



# TEAGUES BRIDGE PRIMARY

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Friday's Newsletter

1st December 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Performance at the church

4.12 ~ Base 1, 2 and 3 ~ 10.00-10.30am

Please ensure you have your tickets available on entry to the church. If we could ask that you do not arrive until 9.50am. We need to get the children seated and settled and then we will open the doors for you.

Please make alternative arrangements for very young children. We cannot provide a creche this year.

Also, wrap up, it may be cold in the church.

At the end we would ask that you remain seated so we can exit the children safely and quickly on to the coaches to avoid any congestion when you leave on the roads.

There will be a collection plate at the end of the performance for any donations for the church.

Hope you will enjoy the change of venue and we aim to spread a little happiness at this time of year.

Dates:

Friday 8th December ~ Christmas Jumper day or non-uniform. Please pay your pound on Parent Pay.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S. Abdulla





# Knife Crime Poster Competition

Recently children in Bases 8 and 9 took part in a poster competition for West Mercia Police. The children were challenged to design an anti-knife crime poster which will be displayed in shops across the borough. We would like to say a massive well done to Amara for winning first Prize and Lilijana for winning second prize! This week Rob Hughes (CSEO) and the press officer for West Mercia police visited school and presented both children with their prizes!





# Safeguarding Information for Parents

## What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a form of child sexual abuse. Child sexual exploitation is a term used to describe where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child under the age of 18 into sexual activity. The child may have been sexually exploited even where the sexual activity appears consensual. For instance, the child might have been led to believe they are in a consensual relationship with the person.

Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology, such as social media and gaming apps.

## What are the signs that a child may be being abused or exploited?

Understandably children can find it very difficult to talk to adults about the harm they are experiencing and may not even recognise that what's happening to them is abuse or exploitation. They may not always show any outward physical signs of abuse, but there are some things to look out for, including emotional or behavioural signs. Some things you may notice in your child are outlined below. This is not an exhaustive list of the signs of abuse and exploitation and they can also be indicators of other difficulties a child is facing, not just sexual exploitation.

- physical signs, such as unexplained injuries, regular infections
- changes in emotion
- issues with their mental health, emotional wellbeing or self-esteem
- changes in behaviour
- changes in their usual habits such as eating, use of phones or changes in friendships
- having more sexual knowledge or displaying more sexualised behaviour than is developmentally appropriate for their age
- having things such as money, phones, expensive clothes or other items, when you don't know how they have bought them
- being away from home or school where you don't know where they are

## What do I do if I have concerns?

If you are worried that a child may be being sexually abused it is important that you share that concern, the information you have may help professionals to build a picture about what might be happening to a child and help them. If you have concerns, speak to family connect on 0152385385 option 1.



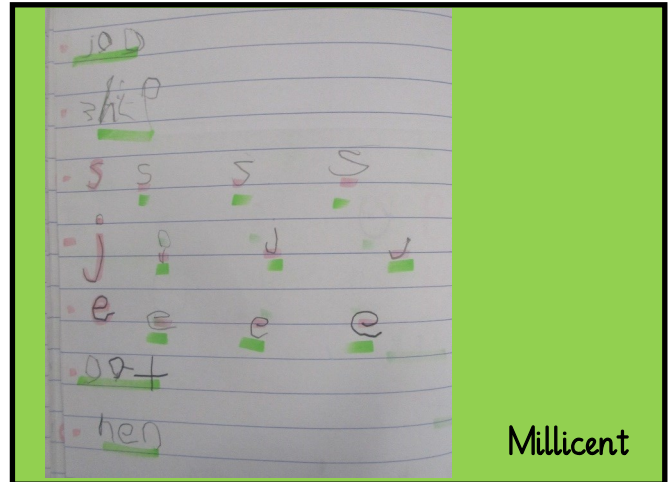


# This week in Turtles Class.....

In Turtles our topic for Autumn is 'Journeys'. Our focus over the next two week has been speaking in full sentences with articulation and having our own thoughts and opinions. We have been exploring one more and one less in our provision and learning about writing in sentences using simple CVC words. We have also been super busy practising for our Christmas performance learning lots of new songs and making our own props.



