

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Inclusion

Computing in Key Stage 1

This half term, Year 1 are completing their 'We Are Rhythmic' unit of work. They have been busy using Scratch Jr to record and play back audio. Their next challenge is to use repetition to create a pattern with audio.



In Year 2, children have been hard at work as 'games testers'. They have been making links with, and applying, their previous learning by working out the rules of a game created on Scratch Jr. They have been using reasoning to predict the behaviour of programs, and observing and describing what happens in computer games.

Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

You are invited to our **Festive Read** on **Wednesday 4th December** from **2:45-3.15pm**.

This time, **Nursery will also join in** (parents of the morning-only children can join at the start of the day). This will be a lovely end to the day for the children and for you. We would love for you (families) to wear something festive and bring a favourite book to read with your child/ren.

It is also our **Jolly Jumper Day!** Come to school in a 'jolly jumper'- it can be festive but that is not compulsory, any 'fun' jumper will be perfect!

PTA Christmas Fayre

Our PTA would be grateful to receive any donations of chocolate Christmas tree decorations by Friday 6th December.

We would also appreciate any dairy-free options to accommodate those with allergies. Please bring any donations to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beck on the gates or into the school office.



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

It would be better if people could fly. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Jolly Jumper Day
4th December

Festive Big Read
4th December **PM**

PTA Winter Fayre
7th December

Concerts
w/b 9th December

Class Parties
18th December
Nursery- 19th December

Last Day of Term
20th December

Half Term
23rd December- 3rd January

First Day of Term
6th January

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Jaguar 99%
- 2nd** Octopus 97%
- 3rd** Starfish & Penguin 96%

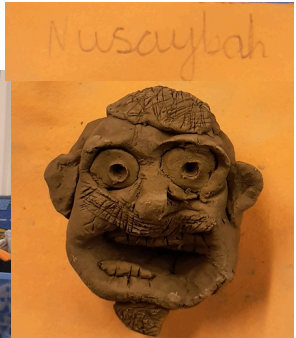
Well done everyone!



Year 2 Clay Designs

The Year 2 children have been demonstrating an increased control with a greater range of media and materials, like clay. They used their hands as a tool with confidence to cut, shape and join malleable materials focusing on flattening and smoothing the clay to make a clean surface.

They designed and created their own chimera sculptures whilst thinking about the story they have been focused on in literacy, 'The Stone Lion' by Margaret Wild.



Fine Motor Skills

In Acorns this week with Mrs Pert, the children have continued to think about what life was like 150 years ago, especially around Christmas time.

They have been using their fine motor skills to carefully cut, fold, twist and tie different materials and patterns to create Victorian style decorations that will be used on our tree.



Our Value of the Month- Inclusion

Our value this month is 'Inclusion' and we have been exploring why this is important. This week in assembly we celebrated the life of Rosa Parks as 1st December marks the anniversary of her arrest.

On 1st December 1955 after a long day at work, Rosa boarded a bus to travel home and sat down. At the time, segregation laws meant that the seats at the front were reserved for white people. Rosa refused to give up her seat to a white person who later boarded the bus. She was arrested and fined for breaking segregation laws. Rosa believed that it was the law that was wrong rather than her behaviour.

Rosa's arrest sparked a change and the Supreme Court ruled that Alabama's racial segregation laws were not valid.

We agreed how important it is that people have had courage and inspired many others to fight for equality and inclusion around the world.



Nursery Traditional Tales

Our topic in nursery this half term is Traditional Tales. The children have enjoyed listening to the stories as well as retelling them, role playing and making art works about them.

Can you see the Billy Goats Gruff trip trapping over the bridge, our depictions of the gingerbread man and the Three Bears having their porridge? Have a look at more photos [here](#).



Snacks Before and After School

Please can we remind you that, due to allergies across school, snacks at the end of the school day should not be given or consumed until you are off the school premises.

