



TEAGUES BRIDGE PRIMARY  
THE BEATING HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

# Friday Newsletter

Outstanding Work of the Week



Mathias ~ Base 2

13th December 2024



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## THE BEATING HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE:

Many thanks to all the children, staff and parents for the Christmas performances at the church. There was a lovely atmosphere in the church and the children really enjoyed sharing their poems and songs with parents and carers.

The behaviour and respect was outstanding and everyone had a smile on their face when they left. It was so uplifting to see the children so happy and the parents smiling. Thank-you everyone for a really enjoyable time at the church.

Also, thank-you for purchasing your tickets, this will help with the cost of the bike pod, which is soon to arrive. Your donations to the church collection was also gratefully received.

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

Children have asked about Christmas parties and we are happy to confirm that these will be taking place. School will provide some snacks and prizes for the traditional party games. You don't need to provide any food. Unless your child has a certain allergy. I will ask individual classes to let you know what type of snacks the children will be having.

Dates and times for Parties:

17th December 1.30 - Base 1, 2, 3 and 4

18th December 1.30 - Base 8 and 9

19th December 1.30 - Base 5, 6 and 7

### ROAD SAFETY:

I am pleased to confirm that Teagues Bridge will be taking part in a new road safety and road awareness project in the new year. Expert leaders will come into school and work with children, meet with parents, set up new initiatives to help raise the awareness of school traffic and encourage more parents to try and walk to school. More details to follow in the new year.

### WATER SAFETY

Teagues Bridge are also taking part in a WATER SAFETY scheme. This takes place over the year and teaches all children about water safety and the dangers that we can face with open water. We will focus on the dangers of frozen water on ponds at this time of year. Children will deliver assemblies and create a newsletter page to keep you informed.

### CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE:

The festive period is fast approaching and it's a very busy time of year for staff and parents. We do have a Christmas Pantomime coming into school 17th December 2024. This year it is Dick Whittington. There is no charge for this event.

### PARENTS APPOINTMENTS:

Just a reminder that, they will take place via TEAMS, this is to allow for privacy for parents when talking, easier for parents when they have more than one teacher to meet with, the school can still be cleaned as normal and also you don't have to come out in the dark and cold evenings. It is also much more efficient for staff when keeping to the allocated times. If you are not able to access TEAMS, we can offer you a face-to-face session, this will be available on the Tuesday 17th December only. Times - Monday 16th 3.30-7.00pm and Tuesday 3.30-5.00pm (Face to face available on this day).



## CHRISTMAS DINNER 2024



### CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*Traditional Christmas Roast to include:*

Roast Turkey with chipolata sausage, stuffing, and gravy

or

Vegetable Layer loaf ✓

Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal vegetables: Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots

Ice-cream

and

Festive biscuit



*Please note there will be NO school sandwich service available*

*The cost is £2.60 for children in KS2, if not in receipt of Free School Meals*

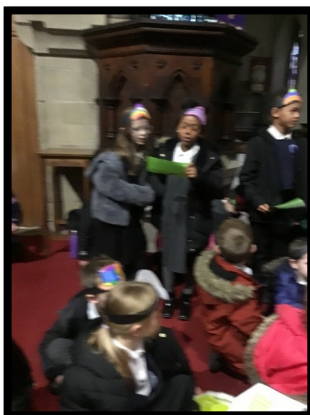
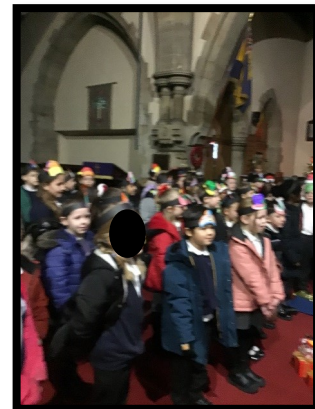


