



Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Striving Together To Be The Best We Can Be



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Dear Families,

How this term has flown and now we find ourselves almost at Christmas. If autumn is a time for new beginnings and discoveries in school, Christmas is certainly a time for traditions.

Life in any school at this time of year is a fine balance between celebrating and ensuring the curriculum continues and learning is most valued. Gone are the days when Christmas 'starts after half term' and afternoon upon afternoon is spent rehearsing for plays and making cards, something that certainly was part of my early career! This doesn't mean though that children miss out on those things that are most important. As a Church of England school, Advent turns our thoughts to Christmas and as in your homes, calendars are opened, candles are lit and the anticipation of what is to come starts to build.

Over the past weeks, it has been joyful to share the stories of Christmas with the children; light the advent wreath each week in worship and hear them singing as I have gone around the classes. There has been a wonderful assortment of festive fashion both from the staff and children and excitement is naturally building and with our Christmas dinner and Christingle this week. What a perfect way to end a busy term together.

Now, as the staff and I turn to look forwards to Christmas with our own families, we wanted to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that your time together, however you spend the holiday is full of joy and love.

With my very best wishes for this festive season.

Natalie Frey
Acting Executive Head Teacher



Please note that Kingfisher will start swimming lessons on the first day back (5th Jan). Please send them in with their swimming costumes and a towel.



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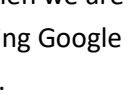
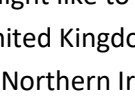
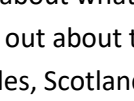
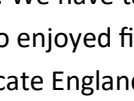
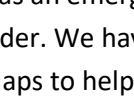

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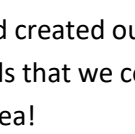
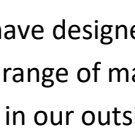
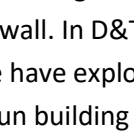
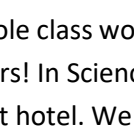
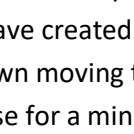

Robin Class




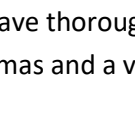
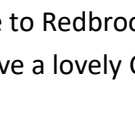
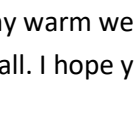
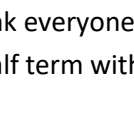
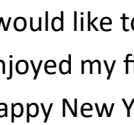

In Reception this half term we have been learning about People Who Help Us. We have found out what vets, police and firefighters do and how we can call 999 if there was an emergency. We have talked about what we might like to be when we are older. We have also enjoyed finding out about the United Kingdom using Google Maps to help us locate England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Year 1 and year 2 have also enjoyed finding out about the United Kingdom and we have created a whole class working wall. In D&T we have designed and created our own moving toy cars! In Science, we have explored a range of materials that we could use for a mini beast hotel. We had fun building these in our outside area!



I would like to thank everyone for my warm welcome to Redbrook, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term with you all. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Miss Marfell



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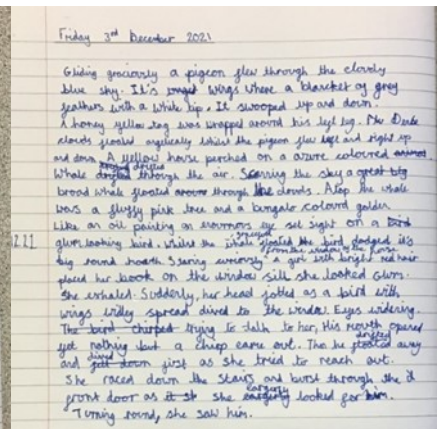
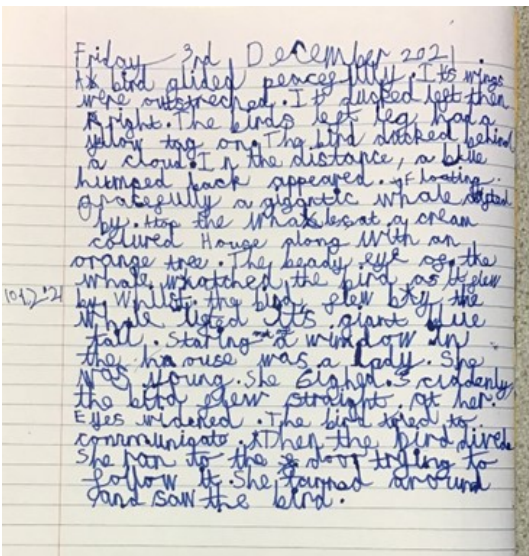
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Kingfisher

We have thoroughly enjoyed using our their new 'Word Wheels' kindly bought for us by the FORS which have helped us to choose wonderful creative words. We have been putting them to use in our 'Slow Writing' sessions – where we write one creative sentence at a time with a different rule to include.



Here some of our examples below



In maths, the Kingfisher Class have been learning about Roman Numerals – in line with both the maths curriculum and the humanities topic they are studying. Outside – in the playground, the children played hopscotch with the numbers recorded in Roman numerals. We even squeezed in some PE into the lesson to keep our limbs jumping and our hearts pumping!



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Roman Art

In line with our humanities enquiry – **What impact did the Ancient Romans have on Britain?** - we have been researching Roman mosaics and designing and creating our own.



Our School Mission Statement



We have been reflecting upon our school mission statement which encompasses our family size and how we support and care for one another alongside celebrating the differences we bring to Redbrook through our diversity. We encourage the children to live by, embrace and celebrate this statement all of the time.

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Drama Workshop

Kingfisher Class found their creative spark in a recent drama workshop led by Jimmy from **West End In Schools Theatre Company**. Using 'The Night Before Christmas' as a stimulus, the children created freeze frames and soundscapes to bring the different scenes described in each verse alive. Great group work and creativity came to the fore.



T'was the night before Christmas



When all through the house



Not a creature was stirring



.... Not even a mouse



The stockings were hung by the chimney with care



In the hope that St Nicholas soon would be there

Dates For Your Diary Dec 2021—April 2022



Dates subject to change—please check letters home and website for updates

Date	
Friday 17th December	Flu immunisations Last day of term
Monday 3rd January	Bank holiday
Tuesday 4th January	INSET
Wednesday 5th January 2022	First day of term Kingfisher Swimming—remember swimming kit!
Fri 21 st January	Y6 to Gloucester Cathedral, details tbc
Fri Feb 18th	Last day of term
Monday Feb 28th	INSET
Tuesday March 1st	First day of term
Friday 8th April	Last day of term



Many Thanks to:

- **FORS** for all their hard work through the year supporting the school—especially:
 - Curry Night which raised £850 for trip transport
 - Enabling us to buy the Word Wheels
 - Contributing to costs of the much enjoyed Drama workshop
- Redbrook families for contributions to Forest Foodbank (18 kilos of donations plus £6.50 in cash)
- Redbrook families for raising £53.50 for Children in Need
- Redbrook Monday Club for a £100 contribution to Redbrook School children’s Christmas festivities
- The Bell Inn for cooking a wonderful Christmas lunch for children and staff
- Bridget and Alan Purvis for helping look after the school premises



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