

December 2025



We all hope you have  
a very happy and  
peaceful Christmas.

## 12.1.26 Important dates

Y6

**14.1.26** Hearing checks for reception children

**19.1.26** Saints Mental Health workshops for Y5

**20.1.26** British Red Cross workshops for Y6

**20.1.26** Merseyside Lieutenancy presentation for Y5

**23.1.26** Pastoral drop-in in school, 2pm – 3pm

**26.1.26** Saints Mental Health workshops for Y5

**4.2.26** Safer Internet assembly for KS2 and workshops for Y3

# After-school clubs

**7.1.26** After-school archery begins

(places have been allocated and messages sent, ends 11.2.26)

**12.1.26** Y4 football after-school club

(places have been allocated and messages sent, 3 sessions in total)

**12.1.26** Y5 wheelchair rugby after-school club (places have been allocated and messages sent, 3 sessions in total)

**13.1.26** Y5 football after-school club

(places have been allocated and messages sent, 3 sessions in total)

**13.1.26** KS2 music after-school ensemble re-starts

**2.1.26** Y6 football after-school club

(places have been allocated and messages sent, 3 sessions in total)

# Lunchtime clubs

**12.1.26** Y6 girls football lunchtime club re-starts

# SCHOOL NEWS

Another busy half term....

**Thank you** to everyone that attended our Christmas Performances. The children sparkled and shone throughout, and their teachers could not be prouder. Thank you also for helping us with adhering to fire regulations and understanding our limitations with tickets. Your kind donations for Wren's Way came to a fabulous £460 - Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our **school choir** performed at Parish Church with other schools and an orchestra for an evening of the Big Sing. The children sang beautifully. They then performed with the amazing Haydock Male Voice Choir at St Mark's Church. It was a wonderful evening - thank you children, Mrs Leicester and Mrs Hubbard for all your hard work.

**Y3** visited St Mark's Church to explore the First Christmas.

Children from **reception to Year 6** celebrated Christingle at St Mark's Church with Dan Leathers. Thank you Dan for two very special events.

This week the children have loved dancing and

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Thank you to all the Y1 families that joined us for our **phonics** meeting last month. These

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

meetings are an important way of us working together to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

School have welcomed many **visitors** this half term, here are just a few; Asthma nurse Tracy delivered assemblies to all children, Poet Kevin Dyer visited Y5K, Author Sean Perkins visited children in reception, Y1 and Y2, our PATHS coach, Mrs Barton, has been in to teach all classes across school, the Debate Academy spent the day with Y6 and United Utilities led a 'Stop the block' assembly for all children across school.

**Y5 and Y6** enjoyed a visit to Outwood Academy to watch their performance of Oliver. It was lovely to see so many ex-pupils on the stage.

**Across school** we have celebrated National Poetry Day and Michael Rosen Day. We definitely have some budding authors and poets at Legh Vale!

**Y5** classes have visited Colliers Croft this month. They took small handmade gifts with

them and sang songs with the residents. A

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Safety on site

The gates to the staff car park will now be locked at drop-off and pick-up times due a few incidents. If the gates are open for deliveries, please do not come onto the car park via those gates.

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site, this rule applies to dogs being carried also. Children must not remain on their scooters or bikes once they arrive on site. This is for obvious safety reasons.

## Thank you to you!

Our Christmas **Bingo** was a huge success as always. Thank you to all that attended. We raised just over £800 which is fantastic.

Our Christmas raffle certainly spread a lot of Christmas cheer and raised £1022. This is simply amazing and we are extremely grateful.

## KS2 PE days for Spring half term

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Monday: Y6A, Y5B, Y5K, Y4H,

Tuesday: Y4C, Y6F

Wednesday: Y3H, Y3W

## Early Years Foundation Stage 1 Newsletter

During the last two weeks the children have loved listening to The Elves and the Shoemaker story. They threaded a plastic needle and sewed the edge of their Christmas stocking which they then decorated.



