



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

December 17th 2021

In **Nursery** class we have been learning about Diwali and the children learned some amazing moves after watching some traditional Diwali dancing. We also made and decorated our own beautiful diva lamps. We have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs' and we made houses out of straw and sticks and then took it in turns to be the wolf and blow them down. The final part of our term has been taken over by glitter and tinsel as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. The children have done amazingly well to learn songs and words for our Christmas performance. They have also enjoyed making traditional Christmas cakes and crafts

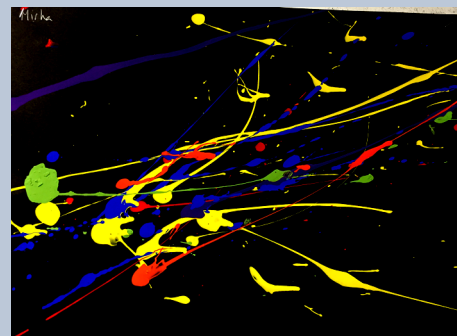


The children in **Reception** arrive at school each morning with big smiles ready to learn and explore. We had a visit from the three bears which was really exciting. There was a trail of oats leading to a letter and a package that had been left by the bears. The children hunted for clues to see if they could discover how the bears had managed to get into the reception area and they wrote letters and 'wanted' posters to see if they could uncover the mystery. However, the best bit was making porridge with the adults and eating it 'all up' because it was 'just right'. We have been using the school

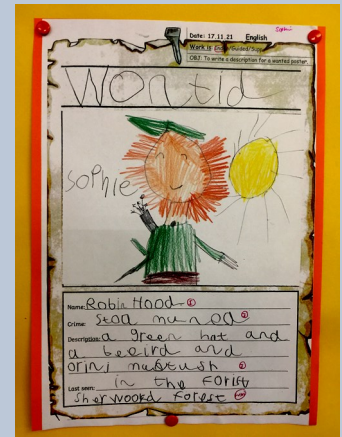
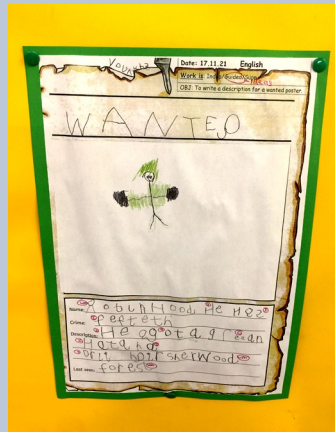
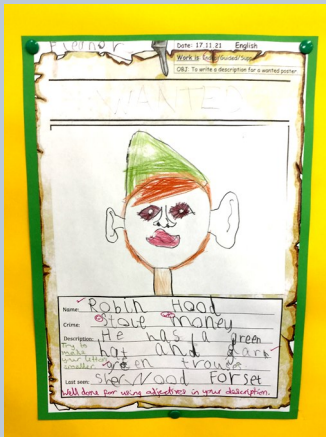
library and it has been great



to see all your Tapestry observations about the books that the children have chosen. The children really enjoying Forest School and they are becoming more independent with regards to preparing themselves for the outside activities. We hope you enjoy all the festive cheer building up to Christmas, the children love telling us all about the decorations going up at home and their advent chocolate. We are pleased with how the children are able to use their phonics to write wonderful words and sentences. We are sure Father Christmas will be amazed when he receives his letters.



The children in **Year 1** have had a fantastic term. We have been reading 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and learned about nouns and adjectives and how we can use these effectively in our own writing. When we read about Robin Hood we used our newly acquired writing skills to create a 'Wanted' poster and our art techniques to draw his face. As a class we are now reading 'The Gingerbread Man' and we are looking forward to making our own gingerbread men. We enjoyed watching all our class performances for 'Stephen Freeman's Got Talent'. Our entries included martial arts, dance, singing and gymnastics. In maths we have been doing lots of work on subtraction but we have also incorporated art into our maths lessons by creating our own wrapping paper.



