



# Year 5 Newsletter

10th December 2021

Dear Parents

The end of term is getting ever closer, but we have still worked hard this week. In maths, we had one final lesson on short division, before carrying out an end-of-unit assessment. We then moved on to work on perimeter. Today, we did an end of term arithmetic assessment. In history, we found out all about Queen Mary I. In English, the children wrote a set of instructions (for a cat) for how to catch a pigeon and then they wrote a powerful character description of a dog. The children have loved reading *Varjak Paw*, which I hope to complete by the end of next week. If you would like to buy a small surprise Christmas gift for your child, there is a sequel book which I'm sure they would enjoy - "The Outlaw *Varjak Paw*" by SF Said. In Computing, the children had a final session of 'Game Creator'. They have been fantastic at creating their own games and have enjoyed playing each other's.

This week in RE, we have been learning about the meaning and importance of Christmas to Christians. Sometimes, the message of Christmas gets lost in tinsel, turkey and gifts. The children realise that although the special occasion is the celebration of Jesus' birth, the true meaning of Christmas is love, kindness and generosity. We also learnt that God sent his own son to be born amongst humans. Jesus enjoyed life, suffered hardships and died like a human being. He sacrificed his life to save others from sin. We analysed some of the stories of Jesus' life (as written in the Holy texts), to recognise the human qualities he exhibited.

## Year 5 and 6 Nativity

We are really looking forward to sharing our nativity with you at 2pm in church on Monday. At the end of the nativity, the children will all walk back to school together. You are welcome to walk over to the playground and collect your children and their siblings, even if it is a little earlier than the usual home time. However, even

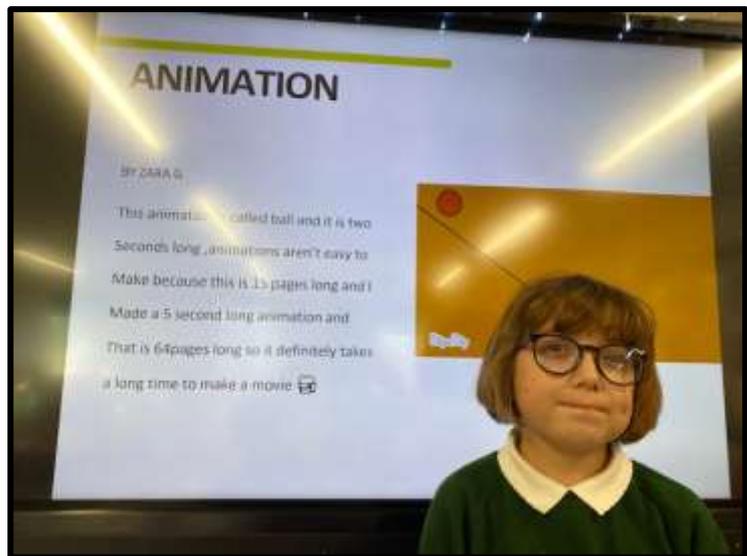
*if children usually walk home alone, we will not be able to let them leave unaccompanied before 3:15pm.*

### *Christmas Party / DVD afternoon*

*On the last day of term, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the children will have their Christmas party / DVD afternoon. They are welcome to come to school wearing non-uniform that day. Usually, we ask children to bring items of food that can be shared with the whole class, but that isn't a good idea in the current Covid climate, so please just send an item or two in for your child to snack on in the afternoon, such as a packet of crisps and a small cake. It should be a lovely way to end the term.*

### *Teacher of the Week*

*Zara was our teacher this week. She spoke really clearly and confidently as she told the class about animation and impressed everyone with the animations that she had created. The children enjoyed their task to create a cartoon character.*



*At the end of this letter is the list of the future 'teachers of the week'*

*Best wishes,*

*Louise Grinstead*

## Teacher of the Week

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January   | Zane M   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January  | Freddie  |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January  | Thomas   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January  | Harrison |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | Honey    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Ethan    |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Zain G   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Priya    |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | Boris    |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March    | Lucy     |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March    | Tristan  |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | Buddy    |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April    | Emilia   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April    | Josh     |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May       | Isabella |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May      | Rachel   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May      | Florence |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May      | Reece    |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June      | Euan     |