



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children who wore odd socks this week in support of anti bullying week. It has been a great success. We have been doing a lot of work at school this week including basing our reading around anti bullying texts and acts of kindness. I particularly like the beautiful, bright displays the children have created where they add kind words and phrases each day. Well done children and lets keep the kindness going!

We are having a Gardening Day on Saturday 27th November. Please come along and help if you can. There is a poster at the end of this newsletter or flyers around the school.

Also don't forget to bring in any donations for the winter fair for the tom-bola and raffle. If you have any spare time you can also volunteer by signing up through the following link: volunteersignup.org/BCBXL

All help is deeply appreciated.

Just to remind you that we still have a lot of cases of Covid in the school. If you or your child test positive please let me know as soon as possible by emailing head@chestnutsprimary.com. It is very important that we are kept up to date.

Have a lovely weekend

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 30th November &
Wednesday 1st December**

Nursery Parent Evening

Wednesday 1st December

Clarinet Concert 2.00pm

Sunday 5th December

Winter Fair 11am—2pm

Friday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 15th December at
5.30pm**

Carols in the Park

Friday 17th December

End of Term—finish at 2pm

After School Club

Don't forget to keep Ms Roberts informed as to what pick up time you would like or if you need to change it by emailing: asc@chestnutsprimary.com.

Nursery



Something very exciting happened in our nursery! We found lots of shapes hanging from the ceiling and a special book on the floor. Would you like to know who it was? It was Alexander Calder. So now we are going to find out who he is and why he likes shapes so much. For the moment we know that he makes sculptures and mobiles. The children can't wait to make their own piece of art work!



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

On Wednesday a very large, loud visitor arrived behind our story door. Here are some of the children's fantastic ideas about who it is and what is happening.



Donaldson

This week we have continued to look at pattern in Reception. We have been creating our own simple AB patterns as well as creating more complex AAB, ABB and ABC patterns. Ask us about this and we can make you a pattern from different objects at home!



Mozart

On Monday we went for a stroll in Chestnuts Park to explore the effects autumn has on our natural surroundings. We had to use our senses to explore the various things that we could see, touch, smell and hear.



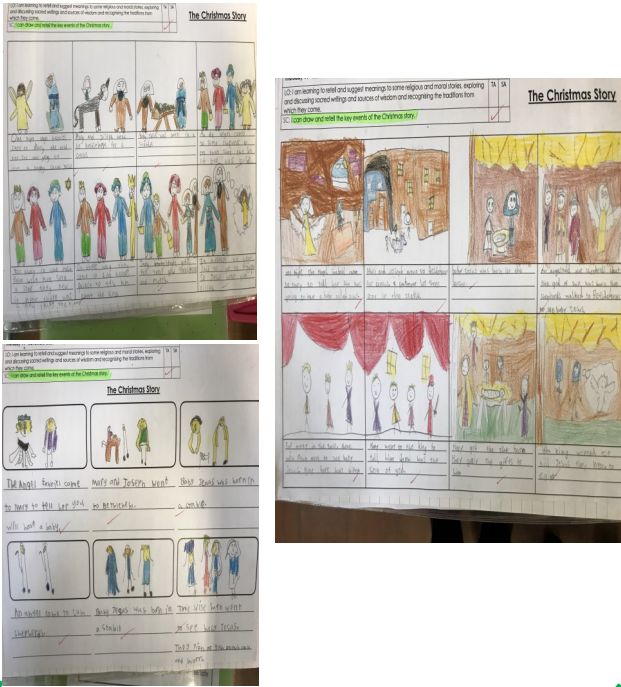
Hadid

This week we have been making a friendship wreath for anti bullying week.



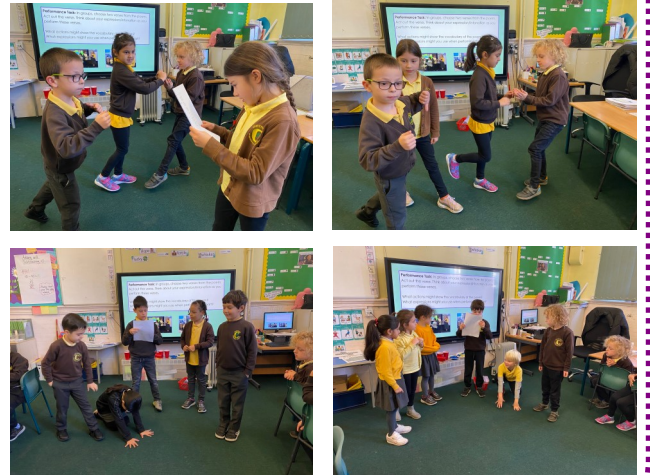
Seacole

As part of our learning in RE we have been drawing and writing the Nativity story. Here are some of our amazing storyboards.