The children discussed how the salt dough handprints and Christmas decorations had dried out. The children continued to exercise their fine motor skills by painting them, writing their Christmas lists and dressing the tree. Each child cut out their hand or footprint and assembled their own creation. They practised writing their name inside their handmade card.



The Nursery children were very confident as they performed their dress rehearsal on stage in front of an audience of Reception, Year One and Year Two children.



The children were so proud to perform on stage on Monday, we hope you enjoyed their performance. The children have been so excited about our Christmas party and were thrilled when Father Christmas arrived and brought us all a present.

Thank you for returning your learning stories about Road Safety and all your support throughout the autumn term.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who sent in amazing nativity costumes.

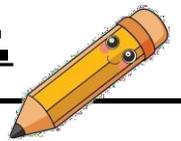
This is the last newsletter this year, so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, magical and healthy Christmas from the Nursery staff.



**All of the children  
in Nursery this week  
have been  
superstars on stage.**



# Year RCM Autumn 2 Newsletter.



## Communication, Language and Literacy

We have made so much progress during this term. Most of us are now blending and this is helping us develop both our reading and writing. We are becoming more confident to have a go independently. We continue to love our drawing club sessions and are starting to have a go at writing CVC words on our own. We have enjoyed looking at a variety of books including 'The Runaway Chapati' and 'The Christmas Pine'. We now have a good understanding of the terms 'character', 'setting and ~~adventure~~ linked to a story book

## Mathematical Development

We are working hard in our Maths sessions too. We have done lots of work on the numbers 1-5. We have explored how we can see them in different arrangements and used the vocabulary 'part', 'whole' and 'equal'. We have looked at the different patterns that we can make with different numbers of cubes. We love to play the 'fast eyes' game where we can quickly say how many dots are in the pattern without counting. We have also been developing our ability to show a number on our fingers quickly



## Physical Development

This term we have had our PE sessions with our sport's coach Miss Newby. She has taught us some dance skills, and we have built up our own dance routine linked to the topic of animals. Miss Newby showed us different ways of moving and encouraged us to move our bodies to represent a range of different animals. We all had so much fun!



## Our Christmas performance

We worked so hard on our Christmas performance of 'Prickly Hay'. We learnt so many songs and some of us had lines to say too. We performed on the day with so much confidence, and our teachers were so proud of us. Thank you for getting our costumes ready and making us look so great on that stage!



# Year RETH Autumn 2

## Newsletter

### **Creative Development**

As part of our topic on 'Festivals' we looked at Diwali. We explored how it was celebrated all over the world.

We used clay to make our own diya lamps. We made the shape for the candle and then covered them in glue to add glitter and sequins and make them sparkly.

We also drew round our hands and made some mehndi patterns



### **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

In our topic sessions we have explored different festivals that happen around the world during this time of the year. We looked at the globe and found some of the different countries that we have visited.

We talked about the festivals that we have experienced ourselves like 'Bonfire Night'. We made some wonderful firework art using pastels. We then explored the magic of 'Christmas'. Over the past couple of weeks, we have worked hard to make you some special Christmas treats. We hope you enjoy them!

### **Creative Development/Music**

We have continued to enjoy our music sessions with Mr Bartlett this term. He has taught us about 'rhythm' and introduced us to some different instruments. We learnt about the different notes 'crotchet', 'minim' and 'quaver'. We made patterns with these notes and clapped them out. We also had a go at playing them on the glockenspiel.

Last week we had a special visitor who was Miss Martin's Dad! He came in with his guitar and we had a special Christmas sing song. Some of us even got to join in with some jingle bells.



