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Dear Parents

It is with great excitement that I write our December newsletter! It has been a jam packed term and the children have been very busy as you will see from the class news pages. It is always energising to see such productive minds and I would like to thank all the children for all their hard work.

I would like to extend a warm thank you to the parents who are following the guidance; I'm grateful for your support. I know it is difficult to see you all, with all of us wearing masks and social distancing, but it is with everyone's safety in mind.

Kind regards

Mrs Aslam (Headteacher)

School Vision and Values

We continue to work on our school vision and values.

The assemblies this term have focused on the value of 'communication' having covered the value of 'community' last term.

I thoroughly enjoyed conversations, with some of our pupils around this topic, about how they are practising the values daily.

Every term, we will be sharing who our 'Values Stars' are and their photos will be displayed on the Redlands Values Star Awards board, in the main corridor.

This term our Values Stars are the following children:

Nursery AM - Radiyah

Nursery PM - Mustafa

Reception - Sami

Year 1 - Khadija

Year 2 - Ada

Year 3 - Orlando

Year 4 - Sanim

Year 5 - Bella

Year 6 - Miley

Road Safety

I apologise for the inconvenience caused to many parents, with regards to the lack of road markings, after the council completed their road surfacing project. We have been liaising with the council and the markings for the crossing are now in place.

We are also hoping to have a crossing patroller trained to support the school runs, so children can walk to school safely.

In addition to this, all the classes have been having road safety lessons.

REDLANDS VALUES



Useful Information!

The Reading Hub

If you need a helping hand to get through the Covid crisis, the One Reading Community Hub is here to help with urgent food and prescription needs, getting a priority supermarket delivery slot, or other issues such as debt, loneliness, stress and anxiety.

Hub:

Online at www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirussupport

- By calling 0808 189 4325
- Via Reading Deaf Centre on SMS 07704 687298 or fax 01189 500507

The Hub is a partnership between Reading Borough Council, Reading Voluntary Action and voluntary and community partners in the town.



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Crescent Class - Nursery



In Nursery the children have been creating firework pictures- using both paint and paint 3D on the computer. They have also been learning a new rhyme –Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around. The children received a letter from the Teddy Bear saying that he wanted to do some new actions, and so the children have been busy thinking of new actions, drawing these actions and learning their new rhymes. After reading The Three Little Pigs Story, the children enjoyed using resources including sticks and bricks to act out the story and they have also had fun playing Maths games.



Donnington Class - Reception

One morning as we entered our classroom, we realised something was different. The oven door was open and the floor was covered in flour! Footprints in the flour, the rolling pin and cutters were our only clues to help us find out what had happened! We became very good detectives! We then then received a letter from the Little Old Woman and helped her to find out what happened to her Gingerbread Man and to say thank you she then made us some Gingerbread men, which were delicious! We have enjoyed learning about retelling and acting out the Gingerbread Man story and are really looking forward to writing our own stories! We have had fun designing and making our own Gingerbread men! We even tried to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river by building him a bridge!

We also joined in with the Diwali celebrations by making and decorating divas and designing Rangoli patterns. We had so much fun doing the Dandiya dance to Bollywood music. Thank you Mrs Kohli for teaching us the dance. A very busy and exciting term for Donnington children.

Blenheim Class - Year 1

Over the last month, we have done some amazing learning! We have learnt about shapes, subtraction, counting forwards and backwards, writing facts, new phonemes in phonics and so much more. One thing that we have all been enjoying recently is singing different winter songs in preparation for our Winter sing-a-long which we will upload on to the website. We are hoping to bring lots of joy and happiness into people's houses through this strange time, through our amazing singing! We have also planned and created a wonderful snowflake dance all by ourselves! We can't wait for you to see it!

Junction Class- Year 2

In Junction Class we have enjoyed being together again!

In Maths we have been learning about money, how to count and make different amounts using coins and notes. Lots of counting money at home will help with our learning!

Our English focus has been on performance poetry, we have listened to, performed and written lots of different types of poems using lots of vocabulary.

We have been finding out about the Great Fire of London through Art, Music and stories. We've created some beautiful paintings of the Great Fire using our colour mixing skills. Our silly inventions in Science were good fun, and showed our materials knowledge!

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Foxhill Class- Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about the Stone, Bronze and Iron age so if you ever need any help when washing your woolly mammoth, come to Foxhill class to ask! We have been writing instructions for how to wash your woolly mammoth as part of our Stone Age to Iron Age topic. The picture shows some of the woolly mammoths we made in our Art lesson.



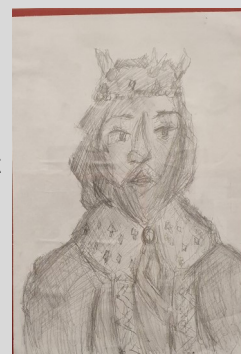
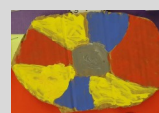
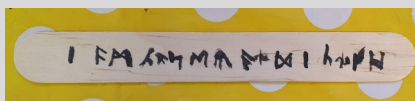
Alexandra Class - Year 4

Alexandra class continue to be superstar learners! We have continued with our Topic: the Romans and are currently learning about what Ancient Roman people ate and what they did to entertain themselves. In maths we have been working on finding perimeter of shapes and are now moving onto division and multiplication. In Literacy, we have had lots of fun pretending to be robots acting out imperative (bossy) verbs for our instruction writing. We will continue using our Growth Mindset to keep on learning and flourishing!

