

Chaffinches (Yr2)

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Sparrows (Y1).

We have been busy getting everything ready for our Christmas Nativity play. We are getting really good at remembering our lines and projecting our voices across the hall so everyone can hear us loud and clear. We have been busy being creative making all of our lovely Christmas decorations.

Owls (Reception)

The Owls class have been working hard on perfecting their Christmas play. We are looking forward to rehearsing on the stage next week. We have also introduced a new system for electronic learning journeys which parents will have access to from next week. This will enable parents to view their child's learning journey on-line and they will instantly be able to see anything new that is added. This will be much better than the paper version which could only be viewed in school.



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Headteacher's Message

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Robins

Robins have been working so hard these last few weeks! We have made some fantastic festive decorations. We have created our own extra chapter for Stig of the Dump, where we really showed how our learning is progressing by including lots of character and setting description. Robins have been Wizzes in maths this term! We have learnt about multiplication and division. Lets hope we show the same enthusiasm to our learning about measurement! We have also learnt so much about rocks and fossils and Mrs Beck loved seeing how enthusiastic we all are and looking at all the different rocks we are bringing in! We now are looking forward to all the festive activities these next few weeks will bring – Oh and of course not forgetting we are making Ug some new trousers and a volcano!!!

Swallows

The children have absolutely enjoyed their carol experience this week. They have been amazing role models to year 2, both during the show and within rehearsals, and have shown a level of courage and perseverance that, as their teacher, has been great to see.

It was brilliant to see all the families in Melton today out in support and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming along, the children really appreciated the effort and it made a world of difference for them to be able to sing to recognisable faces.

The children all sang beautifully and even managed to carry on even when the music stopped to give us an acapella arrangement to Christmas is here.

Eagles

Year five have had an enthralling last few weeks! In science we have been looking at the forces around us and we have even had a competition to create a parachute out of paper, string and glue! In English we have been studying War books such as 'The Diary of Anne Frank', 'War Horse', 'Goodnight Mr Tom' amongst others. The children have written diary entries, recounts and biographies. The standard of work has been great. In maths, we have worked hard to address some of the difficulties around word problems and the complex calculations around them. As in English, our topic is the World wars - the children have loved learning about this intriguing subject.

Year 6 (Kingfishers)

We have had a busy month in Kingfishers, but we have relished many great learning opportunities. We really enjoyed designing laurel wreaths for our Shakespeare inspired Christmas tree at St. Mary's Church, focusing on picking out words or phrases in Julius Caesar which were significant in showing the theme of power in the play. Our dribbling skills in Basketball have definitely improved from the coaching we've had from the Leicester Riders this term too. We are especially proud of the 'Success Icebergs' we have created for the cover of our Champions books this week: when other people see these they can understand what our strengths are and what we believe helps us to develop these. The underneath part of the iceberg also shows the skills and traits we can use to improve on the parts of learning we're not so confident with, or if we're trying to learn something new, you can see how we think we can be successful with this. We love how personal they are.

Headteacher's messages

School Bank Dates

Wednesday 6th December

Wednesday 20th December

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Drop in session for School Nurse

School Andrea Fiford, will be in School of the afternoon of 6th February 2018 from 2.30pm, Parents are welcome to drop by to talk about health issues regarding your child's well-being i.e. Sleep, behaviour etc.

Parents can also message by text to the School Nurse Service on 07520 615382