A number of our pupils in school have allergies. These reactions can result in anaphylaxis and prove fatal. A person with an allergy does not have to eat the food to have a severe reaction - this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. **Please remind all adults that may collect your child/children.**



Concert Dates

Reception

Butterfly/Squirrel

Wednesday 11th Dec at 2:30pm

Hedgehog/Ladybird

Thursday 12th Dec at 2:30pm

Year 1

Penguin/Turtle

Tuesday 10th Dec at 9:15am

Starfish/Octopus

Wednesday 11th Dec at 9:15am

Year 2

Giraffe/Panda

Thursday 12th Dec at 9:15am

Koala/Jaguar

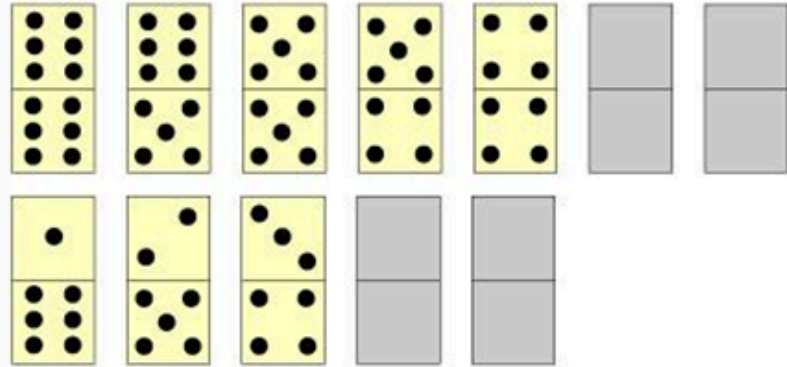
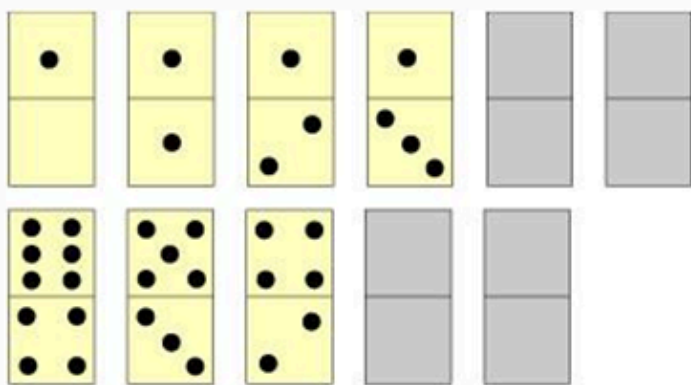
Friday 13th Dec at 9:15am

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

What might the next two dominoes be in each of these sequences?

Can you explain why you chose those two dominoes?



Years 1 and 2

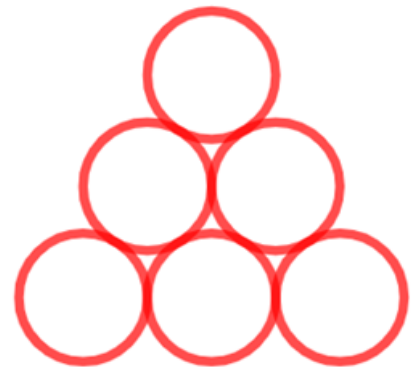
Place the numbers 1 to 6 in the circles so that each number is the difference between the two numbers just below it.

Can you find more than one solution?

Can you find all the possible solutions?

How do you know you have found them all?

1 4
2 5
3 6



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

A Family Agreement

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

To support parents in creating a family agreement, Child Net have put together some free advice and a family agreement template:

www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement/



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**Churchfields PTA
presents...**



Churchfields Infants and Junior School Bake Off 2024

Enter the competition of the year!

We have seen so much baking talent at Churchfields so this is a great opportunity for our children to showcase what they can do! You could bake something festive, something cultural that you make at this time of year or something that is special for you and your family! Or just something you like eating!

All cakes and bakes will be judged anonymously by an independent guest judge from the Smart Raspberry Cooking School on the appearance of your bakes only, so make sure they are looking as tasty as possible!

We would like to see entries that are the child's own design and work! There will be prizes for the best including vouchers for the brilliant workshops at Smart Raspberry Cooking School.

Please include your child's name and class along with the ingredients of your bake (ensuring they are nut-free please). Please drop bake off entries to school offices on Friday 6th December.

Judging will commence at the Winter Fayre on the 7th December at 12 noon, winners will be announced at 12.30pm.

All bakes will be sold at the cake stall at the fayre. If you are a grown up who would like to contribute we will be accepting any donations in the week leading up to the fayre too, all proceeds will be going to the PTA so every little bake helps!

On your marks... get set... BAKE!!

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NB. Vouchers not for use on workshops held within school