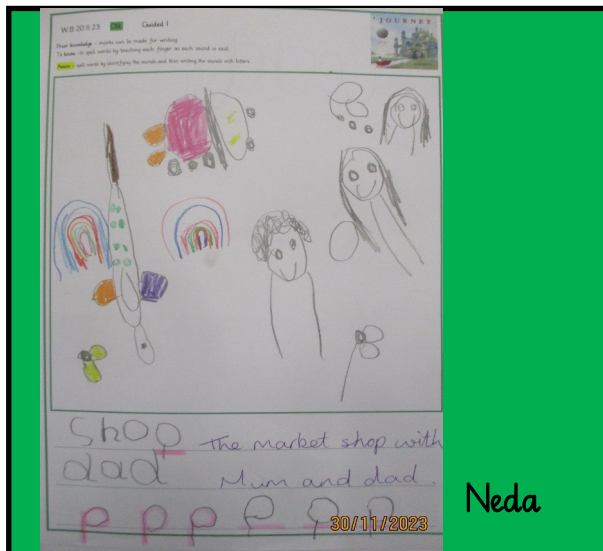
We made some Rudolph art ready for our performance.



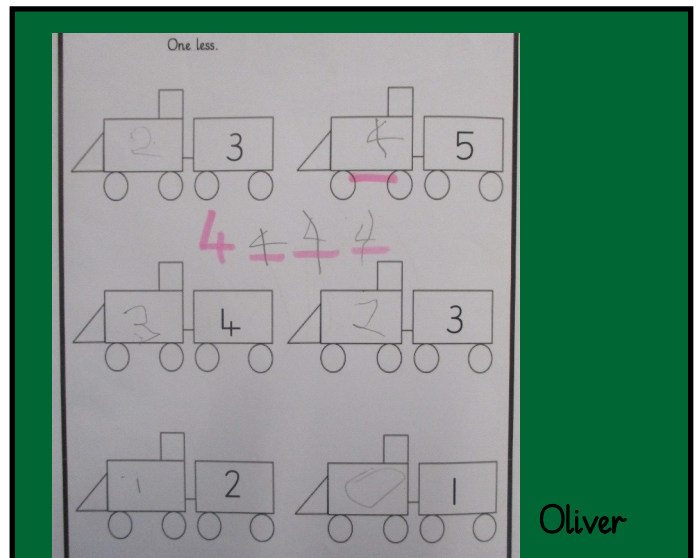
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In Literacy we have been busy leaning to write in sentences and having our own ideas and thoughts.

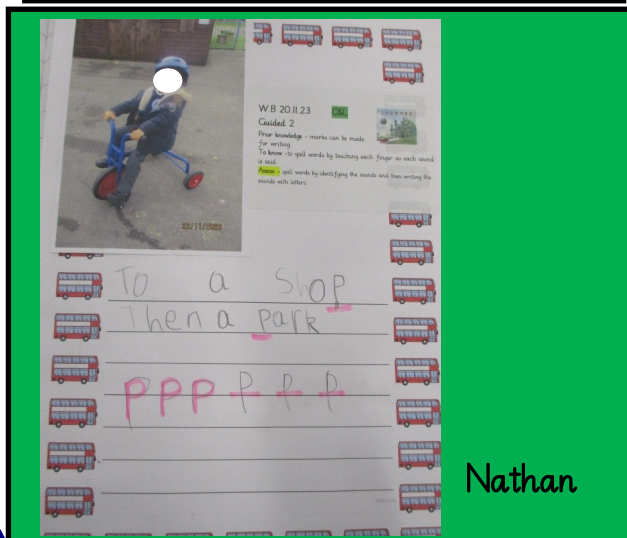
In maths we have thoroughly enjoyed looking at one more and one less and exploring numerals 8 and 9.