# Jolly Christmas Postman





# The Grinch who stole Christmas





# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas







# NEWS FROM BASE 5 - SEALS



## Maths

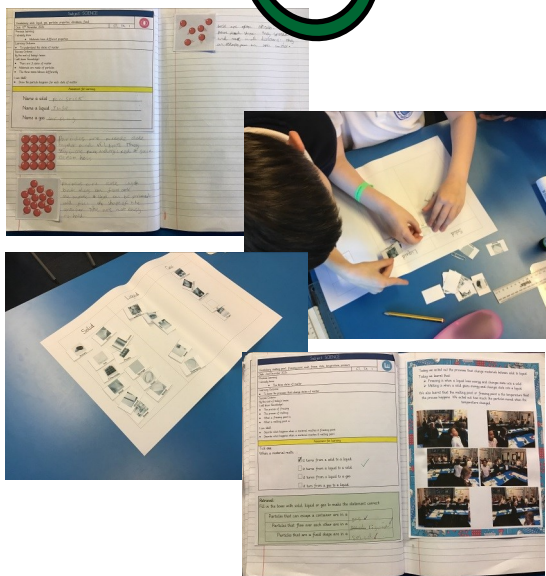
In our times table fluency we have completed doubles and the 2 times table. We can use these facts to know the inverse as well ( $18 \div 2 = 9$ ). We are now focusing on our square numbers as the brain only needs to relate 2 numbers together to learn the fact. Once we have mastered the square numbers we will know 15 out of 36 essential facts for times tables. Keep practicing on TTRS to stay fluent with these facts!



$2 \times 2 = 4$					
$3 \times 2 = 6$	$3 \times 3 = 9$				
$4 \times 2 = 8$	$4 \times 3 = 12$	$4 \times 4 = 16$			
$5 \times 2 = 10$	$5 \times 3 = 15$	$5 \times 4 = 20$	$5 \times 5 = 25$		
$6 \times 2 = 12$	$6 \times 3 = 18$	$6 \times 4 = 24$	$6 \times 5 = 30$	$6 \times 6 = 36$	
$7 \times 2 = 14$	$7 \times 3 = 21$	$7 \times 4 = 28$	$7 \times 5 = 35$	$7 \times 6 = 42$	$7 \times 7 = 49$
$8 \times 2 = 16$	$8 \times 3 = 24$	$8 \times 4 = 32$	$8 \times 5 = 40$	$8 \times 6 = 48$	$8 \times 7 = 56$
$9 \times 2 = 18$	$9 \times 3 = 27$	$9 \times 4 = 36$	$9 \times 5 = 45$	$9 \times 6 = 54$	$9 \times 7 = 63$
					$9 \times 8 = 72$
					$9 \times 9 = 81$

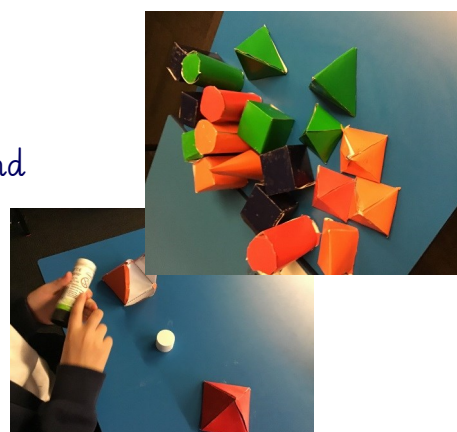
## Science

We are learning about the different states of matter and the processes that describe how they change. We have learned about solids, liquids and gases. We have been looking at how the particles of energy changes with temperature and how that changes the state. We have looked at special materials that have properties of non-Newtonian fluids like custard that change under pressure. We have learnt about melting and freezing and how the energy of the particles changes.



## DT

We have been looking at shell structures such as buildings and packaging that use a thin curved or bent material to create a 3-d shape. We have looked at how nets make 3-D shapes and had a go at making our own. We used cutting, glueing and scouring skills to fold and attach the nets together.



What a great term we have had! The children have worked hard on so many different things and I'm really proud of the progress they have made. Thankyou to all the family and friends that came to the church to support our Christmas show! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we loved putting it together. I look forward to seeing you all at parents evenings next week and have a happy and safe holiday.

