

Kingstone Chronicle December 2022





























Chronicle Team Welcome

Hello readers! We hope you have had a good half term and had a nice time with friends and teachers. As the Chronicles come to a close for 2022 with the Christmassy edition we have things like the new outdoor area, our new house captains and fun activities.

We are delighted to be writing this welcome on the Chronicle Team's behalf.

Wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas,

Anaya, Tobi and Editor Team.



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the final edition of our Kingstone Chronicle for 2022! I'm incredibly proud of the achievements that we have seen over the past few months—it has certainly been a busy half term! Our outdoor area is rapidly being transformed, with a new Trim Trail and Outdoor Gym in place, and plans in place for a new space where our pond area used to be. Lots to enjoy as well as look forward to, with our pupil groups thinking carefully about how they would like to create new and useful spaces around school.

We have really enjoyed the festive season, with wonderful performances from our Infants in their Christmas Performance, as well as our juniors filling the school with beautiful song for their Christmas Carol Concert. I'm so proud of the generosity and thoughtfulness I have witnessed during the Christmas period. Whether donating to events to support our school or taking time to say thank you, it is all appreciated and what makes our school community so special. A huge thank you to the generous donations that have been sent in for our Mission Christmas Appeal, launched and organised by Year 2—we have been overwhelmed with the response, and I was lucky enough to accompany Mrs Gemmell and the children to the

collection point in Hereford, where they will be distributed to make a real difference to those in our community.

On behalf of the whole Kingstone Team, I'd like to extend very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas period and a positive start to your New Year. I look forward to celebrating the fantastic achievements of our children in





RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2

This half term, our topic has been 'Light Up Your Life.' We have been learning about the Polar Regions, birthdays, and Christian Christmas celebrations. It has definitely made us feel festive!

Polar Regions

We have learnt about and compared the Arctic (North Pole) and the Antarctic (South Pole), finding out where to locate them on a map, the weather they have, and the different animals that live there. We focussed on Polar Bears and Emperor Penguins, and found out so much about them both! We wrote riddles and carried out ice experiments!







Birthdays

We were surprised with a special visitor — Kipper the Dog, and he invited us to his 5th birthday party! We made birthday crowns, baked and decorated cakes, and searched the playground for pictures of food Kipper wanted Miss Nicholas to buy for the big day. We had such great fun preparing, and even more fun singing, dancing and playing party games to bring the celebration to a close!









Christmas

We have been practicing for our Christmas Performance, which tells the story of the Nativity. We have worked so hard on our songs and dance, and I'm sure everyone will agree with how fabulous our performance was! We have also been getting festive by taking part in our first Crafternoon, where we invited parents and carers to join. It was such a brilliant atmosphere, and it was amazing to see so many people together in one room after such a long time.





MESC Christmas Visit

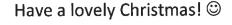
We went on our first school visit to Madley Environmental Centre where we were met by Mother Christmas and Bluebell, the cheeky elf. They took us around the magical woodlands to see if we could find Father Christmas, whilst doing some jobs on the way. We had such a lovely afternoon, and have been counting down the days until Christmas!







We have learnt so much this half-term and taken part in so many fantastic opportunities to get us feeling festive! It has been such a lovely topic full of fun, facts and experiences, and we can't wait to see what the Spring brings!



















Merry Christmas From Year 1!

Year 1 have had a fantastic half term! Our topic has been 'Light Up Your Life' and we have had so much fun learning about Autumn festivals and celebrations.

We have really enjoyed our stories this half term. We have worked so hard on our writing and were particularly proud of the letters we wrote to Rainbow Fish. We came up with some excellent ideas and even included some questions we would like to ask him!



We have worked really hard in maths and have spent time exploring numbers one to five.

We are getting very independent when using the resources and recording our answers.







In our topic sessions we have been thinking about the features of Kingstone. We have been on a village walk and were excellent at naming the human and physical features we could spot. We have also been thinking about Remembrance Day and why it is important to remember those involved in the First World War.



Autumn 2 Year 2

The children in Year 2 have had a half term packed with new learning and exciting experiences. They have all settled into the way of Year 2 and are showing a really great 'can do' attitude to all they do. It is wonderful to see so many proud children eager to share there work.







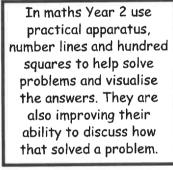








As part of our science research the children have been using non fiction books to find out about animals and their habitats. They then went on a trip to Wild Place to continue there research. At Wild Place the children got to see many animals up close and found out where in the world they are found, what they eat and what their natural habitat is. The children wrote some super recounts once we were back in school.



















The children have also been learning all about 2d and 3d shapes. They have been improving number skills on Numbots and TTRockstars.

















The children had fun as they made their own Christingle, ready to take on our trip to Kingstone church, as part of our Christmas celebrations.

They were impeccably behaved throughout and sang 'This Little Light of Mine', beautifully.





In computing the children have been learning how to take effective photos using the iPads.



















In music the children composed and performed their own music.





In DT the children
have used
concertina folds, box
folds, flaps and
sliders to design their
own 'moving parts' on
a Christmas card.