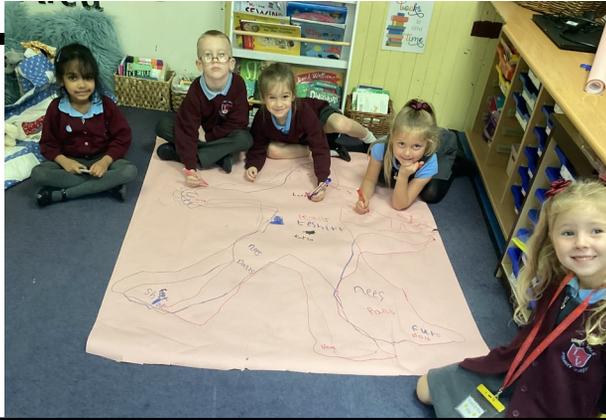
We have worked so hard in all areas this term and our teachers are so proud of the progress we are making. We are now looking forward to a restful break over Christmas where we can have lots of festive fun and look forward to that special visitor on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas everyone



# Year 1D Autumn 2

## Newsletter

Here are some of the activities that we have enjoyed this half term.



In science we have been learning about the parts of the human body and our senses. We also planted some bulbs.



In design and technology, we created our own puppets. We enjoyed playing with different types of puppets first.



In geography, we created a map of our classroom.

We enjoyed visiting the computer suit.



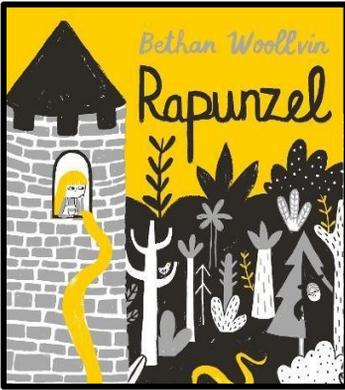
We wore our own clothes for Children in Need.

We loved our Christmas performance.

# Y1M Autumn 2 Class Newsletter



What a fun-filled half-term we have had in Y1M! We've had church visits, author days, Christmas performances and parties alongside our learning.

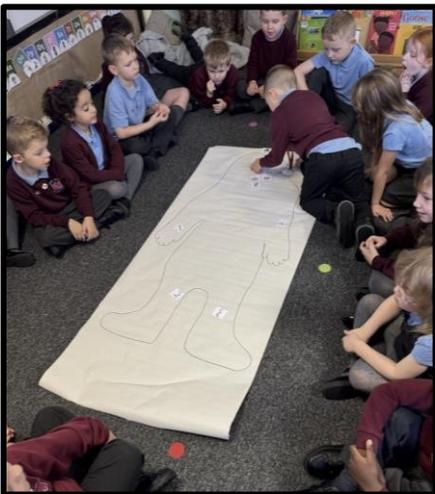


## English

We began the term with reading 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woollvin. The children loved finding out that in this version, Rapunzel saved herself. Ask your child to find out how she managed it! We looked at traditional tales and fairy tales and even wrote our own featuring an evil monkey!

## Geography

This half-term we have studied our local area. We have learned a lot such as using a compass, what a bird's eye view is and human and physical features in Haydock. We went on a walk around our school to spot them!



## Science

For our 'Animals Including Humans' topic, we have been focusing on learning about the body. We have learned about our five senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. The children have listened to instruments and described their sounds, guessed which food belonged to which smell, tasted and described different types of food and felt different objects.

## Michael Rosen Day

Michael Rosen Day was great! The children had a live assembly with the man himself where he read his poem 'Chocolate Cake'. The children found it hilarious! We then read his book 'We're going on a bear hunt' and recreated the locations with a food theme. My favourite location was 'Jelly Mountain'.



We finished our term with a Christmas performance, party, Christingle service and Christmas jumper day. Have a lovely and restful Christmas break and see you all next year!

