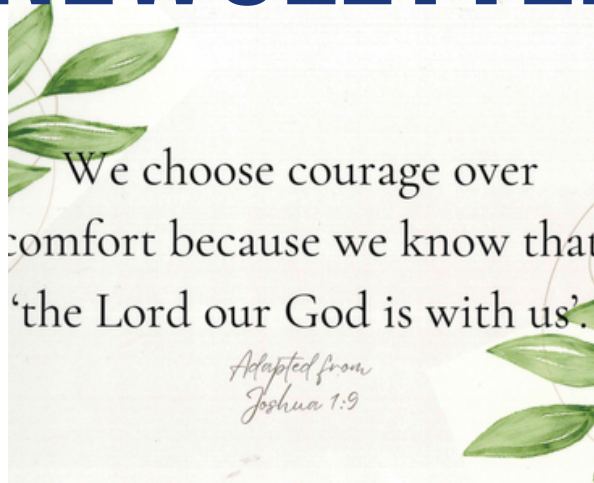




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# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on our school vision: "Courage Over Comfort." This guiding principle has been at the heart of everything we do, encouraging our children to embrace challenges, try new experiences, and grow in confidence.

This term has been full of opportunities for our pupils to step outside their comfort zones. A highlight was our recent trip to the pantomime, where the children not only enjoyed the magic of live theatre but also demonstrated wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a joy to see their faces light up with laughter and excitement!

Now, as December draws near, we are busy preparing for our Christmas festivities. From decorating classrooms to rehearsing for our Christmas performances, there is a real sense of anticipation and joy in the air. These celebrations are a wonderful way to bring our school community together and create lasting memories for the children.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us live out our vision every day. We look forward to sharing the festive season with you and wish you all a joyful and peaceful time ahead.

## Fundraising

Thank you for your generous donations during Children in Need, our non-school uniform day raised £170, which will be donated to Children in Need.

Our previous non-school uniform day, which was kindly organised by the PTFA, raised £286, this will be put towards purchasing some fixed play equipment as part of our OPAL play provision.

Our school council will also be undertaking their very own fundraising event in order to raise money to purchase a 'Buddy Bench'. This will take the form of a Rainbow Raffle - more information regarding this to follow shortly.

## Book Looks

It is lovely to see so many parents joining their children on a Friday morning at 8:30 to look at their books in classes. Please remain with your children until the bell goes at 8:45.


Warmest wishes,

*S Pearson*

Mrs Pearson

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 04.12.25 - Carols in Church @ 1:45 (Choir parents invited to attend)
- 11.12.25 - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
- 11.12.25 - Christmas Disco
- 12.12.25 - Ethic of Excellence Assembly
- 15.12.25 - KS1 Nativity @ 2:00 and 5:00
- 16.12.25 - Foundation Stage Nativity @ 2:00 and 5:00
- 18.12.25 - Y4 Christmas Service @ 1:45
- 19.12.25 - Last day of term

Jesus embodies the love and compassion of God for each person, and Christians are called to follow him in this. In our family, love impels us to:

- put others' needs above our own;
- act with humility and without entitlement;
- empower all our community to flourish and succeed;
- provide a haven of compassion and safety, where children and adults know that they are cherished; and
- support those experiencing suffering and sadness - in our community and beyond

**"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)**

## YR - Mrs Price and Mrs Dubowski

We had an exciting week in Foundation! We attended a performance of "Snow White" at the Mansfield Palace Theatre. The children were thrilled to experience their first bus ride together and really enjoyed watching the show. In English, we explored our new story 'Can't you sleep little bear', we read the story and began to explore the concept afraid and darkness. We then went to acting land and the children took on the role of either little bear or big bear. We then explored the speech within the text looking at the key features. During guided writing the children wrote speech bubbles for big bear or little bear. In Maths, we used tens frames to discover various ways to make the numbers four and five. The children are gaining confidence in this area with increasing independence. We also worked on finding one more and one less than a given number, using blocks and number songs to reinforce this concept. In topic this week, we started to explore the art element of lines, we looked at a range of different art work identifying the different types of lines, we then used a range of textures such as, flour, sand, mud etc. to practice drawing straight lines.



Y2 - Creating an Imaginary Community in English

## Year 1 - Miss Bower

This week we have been writing the ending of our plan for our narrative which we will write next week in English. In Maths we have been continuing with addition and have been practising using a number line to add two numbers together. We have been learning about compass points in geography and history we have been finding facts about King Charles so we can create our fact file soon. Next week we will be finishing our narratives and we will be continuing with addition and subtraction.



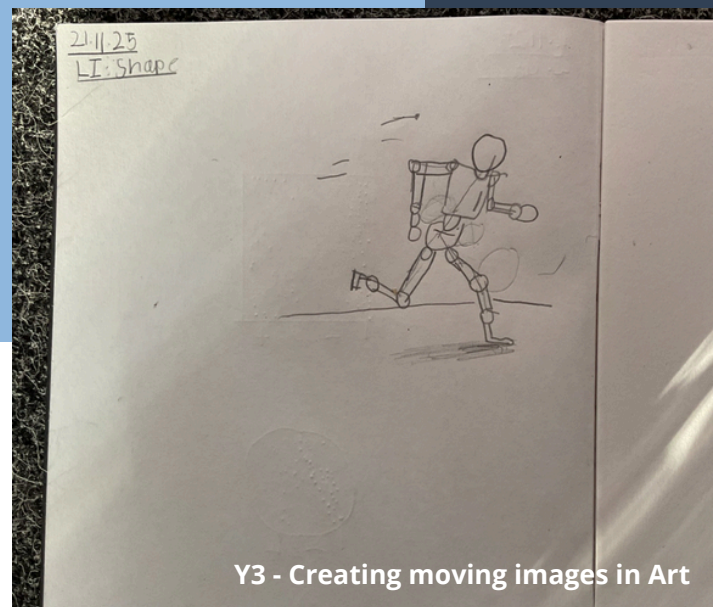
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## Y2 - Mrs Turvey and Mrs Marshall