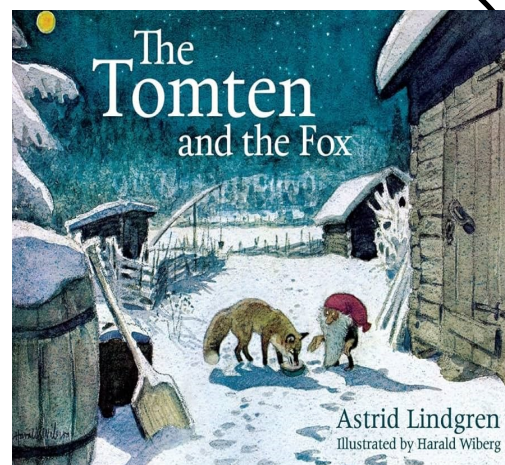




# This week in Swordfish.....

## English

This week in English, we have been exploring the story *Tomten and the Fox*. The children have enjoyed delving into this tale. Inspired by the magical setting, we have also been working on writing our own winter wonderland descriptions. The children have used interesting vocabulary and sensory details to bring their snowy scenes to life, showcasing their learning from this term.



## Maths

In maths, we have started our new topic of measurement (length). Children have been choosing the appropriate unit to measure items in the classroom. We have also been converting our measurements from mm to cm and cm to m. After the break, we will use this knowledge to calculate the perimeter of shapes.

## DT

Next week in DT, we will be making our final Christmas gift boxes ready to give to friends and family. In preparation, we have been practicing making 3D shapes using nets and we have been designing prototypes to finalise our decoration choices.



I would like to take a moment to thank all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication this term. It has been wonderful to see their progress and achievements, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts.

Wishing you all a safe and restful break!





# This week in Belugas..

## Literacy

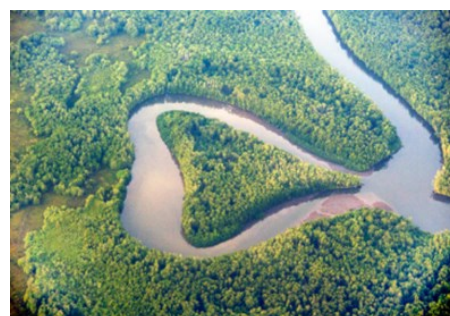
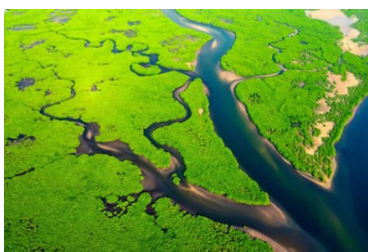
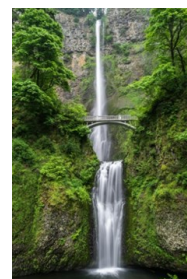
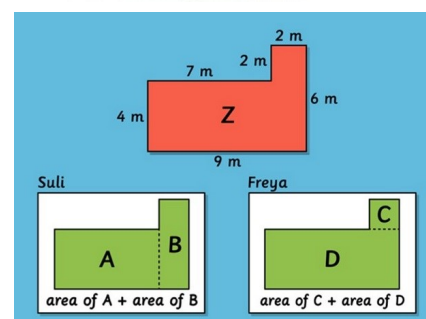
This week in Literacy we have looked at some old traditional tales of the Tomten. An gnome-like figure who comes out at night to check that all the families are ok before Christmas and to even check on all the animals too. We have done some descriptive writing about the Tomten including his features and created a legend where the Tomten actually found themselves in a spot of danger but manages to find a way out of the situation. Our focus has been improving the excitement in our writing and using cliffhangers as a way to leave the reader wanting more.

## Maths:

In Maths we have finally come to the end of an extremely hard unit including column multiplication and short division. With so many small calculations to do to work out one question the children's brain power was really put to the test but with a lot of determination and perseverance it has been amazing to see them crack this topic and prepare for the next unit. To finish the term we will be spending a week looking at area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes (shapes with 90 degree angles.)

## Geography

In Geography we have learnt about rivers and how and why they are formed. We looked at the different features of rivers and how they change over time due to erosion. The children were able to label the different stages of a river and how it combines with the water cycle. Some of the children have even built some miniature rafts that actually float. Thank you to all parents who were able to help their children with this.

