



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'



*'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)*

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of Manifold C of E Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held: Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Full uniform  Odd socks Day FOR Anti bullying week   ODD SOCKS DAY
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Full uniform
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022  Welly Wednesday  	Welly Wednesday all day, all pupils - PE Kit
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Full uniform
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	PE kit  Miss Torr Maths training - 9.30am - 11.30am  Children in need - Dress in something yellow or spotty!

Your lunch menu for the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Pizza, green peas and carrots	Chicken korma, rice sweetcorn and broccoli	Roast chicken, roast and mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots	Beef bolognaise with carrots and sweetcorn	Fish fingers, chips and peas or beans
Ice cream	Flapjack	Jelly and custard	Sponge cake	Chocolate biscuit

## Star Awards



Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

Star of the Week Sparks	<b>Elise</b>
Star of the Week Flickers	<b>Ursula</b>
Star of the week Flames	<b>Nina</b>
Spark to a flame Sparks Class	<b>Eleanor</b>
Spark to a flame Flickers Class	<b>Kallum</b>
Spark to a flame Flames Class	<b>Jack S</b>
Mrs Amos award	<b>Ezme</b>
Pe Award	<b>Oscar, Nina, Kallum, Charlie, Corah-Rae, Zara</b>

### 4.15pm After school club

Please could we remind parents that you must book your child in to after school club with Mrs Crooks. We have recently had instances where children have not been collected at 3.15pm but have knowingly come into club as advised to do so by parents but the school have not been advised that they are staying.

The duration of the club is one hour until 4.15pm so children should be collected at either 3.15pm or 4.15pm. It is unmanageable for the staff supervising the club to be letting the children out at different times for safeguarding reasons.

The chargeable sessions after 4.15pm must be arranged and agreed with Mrs Crooks.

Please also ensure your parent pay account is up to date for breakfast and after school club.

Many Thanks



### Covid vaccination walk in clinic

The CYP Covid Vaccination team are carrying out a community clinic at Leek Hospital on Sunday 13th November 2022 between 10am and 2:45pm to administer Covid vaccinations. This includes 1st dose, 2nd dose and autumn boosters to those children between the ages of 5 and 17 if they are eligible

#### **Your child is eligible for 1st or 2nd dose if:**

- They are aged between 5 years and 17 years (had to be 5 years old on or before 31st August 2022)
- Have not received a Covid vaccination before
- If had a 1st dose needs to be 12 weeks before 2nd dose (8 weeks if Clinically vulnerable)
- Have not had Covid 19 infection within last 12 weeks (28 days if clinically vulnerable)

#### **Your child is eligible for an Autumn booster if:**

- Aged 5 years and over are clinically vulnerable and had last vaccine 91 days or 13 weeks prior
- Aged 5 years and over and live with someone who is immunosuppressed and had last vaccine 91 days or 13 weeks prior
- Have not had Covid infection within last 12 weeks (28 days if clinically vulnerable)
- Young Carers between 16 and 17 years defined as those who are eligible for a carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID 19 mortality and therefore clinically vulnerable

Consent will be obtained at the clinic by a registered professional. Consent needs to be given by a parent or carer with parental responsibility.

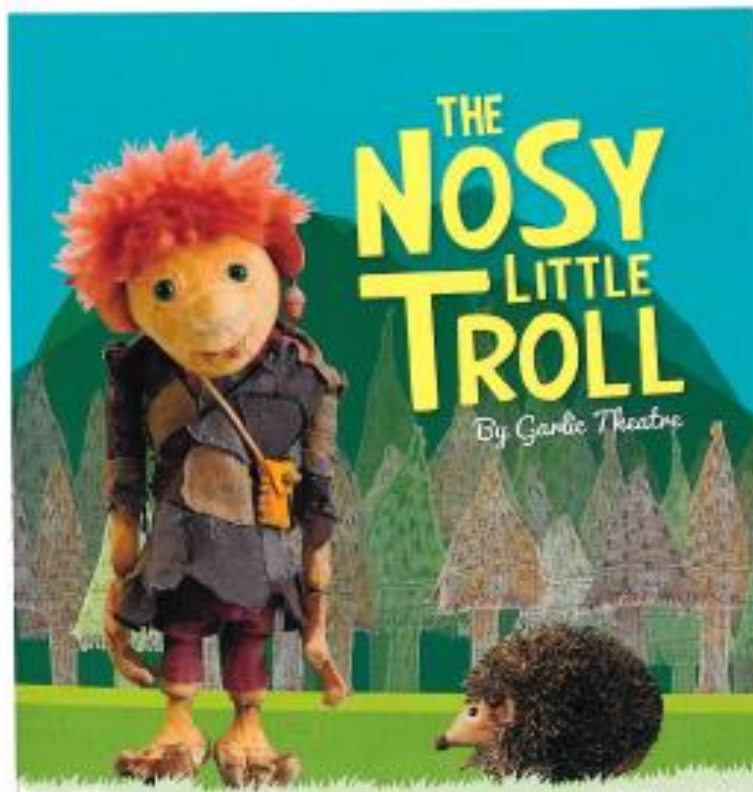
## Children in need

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is "Children in need" day.