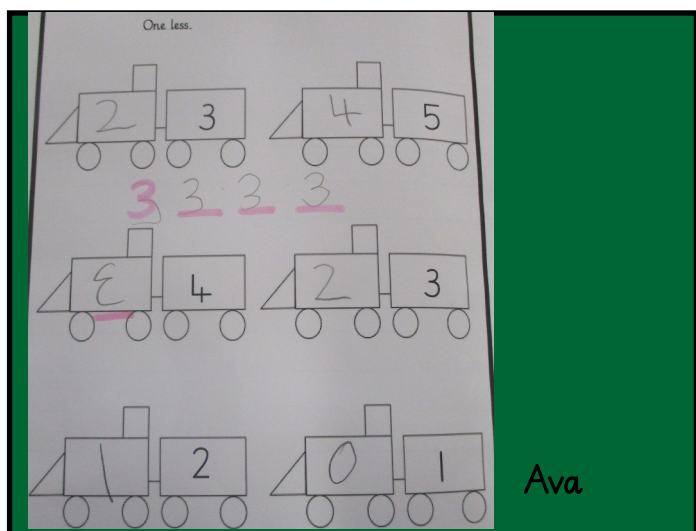
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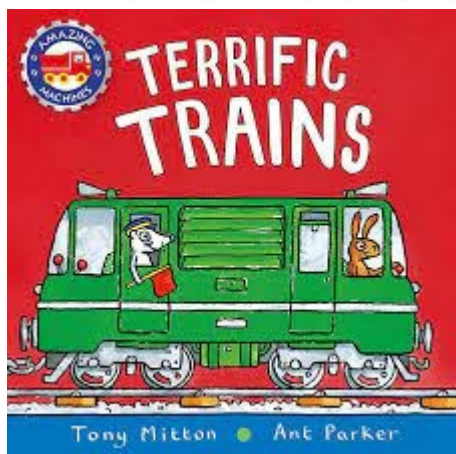


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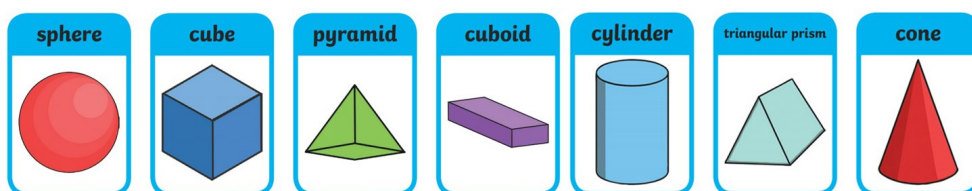
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# This week in Starfish..



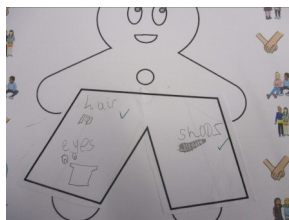
In literacy, we have been reading the book 'Terrific Trains'. We have been focusing on rhyming words from the story and matching rhyming words. We have been re-writing the story by holding a sentence in our heads then writing it.

In maths, we have been learning about shapes. This is both 2d and 3d shapes. We have been naming them and looking at the properties.



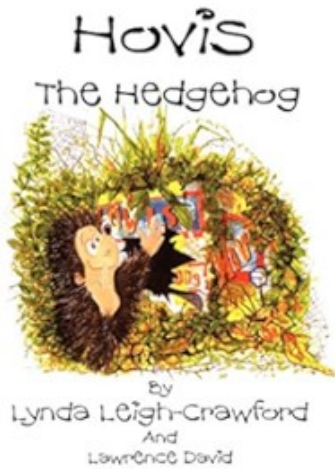
In geography, we have been learning about the countries that make up the UK. We have been learning their names and where they are positioned on a map.

In jigsaw we have been learning about our similarities and differences. We talked about these and how these are special.





# This week in Seahorses..



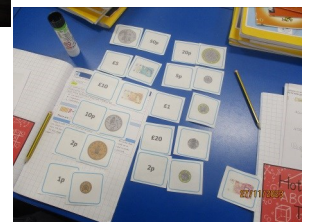
## Literacy

This week in Literacy, children finished their discussion texts on fireworks. The children have absolutely loved this genre and have really got enthused about the topic.

Surprisingly, some children are saying they no longer want fireworks because they don't want to destroy animal habitats, while others would like them but like them to be silent.

## Maths:

In maths, we have been learning about money. We have started with recognising money—coins and notes and what they are used for. Children have also learnt how to count in pound and pence before combining counting with both. Children are learning about the value of money before moving on to calculating and working out change with money.



## Advent

This week pupils have been learning about Advent in R.E. Pupils learnt that advent begins on 2nd December and each week through December a new candle is lit to represent a different value.