Bolt

For Anti bullying week in Bolt class we read the poem differences of opinion by Liz Brownlee, in groups we chose our favourite two verses from that poem and performed them to the rest of the class.



Dahl

As part of our topic on rocks we have been creating our own fossils made from salt dough.



Attenborough

This week in R.E, we looked at the epic Hindu story, Manu and the Fish. The children illustrated a scene from the story.



Fibonacci

We really enjoy our weekly library sessions.



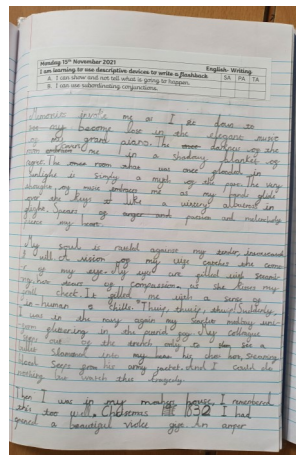
Gandhi

There was lots of science taking place in class this week. We were predicting the effect different liquids might have on tooth enamel by putting boiled eggs in water, milk, orange juice, coke and vinegar. Although the eggs had to stay in the liquid for 24 hours almost half of the class wanted to change their prediction after 5 minutes.



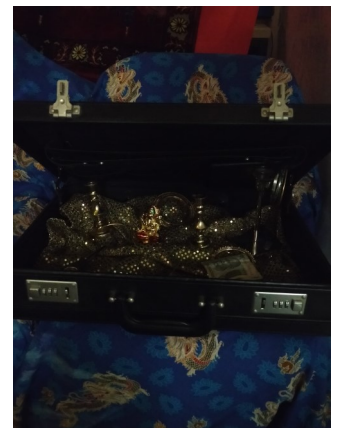
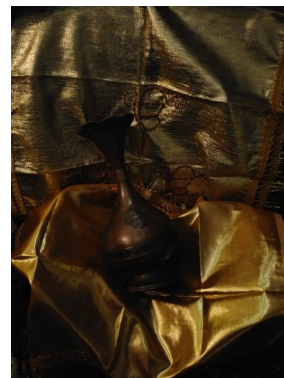
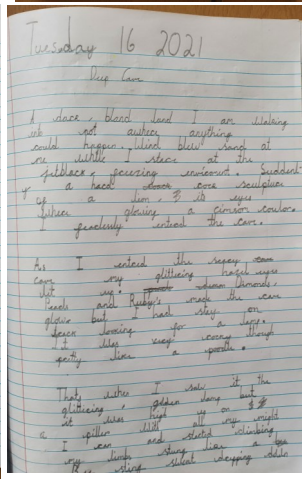
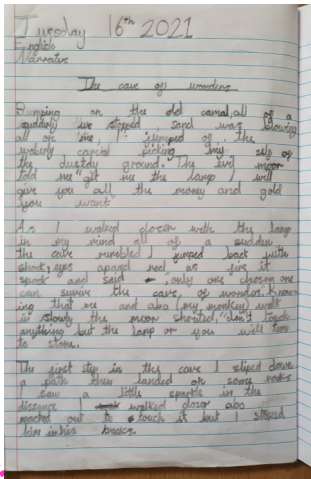
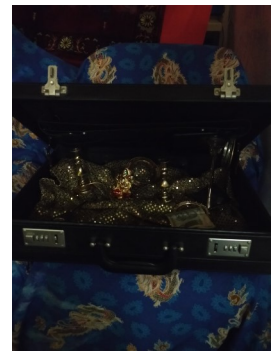
Thompson

This week we have been doing a lot of creative writing. We used descriptive language to write stories which we enjoyed.



Pankhurst

To inspire our writing, Year 5 entered the room of wonders to retrieve the metal vase. They had to watch out for hidden dangers. I am sure we will get some excellent and inspirational pieces of writing.