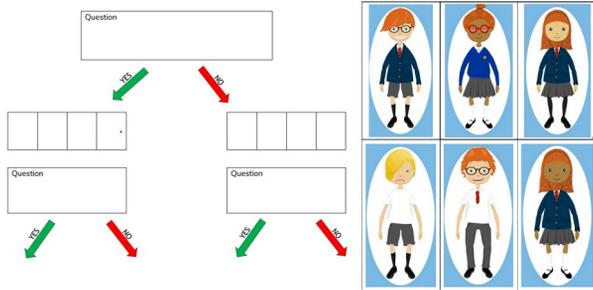
# Y2C Autumn 2

We have had another full and fabulous term in Y2C



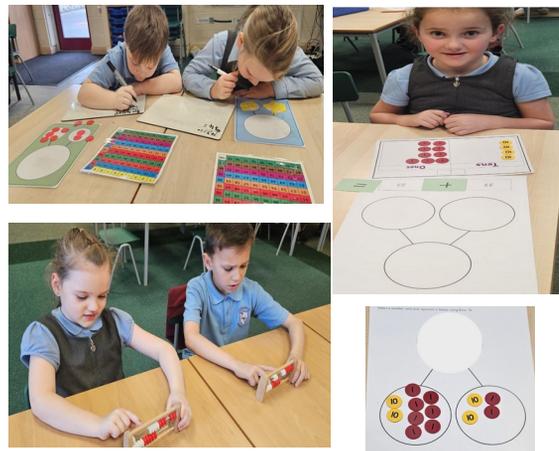
## Computing

This half term, the children have collected data about the types of homes they live in. They then used 2Count to create a pictogram to display the information. The children also used their sorting skills to produce a binary tree ~ a simple way of sorting information into two categories. Later, they suggested a range of yes/no questions to further separate the different items. The children noticed they could complete the binary tree



## Mathematics

The children used their prior knowledge of place value, adding one more/one less to a number and recall of number bonds to ten to solve reasoning problems. Great mathematical skills were also on show when calculating the answers to a range of addition and subtraction questions. The use of pictorial representations, concrete resources, mental and written calculations were used when adding with numbers up to 100. The children continue to enjoy our maths mastery lessons especially using the rekenreks to help them 'see'



## Design and Technology

After exploring different mechanisms in DT, the children used paper, card, scissors, glue and split pins to 'mock-up' their sliders and levers. They evaluated the best card and paper to make a suitable mechanism for a card or game. Later, the children designed and made their 'product' ~ a sliding Santa card or game lever. Finally, the products were tested out and the children made suggestions of



any improvements they could make to future products. Amazing

We would like to wish all the children and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Y2F have had a great second half term and are now ready for the Christmas break.



We have been very busy in our English lessons this half term. Our favourite book was, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We enjoyed reading the letters sent from the different coloured crayons. We then wrote our own letters, to Mrs Potter, pretending to be one of our classroom objects. The children particularly enjoyed



Our PE lessons have been so much fun this half term. The children have used the characters from the film 'Inside Out', PATHS lessons and emotions to help them to develop dance routines. They worked collaboratively, in small groups, and then brought their routines together to produce one big dance routine. The children worked systematically



In geography, we have been learning about the continents and oceans. The children really enjoyed learning the continents song, which has helped them to remember the names and locations of them. They also loved seeing where they were on the globe. They understand the differences between human and physical features and know what a desert is.

**Did you know that Antarctica is a desert?**

# What have we been doing in Y3H this half-term...?



In science, we have been investigating forces and magnets. We have had lots of fun exploring with push and pull and using magnets to determine which objects are magnetic or non-magnetic. We were so surprised to find out how magnets are used in everyday items

Y3H have worked incredibly hard in our DT topic - 2D to 3D product. After disassembling fabric garments into their separate components to help them understand seams, the children then designed and will be making their own pencil cases.



In English, Y3H have been writing brilliant information reports about foxes. The children have loved listening to stories, writing poetry and researching using the Internet and books along the way to help them write about these interesting, UK native animals.

In geography, our class has been looking 'Beyond the Magic Kingdom' and exploring what else there is in Florida. They have looked at and used lots of different maps, researched different states and are proudly producing a PowerPoint presentation to share their knowledge.



## A class of little crackers!

Throughout the whole of Autumn 2, the class have been working hard across all of our topics and especially in our festive activities. They had a huge challenge to convert their teacher (aka The Grinch) to love Christmas! We performed for our families in the school sing-along, entered a festive card competition on Purple Mash, made calendars and decorations and sang lots of Christmas songs - some of us even performed with Haydock Male Voice Choir at St. Mark's Church and with other primary schools from all over St. Helens at Parish

Church. They definitely deserve to be on Santa's good list!  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Y3H!