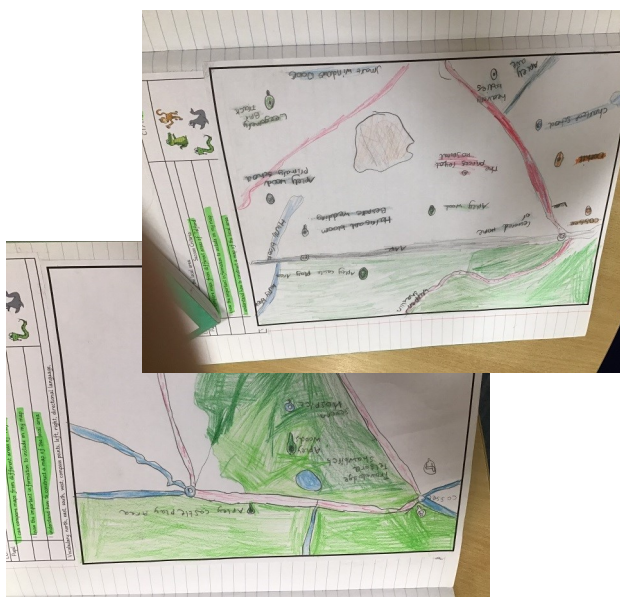
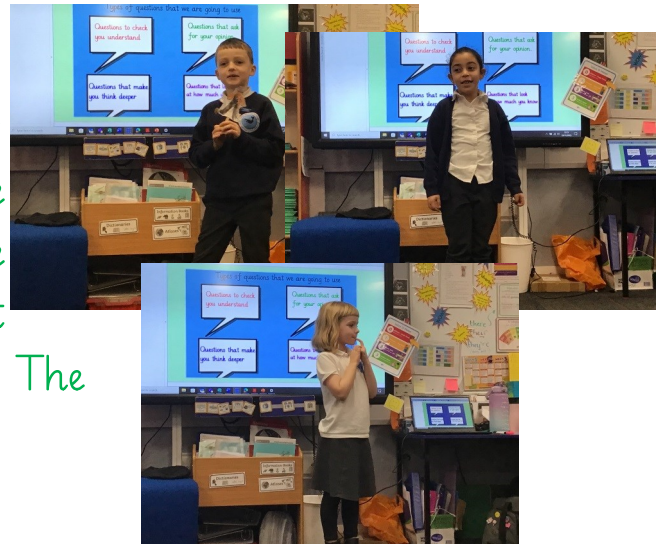
The candles represent hope, peace, love and joy.

# This week in Dolphin Class...

We've had great fun in Dolphin class this week. We have been practising our songs for the Christmas performance next week, the children are so excited!

In English we have been learning how to retell a story in first person. The children did so well remembering The Emperor's New Clothes and retelling it in front of the class in first person as The Emperor.

In maths we have started a new topic of money. We began by recognising how much each coin and note is worth, and then moved on to adding money together. We remembered the less than and greater than symbols so that we could compare amounts.



In Geography we made maps of Telford. We looked at maps of Telford from Google Maps and identified the important landmarks we would include. We then drew our own maps using the correct colours for road, water and fields. Finally, we labelled our maps with locations in our area.



# Hot Chocolate Friday!

Today we held our Hot Chocolate Friday! The children joined Mrs Abdulla and Mrs Woods for a hot chocolate and biscuits. All 3 children were nominated for being respectful. Well done to them and we look forward to seeing who will be nominated next week!



Well done to Britney, Phoebe and Lacey!

## *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   | Noah    | Charlie  |
| Starfish  | Preston | Jacob    |
| Seahorses | Dexter  | Kevin    |
| Dolphins  | Matilda | Carter   |
| Seals     | Theo    | Layton   |
| Swordfish | Amaia   | Reuben   |
| Beluga's  | Evie    | Aryan    |
| Octopi    | Lacey   | Isabella |
| Sharks    | Chase   | Amiee    |





# AWARDS



One person is nominated from each base for excellent composition, grammar and handwriting.  
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|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Turtles   | Rahnia   |
| Starfish  | Eric     |
| Seahorses | Tymo     |
| Dolphins  | Harry    |
| Seals     | Pradeep  |
| Swordfish | Alfie    |
| Beluga's  | Audrey   |
| Octopi    | Navraj   |
| Sharks    | Lilijana |



# AWARDS



## WRITER of the MONTH



One person is nominated from each base for excellent composition, grammar, and handwriting.

