

### Headteacher's Update

We have had another wonderful week with lots of incredible learning taking place. The second lockdown has now finished and we have entered into Tier 2. We know how difficult this is going to be for all in the run up to Christmas, but I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of our school community, who are doing everything to keep the children safe. Also, I am grateful for the ongoing support and encouragement, during a time where difficult decisions are being made to keep our school as healthy as possible and for as long as possible.

#### Assemblies

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated St Andrew's Day. The children found out how and why he became the patron saint of Scotland. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December the children participated in the weekly Celebration Assembly. Due to not being able to have gatherings in the hall, Miss Rew has created a virtual Advent Calendar and this picture was behind number 4.



#### Christmas Assembly

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am, the school is going to participate in a Christmas Assembly. Next week a zoom link will be sent out to all parents and we would be delighted if you could take the time to watch the class contributions. Microphones will need to be muted and cameras turned off.

#### Blended Learning Plans

Following the unexpected closure of a class bubble, we want to ensure that we are fully ready in case the situation arises again. Due to some people having lost their Teams logon details, these will all be emailed out next week along with the expectations of how much home learning should be completed, if another bubble goes down. Please ensure the email details that we have on record are correct. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend.

### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 11th December—**

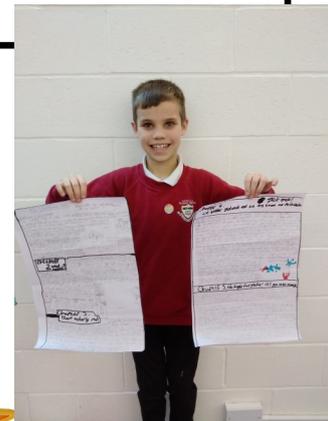
Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 17th December—**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY & PANTO  
DAY**

### WELL DONE!

A huge well done to Jaxon who spent time at home this week writing this amazing and imaginative Book!! The Book is about an elf who saves Christmas. The whole class thought it was so good, that he should be mentioned in the newsletter!!



**Ash Class** George for always trying to do the right thing.

**Maple Class** Connie for always trying her best and being an excellent role model.

**Elm Class** Daniel for great number work this week.

**Rowan Class** Eira for just being amazing all of the time.

**Cherry Class** Teo for always working hard and being a super star.

**Pine Class** Jaxon – He has made a huge improvement in his behaviour this week, the whole class is really proud of him.

**Willow Class** Olivia for being kind and patient when helping other children.

**Oak Class** Sayam for fantastic writing.

**Sycamore Class** Amelia for super effort in phonics.

**Hazel Class** Elissia - for always being outstanding by trying so hard in everything she does.

**Beech Class** Kyle for an amazing week and great effort in Forest School.

# Class News



Ash  
Class

We enjoyed our welly walk this week...

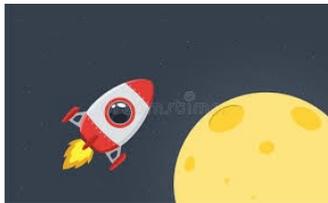


Elm  
Class



Cherry  
Class

This week in Cherry class we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been naming and sorting them with our partners. In English, we have been creating our own characters and plans for our own stories. Our writing is really coming along! We experimented with different mechanisms in DT and how to get our friend Ted to the moon. Another wonderful week!



This week in class we have been looking at germs and have set up a science experiment to see what will make the bread go mouldy first! Will it be dirty playground water or germs from the sink in the toilet? We also used cinnamon to simulate germs and watched how they spread round our classroom! In English we've been having a phonics fun week and in maths we've been finding the difference! In RE we made advent crowns.



Sycamore  
Class



Willow  
Class

This week we have been working hard to learn our sounds in English. We have been completing lots of phonics games and have really impressed Miss Rew! In RE we have been learning about advent wreaths and made some of our own. We've had an elf called 'Bubbles' join us in class this week. Do you think he will be naughty or nice?!

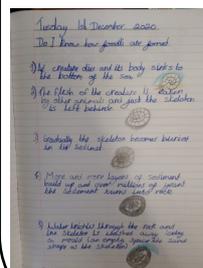


Maple  
Class

We've had another busy week in Maple class - in English we're writing our own story that takes us to another world. Some of us are visiting Candyland, others are encountering cyclopes and the land of sleep.

In maths we're looking at perimeter and revisiting some of our place value from earlier in the year.

In RE this week we've been learning about the advent wreath and what it symbolises.



This week in Pine class we have been working extremely hard. In Maths we have been playing loads of games evolving our 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. In Science we found out who Mary Anning is and why is she so important. Additionally we have been creating Christmas decorations to make our classroom more festive and it looks really good so far.



This week we've been busy erupting volcanoes, making fossils and writing poems all about volcanoes. In maths we've learnt about our 8 times tables and in computing we've touch typed with our left hands.



Oak Class had fun in PE this week creating their own obstacle courses using specific equipment. They had some great ideas and we enjoyed experimenting with all the different options.



Hazel Class have spent some of the week presenting their homework to the class. We have had lots of newspaper reports about their activities outside of school (some true, some made up) and we have had so many impressive pieces of work about the railways. Here are some (unfortunately we can't fit them all on the newsletter) that have been brought in.



Our highlights this week have been Science and Forest School.

We did some great experiments in Science all about the reflection of light.

We also made these amazing candle holders from wood in Forest School.



### And Finally...

**PLEASE can all Parents be mindful of their Driving and Parking on Langstone Way.**

**Doing U-Turn's in the School Gate entrance and mounting curbs is not acceptable!**

**Some lovely Parents have started a petition for a crossing, please follow this link to see full details...**

[https://www.change.org/p/swindon-council-westlea-councillors-pedestrian-crossing-at-westlea-primary-school?utm\\_content=cl\\_sharecopy\\_26154615\\_en-GB%3A3&recruiter=698342111&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copypink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition](https://www.change.org/p/swindon-council-westlea-councillors-pedestrian-crossing-at-westlea-primary-school?utm_content=cl_sharecopy_26154615_en-GB%3A3&recruiter=698342111&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copypink&utm_campaign=share_petition)