# Year 3W - Autumn 2



We have been very busy this half term; the children have worked extremely hard writing a Non-Fiction Report about foxes. They also had the opportunity to learn how to use a dictionary.

During Science we have been learning about Forces and Magnets, here the children were learning how fiction slows down a



We used our prior knowledge of sewing in our Design and Technology lessons. First we cut out old clothes to see what they looked like before they were sewn together. Then we designed and made amazing pencil cases.

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we visited St Mark's for 'A Walk Through Christmas', sung our hearts out in our performances and will dance our legs off at our Christmas party. I would like to thank all Y3W parents for your support and wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.



# Sports News

## **Our Year 4 Dodgeball Team Shines at St Helens Competition!**

A huge well done to our Year 4 dodgeball team who represented Legh Vale Primary School brilliantly at the St Helens Primary Schools' competition back in November. All six pupils gave their absolute best, showing fantastic teamwork and determination throughout six exciting games. They improved with every match, played in the right spirit, shook hands after each game and were a true credit to our school values. The team enjoyed themselves



## **Year 6 Boccia Team Impress**

Our Year 6 Boccia team were thrilled to represent Legh Vale Primary School at the recent St Helens Primary Schools' event. Boccia, for those unfamiliar, is a precision sport similar to bowls, where players aim to throw or roll balls as close as possible to a target ball called the 'jack.' It requires accuracy, strategy, and teamwork and our pupils showed all three in abundance! The team of six played exceptionally well, adapting brilliantly to different balls than those they had trained with and giving a fantastic account of themselves. They demonstrated resilience, great sportsmanship, and a positive attitude throughout the competition. Every game saw them working together and improving their tactics, and they left feeling proud of their effort. Well done to the Year 6 Boccia team from Legh Vale in the



# Y4C Autumn 2 Newsletter

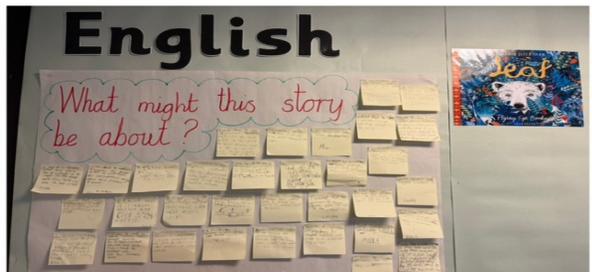
We have had another wonderful half term in Y4C. The children have worked extremely hard in lessons and enjoyed preparing for all the Christmas festivities!

It has been a busy half term in Science, with the children learning about teeth, digestion and food chains.

We even recreated the digestive process to show how our



We loved this half term's English topic about polar bears. We did lots of work around our focus book 'Leaf' by Sandra



During our PATHS sessions, the children have been learning how to work cooperatively together in groups and with partners.

They have then been putting these



During our Science lessons, we also conducted an investigation into the impact our favourite drinks have on our teeth. We were shocked at some of the revolting



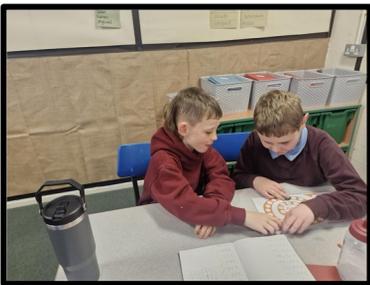
## Y4H Autumn 2 Newsletter

Wow! What an amazing end to 2025! The children have continued to work hard across the curriculum and have produced lots of work they can be proud of whilst having lots of fun too. We made our teachers proud during our Christmas performances and enjoyed visiting St Mark's Church for our annual Christingle Service.