The children are invited to come to school dressed in something yellow or spotty as this year's theme encourages you to be SPOTacular

You can donate to this worthy cause via the following link:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



**FOXT VILLAGE HALL (ST10 2HN)**

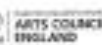
**Friday 11 November, 6:00pm**

£12.00 (Standard) / £8.00 (Under 12)

BOOK NOW: 07879 487528 | Celia Clowes 01538 266429 | Maurien Whilock 01538 266711

Book early to avoid disappointment

[liveandlocal.org.uk](http://liveandlocal.org.uk)



Term dates 2022-2023

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*Autumn Term 2022*

Inset day: Monday 5 September, Tuesday 6 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 7 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October

School opens - Monday 31 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December - Monday 2 January

*Spring Term 2023*

Inset Day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February

School opens - 27 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April

*Summer Term 2023*

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Term ends: Friday 21 July

Holiday: Monday 24 July - Friday 1 September

Key Dates

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 - Admissions open for Reception September 2023 and Year 4 transfer to middle school

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Admissions close

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - National offers day

Anti bullying week - 14<sup>th</sup> November - 18<sup>th</sup> November

The children may come to school in odd socks on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to mark the start of anti bullying week. The theme this year is "Reach Out" to stop bullying in schools. The children in Flames class have been learning about the four types of bullying in RSE. They have learned how to recognise the four types of bullying and what they should do if they see this happening in school.

There are four types of bullying;

- Verbal
- Physical
- Cyber
- Social.

They have been learning an easy way to identify bullying by the "BOO" the ghost;

- B** Being mean
- O** On purpose
- O** Over and over

We are pleased to report that incidents of bullying in this school are very rare and concerns are always dealt with rapidly if raised.



**B**eing mean 

**O**n purpose

**O**ver and over

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA's focus remains firmly on FIFA Ultimate Team - a mode in the game that can tempt players of all ages to spend actual money on recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock - meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate chat, scammers and addiction.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock - meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

**AGE RATING**  
PEGI 3

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ**

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe - coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss - will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT**

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic - especially in the heat of competitive matches.

**IN-GAME PROMOTIONS**

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

**CIRCLING SCAMMERS**

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

**ADDICTIVE NATURE**

One match on FIFA (usually around 18 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder - a recognised mental health issue.

**GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR**

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act - with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

**BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS**

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

**STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS**

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

**CONTROL SPENDING**

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods - so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending - or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

**AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'**

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones - but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

**Meet Our Expert**

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.

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**NOS National Online Safety**

**#WakeUpWednesday**

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## School trips

Thank you for the payments for the school Christmas trips to Peak Wildlife Park on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Peter Pan pantomime at the Regent theatre on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

We would be very grateful of any remaining payments at your earliest convenience.

Both trips are during the school day so drop off and collection times will remain as normal.

If you require a school packed lunch for your child please complete the forms via the following links;

<https://forms.office.com/r/gCeAKSQWnt> - Peak Wildlife Park (Deadline to request 21<sup>st</sup> November)

<https://forms.office.com/r/K1F35fy1ga> - Peter Pan pantomime (Deadline to request 1<sup>st</sup> December)

If you do not wish for your child to have a school packed lunch please send one in from home.

Children can bring in snacks for the pantomime to eat during the performance.



## The Fireside Nativity

Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas show performance of "The Fireside Nativity" to be held at Ipstones Memorial Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The tickets are £4 each.

If you have ordered tickets they have been put in your child's bag.

We do have a waiting list for additional ticket requests, so if you do require any more tickets please let us know.

We are hoping we can accommodate as many requests as we can but need to fulfil initial orders in the first instance, so please get your tickets orders in as soon as possible.

Thank you.