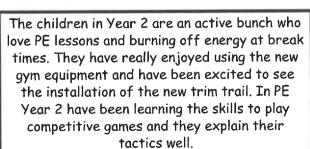








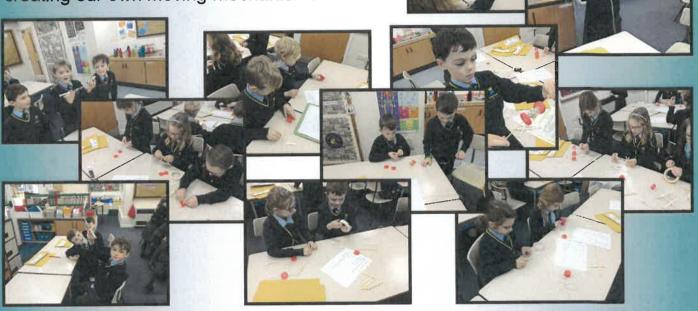
The children were over the moon when Good Choice Gordon spent the week with us.





Year 3

Year 3 have been so busy this half-term. We have been writing poetry, exploring two and three-digit addition and subtraction and even creating our own moving mechanisms.



Year 3 have been working really hard to improve our gymnastic skills this half-term. We have looked at how to use our core strength to improve our overall balancing ability as well as to improve our use of three and four-point balances. The children have used balances, different methods of travelling and various apparatus to devise their own routines. They look fantastic!





Our Science learning has been focused on Forces and Magnets. We have learnt about the discovery of Gravity, the work of Sir Isaac Newton, how magnets work, friction and air and water resistance. We have had the chance to explore lots of different forces in and out of the classroom.





We were lucky enough to take a class trip to Techniquest in Cardiff. After an early start to get there on time, we were able to watch a show all about Forces and Magnets. Some of us even got to take part in the show. We then got to explore their science exhibitions. It was so much fun and we







Science



We have enjoyed getting out and about in our school grounds this half term – even if it has been a little chilly! In Science our topic has been, 'Animals and their Habitats.' We went on a habitat hunt where we found evidence of lots of living things, including plants and a frog! We have enjoyed classifying living things using classification keys. A particular highlight of this topic was learning about sea anemones – we were fascinated by them!





World Science Day

As part of our World Science Day celebrations, we had an opportunity to make our own bubble wands and mixture. We used glycerin, fairy liquid and water to create our mixture – it involved a lot of trial and error.

We were so impressed when we started making some really impressive bubbles!









Clarinet



We continue to really enjoy our clarinet sessions and are now able to play some simple pieces! We have been working on the left-hand notes, C D E F G A Bb. Mrs Preece ran a clarinet club this half term and the children from the club performed in the Junior Carol Service. How impressive that after less than two terms of lessons, we are able to stand on stage and perform so brilliantly!

Writing

Our focus book this half term has been an unusual one - it had no words! We have really enjoyed unpicking the illustrations of, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We wrote our own narrative pieces to accompany the illustrations of the text. We were amazed at how unique each of our stories were even though they were based on the same stimulus.

We were so pleased when we had some more replies from the authors we wrote to last half term. We have received responses from both, J.K Rowling and David Walliams - both commented on how fantastic our letters were!

Maths

In Maths sessions we have been developing our addition and subtraction methods, both mental and written. We have also continued to work hard on developing our recall of times table facts. We are also committed to improving our speeds on Times Table Rockstars and enjoy seeing our names progress on our TT Speed display.

Design Technology

Our Design Technology topic this half term has been textiles. We have been busy designing and making our own bean bag animals. We drew out our designs before creating templates to help us cut the fabric accurately. We used a back stitching sewing technique to ensure the beans did not fall out. We were so proud of our final products!



Computing

In Computing, we have been creating our own podcasts. We wrote our own scripts before working in pairs to record them. We learnt how to add in sound effects, crop clips and order snippets of recording effectively. Be sure to head to our class blog to listen to some of our final podcasts!

PE

We have learnt a new sport in PE this half term – Tchoukball. At each end there is a rebounder (a device similar to a trampoline off which the ball bounces). Each team can score on both ends of the court. In order to score a point, the ball must be thrown by an attacking player, hit the rebounder and bounce outside the 'D' without being caught by the defending team. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about and trying our hand at a completely new sport!

Our vocabulary wall continues to expand as we learn new words through our topics and the books that we read. We have regular opportunities to revisit what the words mean and challenge ourselves to use them in our conversations and written work.

We are looking forward to a new term of learning when we return to school in January. Happy Christmas



YEAR 5 - RAINFORESTS

RSHE- Celebrating Difference







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In RSHE, Year 5 have investigated different types of bullying and made antibullying snakes and ladders games to combat the types of bullying studied. The children have also designed anti-racism ribbons to show their support.







Design and Technology







The children have been busy designing and making their own toys that include a cam mechanism. First they investigated how different cam mechanisms work by creating prototypes.



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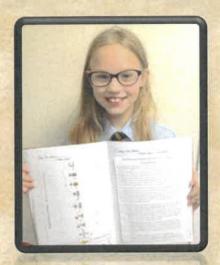


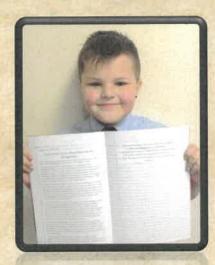




English- The children had an experience day, where they found out all about a past explorer, Percy Fawcett. They used this new learning in the balanced argument that they wrote.