Year 2 have started to think about the 'recount' writing topic based on their trip to The Deep. They have looked at a good example and analysed it and they have practised using subordinating conjunctions to describe their day too. They also enjoyed their imaginary communities session at the beginning of the week where they created their underwater worlds. In maths, the class have been focussing on addition and adding 3 1-digit numbers. They have done this practically and in their books too. In art, the class have explored tertiary colour and have been doing colour mixing in their sketch books. Next week, we will be writing our recounts and continuing to explore addition and subtraction in Maths. #

## Y3 Miss Wain

This week, Year 3 have moved onto their multiplication and division topic, and we have been learning our three times table. Next week we will be learning our fours and eights! In English the children have completed their opening to their alternative opening, describing the opposite setting to the Iron Woman. In History, the children looked at the impact the Romans had on modern day Britain and created mind map depicting the changes made after their rule. The children have really enjoyed this topic! In Art the children created a double page spread all about our focus artist, Barbara Hepworth. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring contouring and hatching last week, following a step-by-step video to draw their own mannequin. We have some incredibly talented artists! In RE, the children looked at how Christian beliefs can be shared through prayer and worship and they created their own verses to a song to represent God in a Christian's life. In Computing, the children continued with their interactive scene and hope to finish this next week!



Y3 - Creating moving images in Art

## Y4 - Miss Buckley

In Maths, we've been rounding off our work on multiplication and division facts, focusing on using known facts to solve trickier problems with confidence. The children have been spotting patterns, using efficient strategies, and beginning to apply their knowledge more independently.

In English, we continued reading *Orphans of the Tide*. The class have been diving deeper into the world of the story, exploring the characters' thoughts, emotions and motives, and discussing the atmosphere and tension the author creates. Their curiosity and ideas during discussions have been brilliant.

We also had a fantastic time at the pantomime this week! The children were completely swept up in the fun, joining in with all the classic panto moments, and it was wonderful to see everyone laughing and enjoying the performance together.

In Music, we've been learning more notes on the recorder, building on last week's progress. The children are becoming much more confident with reading notation, playing in time, and producing a clear, steady sound.

We've also been spending lots of time practising for our Christmas service. The children have been working hard on their readings, songs, and performance skills, making sure they understand the meaning behind the words and can present them clearly. Their enthusiasm has filled the classroom with a very festive energy, and we can't wait to share all their hard work with you soon!



Children loving the large construction in OPAL

## Y5 - Miss Evans

This week year 5 have been working hard as always! They had great fun at the panto this week and had fun getting into the festive spirit. This week year 5 have also continued their science topic on forces and had a look at air resistance. Children made their own parachutes, and they tested to see the affect a mass of an object has on air resistance. Children in year 5 have also started planning their manifesto in writing this week and enjoyed finding out their facts to use as there persuasive argument. They have come up with some brilliant ideas and I cant wait to see how their final piece will turn out. Next week year 5 will be focusing on their D&T topic of making bandanas and will be tie dying their fabric.

## Stepping Stones - Miss Cave

This week has been full of learning and progress in Stepping Stones. We started the week again with our 'Mellow Monday' where we baked some gingerbread cookies - we are starting to get into the Christmas spirit! In English, we have finished our non chronological report writing on volcanos! In Maths, we have been doing a range of activities linked to addition and subtraction. We are becoming super confident at using column method - even with some exchanges! In PE, we have been thinking about chest push in athletics. We have worked hard on our technique to ensure that our ball goes as high as possible and reaches a target.



Making Gingerbread men in Stepping Stones

## Y6 - Mrs Woodward

Year 6 have had such a busy week completing so many different aspects of their learning. In English, they have finished writing their informative articles about an endangered species. In Maths, they have been learning how to multiply fractions by fractions and whole numbers. In Science, they have made different fossils. In RE, they have explored a bible psalm which focuses on God's role and the Human's role on this planet. In RSE, they have unpicked the school vision and created their own interpretation of it. In Computing, they have used a conversion programme to decode pieces of binary into numbers. In DT, they have worked in groups to plan and design their own planes which they will create next week. Next week, they are going to learn how to divide fractions by an amount and move onto percentages.



Exploring written methods in Stepping Stones

# OPAL



## Highlights

This week during OPAL the children have loved exploring the expanded construction area where they've been able to experiment creating obstacle courses with different heights. There's been some great teamwork!

In other news Mr Ward has started construction on our very own pyramid stage. We're hoping to have this ready for the new year for children to have a place to create shows and dance to music.

## Welly Award

Year 5

## Golden Broom

Lavinya

## Reminders

Please ensure children have coats, hats and gloves as the weather turns colder.

## Resources needed:

- Plastic and wooden reels of all sizes
- Large pieces of material
- Large cardboard boxes for children to rebuild
- Magnetics
- Plastic and wooden crates
- Prams
- Scooters