

4th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

As you can image, there is a lot of excitement about Christmas around the School. The pupils and staff have been developing their Christmas Performances. Michael has been recording the classes and is in the process of making the video. We have also had some naughty elves in the school too.... One of them became our receptionist and another decided to be the headteacher for the day, you will have to wait for the video to see that one.



As usual we will be raising money for Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers to school on Friday 11th December. If you would like your child to take part in this and wish to make a contribution, please sent the donation to the class on Friday. I look forward to seeing the lovely array of jumpers.

Our catering provider has also agreed to supply us with a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December. If your child usually has a home packed lunch and you would like them to take part in this, please let the class teacher know by Friday 11th December, so there is time to order the meal. The cost of the Christmas Dinner will be £2.40, unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals. In addition to this I am aware that some pupils do not like a roast dinner, as this is the only option for the meal on that day, please let the teacher know if you will be sending a packed lunch instead.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th December-Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Wednesday 16th December-Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December-Last Day of Term-2pm finish

Monday 4th January-INSET DAY Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 5th January-First Day of Spring Term for pupils



Have a great weekend

Lorraine

Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

We have been doing some fantastic dancing with Gina this week, swinging our arms and stamping our feet to the music. We have been loving lots of Beatles songs during our dance sessions but our favourite at the moment is defiantly 'love me do'.

In sensory circuit we explore and move on lots of different apparatus our favourite this week was defiantly the swing, some of us swung around in circles really fast and other decided to move backwards and forwards very gently.



We have had a Christmassy week in green class full of lots of activities and fun. We filmed our portion of the Christmas video with Clare playing the guitar, we all looked great in our costumes. We have also been painting some secret Christmas cards as well which will be sent home soon so watch this space.



Have a good weekend

Alicia, Kim, Amanda, Jackie, Julia, Maria, Clare and Ellie



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Christmas is coming and Yellow Class has been practicing really hard for their Christmas performance. We created a lovely song especially for them and they each have really enjoyed wearing their costumes. We have also been exploring different kinds of sensory materials relating to the song. It has been wonderful seeing everybody enjoy the music, dressing up and using the materials for it. Special mention to Clare who as always, has brightened up our performance with her guitar, lyrics and lovely smile.



This week Yellow Class has done an incredible job in Art. We have made 70 Christmas cards wishing a wonderful Christmas to families, classes, bus drivers, therapists, cleaners, our school office and all the other special people. They have had so much fun using their hands to do some painting and also enjoying some wet play with paint and glitter.





News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class has also done amazing work in the light room this week, tracking and looking at lots of different light toys. Everybody is improving so much on their visual skills and we feel really proud of all the children in Yellow Class. We have also enjoyed some quiet reading times and some new switch toys. We would like to give a big mention to Francesca who has been operating her favourite switch toy and has shown amazing comprehension of cause and effect.



We would like to wish you a wonderful weekend and Happy Christmas as we now have reached December!

Gal, Sally, Emma, Katia and Kerry Ann



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Tor, Siobhan, Maria, Sue, Liza, Norah, and Daniel.



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class



Good afternoon all. Well done for reaching the end of a chilly Friday! Whilst this week has been up and down for Blue pupils, there have been some real highs with calm settled phonics sessions and exciting moments making mince pies and decorating the Christmas tree. We even found time to record our Christmas play... but that's a secret!

In maths this week we have continued working on subtraction. Pupils engaged well with subtraction songs and activities and green bottles falling off the wall

remained a smash-hit (pun intended).

In literacy we have been reading 'Charlie's Christmas' – a Kingfisher School original story with images from Charlie Brown! Pupils have made excellent progress with their mark-making with some lovely neat writing being produced.



Swimming went well this week, Angela continued to work with pupils on their arm strokes, remembering to reach out and pull back. Stay tuned for some EviSense posts! Of course, don't forget Art, Topic, Messy Play, Music and Communication sessions... phew, plenty to keep us all busy!

Have a good weekend

*From Richard, Sarah, Teresa, Lynette, Ellie and Helen,
~ The Blue Class Team*



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We started this week with our usual swim thank goodness as we are all a little tired this term and what a fabulous session and start to the week it was. Purple lads are all doing extremely well, extending their lengths under Angela's direction and Josh is gaining more and more confidence in the water. This week Chan went up the deep end with Leah and still had a smile on her face. She was extremely proud of herself as she should be. Mya and Kayah have swam (over 10!) lengths and Ceri used her arms and legs to float by herself. Super job everyone!

Some students started their plan for making a Christmas tree hanging, choosing design, colour, thread and decorations and the Enterprise Group made Gingerbread biscuits to prepare for gifts to sell.