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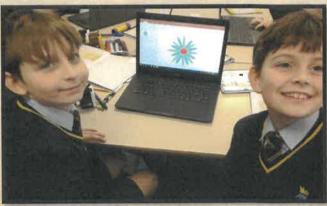




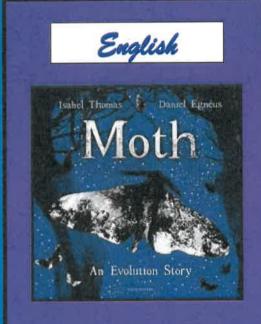


In computing, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their vector drawing. This is where pictures are made on a computer by only using shapes. They have needed to colour, resize, rotate and copy and paste shapes.









In English lessons this half term we have been focusing on poetry. We have explored Isobel Thomas' amazing evolution poem about the peppered moth entitled 'Moth'. We have linked our Science knowledge to explore habitats, environmental factors and adaptations. We have also drawn from the vocabulary learnt in our previous unit: Varmints, to discuss pollution and the affect we, as humans, have on the environment.

Below are some examples of the amazing writing being produced in Year 6 alongside their beautiful illustrations. To read one in detail, please check out Ava's page towards the end of the article.





Here is an extract from Ava's Poem:

This isn't a normal tale of light and dark,
It's a story of opposites,
And it all started 200 years ago,
With a small dampled math

With a small dappled moth.

Rustling and expanding, Moving to-and-fro, Look! Something is stirring in the midnight, Hidden from hungry eyes.

Science

Mr Bull sparked our interest in Science investigations this half term. He asked us to experiment with different solutions to make bubbles. We had to mix the right amount of the compound in order to make giant bubbles, bubbles that would take a long time to burst and even bubbles that could land on your hand. The best part was that we then had to share out knowledge with another class to support their learning.





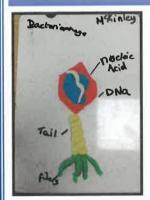


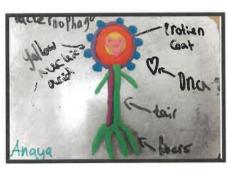


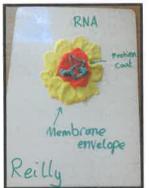


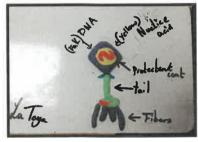


In class, we have been learning about classification and the Linnaeus System. We then extended upon this knowledge to discuss micro-organisms. We discussed what virus' are and what micro-organisms look like. We then designed our own and made them out of playdough. Check out some below.









P.E

We love being active in Year 6! We are always on the move, from busy break times on our new outdoor gym, to creative dance lessons with Miss. Wood from the High School and to being greats sports men and women in Three Touch Ball with Miss. Exley. We were even invited to a Sports Festival at the High School, which was great fun!







Hot Chocolate with the Head!

Every term we have a variety of people throughout the school from random years. You can be in it by getting a Shoutout (Friday to Friday); it is really fun, you can have the choice of having some marshmallows or squirty cream it is delicious we have one every Friday of the term.

Tobi

Isabelle, Kaelan, Henry, Aimee, Rauri.



I loved the marshmallows!

Oscar

Ellan, Chelsea, Skye, Delcie and Oscar.

I liked being with my friends and Mrs Vigus said she loved the hot chocolate too!

Charlie

Charlie, Lanah, Robbie, William, Chelsea, Hattie.



Layton, Harper, Paisley, Logan, Teds, Jesse.



We have had another successful half term of
Hot Chocolate with the Head! I'm super
proud of all the children who have received
a Shoutout this half term—it has been
amazing to spend time with the children
who have been pulled out of the special pot!
I know that there will be many more
attendees in the New Year.
Well done, everyone!
Mrs Vigus

Eden, Xavier, Betty, Ellan, Olivia.

I love the hot chocolate, but it is also really good to meet and chat to new people from other classes! Tobi

> La Toya, Tobi, Arlo, Freddie, Gabriella.





Out of School Achievements

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We've had so many brilliant achievements to celebrate this half term! The Golden Table has been more full then ever with certificates, medals and trophies to celebrate in Friday's Celebration Assembly. We are really impressed by the range of activities that everyone has been getting up to out of school. Here are some of their amazing achievements...



Isabelle. Year 1, for getting her swimming certificate and badge!



Well done to Kaelan, Year 3, for receiving 2 certificates for his swimming.



Libby, Year 5 was awarded a medal for her performance in a Dick Whittington play! Well done Libby!



Ben, Year 2, Tommy, in Year 3 has received certificate no 2 in his swimming!



Lacey, Year 5. received a badge for taking part in the Remembrance parade with Brownies, Fabulous Lacey



has been awarded 2 medals for his football! Great job Ben!



Louie, Year 4, was awarded 2 certificates for taking part in a golf competition, Excellent Louie!



Layla, Year 4 was awarded a Brownies badge for taking part in the Remembrance paradel

Brilliant Layla!





Elis, Year 3 has received a trophy for football Well done, Elis!





Eden, Year 5 has received a trophy for being player of the season. Fabulous Eden!





Louie, Year 4, has received a certificate the best newcomer in golf. Well done Louie!





Max, Year 4 was invested into his scout group. Congratulations Max!!







Some of our children took part in a 'Little Lights Walk' which is a sponsored walk with torches and lanterns to light the way for more than 90.000 babies that are cared for in neonatal units each year in the UK. A huge congratulations to you all! So far you have raised £384.00, fantastic!







Autumn Athletes

Key Stage 1

This half tem Reception have enjoyed focusing on 'multi skills' in their PE sessions. They have been working hard to improve there balance, agility and throwing and catching.

Year 1 have been working hard in their dance (moving along) lessons! It's been brilliant to watch everyone showcasing their fabulous dances and also their amazing PE vocabulary!

