

Kinderley Primary School

Autumn Term 29th November 2024



Message from Mrs Norman

Well done everyone.....2 days left and the ASDA Cashpot has reached £258 for Kinderley. It would be amazing if we can raise enough money to fully pay for the end of year trip!!!! Don't forget there is also 'My Child's Art' which has a 10% discount until 2 December.

Christmas rehearsals are well underway and thank you to those who have returned the pantomime slips. Also, after a slow uptake we now have enough children attending so the residential for years 4, 5 and 6 will go ahead as planned in March 2025. I can't wait.....I enjoy taking part in the activities, but I will be giving the giant swing a miss!!!!

We also had a lovely visit from Reverend Sandra and Miss Kate from the local church.....urging us to think about change and being prepared. It definitely helped on Wednesday during a rather wet and windy lunchtime!

I would still love to receive photos of the children reading at home or out and about in the community. Reading is not only a vital skill but it can also become a really wonderful hobby and a great way to relax.

We are still desperate for raffle prizes, vouchers, teddies, bottles and items which could go in a food hamper. I know we are a small school and we do ask a lot of you (and quite often too) but it is all for a good cause.

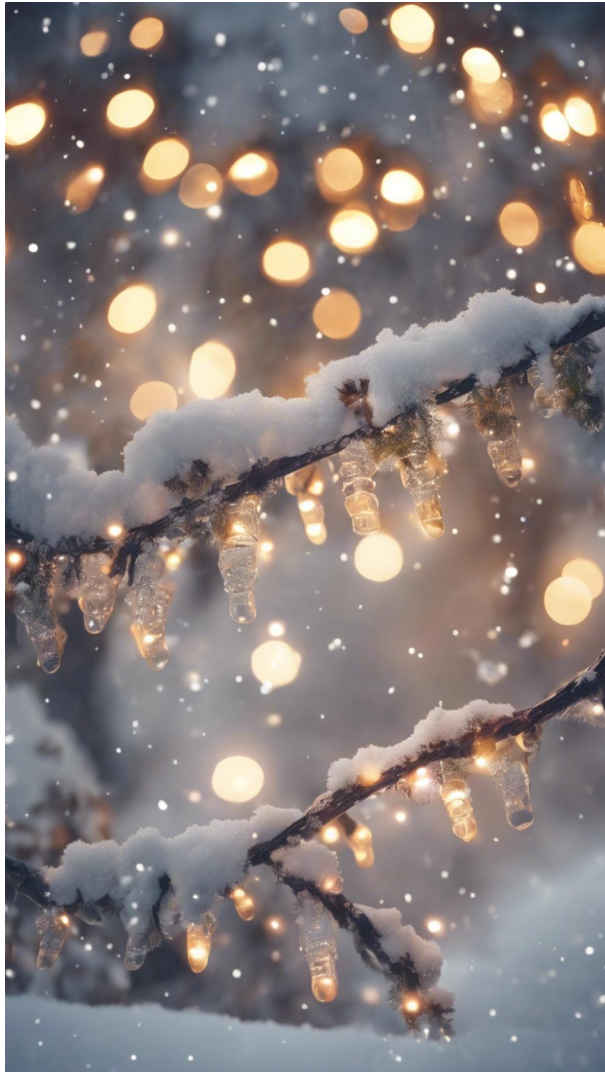
I will keep my narrative brief.....Mrs Canning had to remind me that I hadn't completed my newsletter section and she is waiting to put it all together. Possibly I have spent too much time listening to the wonderful singing taking place.

Mrs Norman



Reminders

- Please book your parent evening slot with your child's teacher by contacting the office via phone or in person.
- Packed lunch choices for the pantomime trip MUST be made by Tuesday 3rd December. This includes those who usually have a free school meal and/or are in Reception, Yr 1 and Year 2.
- Christmas Fayre donations of bottles, raffle prizes, teddy bears, can be handed in at the office. Thank you
- We would like to respectfully remind everyone that the school entrance is not a drop off or pick up area and should be free of vehicles at ALL times. At no time should cars be blocking the driveway and preventing access to or from the rear of the school building.



Key Contacts

To report absences please contact Mrs Canning in the school office: 01945 870374. You can also leave a message before the start of the school day if more convenient.

Absences **should not** be reported using Dojo or email.

Social Media

There are 3 ways you can follow what we are up to:

- 1 - Dojo (school and class pages)
- 2 - Website - www.kinderley.education
- 3 - Facebook (Please follow us)

Quote of the week



Diary Dates

P.E for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children - Tuesdays.

P.E for Year 3 and Year 4 - Thursdays.

