

Canterbury Cross Newsletter

Message from the Head teacher

Mr Khalid Din

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you-our parents-for your valued support, our children and staff for their continued hard work this term. The children (and staff) are ready for a well-earned break after a very busy and successful term.

Whatever your beliefs and whatever you may be doing over this coming holiday, I hope that it is a peaceful and happy time for you all. When they are adults, your children may not remember all the presents they received, but I am sure they will remember happy times spent together as a family. May you have many of these moments over the next two weeks.

Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

What we have learnt this half term



Nursery

This half-term the Nursery children have enjoyed our work based on traditional stories. We have had fun reading and role-playing the stories Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. The children explored changes when making porridge and, melting chocolate to make crispy cakes. We have also explored how to melt ice.

KS1

Reception

This half term we have enjoyed learning about different stories. We have explored Little Red Riding Hood in our role play area and we enjoyed making gingerbread men. We went to Aston Hall to learn about the Cinderella story. We had a fantastic time! We have also been working hard with learning our sounds and numbers. We have completed our Set 1 sounds so use the phonics packs you have at home to keep practising over the holidays! Enjoy the rest and see you all in the new year!

Year1

This half term in Year 1 we went to Cannock Chase Museum to learn more about old toys and how they have changed over time. We have completed our Science topic on materials and look forward to learning about plants for our next topic! We have been reading and writing lots of traditional tales for Literacy using role play too! We are looking forward to learning lots more in the new year.



Year 2

This half term, we have been learning about tally charts and bar graphs. We have linked this to the traffic survey we did when we visited Barton- Under-Needwood. We have also practised our addition and subtraction.

In ICT, we have really enjoyed using Purple Mash, we have learnt how to code in different ways, writing scripts and using blocks. We were really excited to control the Spheros and code them to move in different ways.

We look forward to learning about more topics next term.

KS2

Year 3

It has been an exciting term full of hard work in year 3. We have developed our knowledge of instructions, non-chronological reports and newspaper reports in literacy. In numeracy, we have studied fractions, shape, bar modelling and data including pictograms. We have been extremely lucky to have a PE coach teach us gymnastics and have learnt many rolls and balances. In D&T, we have studied pneumatics and are building a rainforest animal. It has been a very busy term and we are looking forward to our next term, which I am sure will be just as busy and exciting.

Year 4

We have had a busy half term exploring all about The Romans! We have learnt about their Roman Numerals, we have made our own Roman Coins and we have conducted Science investigations based on the way they lived. In Literacy, we have focused on historical settings and playscripts. We are looking forward to learning about different types of recounts next half term.

Year 5

This term in Literacy, Year 5 have spent time exploring the style of Michael Morpurgo; comparing his books to identify the themes and features to write their very own flashback story. In Maths, year 5 have worked incredibly hard, as they have used the bar modelling approach to solve problems for the four operations as well increasing their understanding of fractions. In History, Year 5 visited Compton Verney to further develop their knowledge of the Vikings and to explore how they lived. In art, year 5 have designed and sketched their very own viking long ship using different techniques: pencil mediums, blending and cross-hatching. In Design and Technology, year 5 have designed, planned and created their own moving Viking card using the eccentric CAM mechanism.



Year 6

This half term, year 6 have been very busy in lessons! in Literacy, we have been writing newspaper articles linked to our history topic (the Victorians) and balanced arguments about chocolate. Of course we had to do an important taste test first! Which do you prefer: Cadbury or Galaxy? In Science, we have been learning about electricity, which has involved many fun, practical lessons. Finally, a firm favourite with many of us have been dance lessons, in which we have choreographed routines to "Consider Yourself" from the musical Oliver! Additionally, we have learnt routines to "The Greatest Showman" and "Jai Ho". Overall, it has been a very exciting half term!

Well done for all your hard work, year 6. Have a lovely break and see you in the new year.

Craft Club

This term in Craft Club we have made: name canvases, slime, bookmarks, gold/bronze leaf dish, puppy puppets, tissue flowers and Christmas tree pegs.



Dates for your Diary:

21/12/2018 Christmas parties (children to bring in food to share and wear their own clothes)

21/12/2018 School closes for end of term break

07/01/2019 Teacher training day (school closed for pupils)

08/01/2019 School re-opens for pupils

24/01/2019 Year 6 Parent Workshop

07/02/2019 Year 2 Aston Hall

05/02/2019 Parent's Evening

06/02/2019 Parent's Evening

14/02/2019 Year 1 Royal Ballet

15/02/2019 School closes for half term

25/02/2019 Teacher Training Day

26/02/2019 School re-opens for pupils