This half term Year 2 have been working hard in their games (piggy in the middle) lessons.

They have worked hard to learn new PE key vocabulary and transfer all their knowledge into various skills.

Key Stage 2

Year 3 have been showcasing their fabulous gymnastics skills. They have been learning how to safely perform partner balances and have used our apparatus to develop their routines.

Year 4 have been working hard in both their tchoukball and dance lessons. They have enjoyed visiting the High school and learning all about Bollywood dancing.

It has been Year 5's turn to go swimming this half term. They have been working hard to achieve their swimming badges.

Year 6 have also been busy in both their tchoukball and dance lessons. Everyone has worked so hard to create their 'do it in style' themed dance routines.

Primary Sports Festival

This half term Year 6 visited the High school to take part in the 'Primary School Sports Festival'. Everyone represented the school brilliantly and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the event.



Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new sports ambassadors!

Year 1— Cooper

Year 2— Harper

Year 3— Joel

Year 4— Oscar

Year 5 — Hunter

Year 6— Ben

Our House Captains

This year we have house captains for each house, 2 people represent sycamore, oak, pine and silver birch they represent the school and our houses. It was amazing being picked for the role of House Captain we help with stuff for the school like what could happen in the future and help with visitors.



Esme and Anaya

Representing Silver Birch



Representing Pine



Meisha and Ben

Representing Sycamore



Tobi and Oscar



I absolutely love our Writers' Tea
Parties, as it is always such a pleasure to
share the children's progress and
enjoyment of their writing. I've been
really impressed with the work that has
been celebrated, but also the brilliant
attitudes of all the party members. They
are so supportive of each other—it is
wonderful to see brilliant quality
writing, alongside exceptional values.



Well done, Jack, Charlie, Amelia, Arlan,

Paige, Eden and Amaya—thank you for all your super hard work!

I know there are so many wonderful writers at our school, and I can't wait to celebrate the achievements of you all at the next Writers' Tea Party.

Mrs Vigus

Congratulations to these Star Writers!

R: Jack for a fantastic invitation to Kipper's Tea Party

Y1: Charlie for writing a fantastic question to ask Dudley from our story 'Cuddly Dudley'. Charlie sounded the sentence out brilliantly and even remembered his question mark at the end!

Y2: Amelia for a superb fact file about lions. Amelia knew so many fabulous facts!

Y3: Arlan for a lovely short burst piece with clear actions and wonderful description.

Y4: Paige for a brilliant setting description, based on a Victorian town.

Y5: Eden for a fabulous balanced argument about whether or not the main characters from Year 5's class text 'The Explorer' will be found, creating quotes, using contrasting conjunctions and formal language.

Y6: Amaya for amazing progress and effort with her writing all half term. Amaya brought a fantastic narrative poem about the evolution of a moth!

School Parliament



School Parliament had their first meeting earlier on in the half term and talked about things that they thought were important to the school and our local community.

They have been hard at work and we have already held a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop and a Book and Toy bring and buy sale. The proceeds from this will be split between the school and a local charity.

Mrs Vigus was thrilled to advise that some of the things that were on the School Parliament 'wish list' were in fact already in the process of being organised! We have been so excited to use our new outdoor area now that it has been completed.

Next half term Reception will vote for their representative, so we will have a new member of School Parliament to share ideas on how to keep our school the happy and brilliant place it is.

Miss Evans



World Science Day

"If I have seen further, it is only by standing on the shoulders of giants"
Sir Isaac Newton

Science started with a pop this half-term. Every child was challenged to create the best bubble! The only catch, there wasn't any bubble mixture, bubble wands or even any instructions on how to make their bubbles the best.

Year 6 started us off and worked together to create some excellent mixtures and bubble wands. They were then able to pass their knowledge onto Year 5 before their turn. This process repeated all the way down to our Reception class. Each class "stood on the shoulders of giants" by listening to the experience of the previous class and using their advice to create the best bubbles!



Our New Outdoor Equipment

Outdoor Gym

One of the first pieces was the gym equipment. We all love it and there is always a queue! One of the favourites is the middle one—the health walker!





