all go travelling by' and 'Roaring rockets'. We have learnt all about labels and written some of our own to go with vehicles from our books. In early November, we created amazing bonfire pictures on the computer. In Maths, we have been exploring different shapes and copying pictures using 2D shapes.

Nursery loved the various activities that we took part in for Children in Need day. We decorated biscuits and made Pudsey masks.

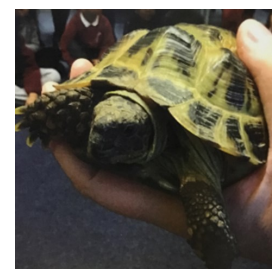
**Year 1**

This half term children have been really thoughtful and made bookmarks for anti-bullying week, we thought about the 'reach out' theme for this year and what we could do to make sure we know how to be kind and respectful and follow our school values. We also made a gingerbread man character with ideas about respecting differences between each other, things that we like and an anti-bullying message.



The children have loved learning about animals this half term in Science and should be able to tell you about how to classify mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. You could ask them at home, which ones lay eggs? What is their skin covered with? Have a look at the songs on Seesaw that help with answering these questions. We were very lucky that Mrs Traore brought her pet tortoise called Sonny into visit us when we were learning about reptiles.

In Maths we have learned addition and subtraction within 10, we are trying to remember that the whole number comes at the start of a subtraction number sentence. We are now moving onto numbers to 20, some children are being challenged further than this and will complete reasoning questions in the lessons as well! They are becoming brilliant mathematicians and have enjoyed starting some extra Maths lessons called 'mastering number' where we



**Autumn Term will finish on Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm.**

**Please help us by picking your children up on time.**




**Year 4**

This half term the children have been learning some interesting topics.

They have especially enjoyed the geography unit where our big question is, 'Is Europe the same all over?' We have had fun playing a European countries and capitals game everyday which has helped the children to remember them better. They have also learnt how to read different types of maps to understand the climate and environment of the different countries.



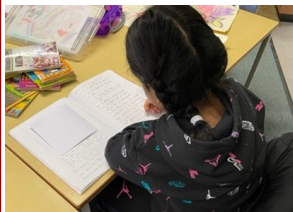
In RE we have been looking at what symbols are important at Christmas for Christians. The children have enjoyed making a Christingle as shown and designing and making their own Christmas decoration that shows what they think is an important symbol for Christians.


**Year 3**

Year 3 learning has been based around the geography of the Stone age- 'How has Manchester changed since the Stone Age?' this has been really interesting with a big focus on location and settlement. In Science we have been looking at forces and have completed lots of experiments based around friction and magnets. The children have made predictions and designed a fair test.

In PE we have been working on TAG rugby but we have been making links to skills of moving the ball and tactical positional play. They have really enjoyed the activities that have supported developing these skills. We have been very proud of the children attitudes to being resilient and working well collaboratively.

In English, we have been looking at two really good texts; 'The Winter Child' and 'The Ice Palace'. The children have really enjoyed using these texts to develop their fantasy writing with the theme of winter. They have worked hard on developing their vocabulary and by making links to our word aware work and working towards writing a 5-part story.



As a year group we have been working hard on how we respond to conflicts and looking at different techniques in dealing with solutions.


**The Hive**


As usual, your children have been incredibly busy working on developing many different skills. They are so clever, and we are very proud of them!

Reading is such good fun and even better with a comfortable blanket over your knee!



We love to build, and this tower is constructed from 3D mathematical shapes.



Dancing and singing to our favourite songs are how we practise our language - whilst having a lot of fun!



We are such good writers in The Hive!



## Reception.



This half term Reception have been working on the topic 'Where has this animal come from?' We have been investigating our outside area for mini-beasts and researching different habitats in English. The children have loved learning about jungle animals and finding out about the parts of the world they live in! We

researched all about polar bears and panda bears (as these are our class names). Did you know that Panda bears live in China and eat bamboo? We even found some bamboo in our EYFS outdoor area! We

have also started a new programme, Think Equal, where the children have been learning about different emotions and how they make us feel. So far, we have shared our favourite things about ourselves and celebrated what makes us all unique!



## P.E. at Rolls Crescent

Another term has flashed by at Rolls and we're glad to say that we have had a great term with our PE and school sports.

This is the first year in a while, that most teachers are now delivering PE to their class. The staff have been doing a fantastic job so far and it is great to see the children enjoying the lessons and making great progress, especially in OAA, FMS, basketball, netball and tag-rugby.

Year 5 and Manchester Rangers have teamed up this half term and have been producing some high-quality sessions. A big thanks to coach Henry.

We are delighted to have had students represent the school at MCR School Sports events, including Tennis and Change 4 Life. It was great to see the children getting involved, learning new skills and being proud to represent their school. We are very proud of them.

Following on from last year's success, this year Rolls Crescent were shortlisted for school of the year at the Manchester Sports Awards. We are delighted to have been selected as a finalist and look to build on the great work being done far. (Come see our awards in the trophy case).



**Spring term begins on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Breakfast club at 8am  
Doors are then open at 8:50 am.**