In Science, we enjoyed talking about how we should look after our teeth. We were fascinated to see the results from our investigation into tooth decay. We were able to see the effects of liquids like milk, cola and orange juice



This half term, we have loved our Computing sessions. We have learnt how to use Logo on Purple Mash. This is a simple programming tool that lets users give commands to a "turtle" to draw shapes and patterns on the screen. It helps children learn coding concepts like sequencing and problem-solving. As we became more confident, we were able to design our own mazes.



In Maths we have been focusing on learning our 6,7,8 and 9 times tables. We have sung songs and played games to help us to

remember the facts

In Y4H we are avid readers! Since September, we have read George's Marvellous Medicine, The Accidental Prime Minister, poetry books and a range of books provided by the Library Service as part of BASH!.

In PE, we have enjoyed our dance lessons this half term where we have been focusing on creating and performing sequences that show control, coordination, and expressive movement. To begin with we copied dance routines on the screen and then we choreographed our own



In the second half of this half term, we have been learning about the Digestive System. In class, we learnt about the process of what happens to our food when we eat it. We then worked in groups to recreate this process.

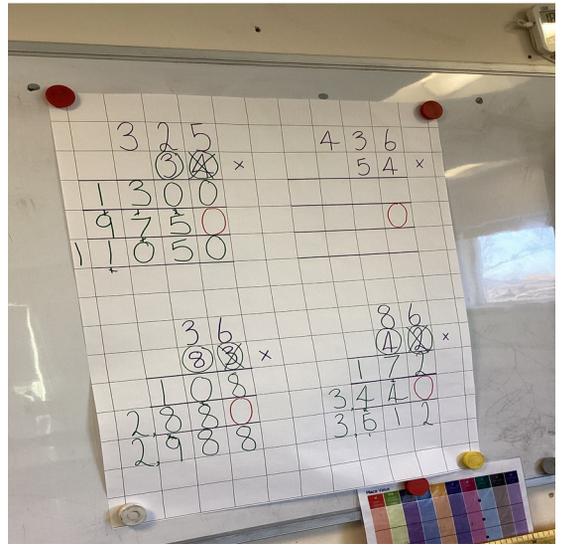


The Y4 team would like to thank you for your continued support that we have received this term. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026!

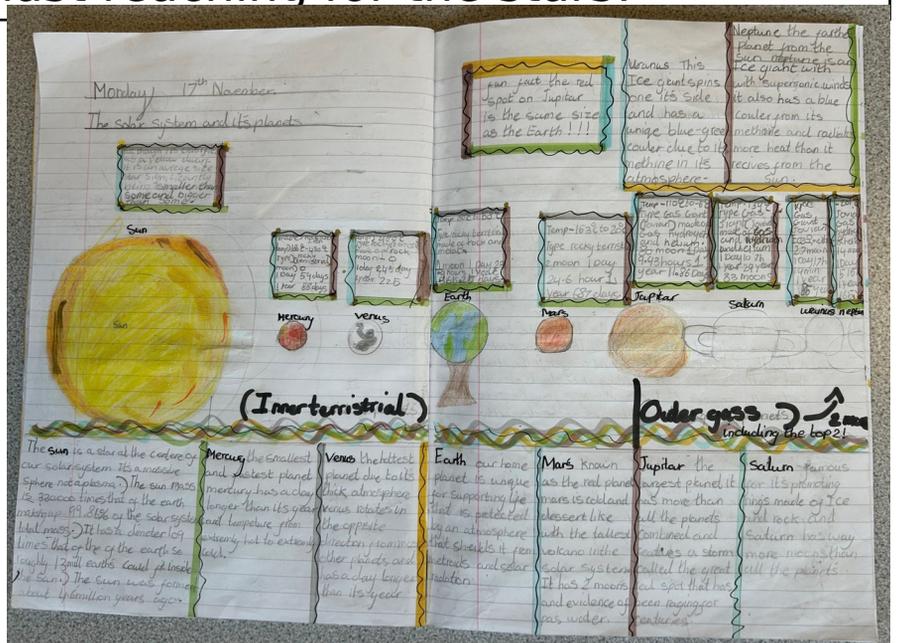




This half term, Y5B have been putting in fantastic effort to strengthen their maths skills. The children have been working hard on long multiplication and division, building confidence and accuracy as they tackle more challenging problems. Their determination and progress



have been brilliant to see have thoroughly enjoyed their journey into the wonders of Space. The children have been fascinated by the solar system and its planets, discovered how the day and night cycle works, and investigated the different phases of the moon. It's been an exciting adventure of learning, and the class have truly had a blast reaching for the stars!