## Dates for the diary

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022- Children invited to St Leonard's Church service at 10.50am. Please let us know if you are attending as Reverend Jane would like some of the children to say a prayer.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Odd socks day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Children in need - Dress in something yellow or spotty

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Reception height and weight checks

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Advent service in school

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - Ipstones lights night

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Whole school trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Dress rehearsal for school nativity

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Nativity play at The Memorial Hall

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas jumper day

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Ipstones entertains

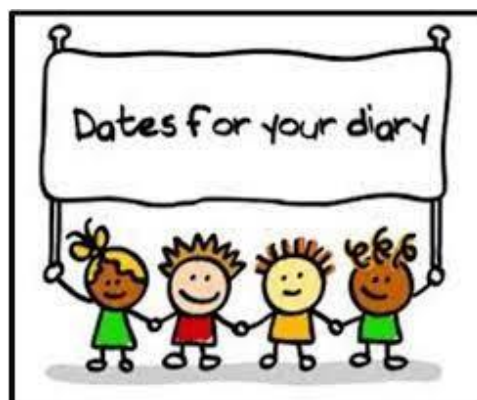
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Whole school trip to the Peter Pan pantomime at The Regent Theatre

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas dinner

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - A visit from Santa and break up for the holidays.

Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change.



## Welly Wednesday

This week's Welly Wednesday involved the children making "Billy Bones," the skeleton, out of sticks and twigs they found on the school field. They then practised naming and labelling the bones in the body.



## Remembrance

The children attended a remembrance service led by Reverend Jane on Friday afternoon. At St Leonard's church cemetery.

They sang "We will remember them" and paid their respects beautifully to the fallen soldiers.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

Unfortunately we haven't received any nominations from our previous parent governor vacancy advertisements so the position is still open.

If you would be interested in joining our Governing body or would like to know more about this role please let the school office know.

This is a great opportunity to make a real contribution the standard of education for your children, not just academically, but also spiritually, emotionally and morally.



## Attendance

Attendance Target 97%

Attendance this week 98%

Please don't forget to call or email the school before 9.00am if your child is ill.

You must inform the school every day of your child's absence.

If we don't hear from you we will have to chase you up as this scenario in schools is considered a "Child missing in education" case until we are made aware their reason for absence.

Please note we have vigilant procedures to follow in line with our safeguarding duties to your children and Ofsted requirements.

### Attendance Matters



the national  
**sleep**  
helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**

Monday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am



**50%**

## Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\*

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Wednesday 9am - 11am



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### Our "Good Ofsted"

On Friday the local newspaper visited us to report on our "Good" Ofsted inspection.

Keep an eye out in "The Leek Post and Times" and "The chedale and Tean Times" to read the report.



### Ipstones entertains

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December the "Ipstones Entertains" show at the Memorial Hall will be taking place.

The children are invited to take part and will be required from 7.00pm to 7.45pm to perform.

They have been learning a song at school with Mrs Harding, the music teacher, so if they do want to take part please let us know and we can pass on to the organisers.

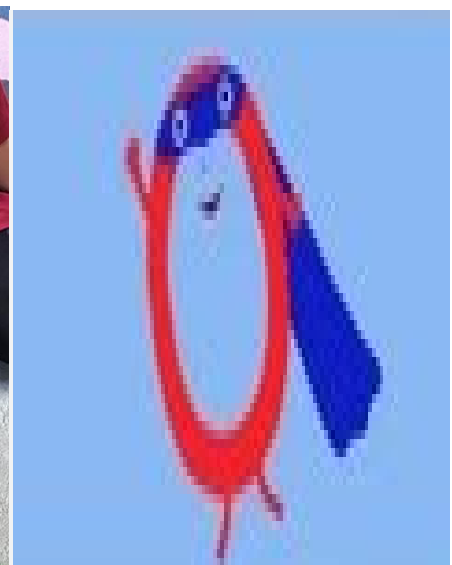
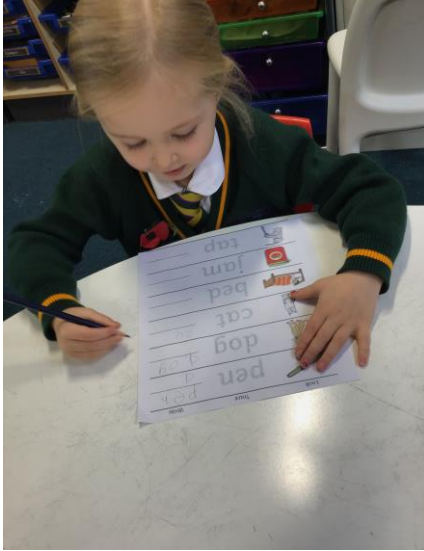
For more details please contact Mrs Geraldine Shuttleworth.



## Sparks

Sparks have been writing three letter words in class and really impressing Miss Milward!