Malala

This week we used Bandlab, an exciting music programme, to sequence our own music. We had a great time and made some fantastic music!

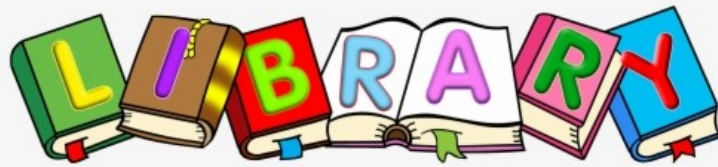


Mandela

To mark antibullying week We came up with words which represent friendship and kindness, we designed it according how it makes us feel.



The



Zone

This week in the library we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week with our book displays, odd socks and read-alouds. I was especially impressed by Year 1s, who showed a great understanding of why Odd Socks Day showed that we are all different. There were also many

great kind words, to reflect the theme of One Kind Word.



Here are my odd socks!



Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib

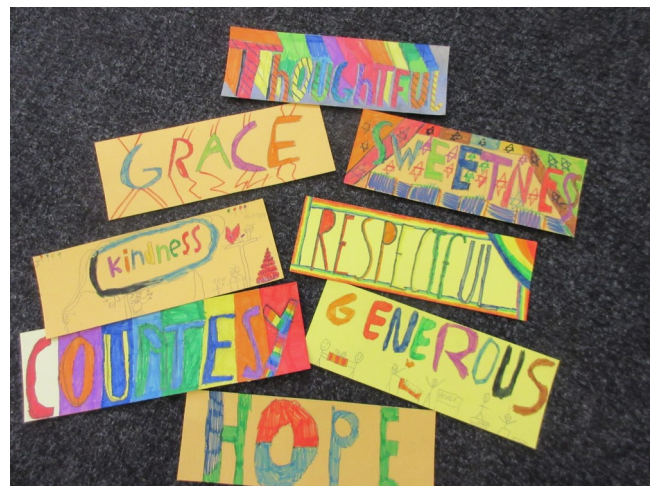
Anti-Bullying week



We have had a very busy but fantastic Anti-Bullying week. We started off on Monday with a Live virtual Lesson on BBC Teach which was a half-hour interactive programme for primary schools, highlighting some of the issues around bullying.

We also had Odd Socks Day where all the children and staff wore odd socks which was a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique.

During the week each class has created a ONE KIND WORD DISPLAY where the children added kind words and phrases to this display as they are introduced and said each day. The children have been encouraged to use words as often as they can throughout the week.



During the week...

- All Reading lessons have been based around anti-bullying texts.
- All Library sessions have included a story around bullying/ kindness.
- We have also designed posters on the theme indicated below for a whole school display.

Themes: Y6- Peer on peer abuse
 Y5- Cyber bullying
 Y3&4- What to do if you see bullying
 Y1&2- Kindness
 Nur/Rec- Design a pair of odd socks



Finally we finished off the week with a whole school zoom assembly led by Mrs Horwood where we could share some of the thoughts and reflections we have had over the whole week.

As you can see, it has been a busy week!



Art Classes



In Y4 we have been looking at how food is preserved.

Canning food is common and Gandhi and Fibonacci classes have designed their own tins of food.

Features included branding, nutritional values, weight, instructions, ingredients, bar codes and recycling symbols.

They have done a fantastic job!

Ms West's Spooky Story Winners

Congratulations again to all of the winners of the spooky writing competition- they happily received their prizes this week.

Sadly, the lovely Clio wasn't in to take a picture but don't worry Clio, Ms Sarwar has your goodies!



BiG Gardening Day

Saturday 27th Nov.

Join anytime between

11am and 3pm

Everyone is WELCOME! kids, parents, grand parents,
neighbours, friends - no gardening experience needed
(Entrance by the St Ann's rd garden gate)

Some exciting new projects are happening in
the garden:

- Create a **new Sustainable Garden**
(sponsored by WholeKids Foundation)
- Preparing the **wildlife pond** for its relining
- **Collect strawberries plants** to take home
- **Treasure Hunt** and crafts for kids
- Buy locally made **Kimchi**

Hot drinks & biscuits will be available but
please bring warm clothes , **gardening gloves &**
food to keep you going.



For info contact Nadja on
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