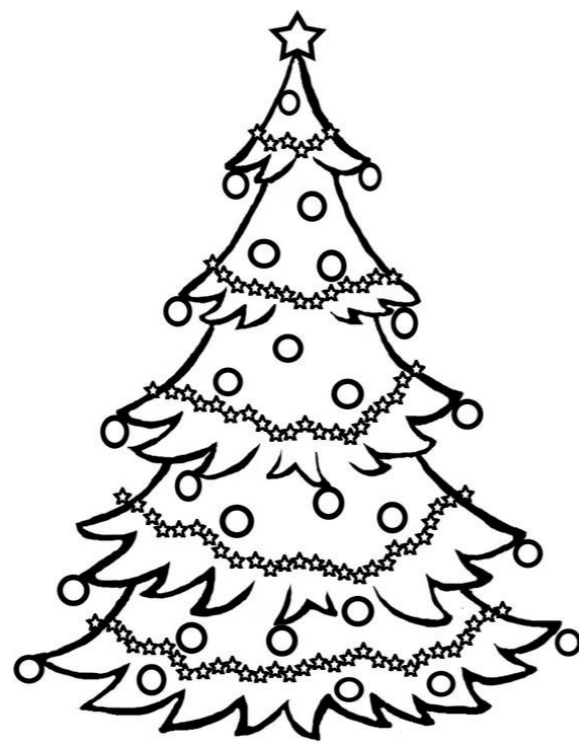


Snowman Word Search

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Special Celebration of Achievements

All our pupils have gone above and beyond this term, we do have some very special nominees who have blown us away.

Star of Autumn Term 2022 - Brandon Simpson, Harry Partridge, Mason D, Mozes Evans, Shakira Rossiter and Tia Richards. A huge well done for working so hard over the Autumn Term!

We understand that coming to school everyday can be difficult and challenging for our children, however, we do have some children with over 95% attendance—well done to Billy Clark, Mason D, Oliver Hackett, Matthew Hale, Daniel Lawes, Ozzy Leach, Reagan Miller, Kyran Reeves, Shakira Rossiter, Benny Wesley and Riley Westwood.



Reading Rewards

From September 2022 the children have been collecting stamps in their reading records by reading at school and at home. The stamps go towards rewards which the children collect and the grand prize for 150 logs is afternoon tea with the Headteacher! The children have been working extra hard to earn their logs and we already have a number of children on 50 logs! Well done to all the children who have earned their 30 logs and 50 logs prizes. Keep up the incredible reading!



Christmas Hamper Charity Raffle

On Thursday 1st December 2022 raffle tickets went on sale for the pupils to purchase for the chance to win a fantastic Christmas Hamper. All the money raised went to a fantastic charity, "Save the Children", as well as funds from Christmas Jumper Day!



Children In Need

On Friday 18th November 2022 we celebrated Children in Need by wearing yellow or spots to school! We raised a total of £42 which is amazing! Thank you for all of your generous donations. The pupils had a fantastic time decorating cakes and playing bear ping pong!



Christmas Production

The Rowan School have produced their very first Christmas production! The pupils had a fantastic time acting in their roles. The pupils worked extremely hard and we are so impressed with how hard they all worked. Well done everybody!! We filmed the production for the families to come in to see on Thursday 15th December 2022! The children also performed some incredible dances and songs.

Well done everybody! We are so proud of your achievements!



School Council

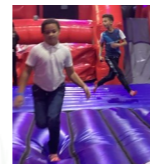
Throughout this term the school council have been holding meetings to discuss how we can make the school environment, especially outdoors a better place for the children.



Working together as a collective the children have discussed in classes and brought these discussions into our school council meetings. We have completed an outdoor walk around the school to look at places that may need improvement and what they can be improved into. Next term we will be finalising and putting into place the children's ideas.

Good to be Green

This term, the children of The Rowan School have been working hard on managing their behaviour and using their strategies. The positive behaviours were congratulated and GTBG points were earned. These points went towards rewards which were given out in the fortnightly assembly. Rewards included; Pens, Felts, sensory toys and sweet dispensers. The final reward was chosen by the children, and it was a trip to Ninja Warrior Adventure in Walsall, which was thoroughly enjoyed!



Dates for your Diary:

Spring Term 2022:

Term ends: Friday 16th December 2022—school closes at 12:45pm.

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at your child's usual time

SAVE THE DATE!

Message from the Headteacher

Season's greetings to all our families! Another exciting and positive term for all the right reasons. Many exciting events have taken place over this term, including visits out of school and welcoming visitors to our school.

I have been immensely proud of the learning and achievements of children this term, children have studied a wide array of topics. The work the children has been phenomenal - Staff and children are to be commended for their efforts and commitments to school.

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

- Snita Verma

Willow Class



Willow class have made a fantastic start to the year. We have been reading *Escape from Pompeii* and the students have created posters on how to escape the erupting volcano and written diaries to show how they were feeling as Tranio. In Maths, pupils have shown a good understanding of place value, addition and subtraction and have begun to improve their knowledge of times tables. In topic, we have been learning about the extreme Earth and have created our own erupting volcanoes and even how to react during an earthquake. They have really enjoyed being interactive during these lessons!