They have played kerplunk and practised taking turns. They have been learning that we have five fingers using different objects to count and remember. Each morning before Maths they have been singing the "Zero zero superhero" song, learning how to count to ten forwards and backwards. They have also been baking and have made poppy cookies.



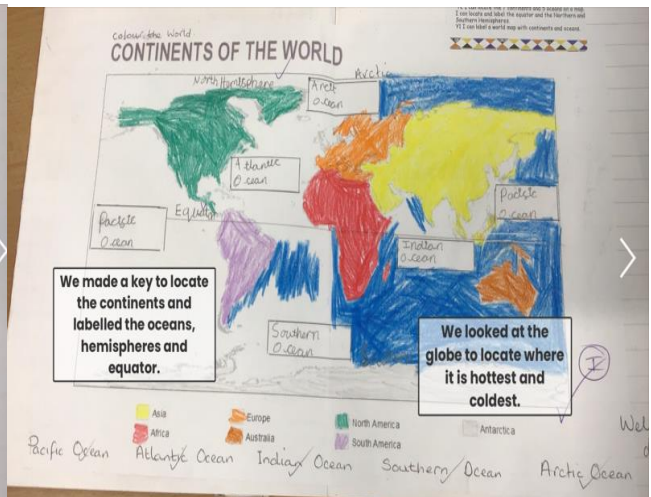
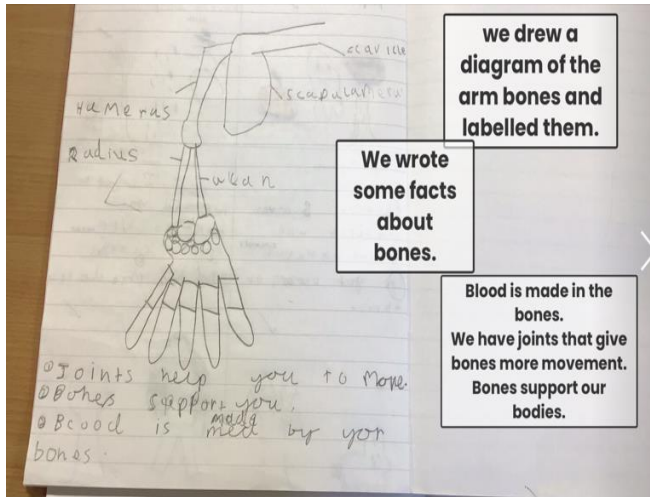
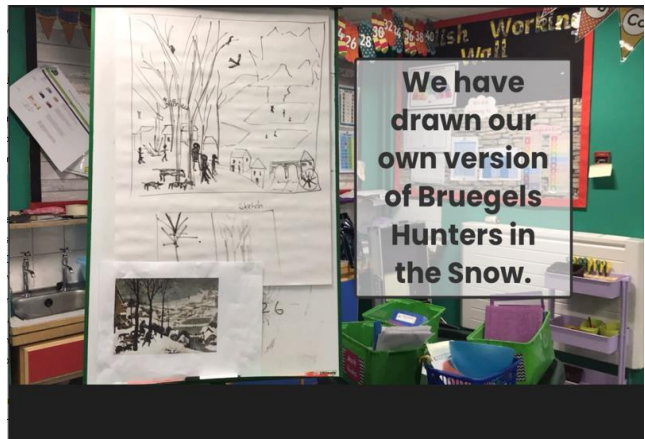
## Flickers

Flickers have been learning about The First World War this week to understand why we wear our poppies.

They learned that the poppies grew in the battle fields where the soldiers fought. They learned that the red petals represents the blood lost by the soldiers, the black middle is for the mourning of the fallen soldiers and the green stem should we worn pointing to 11 o clock as the war ended on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