Year Two have been learning about The Great Fire of London. We found out how the fire started, why it spread so quickly and how much of London was destroyed. The children have loved learning about what life was like in 1666 and they were very shocked and surprised to hear that during this time there were no toilets!! In art we used oil pastels in our pictures of the fire and worked on blending colours. We made lanterns using tissue paper to represent the flames and black card to illustrate the buildings. This topic has really fuelled our creativity



Summer 1666

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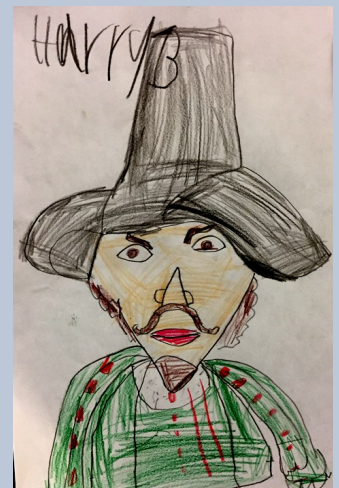
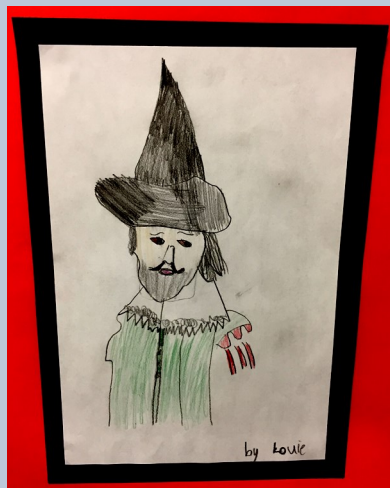
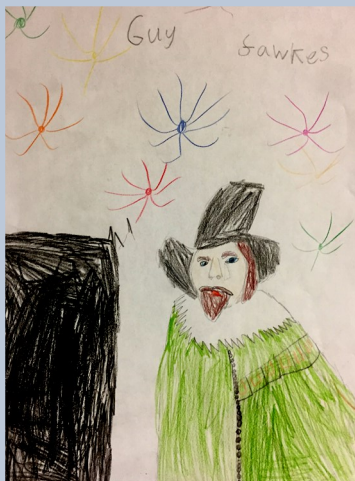
What a busy term we have had in **Year 3**. Our topic has been 'Heroes and Villains' and we began it by being history detectives and examining the evidence in the case of Guy Fawkes. We put him on trail (again) and took the roles of the defence and the prosecution. In science we have been looking at materials and we designed a reflective book bag to keep us safe

on our walk home. Guided reading has been all about 'Great Women who changed the World' by Kate Pankhurst. We learned about achievements of famous women and how these changed the world. Art has been an exploration of the work of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and we have painted our own self portraits. We have been getting to grips with

multiplication and in Spanish we have learned how to say Happy Christmas.

FELIZ NAVIDAD

We hope you all enjoy a merry Christmas





As part of our study of 'Potions' **Year 4** learned the witches speech from William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. The children wrote their own versions of the speech and added their own potent ingredients to their writing. In science we learned about different states of matter and investigated which fizzy drink loses carbon dioxide the quickest. We studied the work of the Norwegian painter Edvard Munch and painted our own versions of 'The Scream' one of his most well known paintings.

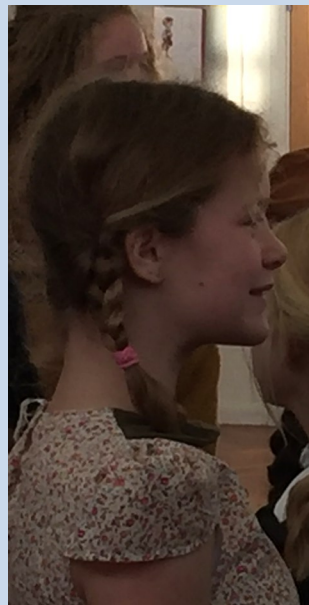
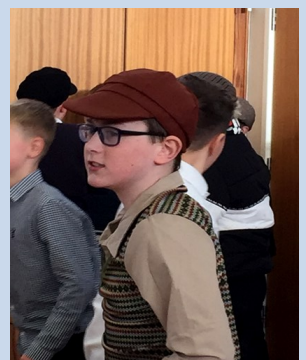
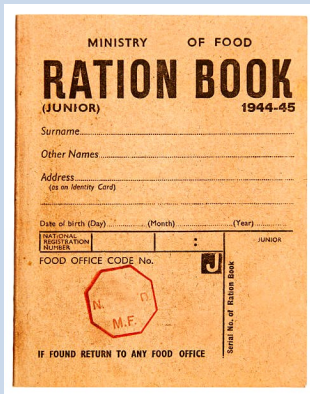