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|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Turtles   | Roman     |
| Starfish  | Jenson    |
| Seahorses | Ellie     |
| Dolphins  | Erin      |
| Seals     | Emma      |
| Swordfish | Annabelle |
| Beluga's  | Dominic   |
| Octopi    | Lucas     |
| Sharks    | Kaylen    |





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## READER of the MONTH



One person is nominated from each base for regularly  
reading at home  
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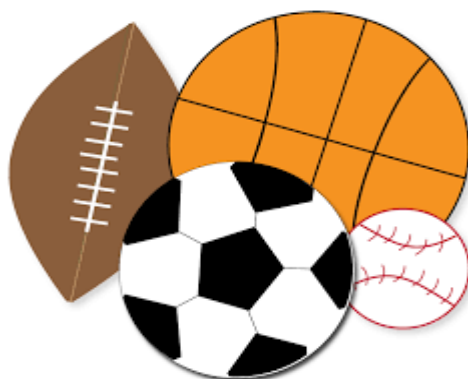
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|-----------|---------|
| Turtles   | Cooper  |
| Starfish  | Clark   |
| Seahorses | Heidi   |
| Dolphins  | Brayan  |
| Seals     | Rosie   |
| Swordfish | Sakina  |
| Beluga's  | Kendall |
| Octopi    | Cyrus   |
| Sharks    | Emilia  |



## 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   | Lilly   |
| Starfish  | Gunveer |
| Seahorses | Jasmin  |
| Dolphins  | Lewis   |
| Seals     | Mathias |
| Swordfish | Amaia   |
| Beluga's  | Layla   |
| Octopi    | Annie   |
| Sharks    | Udham   |





## 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    | Millie           | Willow<br>Bridget    | George<br>Ava        | Roman<br>Noah      | Logan              | Tommie         | Damian          |
| 2    | Sienna           | Theo<br>Simran       | Alfie<br>Oscar       | Iyla<br>Amrita     | Tyler              | Ashton         | Arnesh          |
| 3    | Jaxson           | Archie<br>Dom        | Olivia<br>Nathan     | Maya<br>Sohaib     | Chloe              | Thiago         | Enzo            |
| 4    | Brayan           | Jazmine<br>Elizabeth | Luna<br>Teddy        | Harriet<br>Koray   | Nicholas           | Jasmine        | Harry           |
| 5    | Corbyn           | Karla<br>Riley       | Harrison<br>Prisha   | Mathias<br>Maya    | Daniel             | Olly           | Amelia          |
| 6    | Leo              | Jaiton<br>Nikola     | Auriella<br>Erin     | Erin               | Blake              | Alfie          | Harry           |
| 7    | Michal           | Dominic<br>Koen      | Anastasia<br>Natalia | Jacob<br>Tillie    | Luke               | Jake           | Ellysia         |
| 8    | Kacey            | Esme                 | Britney              | Betul              | Isla               | Kacey          | Lewis           |
| 9    | Olivia-Grace     | Elliot<br>Charlotte  | Ilyas<br>Jacob       | Lacey<br>Sienna    | Weronika           | Tia            | Archie          |

Best class attendance this week:

EYFS ~ Turtles ~ 94% ~ FANTASTIC

KS2 ~ Seals ~ 96% ~ SUPER

## Friday Awards

The Cleanliness award is to encourage children to take care of their classroom environment and the areas around it. It is to ensure that children are proud of their classroom and it is a welcoming and safe environment to work in.

Each class are given points every time a member of the Senior leadership team, goes into their classroom. They can get 20 points if their classroom is perfect, 10 points if there are some things on the floor and 5 points if it is tidy but a little disorganised.

The class with the most points at the end of the week gets a class certificate and the cleanliness trophy. The children have really embraced this new award and were excited to learn which class had won, this was announced in our Friday's award assembly.

# The Cleanest classroom is:

## Base 3







# Picture News

## TAKEHOME



What is it like to live through  
an uncertain time?



## In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavík and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

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

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavík feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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