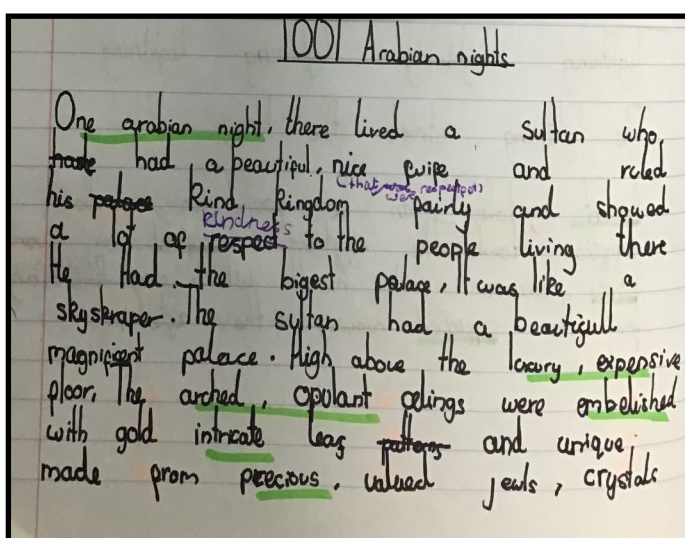
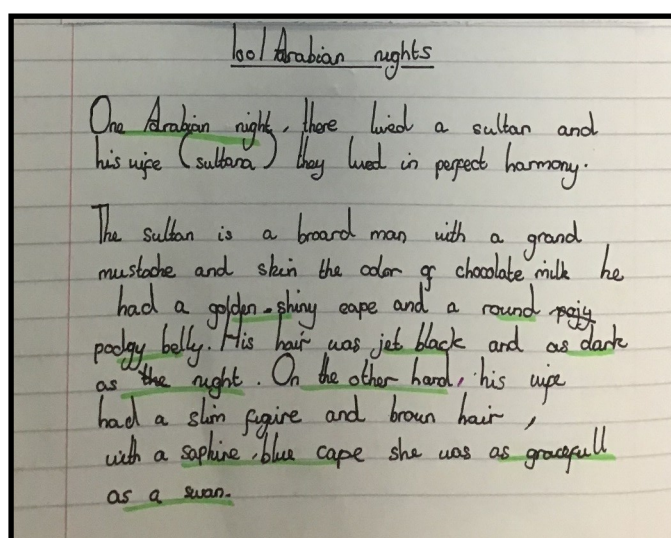




# This week in Octopi...

Another great few weeks here in Octopi Class...

This week in English we have been writing our Chance to Shines based on the narrative Scheherazade and the Sultan taken from the book 1001 Arabian Nights. The children used all of the knowledge that they have accumulated over the past few weeks on narratives to write a detailed story based on the novel. It was fantastic to see so many amazing character and setting descriptions incorporated into the children's work; along will the great use of dialogue to develop characterisation.



Furthermore, in maths we have been studying area and perimeter and this week the focus has been on calculating the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. It has been fantastic to see how the children have been able to apply their developing knowledge of problem solving and reasoning to answer a range of questions and provide examples of evidence to justify their responses.

Finally, the year 5's have been working hard on practising for our Christmas Performance 'T'was the Night Before Christmas', which we performed in Church on Wednesday. It was so lovely to see all of the children singing so beautifully, they did a fantastic job. A huge well done to all who participated, namely; Louie, Tola, Alfie, Natalia, Emily, Koen, Kyra, who all had narrated speaking parts and spoke perfectly.





# This week in Sharks .....

Last week, the majority of the Sharks went on our week long residential trip to Arthog in Mid Wales. We all excelled in the different challenges that presented themselves including: gorge walking, rock climbing, canoeing, mountain walking and raft building. All the children that went on the visit had an amazing time and made memories that will last a lifetime.



This week we have started our Tomte theme linked to Christmas. In literacy, we have been studying the Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey. A story that depicts a lonely old wood carver who is enlightened by the spirit of Christmas. In Art, we have been looking at cartoon style sketches of Tomtes. Here are some of our examples:



Amara



Annie



Michel



Kacey



Lexi

## *Homework of the week award*

We have introduced a new award for Friday's award assembly.