We are delighted to announce that Y5B's new school councillors have been elected! A huge congratulations to Evie and Isabella, who will represent their classmates with enthusiasm and dedication. We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make to our

# Y5B visit to Colliers Croft



# Y5K Autumn 2 Newsletter



What a brilliant end to our first full term in Year 5! Y5K have been very busy on the run up to Christmas. They have taken part in our Christmas performances, visited Colliers Croft, danced their socks off at our party and enjoyed being part of St Mark's Christingle service.

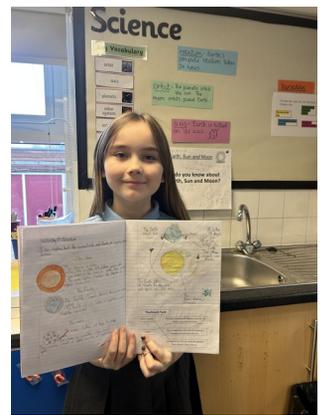
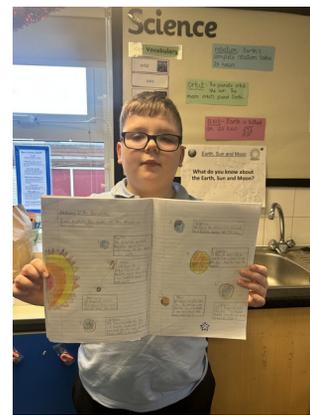
In DT, we have designed and created our very own Christmas decoration to give to the residents of Colliers



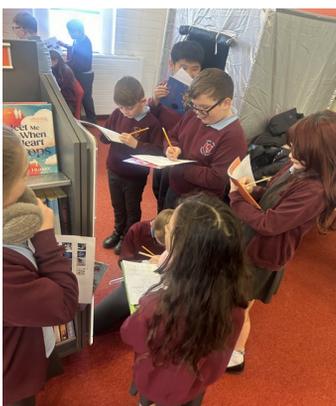
In Science, we have been learning all about the solar



As part of the Art Awards we visited Haydock library and have taken part in workshops with author Kevin Dyer.



In PE, we have been swimming. Many of the class achieved their 10m and 25m. They all successfully completed their swim



# Y5K visit to Colliers Croft

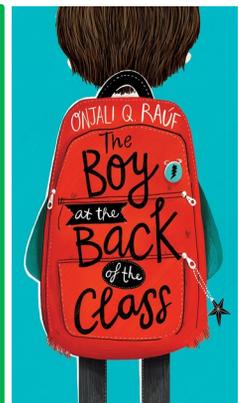


# Y6A Autumn 2 Newsletter

Wishing all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Y6A continue to impress us with their hard work, dedication, maturity and kindness. Here's a small snippet of our most recent half term!



In our **English** and **geography** lessons, we explored the world and lives of people across it. Children have produced some excellent writing based on a range of texts, including **The Boy at the Back of the Class**, our shared read. This linked in beautifully with our celebration of **Michael Rosen Poetry Day**, in which we explored his anthology, **'On the Move'** and used it to inspire our own poems about family and belonging.



In **maths** we have been learning about fractions: simplifying, equivalence, ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting. It's been a busy half term!



Our **science** topic was **electricity**, allowing us some great opportunities for some practical lessons. The children loved building circuits, learning about voltage and studying key scientists in this area.



We have also thoroughly enjoyed our **music** lessons with our specialist teacher.

During our **DT** lessons we began creating **steady hand games** for our Y1 pupils, using our knowledge of circuits to help.