Hatherley Class -Year 5



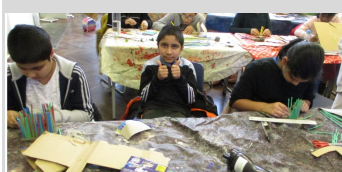
This term, Hatherley has dived over 1,000 years into the past!



We continued our Term 1 and 2 topic of Invaders and Settlers by exploring the Vikings. We began the term by finishing off our art project on a portrait of Alfred the Great, using crosshatching to add detail and depth. So far in the Vikings, we have learnt all about their jobs, food, writing, stories, warriors, invasion of England and how they made it all possible- the infamous longboats. In our writing, we have done some beautiful narrative work by writing our own chapter of the book 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman, which we have continued to read every day as a class. Through art, history and geography, we have learnt a lot about the Viking influence on our world. We have also had a lot of fun exploring types and changes

of materials in Science with a lot of investigations involving melting, dissolving and separating. There has been some great work, big smiles and lots of cracking questions in all our topics this term!

Lydford Class - Year 6



Lydford class have composed and notated beautiful pentatonic compositions which they performed to Y1 over Teams. This is an outstanding achievement! They have written, self-edited and published Adventure stories about lost children in the rainforest – the quality of Lydford's writing has improved beyond what any of us imagined – the teaching team are SO proud of them. They have exercised (up to 2 minutes on our continuous runs now...), learnt

to play netball, printed beautiful Mayan patterns, created a Mayan village, started constructing Mayan masks, investigated light in a deep, dark, cupboard and completed a HUGE fraction unit in maths. December will be filled with the creation of our Chocolate Companies with a Dragon's Den style presentation to finalise our Mayan work. A fabulous month with plenty more learning and exercise to come!





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Christmas Performances

Unfortunately due to the current circumstances of COVID 19, it is deemed not safe to hold performances where parents can attend. This is really unfortunate and it is not a decision we have taken lightly, but we do have to ensure all people are safe whilst we enjoy celebrations and that our enjoyments do have an adverse affect on our school community. We will instead hold the performances on the indicated day and record them for EYFS and you can purchase the DVD of the performance, from FoR, as you have done in the past.

In Key Stage One, the Christmas singing is very short and we hope to record this as a voice recording and this will be uploaded to the class page where you can view it.

Christmas Cards

I know many children are excited to give out Christmas cards this year and we do not want to disappoint them!

We have again considered our risk assessment to be able to give the cards out safely; therefore, we are pleased to let the children know, they can bring the cards in to give out to each other.

The post box will be by the main school entrance and children can drop them off there on the following days:-

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December.

The cards will then be quarantined and sorted and distributed on Friday 11th December.

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December

The cards will be quarantined, sorted and distributed on Friday 18th December.

Visits from Santa

During Covid19, elderly people have been told to self isolate and school's have been given guidance from the Government around visitors and protecting our vulnerable and I am sure Boris Johnson included Santa. Therefore I have written to Santa and I am hoping he can visit us or alternatively send us a message and give the children their presents as I know they have ALL been incredible.

Christmas Parties

The children are invited to celebrate the end of term with a Christmas party. We will be doing this in our classes and engaging in activities such as games and dancing as well as maybe enjoying some treats! You do not need to bring in any treats for the party as they will be provided for the children.

Online Safety

The children are taught online safety prior to starting any computing teaching at school.

Some children in Key Sage 2 have reported playing Roblox; I kindly request your support by having a conversation with your children about how they use this program at home.

Please follow this link to a parents guide to Roblox and how to install parent controls:-

[Is Roblox safe for children - see parent's guide | Internet Matters](#)

I have also included the links below about how to install parent controls on your television and other devises. It is user friendly and I thought you may find it helpful.

[Parents and Carers | Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Setting up parental controls on Netflix | Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Parental controls offered by your home internet provider | Safer Internet Centre](#)



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th December

Nursery AM & PM performance

Thursday 10th December

Reception performance

Friday 11th December

FoR Christmas Fair within school
 Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December

Yr 1 Christmas singing

Wednesday 16th December

Yr 2 Christmas singing

Friday 18th December

Christmas Parties - whole school
 Last Day Term 2

School Holiday

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021

Monday 4th January 2021

INSET Day– School closed for children

Tuesday 5th January 2020

Start of Term 3 - Children return to School

Friday 12th February

Last day of Term 3

School Holiday

Monday 15th February– Friday 19th February

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd February

Start of Term 4—Children return to School

Thursday 4th March

World Book day

Friday 13th March

Red Nose day

W/C 15th March

FoR Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny dress up– Date
 TBC

Monday 29th March– 31st March

Parent evenings

Thursday 1st April

Last day of Term 4

School Holiday

Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April

Monday 19th April

INSET day– school closed for children

Tuesday 20th April

Start of Term 5—Children return to School

Thursday 6th May

Polling Day– School closed for school

Friday 7th May

NSPCC assembly

Saturday 26th June

Summer Fair– TBC

Thursday 8th July

International evening– TBC

Friday 9th July

INSET Day– school closed for children

Wednesday 21st July

Last Day Term 6