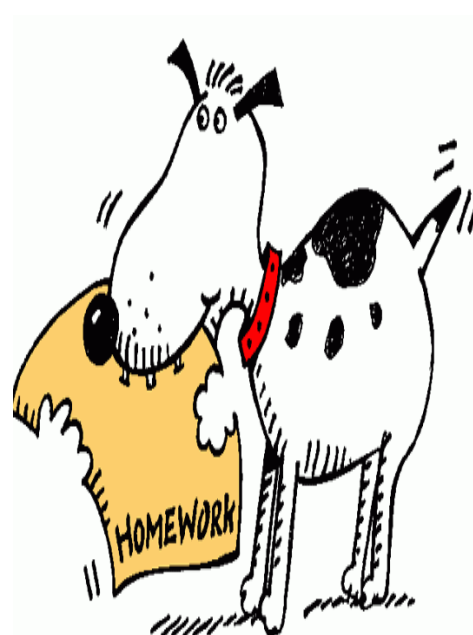
This is in recognition of the fabulous homework most of our children produce. It is also to show the importance of doing homework.

We need to ensure that children are equipped to be able to complete homework, as a school we are looking at our homework offer and adapting it to meet the needs of the children.

The most important homework your child can complete is reading, this opens the doors to all other learning in school and in life.

Each Base has nominated two children for this week's homework of the week award

Turtles	Leon	Yuvraj
Starfish	Charlie	Tommie
Seahorses	Emilia	Iris
Dolphins	Gabi	Arnesh
Seals	Harrison	Poppy
Swordfish	Karla	Erin
Belugas	Jairaj	Amelia
Octopi	Nikola	Clim
Sharks	James	Isabella

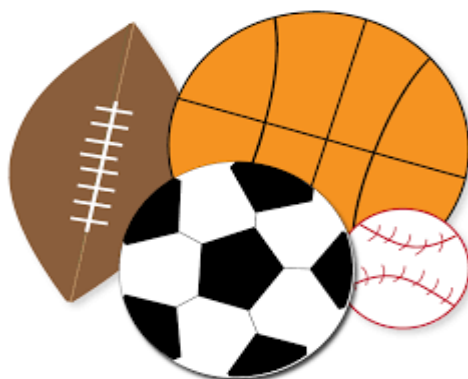




## *Star Player of the week award*

On Monday, Thursday and Friday, all children have PE. This is delivered by the Crossbar coach. The coaches have recently introduced star player of the week from each base. This is because of the effort they make and the sportsmanship they show. Please see the children chosen for 'Star Player of the week' award this week.

Turtles	Reggie
Starfish	Lilly
Seahorses	George
Dolphins	Michelle
Seals	Kevin
Swordfish	Jack
Belugas	Jairaj
Octopi	Lilly
Sharks	Ajai



## Friday Awards

Our Awards Assembly takes place on a Friday via Microsoft Teams. Children were awarded with their certificates in class. Please see below a list of the children who have received awards this week.

Base	Star of the week	Worker of the week	Whale Rules Champion	Respectful Rangers	Handwriting Heroes	Punctual Panda	Best attendance
1	Gabriel	Daria Zhaire	Antoni Matei	Casper Sadan	Heidi	George	Hope
2	Bella	Greyson Ellie	Amelia Molly	Millie Marnie	Damian	Ethan	Arlo
3	Holly	Brendan Gunveer	Tyler Aikya	Simran Oliver	Bridget	Anna	Oscar
4	Sohaib	Sophie Leyla	Lexi George	Jenson Maya	Ibrahim	Jacob	Chloe
5	Poppy	Dexter Carter	Alaya Alan	Tianna	Nicholas	Joey	Anastasia
6	Prisha	Jared Ivy	Olivia Max	Harrison Dara	Macey	Riley	James
7	Freya	Leo Rosie	Leo Eloise	Annabelle Muhammad	Sakina	Bella	Emma
8	Lilly	Louie Mason	Jaiton Jake	Tony Kyra	Ollie	Luke	Luna
9	Sufyan	Bella-Rose Kacey	Dominic Evie	Navraj Jacob	Jakub	Parmeet	Callum

Best class attendance this week:

KS1 ~ Seahorses~ 98% ~ FANTASTIC

KS2 ~ Sharks ~ 99% ~ SUPER





# Picture News

## TAKEHOME

16th - 22nd  
December



## In the news this week

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.
- Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.
- What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?

How can we show others we care?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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