Cedar Class

In English this term, Cedar class have been working from the book *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. We wrote retellings of the story and described the mechanical contraptions and characters. To experience clockwork mechanisms, we took a trip to MAD Museum in Stratford where we were amazed at the marble runs and moving figures. Leading up to Christmas, Cedar class have been writing our own versions of *The Polar Express* and will continue the Christmas magic by taking a trip to Thomas Land to visit Father Christmas. We even arrived at school in our pyjamas to 'board' the Polar Express – just like the book!

In Maths, we have been strengthening our knowledge on place value, multiplication and division, using our reasoning skills to explain why and how these operations work.

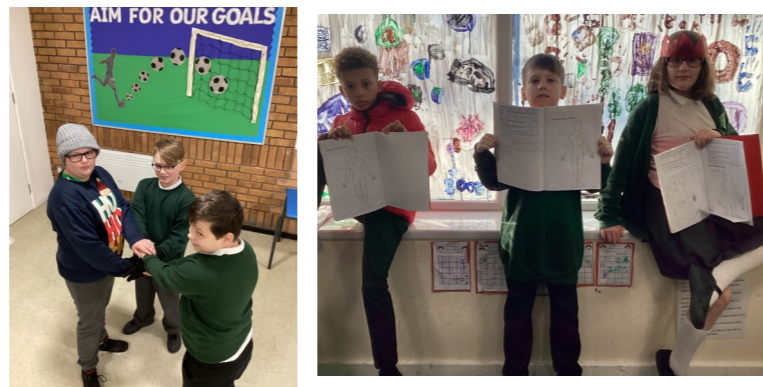
Our Scientific study has seen Cedar class investigating light and shadow, using torches, colour and materials to describe how light travels. We have also learnt about Carl Linnaeus and his classification system to classify living things.

For our Topics, Cedar class have learnt about how leisure and entertainment changed over the 20th Century and presented our own news reports on significant events over the years. Our Geography aspect has been centred around mountains, where we are learning about the aspects of mountains and we have even made our own paper mâché mountains.



Sports

During the Autumn Term, the children have engaged in Fundamental skills and looked at Healthy Lifestyles. They looked at various ways to live a healthier life, whilst highlighting things that can have a negative impact on us. Children started with looking at the effects promoting a healthy lifestyle, then having a healthy mind where children highlighted the importance of mental health. They finished off with healthy eating by creating balanced diets and learning about the food groups. Children took part in practical activities which tested the brains through problem solving which was great fun.



Elm class

In English during Autumn term, Elm class have been enjoying linking our topic work to our English curriculum. We have been writing an imaginary setting description, a war poem, a non-chronological report, a diary entry and a Christmas truce write up.

We have been learning about place value, partitioning numbers, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division, in maths. Elm class have enjoyed consolidating and learning our 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables. Using strategies such as singing and practical lessons for maths, has helped the children to develop a love of learning for the subject.

Having explored climate change and WW2 in our topics this term, the children have progressed their knowledge of History and Geography. Having explored what WW2 would have been like during the Blitz, Elm class have developed an understanding of the dangers in society in the past, and how people lived during the war. We created air raid shelters in our DT lesson, which helped the children understand the importance of their construction. This linked nicely with our Science topic about properties and materials, where we were able to identify materials that were sufficient for shelters and why. Art lessons were fun as we created poppies, Blitz art and paintings of Anne Frank's diary.



Oak Class

Oak class have been working very hard this term. The children have settled into new routines very well. In English we have been developing our reading and writing skills with lots of stories and different types of writing tasks. In maths we have been working on our number bonds and addition and subtraction. The children have really enjoyed our Topic lessons studying explorers and the Great Fire of London and have been very enthusiastic. In our Science lessons we have been working hard, learning about animals and living things. We had an amazing trip to Adventure Street in Sedgley where the children had the opportunity to dress up and role play. We will be finishing the term with a trip to Dudley Zoo to see Santa. Well done Oak Class, a great first term.



Maple Class

This term has been super busy for Maple class, we have read a selection of books including 'Beowulf' and 'The Twits'. The children really enjoyed these stories and were able to look at the different features of the characters. They created adverts and posters about the characters, inventing their own characters based on the story and producing diary entries and newspaper reports. We are currently reading 'The Twits' which the children are thoroughly enjoying, prompting them to create an advert to finally put a stop to Mr. and Mrs. Twit. In our Math lessons, we have been working on representing numbers from 100-1000, partitioning numbers, flexible partitioning, and representing numbers on a number line. We have also been exploring how to add and subtract up to three-digit numbers by exchanging them. More recently the children have been working on their timetables by multiplying by 2,3,4,5 and 8. During their topic lessons, the children have been looking at different types of settlements that have occurred in Britton, from the Saxons to the Vikings, and looking at the height of the Roman Empire, we even squeezed in Ancient Egypt, observing artifacts, learning about their Gods, looking at the process of mummification, and even creating their own miniature mummies which the children greatly enjoyed.



In Science, the children have performed some exciting experiments with fossils and light. We are currently studying light and the children have had the chance to perform experiments to examine which surfaces and colours reflect the most light. In our RE lessons the children have been studying famous people of different faiths and how their faith has helped mold them into who they are today, while also looking at some of the new faiths we have in the UK today. In our PSHE lessons, we have been studying our own self-worth and focusing on why persistence and resilience are pivotal. More recently we have been discussing our feelings, how to know our own minds and how to express ourselves in an appropriate manner. Well done Maple class for working so hard!