This half term's **PE** topic across the department was **dance** and Y6 had some great moves! They choreographed parts of their own routine to theme **'A Night at the Movies'**, a medley celebration of some classics!



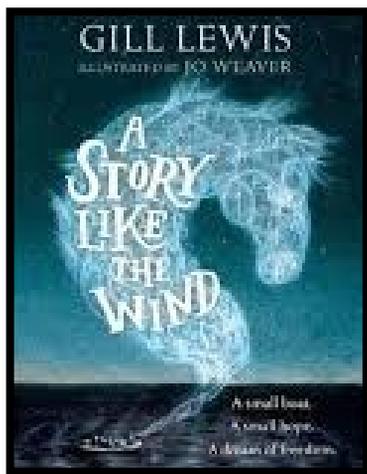
# Y6F Class

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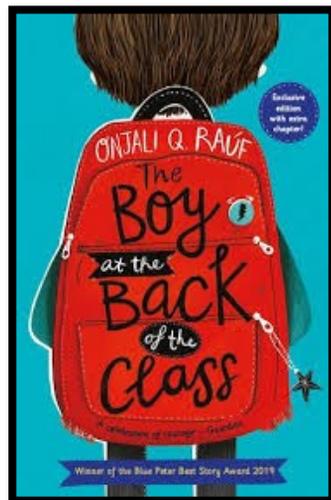
## Autumn 2

We've enjoyed another fun and festive half-term together in Y6F. The children have really enjoyed our new topics this half-term and have worked extremely hard to produce some outstanding pieces of work across all subjects.



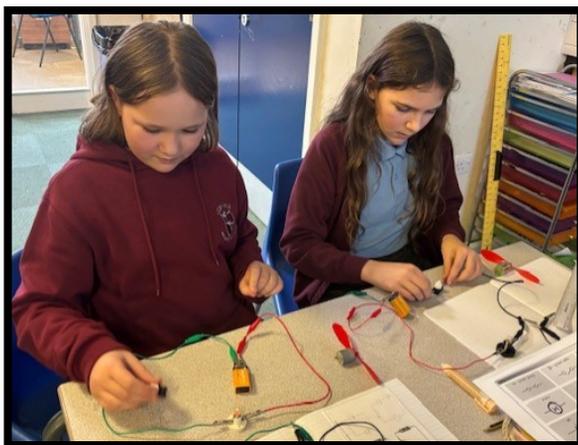
### English

Our focus text this half-term was 'A Story Like the Wind'. This text evoked some heart-felt discussions about refugees which linked perfectly with our class novel 'The boy at the Back of the Class'. We enjoyed writing our own flashback narratives and setting descriptions.



### Foundation Subjects

The children have loved our 'Electricity' topic in Science. We designed and built our own circuits with different components and used these to plan our own investigations. This topic complimented our study of 'Steady Hand' games in DT. The children used their knowledge of circuits to design and build their own game. In Geography, the children have enjoyed learning about the importance of Fairtrade and how this benefits people around the world. Another highlight this half-term has been our Dance topic. The children have loved choreographing our own dance – Y6F definitely know how to move!



### Michael Rosen Day

We had SO much fun celebrating Michael Rosen Day this half-term. We participated in the live lesson (hosted by the man himself!) We then used ideas from this session, to write our own 'Michael Rosen' inspired poems.



### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Year 6 team would like to wish you all a very, merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year. Thank you for your continued support this year. We're already excited for what 2026 will bring!

# St Helens CHAMPIONS 2025-2026

After weeks of dedication, determination, and passion, our athletics team have achieved something truly remarkable - they are the **St Helens Champions!** The coaches could not be prouder of the children's outstanding attitude, commitment, and team spirit, shown consistently throughout training and shining brightest on the day of competition. This incredible accomplishment is a testament to the hard work of every single team member, and it is thoroughly deserved. Congratulations on an unforgettable victory!



Our fantastic team captains for this year: Violet, Oliver, and Finley!