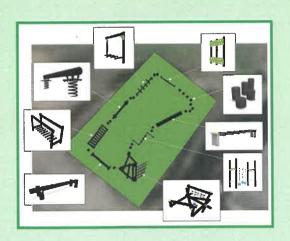




Trim Trail

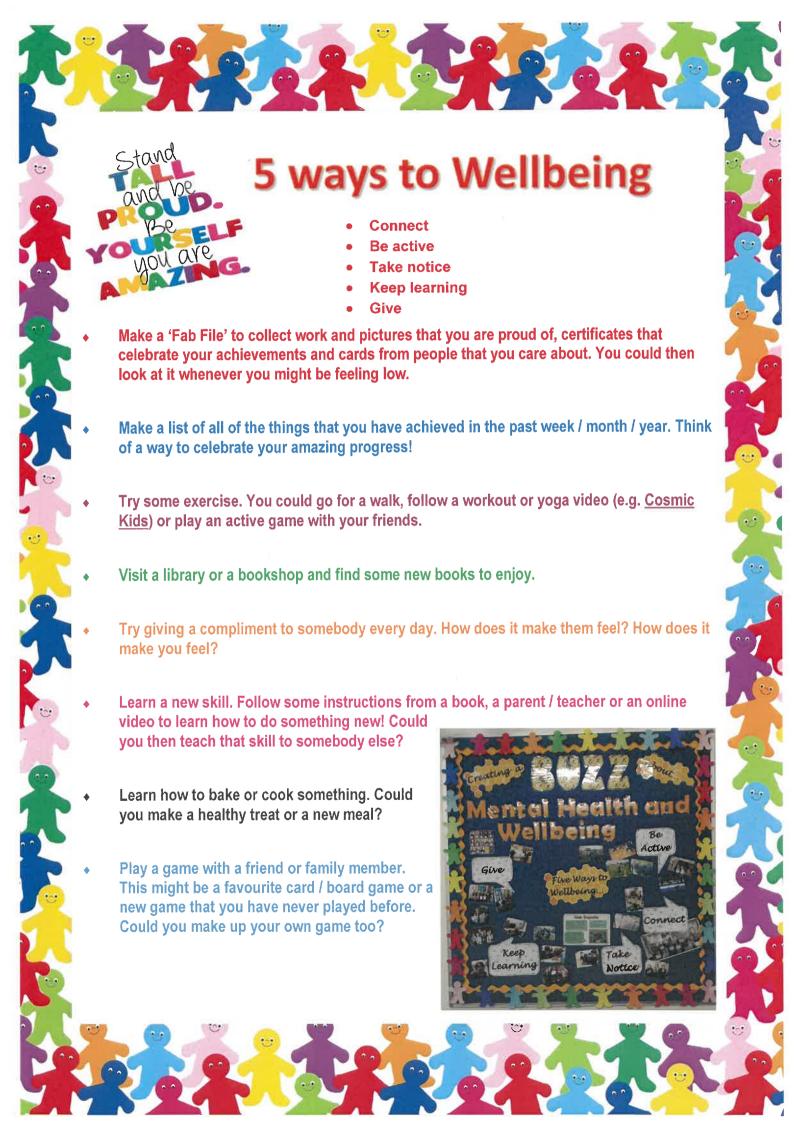
Our new Trim Trail has been finished ready for us to use when we come back after Christmas. I spoke to the builders from Green Scheme, Rob, Ben and Ryan who said that we are a fantastic polite and friendly school with lovely pupils. They said our head teacher and all the staff are amazing! They told me about a building that they had found under the ground which had made the project a bit slower—Rob said it was very tricky.

The equipment is from 600kg of recycled plastics. The black bits are made from LDPE which stands for Low Density Polyethylene and the rest from HDPE which stands for High Density Polyethylene. If you don't know what polyethylene is, plastic like bin bags and milk cartons are made from it, plus it does not rot, splinter or need painting. The builders said they have had a good time making it and hope everyone enjoys using it.





By Lottie



Christmas Movie Recommendations

Don't know a family movie to watch on Christmas?

Well here's your answer...

Have you considered watching Arthur Christmas or The Christmas Chronicles?

- Grinch
- Santa Clause 1-3
- Flf
- Home Alone 1-4
- Nativity 1-3

Arthur Christmas:

Santa's clumsy son Arthur sets out on a mission with Grand-Santa to give out a present they misplaced to a young girl in less than two hours.





Christmas Chronicles:

The story of sister and brother, Kate and Teddy Pierce, whose Christmas Eve plan to catch Santa Claus on camera turns into an unexpected journey

Grinch (animated):

The Grinch tells the story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit. Funny, heart-warming and visually stunning, it's a universal story about the spirit of Christmas and the indomitable power of optimism.





Santa Clause:

When a man inadvertently makes Santa fall off his roof on Christmas Eve, he finds himself magically recruited to take his place.

Elf:

Raised as an oversized elf, Buddy travels from the North Pole to New York City to meet his biological father, Walter Hobbs, who doesn't know he exists and is in desperate need of some Christmas spirit.





Home Alone:

An eight-year-old troublemaker must protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas holiday.

Nativity:

An uptight but secretly heartbroken primary school teacher's little white lie about Hollywood coming to see his class' nativity play grows like wildfire in his rag-tag school low on self-esteem.