Year 5 have enjoyed reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' as part of our project on Ancient Egypt. In Science and Geography will have been learning about rivers and the water cycle and we have learnt words such as meander, source, mouth and tributary. We have studied the water cycle and learnt the fact that water is constantly changing from solid to liquid to gas. In PE we have travelled, balanced and jumped in gymnastics and tried our hand at hockey. One of our highlights has been our new class book, 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q Rauf, it is definitely keeping us entertained at the end of each day.

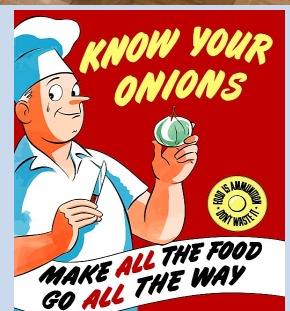
We wish everyone a Merry Christmas

On Monday 6th December **Year 6** were transported back to 1940s Britain for Evacuee Day. The children were taught simple first aid that may have been used to assist a friend after an air raid. They learned how to dress a wound, how to place someone in the recovery position and how to isolate a potentially broken arm. The children were introduced to the work of Alan Turing who created the enigma machine which prevented British communications being intercepted by the German. They learned about morse code and braved the rain to retrieve information on the playground.

During the afternoon a handwriting lesson was interrupted by a telegram from the War Office to say that the Germans had surrendered and we celebrated with a party. The children created their own dance routines to 1940s music and enjoyed scones and jam tarts. A special treat was carrots, a slightly different selection of party food than we are used to now. It was a superb day and the children looked fantastic in their 1940s clothing. Thank you to all the parents who embraced this day with enthusiasm.



Year 6 Evacuee Day





We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Caretaker, Mr Shane Kapp. In a very short space of time, Shane has made a significant contribution to the school both aesthetically and personally. We are sure you will have noticed how tidy the grounds are and how well Shane has prepared the site during the recent frosty spell. Shane is incredibly willing to help out and support the rest of the staff and a walk around the school highlights the difference that he is making.

On a cold Tuesday morning in October we welcomed Nerys Pearce to school. Nerys is a Paralympic competitor in alpine skiing and powerlifting and she talked to the children about her experiences as an athlete and how to overcome adversity. The visit was combined with a sponsored event and the school raised an impressive amount. A contribution was donated to the charity 'Sports 4 Schools' and the remainder has been used to enhance the school's sports equipment. We would like to say a big thank you to all who supported this initiative.



In November our **Year 6** children enjoyed a fantastic action packed week at PGL in Liddington. The children experienced a whole range of exciting and challenging activities including abseiling, buggy building, trapeze jumping as well as the wonders of the camp fire. The residential was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their independence and resilience. The teachers and teaching assistants who accompanied the children were extremely proud of all them. Well done Year 6.

Thank you to Karan, Tracey and Donna for our lovely Christmas lunch.



Stephen Freeman's Got Talent

It has been wonderful to celebrate all our talented children in our 'Stephen Freeman's Got Talent' competition. We have enjoyed an array of creative entries including dance, singing, piano playing and gymnastics. The winner voted for by the school is Kacper in Year 6 for his accomplished piano playing. Well done Kacper.



As a school we raised a fantastic £333.87 and contributed to a district total of £29,879.39

PTA

Thank you PTA for all your festive organising



Please remember that if you shop through Amazon Smile a small percentage of what you spend is donated to our PTA charity.

5p Challenge: The 5ps have been counted and what an amazing result! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed and rose to the challenge. Our 1st place winners were Peru they raised a fantastic £134.25 and they can keep the money and spend it however they choose. In 2nd place was Japan who raised £117.60 and they can keep half of the amount they raised. After prize money has been allocated with raised over £800 which is a fantastic result.

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS