

Bluebell School
Newsletter Christmas 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of 2023 it is always a brilliant opportunity to reflect on the year. 2023 has been a fantastic year at Bluebell; as always, full of fun, opportunities and lots of learning!

As Christmas is a time for thanks, I would like to thank our staff team for all of the work that they have put in over this term. The work that they complete with our lovely pupils is nothing short of amazing. It is a pleasure to walk into classrooms and see different activities, pupils enjoy explaining the work that they are completing because they are fully engaged with the learning in place. A second thank you goes to our pupils; we are so lucky to work with your children! Our new starters have completed their first term with us, and it has been a pleasure to them as part of our Bluebell family. Finally, a huge thank you to all of you; our parents and carers. Without your support we are not able to work together to get the best outcomes for our young people. Your support is so appreciated and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2024.

Pupils have enjoyed the festivities leading up to the break. We hosted our annual Christmas coffee morning in which some of our pupils performed some Christmas classics. I am sure that you share the pride that we have in their performances! They were fantastic. I am always in awe of the pupils who are able to get up and sing/play instruments/dance in front of a crowd –it really takes some courage! Some of our pupils also attended Crewe Lyceum to watch the annual Pantomime, this year is Cinderella and the feedback was very positive!

2024 sees new opportunities for some of our staff members too. We say goodbye to Jo Anderson, our deputy headteacher, who takes up a promotion in another school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo for all her work at Bluebell, she will be missed by the pupils and staff alike. Jo has worked with many of you over the years and I am sure that you share our best wishes for her future role. Dan Smith will take the position of Deputy Headteacher, starting in January; Dan is currently our Assistant Headteacher and is looking forward to taking on the new role. We also say goodbye to Sharon Grimes. Lots of our families know Sharon and will share our best wishes for the future. We welcome two new teachers in January; Kayleigh and Racheal. They will be working with different classes to start with to get to know our pupils. Your child's class teacher will remain the same as they are now.

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 9th January. IEP calls/meetings/zooms have been scheduled by the admin team. If you do not have a meeting set up, please contact the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful festive break. I hope you all enjoy some much-needed rest, quality time with loved ones and over indulge on lots of treats! Wishing you all happiness and health for 2024.

Best Wishes,

Kay

Wedgwood

Class Wedgwood have had a brilliant half term.

In English, this term, we have been working on stories with a familiar setting. We have been working on stories around different celebrations. The children have read stories about birthday's, bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities such as creating poems, using their senses to create descriptive writing, joining in with rhymes and songs and created some fantastic pieces of writing. The children also created some lovely letters for Father Christmas.



In Maths this term, some children began the half term learning how to understand the operation of subtraction. The children played subtraction games, solved number problems and began to create subtraction sentences. They also worked on sequencing and writing numerals to 20. After this, they worked on adding and subtracting from a whole number.

Other children began the term becoming familiar with the Numicon shapes. They completed activities such as matching the Numicon by shape or colour. They used the Numicon to create images using overlays and created patterns. After this, they began to work on ordering Numicon in the correct sequence and adding the numeral to a Numicon shape.



In Science, class Wedgwood have continued their work around every day materials. The children created their own fireworks in a jar and created fireworks on filter paper. They then moved on to waterproof materials and tested a variety of materials to see if they were waterproof or non-waterproof. After this we moved onto states of matter and the children completed a test to see how quickly they could melt an ice cube. The children also worked on natural and man-made materials, absorbent materials and using materials for a purpose such as creating their own music shaker bottles.



In Topic, Class Wedgwood have continued to work on The Great Fire of London. The children began the half term by creating 2D and 3D models of a Tudor house during their Design and Technology sessions. They then moved on to patterns and explored the patterns that the Tudors would have used. They used this knowledge to create their own abstract art. The children also explored food from the Tudor era and took part in a Tudor banquet.

During their Geography sessions, the children have completed some map work and particularly enjoyed exploring London on Google maps and finding Pudding Lane, where the Great Fire of London began.



Have a lovely Christmas, Class Wedgwood!

Minton

Class Minton have had a great half term having lots of fun while they learn!

During our English lessons we have had the opportunity to read lots of lovely stories whilst learning about fictional texts. We particularly enjoyed 'The Christmas Jolly Postman' towards the end of the half term.



In our Maths lessons we have explored addition, subtraction and compared differences using lots of visual representation to support our learning and understanding.



During our Science lessons, some of us have been continued our learning around materials, where we have enjoyed exploring the difference and uses of cooked and uncooked materials. Others have explored light, based around Isaac Newton's investigations and discoveries.



We have had lots of opportunities to explore our local community this half term. During our RE lessons, we have learnt about how the local community helps others through different organisations. We also took part in crafts to create a Christmas card to send to our neighbours in the area.



Towards the end of the half term we have enjoyed participating in a range of Christmas activities. We have taken part in Christmas crafts, Christmas baking, Christmas sensory tuff trays, made reindeer food, created our own baubles and snow globes, as well as creating a lovely Christmas card to send to our loved ones.



We hope you have an amazing Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year!

Middleton

Class Middleton have settled back into the school routine really well after the half term holiday. We have been very busy continuing to explore our exciting topics with a sensory/hands on approach to our learning. Look at some of the fun we have had, while participating in learning...

During our Maths lessons, we have been focusing on number skills and specifically developing our knowledge of subtracting and addition. The children were able to practise their new skills that they have developed through lots of practical activities as well as going off site to develop adding and subtracting skills through the use of money. The children have also been developing their time skills by identifying different times of the day by using the day board to support.



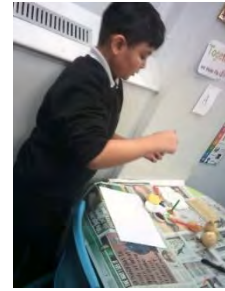
Within the Autumn term in English, we have continued to focus on lots of different non-fiction stories. We have specifically looked at Meerkat Mail and the Jolly Christmas postman.

This included lots of work on various writing and language techniques, such as using adjectives and alliteration within their writing as well as practicing handwriting and letter formation skills. The pupils have completed lots of wonderful work in regards to various stories.



Within our Science lessons we have continued to focus on a new topic called 'Materials and their properties'. We have specifically focused on lots of different things and the children have become scientists for the half term by completing various hands on and sensory bases scientific investigations to look at various natural materials. The children have completed lots of scientific investigations.

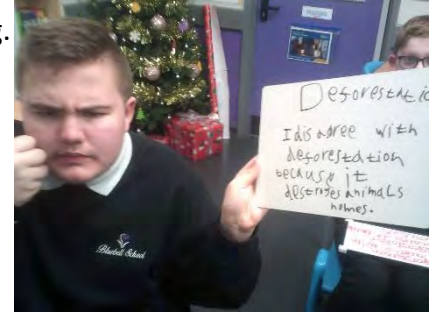
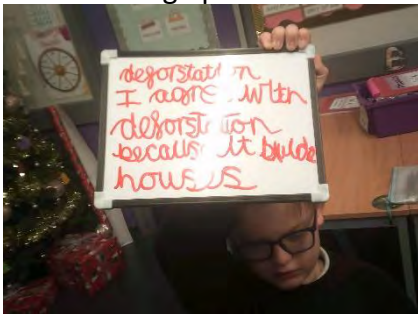
Well done class Middleton for settling in and completing lots of wonderful work over the autumn term!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the teachers in Class Middleton!

Wade

Class Wade have had another amazing half term and have thoroughly enjoyed the festive activities leading up to Christmas. The children have worked super hard on their different targets and have



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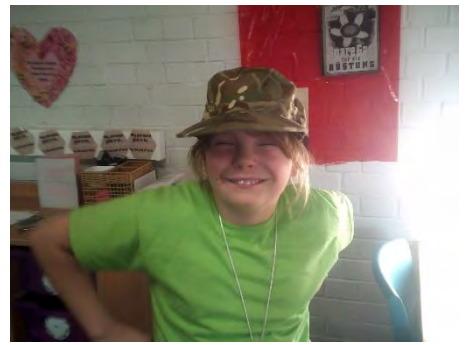


During Science this half term, the children have continued to explore sound, but have begun to look at light more specifically. The children have made their own tonoscopes to see how sound is made, and then began to explore kaleidoscopes. We had the chance to make our own using funky patterns and then explored prisms of light using different glass shapes.



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Others have explored fractions and decimals, looking at decimal number lines, finding the hundredths and thousandths.



Throughout our Topic sessions this half term, Class Dudson have been focusing on World War 2 and the leaders around this time. We got to dress up in some of the clothing worn during this time and explored the effects of World War 2 on the people. The children looked at the significant people during the War and how they made positive/negative impacts during that time.

The children also made their own pastry treat during their Design and Technology sessions, which they really enjoyed making and eating!



Throughout this term, the children have enjoyed a range of diversity events, including anti-bullying week, where we completed a number of different sessions on kindness and the impact of words. All of the children were very sensible and gave very good advice to each other!

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are continuing to strive to become the best versions of themselves. I hope you have an amazing Christmas break and I can't wait to see everyone after the half term!

All the best,

Abbey and the team

Dudson

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During English, we have continued to read classic books. This half term we have continued to sequence the different parts of the story but also added recapping and recalling the stories in different ways. We have all been working on our phonics skills and letter formations throughout the half term.



In Maths this half term, the children have been exploring a range of different topics. This has included working on numbers to 20, adding and subtracting one and two from whole numbers up to 10 and talking through how to write calculations. We have recognised adding and subtracting two numbers up to 10 in a variety of scenarios. One of our groups have been focusing on number trios, using number lines and using 10's to complete answers.

During Science this half term, we have been exploring different materials and states of matter. We have explored the materials in the classroom, grouped the same together and then talked about the differences between liquids and solids. We have also thought about what is the best way to get solids out of liquids and the results were unanimous that our hands were the best to get the solid objects out.

Throughout our Topic sessions this half term, we have continued to learn about the Roman Empire. We have learnt about how the Roman Empire has helped us in Modern Day Britain today including the road, rail and water systems have. We have explored different types of pottery and have used clay to design and make our own pots.

Throughout this term, we have worked hard in our sessions so we have had some reward trips. We have been out to look around different shops including charity ones to find appropriate items for the shoebox appeal for Christmas. We voted to make a box for a 3–5-year-old boy. We have also been fortunate enough to go for breakfast in Asda for a treat.



In RE this half term, we have been working on people who help us. We have walked round the local area to find people who help us. We visited the local charity shop, pharmacy, town hall and the police station where we were fortunate enough to spend a few minutes with two police officers discussing their job.



Class Dudson have enjoyed this half term and the build up to Christmas. We have great fun in all lessons and completing a range of activities.

We all wish you a lovely break, a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sophie and all the team.

Steelite

The second half of the Autumn term has been fantastic for class Steelite. We have had a terrific time investigating magnets during Science. We have looked everywhere in the school for various magnetic materials and things. In addition, we examined various forces and observed how a toy car moved on different kinds of surfaces.

We have performed Dear Father Christmas and looked at scripts in our English lessons. We took on several roles; some were elves, and some were reindeer and some were the big guy himself! Performing our play scripts was so much fun for us. We also practiced our carol in preparation for the end-of-month Christmas coffee morning.



In Topic we have been studying the Vikings, and on our history day, we had a guest who brought in a wealth of information about Viking history. Our guest Liz also gave us tasks, such as making Viking longboats out of clay, straw, pasta, and paper, and playing a marble-based Viking game. Additionally, we made our own runes. We also had the opportunity to view and try on traditional Viking attire! We all learned a lot and had an excellent day.



We have truly enjoyed playing, interacting with our peers and mingling with other students



during social skills lesson. We have gone on a few off-site excursions; one that stands out in particular was to Astbury Garden Centre, where we



experienced an abundance of beautifully decorated Christmas trees. In an effort to spread Christmas happiness, we also made some stunning Christmas cards for our community, which included one of the retirement homes.

A lovely way to end the term! We
Happy New Year!

From Chloe and Robyn 😊



wish you a merry Christmas and a

Spode

For class Spode, the second part of the Autumn term has been fantastic. In Science, we've had a great time learning about magnets. We have searched the entire school for different magnetic objects and materials. We also looked at different forces and saw how a toy car behaved on various surfaces.



In our English sessions, we have looked at scripts and played Dear Father Christmas. Some of us dressed like elves, some like reindeer, and some like the big guy himself! We had a great time acting out our play scripts. In preparation for the end-of-month Christmas coffee morning, we also rehearsed our carol.



We've been studying the Vikings in Topic, and on our history day, we had a guest who was well knowledgeable about Viking history. In addition, our guest Liz assigned us activities like playing a marble-based Viking game and crafting Viking longboats out of clay, straw, pasta, and paper. We also created our own runes. Additionally, we got to see and try on authentic Viking clothing! We all had a great day and learned a lot.



During the social skills class, we have genuinely loved playing, interacting with our friends, and socialising with other pupils. The children loved visiting Astbury Garden Centre, where there were a lot of beautifully decorated Christmas trees. We also prepared some beautiful Christmas cards for our community, which included one of the retirement homes, in an attempt to spread Christmas cheer.



Class Spode have had a brilliant term and we have all thoroughly enjoyed every part.
Charlotte, Steph and Laura wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Churchill

Class Churchill have had an incredible end to their autumn term! This half term has been packed with trips, craft, exploring and creating and we have also had several visitors along the way.



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Overall an incredible end to an incredible half term. We are so proud of class Churchill and this has been a jam packed half term filled with new learning, trips and exploration. Have a well earned rest over Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Josie, Kate & Sam.
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Burleigh

Maths

In Maths we have done lots of different activities including, place value, angles, ordering, fractions. We counting in multiples. We have worked on subtracting numbers mentally. We used coding to solve problems. We have completed lots of work on data using different charts, including bar charts, scatter charts and pictograms. We have completed word problems. We have completed lots of times table practice. We have also worked on shapes and their properties.

English

During our English sessions we started the term learning about language variation, the class have really invested in this and enjoyed discussing all the different aspects. We watched and interview with Maeve Diamond, she really sparked the children's imaginations. We then moved on to looking at understanding the differences between, dialect. Slang and standard English. This lead on to understanding accents and how different areas speak differently. We have looked at changing a text from eye dialect to standard English. We studied Emily Bronte and looked at how language was written in times gone by and compared it too now. We have studies differences between formal and informal language. Finishing the term with some great discussions.

Science

In Science we have been learning all about the heart and blood vessels and how to describe the components of blood. We then learnt the importance of Scientific questions. We then learnt all about the functions of the bones in a skeleton. We have learnt about the positive effect of legal and illegal drugs and their effects on the body. We completed an experiment learning our reaction times.

Topic

Over the last few weeks, we have been learning all about D&T during these sessions we have been discovering all about different fabrics we looked at what fabrics are used for and why they are the best material. We learnt to make our own item using a suitable material. We also learnt how to use a sewing machine and created different stitches. We then moved on to art where we have researched different cultures and the importance of mythical creatures. We then discovered how to print patterns creating our own pattern.

PSHE

In PSHE we have been learning all about human rights. The class have really enjoyed this and got involved in the discussion. We then began to research the changes on our community. We also researched the finance behind sports facilities and Leisure Centre's.

P.E

In P.E, we have been learning all different skills during our swimming lessons. We have been concentration on invasion games, practicing our football and our basketball skills during our P.E at the Leisure Centre. We have worked really hard to get better at each skill.

Here are a few pictures of what the children have been getting up to during this half term.

In Computing we have learning how to create our own webpage.

In R.E, we have learnt about how to reduce the impact of evil and suffering.

We have been learning about the effects of using appropriate manners.

In Music we have been focusing on different genre of music, while listening and responding.

In French we have been learning how to say our like and dislikes. And added to our French vocabulary.

We enjoyed reward day at winter wander land the class had a great time.

Have a fantastic half term Burleigh enjoy your time off. We look forward to welcoming you all back in November.

Team Burleigh – Hazel, Laura and Sarah.



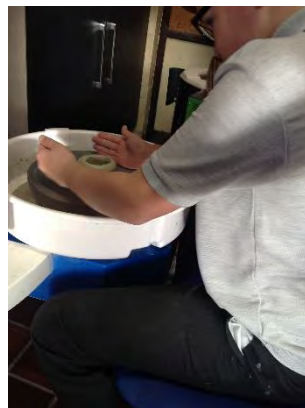
Beswick

Class Beswick have had a great half term and have thoroughly enjoyed the festive activities leading up to Christmas. The children have worked really hard on their different targets and have impressed staff with their learning.

In Science this term we have continued to understand sound and have been able to create our own tonoscopes to view sound while also discovering the world of lights and how light creates multiple different colours in the form of spectrums. We have created our own kaleidoscopes and visited light shows.



In topic, we have been exploring the past of the Romans, and we have discovered how the Romans lived in their history. We have discovered the clothes they wore, the jobs they did and the items they used. Towards the closing days of the term, we created our clay pots that were used.



To finish the year off we travelled to the think tank in Birmingham to take part in a cross curricular trip. Whilst there we discovered the different lights and how the spectrums shine through glass differently. Also the history behind WW2 and how people needed rations to eat. To finish the trip we spent some time in the Science garden.



I hope you have an amazing Christmas break and come back fully recharged for the spring term!

All the best,

Jordan, Matt, Nicola and Devon

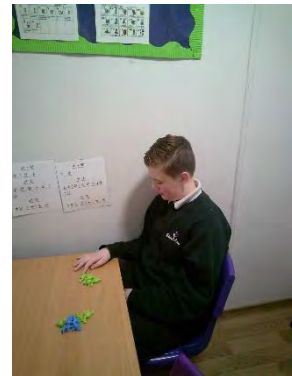
Gladstone

What an amazing half term Class Gladstone have had, we have taken part in lots of fun Christmas activities and had some exciting learning opportunities.

During RE KS2 children have been learning about how the local communicate is helped by organizations, children were able to enjoy a walk in Kidsgrove to identify these different organizations.



During Maths children have explored many different ways to complete different addition and subtractions. Children were able to use a range of different equipment to help them complete these.



We were able to make a lovely shoe box up for the shoe box appeal. All children were able to think of an item they wanted to add to the shoe box.



We had a very special Class visitor 'Glade' the Elf, here are some of the things he got up to during his visit.



We all worked together to make cards for our local community, just look at the lovely cards we made and sent!

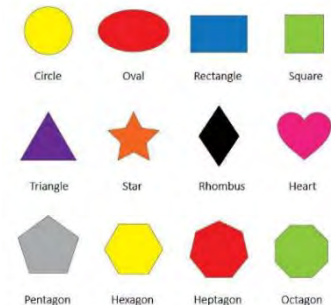


All staff would like to thank children for the lovely gifts they have sent. We Wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

Moorcroft

Class Moorcroft have had a great half term leading up to the Christmas break and they have completed some great work. The children have made great progress in their academic development but also in the children's social ability to interact with others.

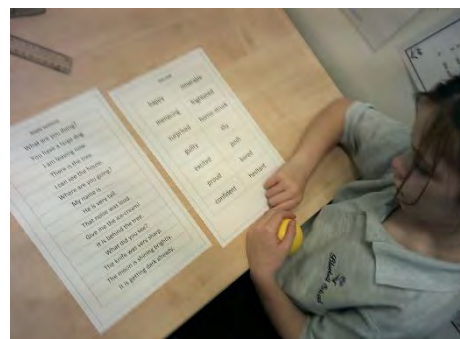
In Maths the children have all covered a range of different topics within their Key Stage area. Key Stage 2 covered a range of topics dependent upon their stage of work. Some children have developed a great ability complete simple addition and subtraction questions using a range of methods. They have also looked at shapes being able to describe them using the correct terminology. The children in Key Stage 2 have developed some great knowledge this term which we will continue to build on during the next academic term.



The children in Key Stage 3 have been able to show a great development of their understanding they have covered topics such as place value, addition and subtraction of 3- and 4-digit numbers before paying focus to estimating before moving on finally to capacity. The children covering functional skills have shown fabulous resilience and have covered a range of topics which will meet the criteria of their exam such adding and subtracting fractions. The children have engaged in mock exams and then have developed a knowledge where they have made great progress in their scores.

In English the children have engaged in some great sessions and developed their English ability showing some great knowledge and where some have worked on their phonetical knowledge and spelling. The Key Stage 2 children in English began the half term looking at persuasive devices. They then explored play scripts and the different features. They finished the term looking at letters where they wrote a fantastic letter to Santa.

Key Stage 3 within their English lessons has gained some basic skills to aid their writing this term where they have looked at a range of writing techniques. The children during this half term have paid attention to the different factors which impact language and people's accent. The children looked at idiolect, dialect and sociolect where they considered what influences our language. The children used their knowledge to then write a great piece of writing where they wrote an information text about language.



The Key Stage 4 children have worked extremely hard this term where they began to use a range of language techniques effectively which has in turn improved their writing. During the term the children have completed some great descriptive writing where they have needed to use their senses to describe a certain place.

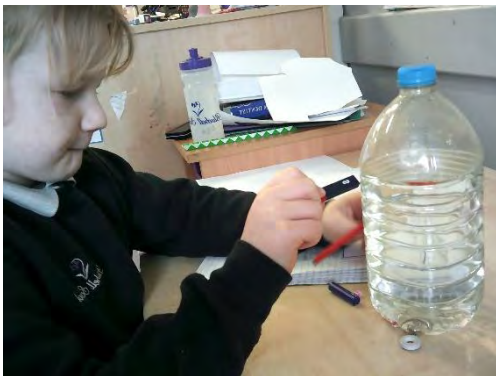
The children have created some amazing pieces of writing, showing a good ability to proof read.



During our other subjects we have covered a range of different topic areas. The Key Stage 2 children have been exploring the Anglo Saxons and Vikings where we have covered our geography and design and technology focus. The children have enjoyed being extremely practical in sessions where they have designed and then created a range of objects including an Anglo-Saxon house from natural materials.

They Key Stage 3 children during our Topic sessions, have covered art and geography. In art the children enjoyed exploring different cultures and how this impacts art. The children then paid focus to the technique of printing before trying this for themselves.

They Key Stage 4 children have shown some fantastic resilience within their BTECS and they have worked hard to complete their personal progression plan and beginning their first unit of work.

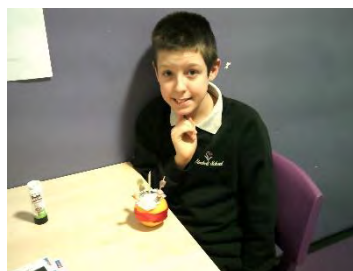


In Science the Key Stage 2 children have been looking at forces. The children began by looking at the push and pull force where they were able to explore the school to find different examples of each. The children then moved on to look at magnetism, they hunted for different magnetic materials before looking at the uses for magnets where they developed a great understanding through practical activities.

In our Science sessions, the Key Stage 3 children have explored the human body and the different organs looking at the purpose. During the end of the half term the children looked at how organisms adapt and constructed a range of food chains.

Over the term the children have also engaged in a range of different diversity events where they have really enjoyed partaking in practical activities and developing their social, moral, cultural and spiritual understanding. Class Moorcroft

worked well as a team to organise the school shoe box appeal where



we collected and delivered 16 shoeboxes for vulnerable children in Ukraine. They should be very proud of their attitude and how they conducted themselves.

The children have continued to build fantastic relationships with both their peers and staff. They have showed great development towards their targets and should all be proud of their work.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!

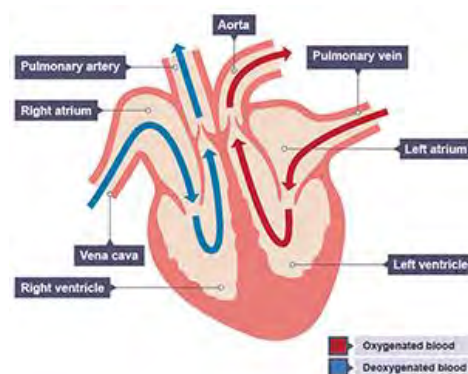
Have a fantastic Christmas break.

Charlotte and the Moorcroft team! 😊

Coalport

Coalport class have ended the first term extremely well. Pupils have continued to develop friendships, confidence and have had a lot of fun whilst doing this!

In our Science sessions, we have been learning all about the heart, blood vessels and how to describe the **components of blood**. We then went on to investigate the human skeleton, we considered the purpose and importance of this. Finally, we went on to focus on scientific questions. We identified that asking these questions is part of the scientific method, which includes, making observations, forming a hypothesis and testing this. We then went on to highlight the characteristics of a good scientific question.



During our English lessons, we have been working on the topic 'Your Language'. Pupils have been able to understand that the language you use is completely unique to *you*. We highlighted that how you use language reflects who you are as an individual.

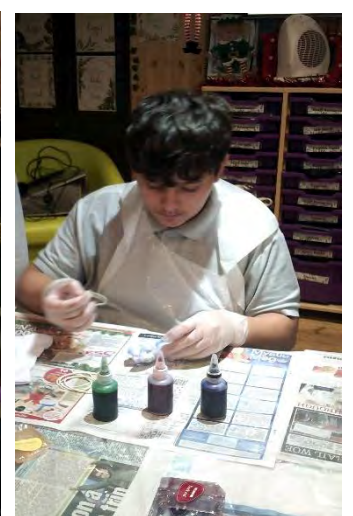
It can show where you are from, how old you are and your interests and beliefs. Rightly or wrongly, we often judge people by the way that they speak. Pupils engaged in some fantastic discussion about this and shared their views in a mature manner.

Moving forward, we looked at key terminology relating to the subject area including, accents, sociolect, dialect and idiolect. We also considered how someone's idiolect can be portrayed in written language through the use of eye dialect.



Pupils have engaged with this unit thoughtfully and produced a fantastic guide to Spoken Language for their final showpiece.

During our Topic sessions, Coalport class have covered Design and Technology. They began the term by exploring 'Materials'. We examined how fabrics are made, their properties and why they are fit for a purpose. Pupils particularly enjoyed the practical elements of this unit. They created their own tie dye t-shirt and socks by adapting fabrics. The outcomes looked fantastic!





In Maths, we have mastered **techniques to improve mental calculations including partitioning and distributive law**. Pupils have now developed their confidence and can speedily solve problems mentally!



Coalport class have had a fantastic end to the year. We have enjoyed getting in to the festive spirit. We went on a great trip to Manchester Christmas markets!

Have a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in the new year!

Lauren and the Coalport team 😊

Twyford

We have had a really exciting Autumn term. We have had a wonderful time at the Christmas Panto where we went to see Cinderella while also going to Bowling for our reward day.

In English we have been planning a guide to explain what spoken language is. Within this we included idiolect accents, dialect and sociolect. Just before Christmas we put all our planning into place by completing an extended write on a step-by-step guide.



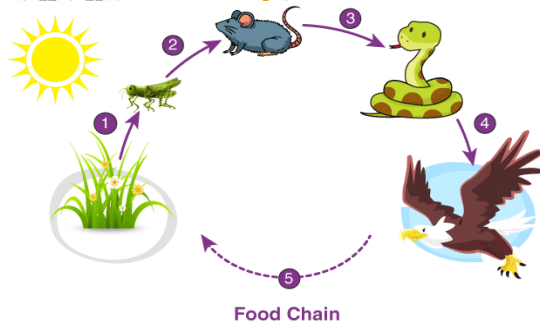
Bus Timetable

Routes to the City will run at the following times:

Monday to Friday	
Depart	Arrive
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11:30	12:00
12:30	13:00
15:30	16:00
16:30	17:00
18:30	19:00
20:30	21:00
22:30	23:00

Sunday	
Depart	Arrive
10:00	10:30
12:00	12:30
14:00	14:30
16:00	16:30
18:00	18:30
20:00	20:30

In our Maths lessons we have been looking at a number of different things including fractions, shapes and time. We have used real life bus and train times tables to plan our journey to and from school. Within our shapes we have looked at a number of different 2 and 3D shapes along with their properties.



In Science we have been looking at food chains. Within this we looked at how a decrease in a certain species can affect the whole food chain. We finished the topic by looking at how energy and poisons move through food chains.



In PE we have been continuing with our swimming lessons where we have been developing and becoming better swimmers. In our other PE lessons we have continued to look at invasion where we have taken part in sports such as Football, Basketball, Netball and

Hockey.



Finally, in our PSHE lessons we have been looking at human rights. Students were able to identify what they thought the top ten human rights there were according to their opinion. We then discussed these and compared our answers to other peers within the

class.

Have a wonderful Christmas break from myself and all the staff in class Twyford.

Nathan

Class Teacher

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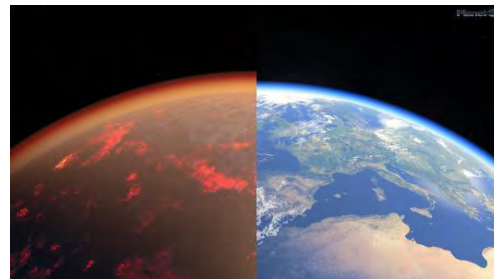
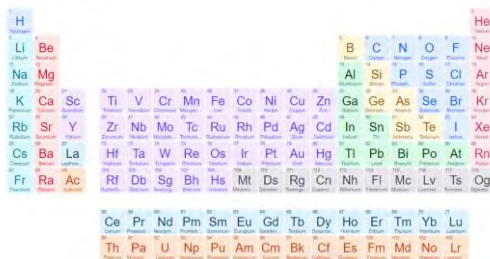
The pupils have settled incredibly well into our new classroom and have engaged in learning brilliantly throughout this half term.

During English this half term, we have developed our understanding of formal and informal language and writing letters to different types of people. We have practiced our alliteration and how to use it for descriptive writing. The pupils have worked hard to first create a descriptive and persuasive poster and finished the half term by writing a descriptive piece including the five senses.

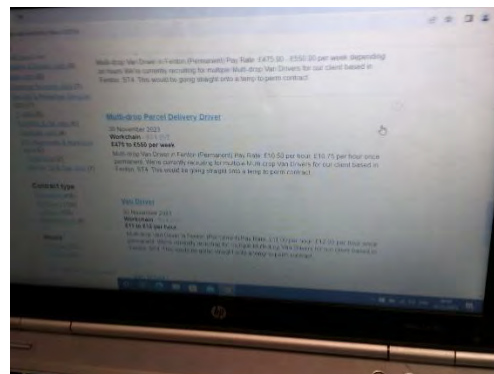
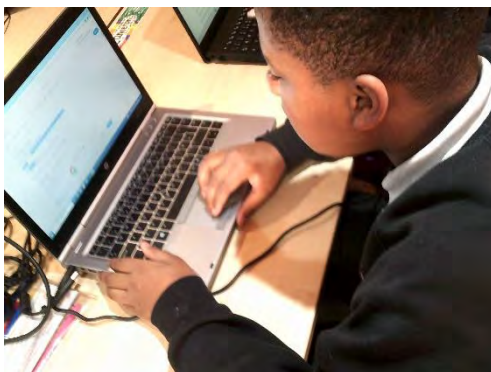


We have focused on Chemistry in Science this half term. We have learned about different groups on the periodic table and their properties. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about fuels and the world's atmosphere. We have discovered the different gases that the atmosphere is made up of and how it has changed over the years. From this we have learned the impact these gases can have on the environment, such as greenhouse gases. The pupils have completed two exams during this half term and have tried extremely hard to achieve the best they can.

Periodic Table



During Workskills BTEC, the pupils have focused on learning about jobs, job advertisements and applications. We have walked through the community to discover different ways to find jobs as well as looking on line. The type of information that is important on job advertisements and how to write cover letters for job applications.



We have enjoyed playing different sports in PE this half term and the pupils really enjoyed trying golf. After a couple of swings, they were hitting the ball further and further.