Thankfully, we were able to start our Christmas celebrations on Tuesday and get the class and Common Room ready for Christmas. Students had a great time putting up the tree and decorating it. It's officially 'beginning to look a lot like Christmas'. We have even been blaring the Christmas songs!

We had a little look at Internet Safety this week and watched a rather uncomfortable video about a young girl who went online and went to meet someone she didn't know in the park without her mum knowing. We talked about needing to be safe when we use the Internet and how it is always best to check things out with our trusted adults. We took an online quiz and thankfully students are beginning to think that it's best to check with their adults. We will continue or work with this in the new year.

Ceri chose Friday lunch this week – chicken nuggets, chips with peas and sweetcorn medley. Kayah and Brandon helped with preparing and cooking lunch which we all really enjoyed.

Thankfully, we were able to resume our visit to OXSRAD this week and it was lovely to see Keiren and all the staff. We now know the routine pretty much, so we are able to keep ourselves safe as much as possible and just enjoy a short amount of time out of the school day. It really made quite a nice change!

We have needed to practice and try to perfect our Christmas Performance as much as possible this week ready for videoing and we've all tried our best to put on a good show for you all so hopefully you will really enjoy our performance when aired! Monksey even got a set of antlers!

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie



News from Summer Cluster



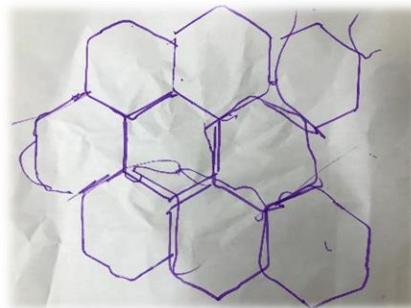
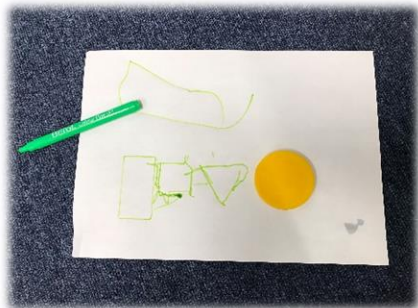


News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class



This week we have been sharing the story of the first Christmas and preparing for our Christmas production. Once familiar with the Nativity, the children used small figures of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men to retell the story by role-playing it themselves. We have made props for our Christmas song and glittery golden stars for the backdrop. We filmed our part of the Christmas Production at the end of the week and we can't wait for you to see it soon!



In Maths, we have been thinking about shapes and have tried to spot them in the world around us. Some children have tried drawing round shapes and making patterns of their own. You could try to name different shapes that you can see around you at home – you find them everywhere once you start looking!

Enjoy the weekend

Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Sarah



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

The children have been very focused this week, lots of concentration and trying their best. You will see from the photographs that we have been working on pencil control, this week. Our aim was to make sure that all of our letters, shapes and patterns were the same size with some finger spaces in between. There was such a calm atmosphere around the table and all the children were really determined to do their very best. It was a very special lesson which made me very proud to be the Red Class teacher.

We have been working on shapes in maths. The children are becoming really confident at naming 2D and 3D shapes. Our focus has been counting sides and edges, faces and surfaces and corners or vertices. They are beginning to remember the tricky vocabulary and learning how to count these parts of the shape. It has been a real challenge to only count each property once but they are definitely improving.

As it was the beginning of December the children enjoyed decorating the class Christmas tree. Two naughty elves seem to have joined the class and have already encouraged the children to make paper snowballs to have a snowball fight with and made snow angels in big heaps of Rice Krispies!! Watch out for more cheeky elf stories. The classroom is also looking very sparkly and glittery, every art activity at the moment seems to include glitter, glue and lots of twinkly bits.



Have a good weekend.

Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Esther



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

This week has been brilliant and has just flown by. We are looking forward to opening our Advent Calendar each day and have been making Christmas cards and decorations. There has still been lots of learning going on too. The normal lessons of maths, literacy, topic and phonics have continued and most pupils are now really good at recognising lines of symmetry in shapes.

On Thursday, we had a lovely, fun morning cooking. Pupils had a lot of fun baking and really enjoyed making gingerbread people. They worked hard to follow the recipe, measure ingredients carefully and made the gingerbread dough. They all rolled out their own dough and cut out their shapes ready for the oven. In the afternoon, they used icing pens to decorate most of their gingerbread biscuits ready to go home. A few pupils tasted them in class and said they were delicious. Hopefully, there was some left for you to try at home! The lesson didn't stop there though and they all had to clean up in the kitchen before lunch. They are great at washing up and sweeping the floor.





