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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've made it to the end of our first term on our wonderful new site. It has been a fabulous term in many ways, despite the Covid-related challenges that we've had to face and we have much to celebrate and be proud of as a school community.

It has been really special, sharing the children's Christmas performances with you! I think that the children have enjoyed it as much as you have and we were delighted to welcome a few local residents to the Upper Key Stage 2 performance yesterday afternoon. The few that were able to come really appreciate it. So, aside from the performances, this is what we've been up to this week.

Reception

This week, we've been exploring Phase 3 sounds and writing a sentence from the story of *The Gingerbread Man*, which we've been focussing on this term. In Maths, we've continued to look at symmetry and patterns and have been counting the days down to Christmas (who hasn't?!). We've really enjoyed all the other lovely Christmas activities we've been doing throughout the week.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we've been practicing our writing skills by looking at and writing our own wintery scenes. We used images and word banks to help us write a descriptive passage about our scene. In Maths, we've been investigating what makes numbers odd and even, and have been consolidating our knowledge of place value. We've really enjoyed making our Tudor/Stuart houses and adding the straw roofs, painted beams and windows. We had really hoped that the fire service could visit us with their fire engine, but sadly, they are unable to visit schools at the moment. Having said that, we've still be able to look a fire fighting implements from 1666 and comparing these to modern day resources. We are continuing to look closely at the weather each day and record our findings in our weather diaries.



Year 2

This week, we've been embracing all things Christmas! We started the week by watching the 'Robin Robin' short film on Netflix and completing a quiz. We've also created a class book web about dragons, using information from different texts and our nature walk. We have loved making puppets, completing mystery activities in Maths and English and finishing off our Binko Baubles and wooden star hanging decorations.

Year 3

We have been really busy this week - in an enjoyable way. We've finally finished the publishing of our Mummification texts and used our learning of different types of lines in Maths to play a game of 'My square, not yours!'. We spent a lot of time and effort adding details and decorations to our Egyptian Pharaoh death masks and are so proud of our finished 'products'. We also really enjoyed singing to you all this week - it made the end of our term!



Year 4

We were so pleased and proud to have finally published the letters we've written to Matt Rodda, highlighting the dangers of deforestation and are really hoping to receive a response over the coming weeks. In Music, we've been discussing the sounds we might hear in the rainforest, and exploring the recreation of these sounds. We've continued to create our own animation or chase game in our Computing lessons and loved seeing you at our performances this week.

Year 5

It's been another busy and productive week. We completed our re-writing of the Nutcracker and added some beautiful illustrations to go with it. We've continued with our festive consolidation work in Maths, and completed an assessment in Science. We've spent time rehearsing for our performances this week and really enjoyed seeing you at them

Year 6

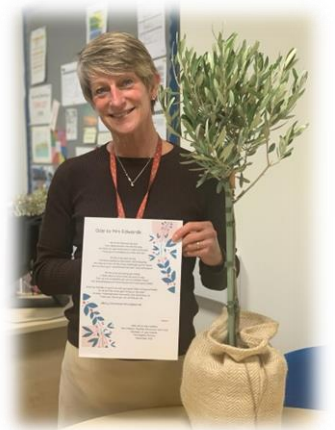
Despite all the challenges this term, our enthusiasm for learning across the curriculum hasn't wavered. We are particularly proud of our recent World War 1 homework presentations, which we worked hard to prepare and deliver with confidence and humour. This week, in our English lessons, we've been completing non-chronological reports on creatures of our choice. We've tried to use all that we've learnt about report writing in previous years, as well as adding detailed elements of evolution and classification which we've been studying in Science this term. We've been learning and 'perfecting' our Scottish country dancing and Highland dancing skills, creating Christmas decorations made out of felt and making Christmas cards that relate to the story of the Journey of the Magi.

Adieu to Miss Coll

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Coll today who is going on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to receiving happy baby news in the New Year.

Thank you

I was surprised and wonderfully overwhelmed to receive a lovely Olive tree, Ode and voucher from Parents, Governors and Trust Members yesterday. Thank you all so much for your generosity in terms of your thoughts, words and the gifts themselves, as well as your continued support in these challenging times. I am immensely proud of all that we've achieved as a school community this past term and look forward to the year ahead.



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Dates for the Diary

Start of Term 3	Tuesday 4 th January
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Wishing you very happy, healthy and safe Christmas with your loved ones.

Mrs Edwards