Forest School- EYFS Years 1 & 2 - Due to KS1 Nativity rehearsals there is no Forest school on Friday 29th November or Friday 6th December. **Therefore, the last Forest School for EYFS and KS1 will be Friday 13th December.**

Monday 2nd December -

Flu Vaccinations for those who have permission.

Author Keith Hatton assembly - book signing for all at 3pm

Parent Evenings are taking place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December as follows:-

Wednesday 4th December

Acorn Class - 1pm - 3pm

Maple, Rowan and Oak Classes - 3.30pm - 6pm

Thursday 5th December

Acorn, Maple, Rowan and Oak Classes - 3.30 - 5.30.

Monday 16th December -

Dogs Trust are visiting school for a whole school assembly and workshops.

Thursday 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term for the children.

Friday 20th December - Staff Training Day

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS EVENT DATES.



Monday 16th December – Carol Concert at Forest School 2pm.

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN THE CONCERT

**Tuesday 17th December – Wear your Christmas jumpers/tops
for our whole school Christmas Lunch.**

Tuesday 17th December- Christingle Service at the church.

Everyone is most welcome to join us at the church for a 2 o'clock start.

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4 pm

Lots of fun activities, treats and more!

Thursday 19th December – Whole school pantomime trip 'Snow White'.

Remember your packed lunches unless you've ordered one from school!

Autumn School Term finishes for children.

Friday 20th December – Staff Training Day

SCHOOL STARTS BACK FOR EVERYONE ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025



Acorn Class



Acorn class has been looking at different types of weather, I think we have timed this perfectly. We have read the book "Storm" and made rain pictures, windsock and will then make kites.

We talked about the different weather types and how it makes us feel and acted out wind, rain and snowstorms. We have been exploring the crunchy sounds the field made, with the first frost.





Reception have continued with their phonics learning more sounds. We are nearly at the end of set 1 sounds. They are working hard to write these sounds and blend them together. Please remember to read daily and practice those sounds.

Nursery children have been learning different nursery rhymes.



Maple Class



What a week it has been in Maple class!

Last Friday we had our Maths open morning, where our adults came and played maths games and Bingo with us. We earned an amazing number of dojos in just one morning.

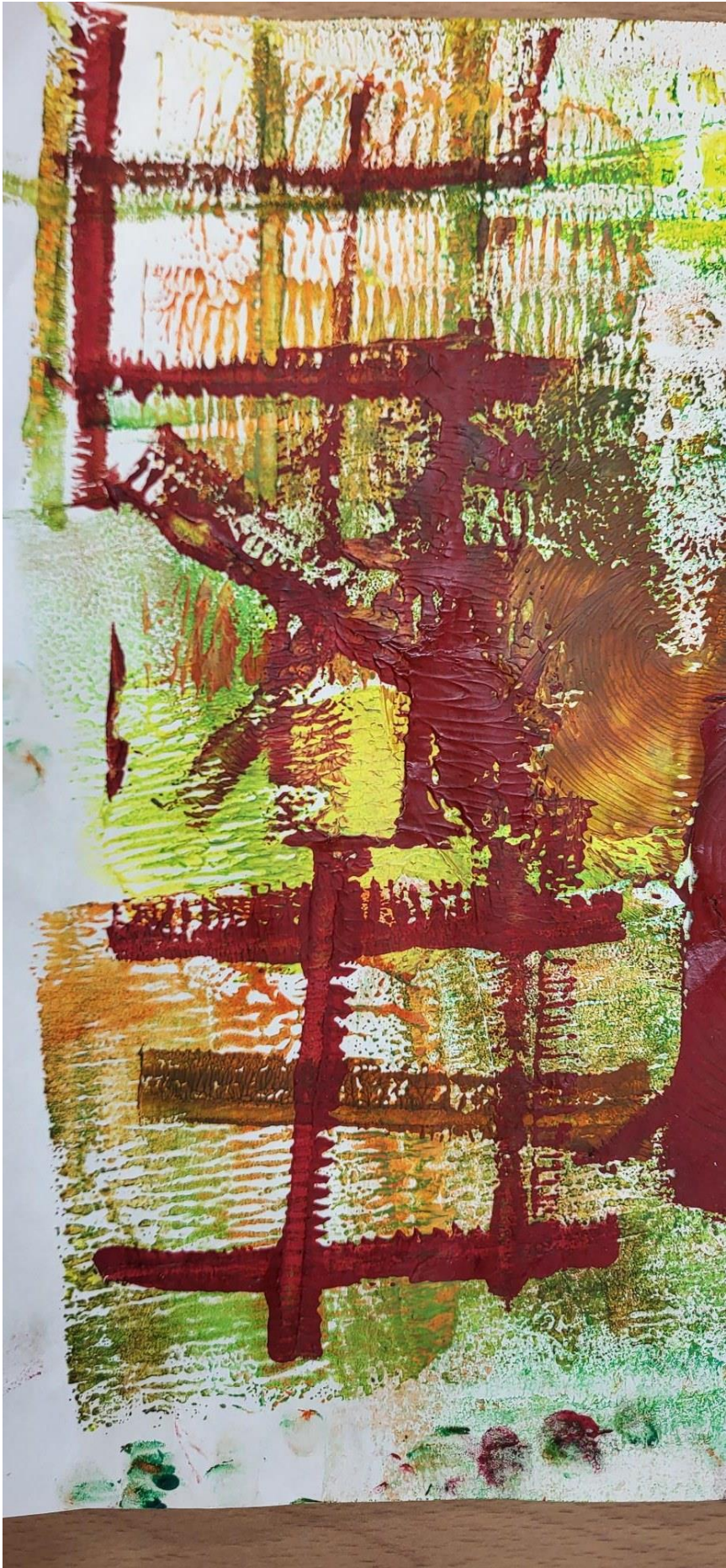
After maths morning, we performed our poem about the Owl and Pussy-Cat. You will not believe, but most children had a go at learning the poem or a verse by heart. Miss Hawkins and I were super proud of every single one who had a go. Consequently, all the ducks were collected and we enjoyed our class reward of a film, popcorn and hot chocolate on Monday afternoon.