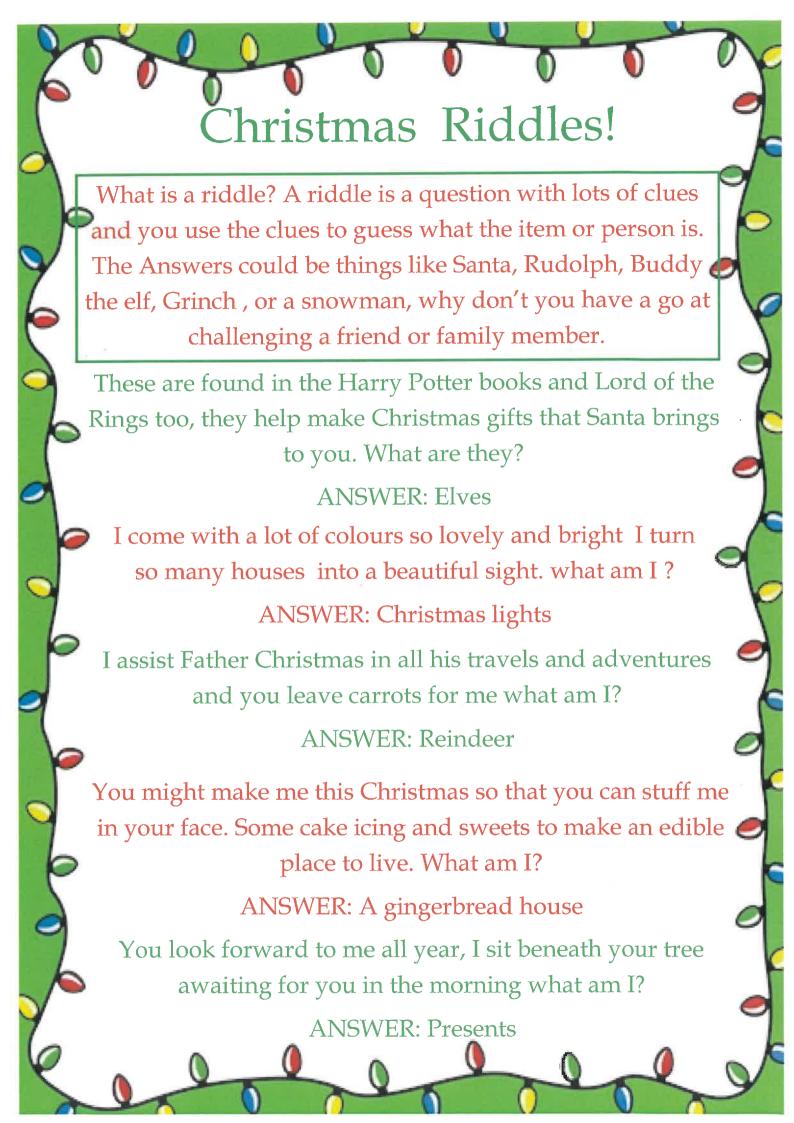
On Friday 9th December we held our first Kingstone Santa Run. The event was open to children in all year groups and the uptake was brilliant. Children were encouraged to dress in red and white and we had a whole host of fantastic Santa outfits running around the course! Some of our parents and carers joined in the fun, with many of them wearing full

Santa costumes.

A fun run course was set up on the school field, with netting to crawl under, hurdles to jump and snowballs to dodge. A great time was had by all and each participant had a shiny Santa Run medal to take home. The fantastic amount of sponsorship money collected will be used to buy some new reading books for our classroom libraries.

Thank you to everyone who took part!









90g white melted chocolate 10 milk chocolate digestive biscuits 20 mini red M&M's







Place melted chocolate in a bag, snip off a corner. Pipe chocolate over the top of each biscuit and pop on the M&Ms for decoration.





Santa Kebabs

Bananas Strawberries Marshmallow and mini marshmallows Chocolate sprinkles Red smarties









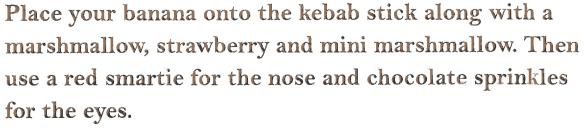




























Christmas crafts

Looking to keep busy, well try these Christmas crafts you can show off to your family and friends!

These plastic candles can be made into little snowmen but be aware you may need to use a hot glue gun for the hat, so I advise you to ask a parent or a carer to help stick it on. Then just put on a bit of ribbon around the hat, sharpie for the eyes, buttons and mouth then your done.





These reindeer hats are so simple all you need are:

- Pair of googly eyes
- Pom-Poms

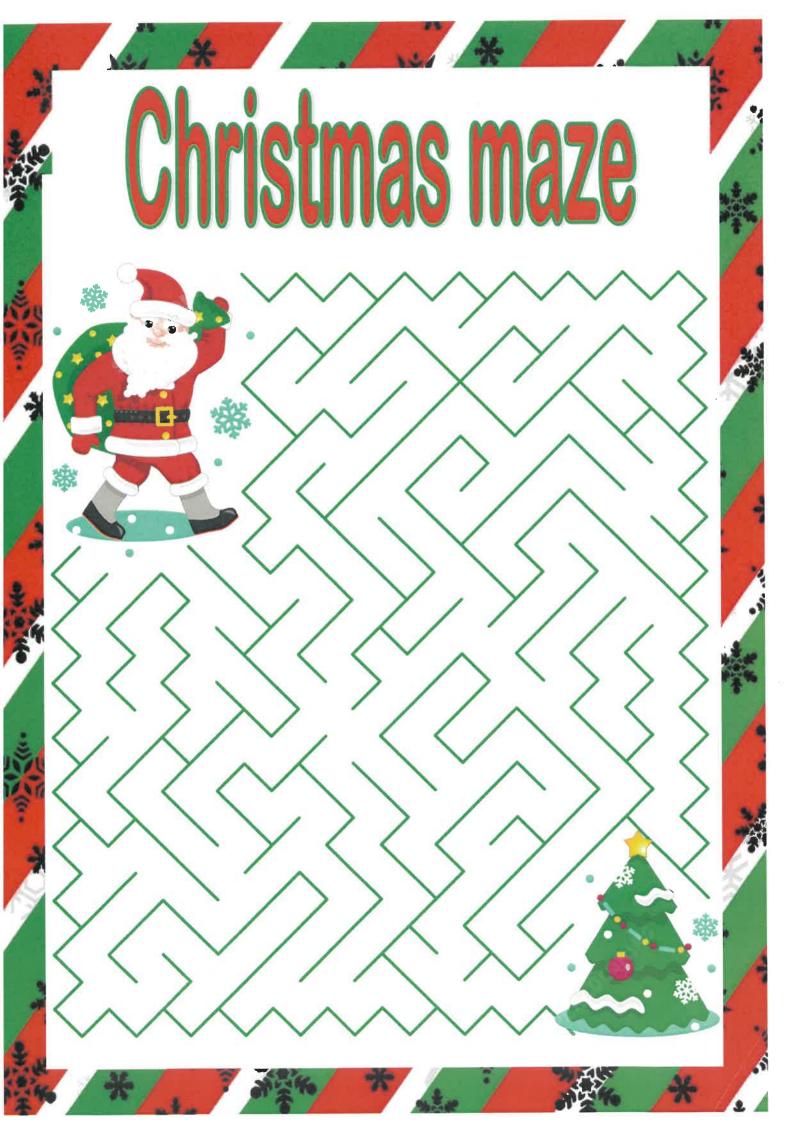
Get a piece of brown paper and make a strip and glue the two ends together. Next get another brown piece of paper and draw an outline around your hand and cut it out, get the bottom of the hand and stick it to the strip. Now just get the accessories, as normal, stick the googly eyes on the strip with hot glue (remember adults only) then stick the pom-pom underneath the eyes.