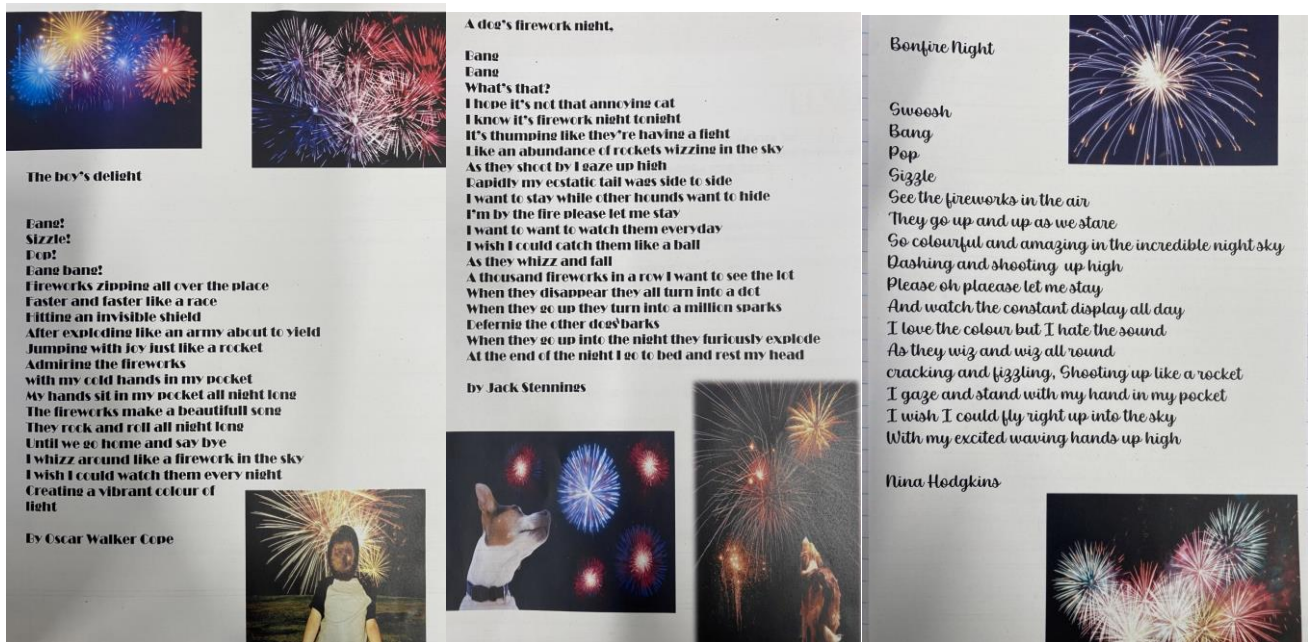
They have been drawing and labelling the bones in the hand and have been recreating the Pieter Bruegel's famous painting "The hunters in the snow". They have been colour mixing their paints to ensure the right tones in their painting.

They have also been learning about all the continents, the hemisphere and equator and the oceans.



## Flames

Flames class were writing Bonfire Night poems last week. They were full of super descriptions which really depicted the idea of fireworks and Bonfire night that they imagined.



**The boy's delight**

Fane!  
Sizzle!  
Pop!  
Fane bang!  
Fireworks zipping all over the place  
Faster and faster like a race  
Fitting an invisible shield  
After exploding like an army about to yield  
Jumping with joy just like a rocket  
Admiring the fireworks  
with my cold hands in my pocket  
My hands sit in my pocket all night long  
The fireworks make a beautiful song  
They rock and roll all night long  
Until we go home and say bye  
I whizz around like a firework in the sky  
I wish I could watch them every night  
Creating a vibrant colour of light

By Oscar Walker Cope

**A dog's firework night.**

Fane  
Fane  
What's that?  
I hope it's not that annoying cat  
I know it's firework night tonight  
It's thumping like they're having a fight  
Like an abundance of rockets wizzing in the sky  
As they shoot by I gaze up high  
Eradically my ecstatic tail wags side to side  
I want to stay while other hounds want to hide  
I'm by the fire please let me stay  
I want to want to watch them everyday  
I wish I could catch them like a ball  
As they whizz and fall  
A thousand fireworks in a row I want to see the lot  
When they disappear they all turn into a dot  
When they go up they turn into a million sparks  
Eternally the other dogs bark  
When they go up into the night they furiously explode  
At the end of the night I go to bed and rest my head

by Jack Stennings

**Bonfire Night**

Swoosh  
Bang  
Pop  
Sizzle  
See the fireworks in the air  
They go up and up as we stare  
So colourful and amazing in the incredible night sky  
Dashing and shooting up high  
Please oh please let me stay  
And watch the constant display all day  
I love the colour but I hate the sound  
As they wig and wig all round  
cracking and fizzling, Shooting up like a rocket  
I gaze and stand with my hand in my pocket  
I wish I could fly right up into the sky  
With my excited waving hands up high

Nina Hodgkins

In Science they have been learning about bones. They were learning about how strong the bones were so they experimented with chocolate!

They took two chocolate bars, a Dairy Milk and a Crunchie. They weighed them both and discovered that the Crunchie was the lighter chocolate bar. They then tried to squash both bars of chocolate but they were both as strong as each other, however as the Crunchie was lighter but still strong this had to be what our bones were similar to as we can't walk around with heavy bones. They cut them in half to see that the inside of the Dairy Milk was solid and the Crunchie was honeycomb. They learned that this was what the inside of our bones are like.

They then ate all the chocolate!