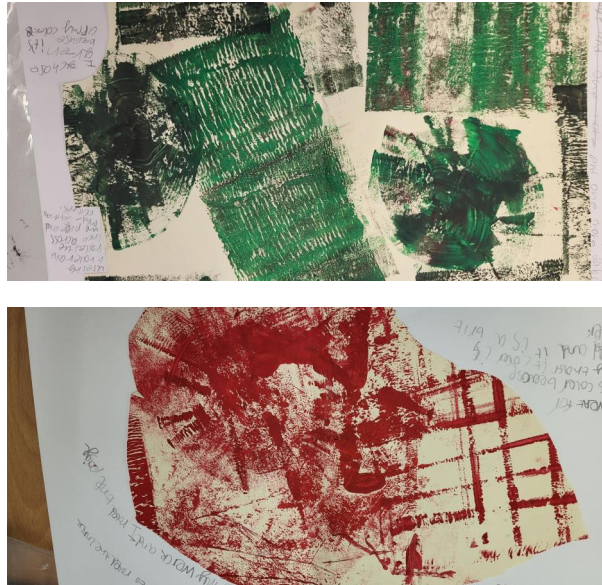


Rowan Class



In art we have been experimenting with using rollers to paint with. We made lots of different marks with them. By using different colours, we created some interesting designs. The paint we used was different to the paint we usually use because it was thicker.





We have also been learning about the skeleton in science. We were interested to find out that babies have 300 bones while adults have 206. Our skeletons keep us upright, protect our organs and help us move. Next week we are going to be comparing animal skeletons to our own.

Oak Class



Another two weeks have passed, and we are now two weeks nearer to Christmas! In the next couple of weeks, Oak Class has some exciting opportunities that we would love YOU to be a part of. As well as an in-school STEM challenge, we will be leading the Christingle service at the church, running stalls at the Christmas Fayre and joining with Rowan class to

lead the Christmas Carol Campfire event. All big responsibilities, but I am sure we will rise to these challenges. Make sure you check Class Dojo for dates and timings!

We have had a great week with BikeAbility this week! The children have been out on the playground and on the road completing their Level 1 and Level 2 Awards. They have been learning about how to ride on the road and the signals they will need to ensure that they are safe. The rest of the children have been designing their own Theme Park, including designing the layout of the rides, budgeting for building the rides and running costs and the profit or loss that the Theme Park would make. They have used their maths and problem-solving skills to do this. We really enjoyed both our weeks mixing our normal curriculum with some enrichment activities.

This week, we have started to look at balanced arguments in English and how we can use evidence to support our ideas and opinions. As well as writing a written argument, we may have a class debate about a chosen topic, using our balanced argument openers and causal and contrasting conjunctions to debate our viewpoints in a professional manner. I am sorry in advance if you hear 'everybody believes that we shouldn't have homework' or '99% of the population think homework is silly' next time the children sit down to do their homework!

Year 6 have also been completing mock SATs examinations this week. They have all tried their absolute best and produced some impressive results! I cannot wait to share their progress with you all at parents' evening. Make sure you have booked a Parents Evening slot. I look forward to meeting with you all!



'50 things to do before you are 5 (and any age really...).'