We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

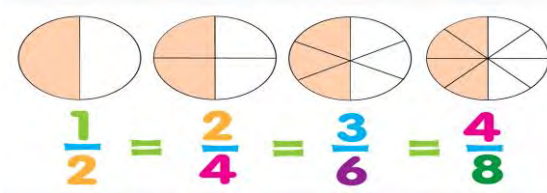
Kate and Claire 😊



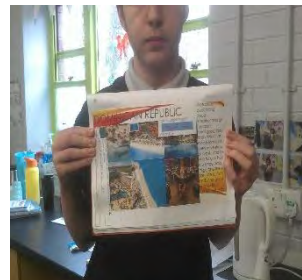
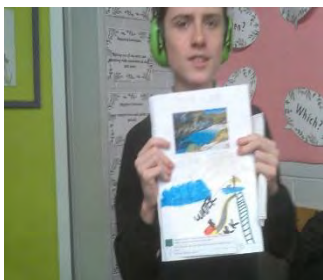
Doulton



What a fabulous term class Doulton have had, in math's we have been looking at converting different measurements as well as looking at equivalent fractions.



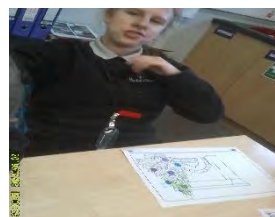
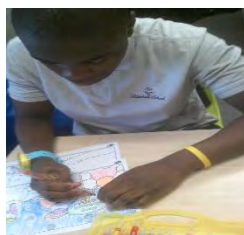
In English we have been creating an information poster using descriptive writing to advertise our favourite holiday destination.



During Science we have been learning about Chemical reactions and the different substances and compounds.



During our work skills lessons we have looked at different job roles and the skills and qualities required to complete such jobs. We have also looked at interview questions and taken part in a mock interview.



During this term we have started to prepare for our next journey into education, by visiting a careers fair at Port Vale, and having the opportunity to look around a variety of different colleges.

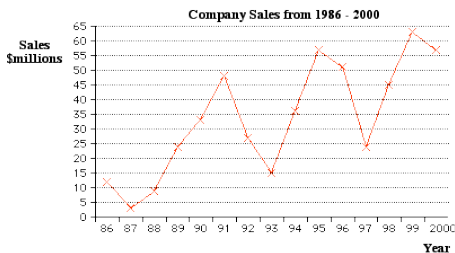
As part of our Christmas celebrations, we have been creating our own specialised place mats in preparation for our Christmas Dinner.

Class Doulton hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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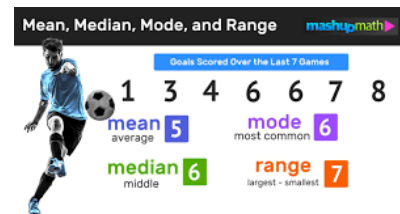
Maths

In Maths we have been studying a range of topics this half term. All the pupils have been studying algebra and are now able to rearrange equations!



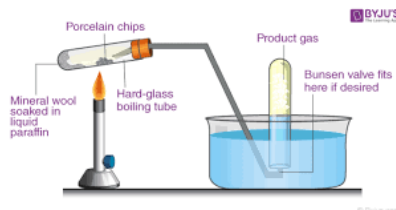
We have been studying about time series graphs, scatter graphs and analysing the information within these.

Finally students have been learning about calculating the mean, mode, median and range of data sets!



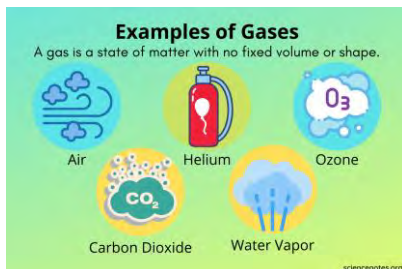
English

In English we have been studying Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. We have been understanding how and why the characters act in a certain way and analysing the language used. We have been answering lots of past exam paper questions for our students to get lots of relevant practice!



Science

In Science we have been learning about lots of different types of gases and how to make a range of compounds and the difference in makeup of a range of gases. We have also been looking at how particles change between solids liquids and gases.



BTECs and GCSEs

Our students really enjoy studying BTECs and GCSEs on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. One student has completed an Art BTEC unit making a historical artefact. Other students are continuing to study BTEC Sport, GCSE History and GCSE Art.



College



Our older students have enjoyed undertaking a College course that runs every Friday of term time. We have students that are studying courses in mechanics, gaming and construction. This is a fantastic way of learning about an area of interest and building relationships and familiarity at College that may be a genuine option to the pupils at their next stage of education.

Have a fantastic Christmas and a well-deserved break! We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Chris and the Aynsley Team