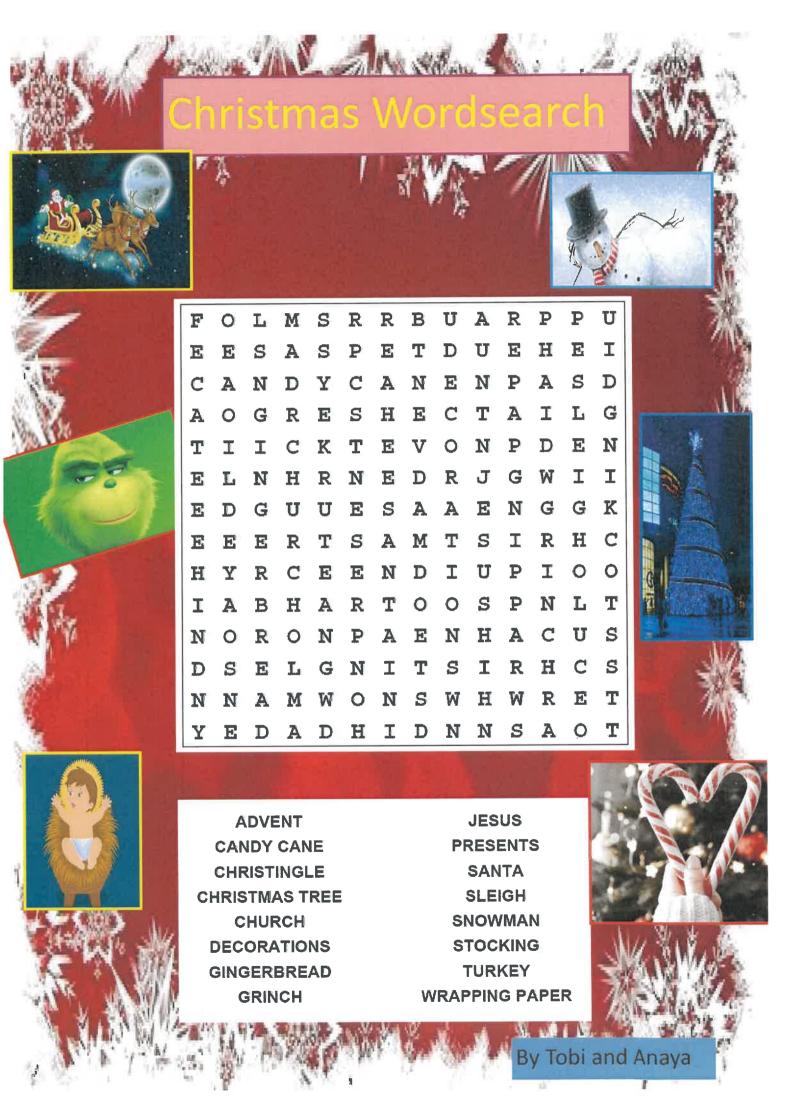




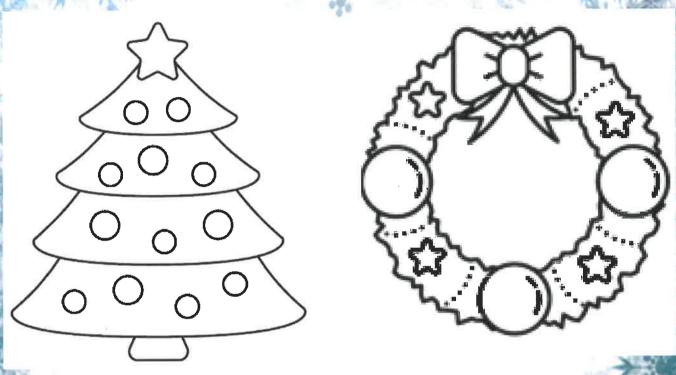




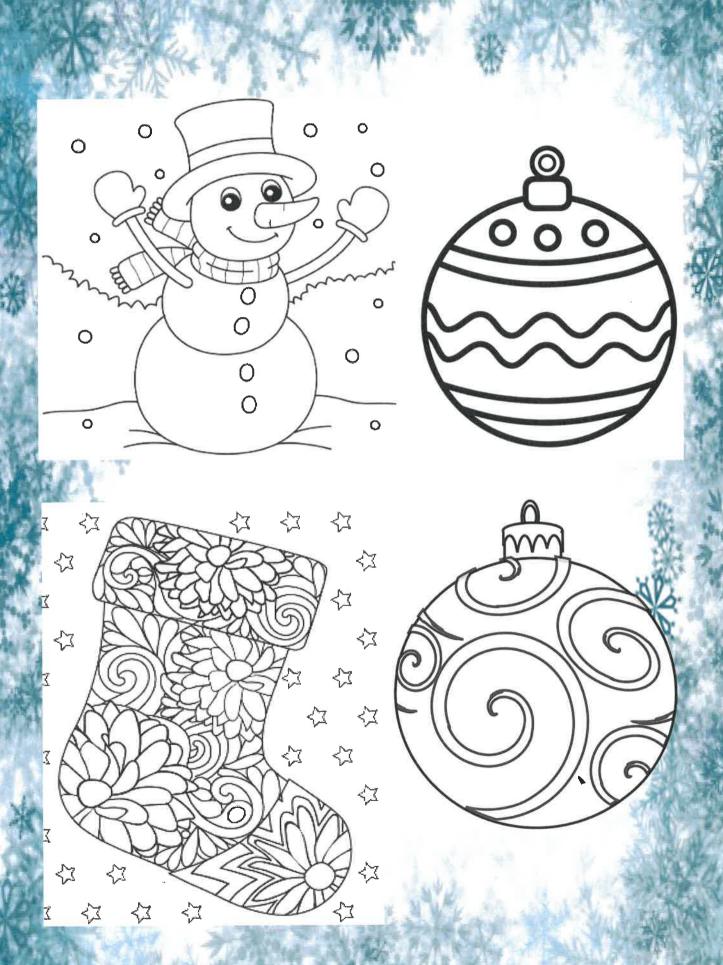


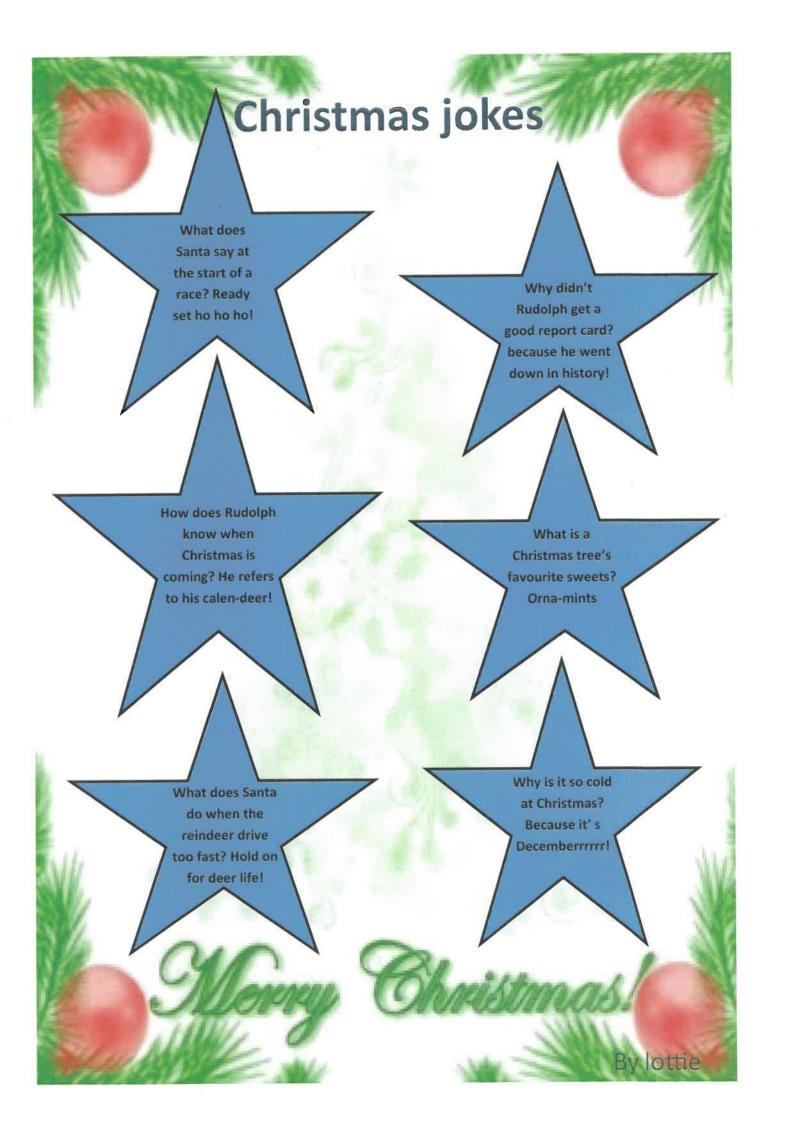


Christmas Colouring









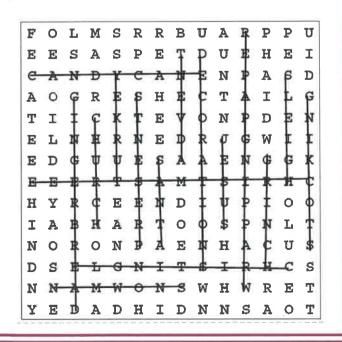
Our Value of Caring

"We all care" is what our school value is all about this half term, we either made bubbles of things we consider to be 'caring', or carefully made fish. The teachers could tell we all took this to heart and put in a lot of effort.



Eli

Autumn Wordsearch Answers



House Points

Oak: 800

Silver Birch: 750

Pine: 900

Sycamore: 850

Well done to everyone in Pine you have been 1st place this Half Term! By Eli