How about some den building? Turn some chairs around to create a structure or even just a sheet over the dining table. Create a cosy place to read or simply a quiet place to think. Children, remember to check that your parents haven't fallen asleep in their dens.

Whole School Attendance

Sadly, attendance figures have dropped across the school over the past two weeks for a number of reasons. The inevitable coughs and colds that flair up at this time of year have struck children and staff alike, along with some upset tummys. Please remember that the school is now able to administer Calpol to anyone who may need some 'magic medicine' to get through the school day, and unless your child has a temperature, school would encourage children to come to school. We will call you if we feel a child really isn't managing with a bad cold and anyone who should fall ill whilst at school would be administered a big dose of TLC by staff.

Lateness has also increased and I will be contacting some of you to see if we can support you with any difficulties you may be experiencing getting your child to school on time. The more information shared between home and school the better the outcome for the children.

If you would like to speak to Mrs Norman or myself about your child's attendance please do not hesitate to pop in for an informal chat or call the office during school hours.

'School has a safeguarding duty of care to all its pupils and we take the role of ensuring a child's good attendance as part of our safeguarding duties. '



Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 22nd November were -

- Acorn Class - Frankie
- Maple Class - Asia
- Rowan Class - Alfie B
- Oak Class - Payton

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Joanie
- Maple Class - Elizabeth
- Rowan Class - Samuel
- Oak Class - Lucas

Wow Writers were -

- Acorn Class - Talon
- Maple Class - Poppy
- Rowan Class - Lauren
- Oak Class - Eva

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 29th November are -

- Acorn Class - Rosie
- Maple Class - Lola
- Rowan Class - Jorge
- Oak Class - Carly

Dojo Certificate recipients are -

- Acorn Class - Aria
- Maple Class - Eliese
- Rowan Class - Sophie
- Oak Class - Payton

Wow Writers are -

- Acorn Class - Minnie

- Maple Class - Storm & Elizabeth
- Rowan Class - Archie H
- Oak Class - Logan

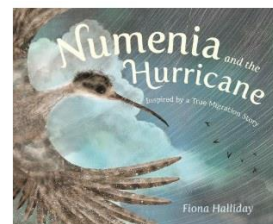
Congratulations everyone!



Time for a good book!

Numenia and the Hurricane by Fiona Halliday

A touching picture book story that follows a young bird who struggles against the elements to find and rejoin her family. Told in rhyming verse, this is a great book to read aloud to a year 1 class in literacy or circle time. The stunning illustrations are an ideal impetus for art ideas.



Monster Stink by Anna Brooke, illustrated by Owen Lindsay

There's a sixty-foot monster, dastardly criminals, and a lingering fart pandemic in this pungent sequel to *Monster Bogey*. Will Snotland Yard solve the mystery before it's too late? With short chapter titles such as 'Oozing Lagoon', 'Schlop' and 'Special One', and wordplay like 'proper whopper squidgepea', there will be no reluctance to read this epic story that's perfect for lower KS2.

Funny

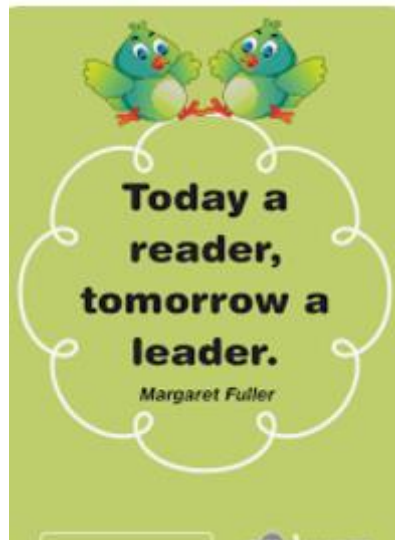


Dungeon Runners: Hero Trial by Kieran Larwood

Intrepid 9+ year-olds will relish this exhilarating journey into the world of Dungeon Runners with Kit, a determined part gnome, part dwarf – 'gnorf' with big dreams and a big heart. With his friends Sandy and Thorn, Kit navigates mazes, puzzles, and monsters in the compelling Dungeon Running League. Larwood's fun-filled storytelling, paired with Todd-Stanton's vibrant illustrations, brings this action-packed friendship-themed adventure to life. It's an irresistible read for less confident children in Year 5. Highly recommended. [Read our full review.](#)



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Starting next week, the school elves will be very busy helping to get Kinderley Primary 'Christmas Ready' and preparing for all the wonderful events we have planned for the final weeks of the autumn term. These would not be possible without your continued support with school's efforts to make our children's time at Kinderley a positive and memorable one. Thank you all, and please join us for some fun if you are able.