News from Autumn Cluster



Homework: Please read and discuss the books pupils are reading as always. Practise times tables and look for symmetry in objects and even outside in nature. You could even have a go at making some more gingerbread at home.

Have a lovely weekend

From Maria, Marie, Tess, Julie, Esther and Sarah



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

It has been an exciting week in Silver Class this week as we have been starting to think about Christmas. We have been having lots of fun decorating the tree, dressing up and playing the snow ready for our Christmas play. We also started our new Christmas sensory story 'We are going on an elf chase' and really enjoyed exploring all the props from the story, we especially liked eating the candy floss snow and meeting the soft toy elf from the story.

In maths this week we started thinking about sorting and stacking. Some children were working on stacking bricks or rings, some sorted items by colour and others sorted by more complex categories such as where animals live.



In art this week we enjoyed choosing items to decorate Christmas trees for our Christmas cards. We are doing so well practising using our symbols and communication boards to both make requests and comment on our artwork. In cooking this week, we made mince pies and jam tarts. The children did so well following the picture instructions to make these as independently as possible. I have included some pictures from the poppadom's last week as the children did so well chopping, stirring and grating.





News from Winter Cluster

We have also been really proud of the children in PE. Some of us have been practising our walking skills. Most of us can now walk along a sloped bench and some can even jump over items on the bench. We are also getting braver at jumping from higher benches and really enjoyed crawling on the benches through the tunnel this week.

This Friday we enjoyed exploring Christmas snowy messy play with shaving foam, pinecones and snowflakes. We all are getting really stuck in with our messy play and really exploring in different ways. Last week we enjoyed the flour messy play and especially enjoyed sprinkling and blowing the flour across the room.



We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy end of lockdown!

During literacy this week we are focusing on Christmas. We have been reading a sensory story called Charlie's Christmas. Within the story we learn about Christmas traditions, such as decorating the Christmas tree, carol singing, going to church, advent calendars, writing Christmas letters to Father Christmas and making cards for friends and family. It was amazing to see the children's eyes light up when they saw the Father Christmas doll. The children really enjoyed the part of the story where they all had a bauble and decorated the Christmas tree. The children have also been matching symbols of Christmas items to pictures some children have even been describing the objects e.g. colourful Christmas tree and loud singing.

We have linked arts and crafts with Christmas this week, creating sticking and gluing decorations on our mini Christmas tree's to hang up on our class Christmas tree (see photo below). The children loved decorating the tree, we even had our morning dance around the tree! During cooking, we were following instructions on how to cook mince pies, the children loved having some pastry! Within numeracy we have been sorting different things into categories, this week we were concentrating on sorting colours, and sorting by numbers, depending on dice, digits, objects etc. Within Phonic's and mark making we have been working on the letter T, the children have loved learning about this, exploring the TV, telephone, trains and tractors.

Homework: After last week's homework (taking your children out for a walk, concentrating on understanding road safety, including the words 'stop' and 'wait'), it would be great if you could upload the evidence on EviSense. If you do not know how to use EviSense, please use the guide posted in last week's newsletter.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay safe and merry!

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Sarah and Lynette





News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Happy Friday everyone! Black Class have begun to get into the Christmas spirit this week and have had lots of fun!

We started our new story this week, 'Charlie's Christmas.' Everyone enjoyed exploring the sensory props, particularly the tinsel and baubles. We tasted mince pies, pulled Christmas crackers and posted letters to Santa using our toy post box.

In Cooking this week, we continued with our Christmas theme and made mince pies and jam tarts. The children were really good at following their individual visual/ written recipes. Everyone enjoyed using the rolling pins to roll out the pastry, a skill that we haven't yet practiced in Black Class. We cooked our mince pies/ jam tarts and enjoyed them during snack time throughout the week. ☺

In Art this week we made Christmas baubles for our class door decoration and decorated our individual stocking with our names. I would like to make a special mention for Malachi this week, who took so much time and precision to decorate his Christmas bauble just right. It was lovely to see him so proud of his work and taking it round to show different members of staff.



In Maths this week we have started to explore time in simple terms. Some children have been sequencing familiar events that happen in Black Class, others have been matching activities to days of the week and others have been learning about and ordering the months of the year. The children have also enjoyed exploring sand timers/ stop watches/ clocks/ alarms etc during their outdoor maths learning.

We have filmed our christmas performance piece this week and we cannot wait for you to all see what Black Class have been up to. We will give you a clue; Black Class have taken on the role of elves this year.

Thank you to those of who you have sent videos and pictures of out and about learning at home. It has been great to see so much independence when out and about in the community. Please do continue to send them on to me, it is great when looking at ILP targets and thinking forward for when we are able to go out and about again.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia and Jasmine

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