

20th December 2019



# Bridgewater Autumn 2 Newsletter



## A note from Mrs Henderson

Thank you for your continued support. Staff and children have worked really hard this term, especially during the last few weeks when illness struck! We say a fond farewell to Miss Dalton, our EYFS Leader, and wish her luck as she takes up a new teaching post closer to her family home.

Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year!  
Mrs Henderson



Our School Council Members have had a very busy half-term fundraising. In October we had our Halloween disco where we had lots of fun and raised £480.78 for school funds. In November we were very proud to support Children in Need and raised £342.00 for this amazing charity. We hope you enjoyed our annual Christmas Market where the children and staff created lots of lovely crafts, food and drinks for us to enjoy. We will inform you of the total raised in the New Year. We look forward to lots of exciting new fundraising in 2020. Have a wonderful Christmas break from Bridgewater School Council.



## Important Dates next half term:

**8th January 2020:**  
School Reopens

**9th January 2020:**  
Year 2 Globe Theatre Parent Workshop

**15th January 2020:**  
Nursery Phonics Workshop

**22nd January 2020:**  
Reception 1 Growth Measurement Programme

**27th January 2020:**  
Reception 2 Growth Measurement Programme

**29th January 2020:**  
Year 1 trip Salford Museum

**31st January 2020:**  
Young Voices

**3rd February 2020:**  
Governors Committee Meeting

**4th February 2020:**  
Year 3 trip Liverpool World Museum

**12th February 2020:**  
Year 1EF Class Assembly

**13th February 2020:**  
Valentines Disco  
Dodgeball Cluster

**14th February 2020:**  
School Closes Half Term



## Mission Christmas



Earlier this week, some of our pupils and School Council members helped to deliver our donations to the warehouse for Cash4kids' Mission Christmas. We were blown away by the generosity of our families who have helped to provide a brighter Christmas for children living in poverty. The staff at the warehouse informed us they have helped 25,000 children so far and are hoping for 40,000 by the end of the week! 'Tis the season to be thankful.



# Nursery

This term, our topic has been 'Spooky Nights' and we have been enjoying lots of different activities in our classroom!

We have been developing our friendship skills and enjoyed dressing up for the Halloween disco and taking lots of photographs with our friends.

In Key Person time, we have been describing what we can hear and see during the dark Winter nights. During Bonfire week, we developed our gross motor skills and practised lines and circles to recreate fireworks! We worked really well together and listened well to the instructions given to us by our adults.



# Reception

Reception have eased into the full swing of Christmas this term. We have had our old elf friend 'Red' return, decorated our classroom, learnt about how Christmas began as well as practicing hard, learning lines, songs and dances for our Christmas performance 'The Very Grumpy Sheep'.



# Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic half-term! In our English lessons, we have been reading 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have particularly enjoyed making our own jam sandwich before writing a you will need list and set of instructions.

In Science, we have learnt about the light, dark and shadows. We have enjoyed using our artistic flair to recreate Van Gogh's Starry Night, cutting and decorating our own shadow puppets using templates and watching an enjoyable puppet performance of Hansel and Gretel.

We have also learnt about Remembrance Day and its significance. More recently, we have been busily preparing for our Christmas Poetry Assembly and Christmas Play which we hope you enjoyed.

After Christmas, in our History lessons we will be learning about toys from the past. We are all looking to bringing our favourite toy to school and visiting Salford Museum to enhance our learning.



# Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic Autumn term. They continued their learning in History around Famous People from the past and the impact they've had on our lives today. They learned about Neil Armstrong and Guy Fawkes and how they changed the way we live today!

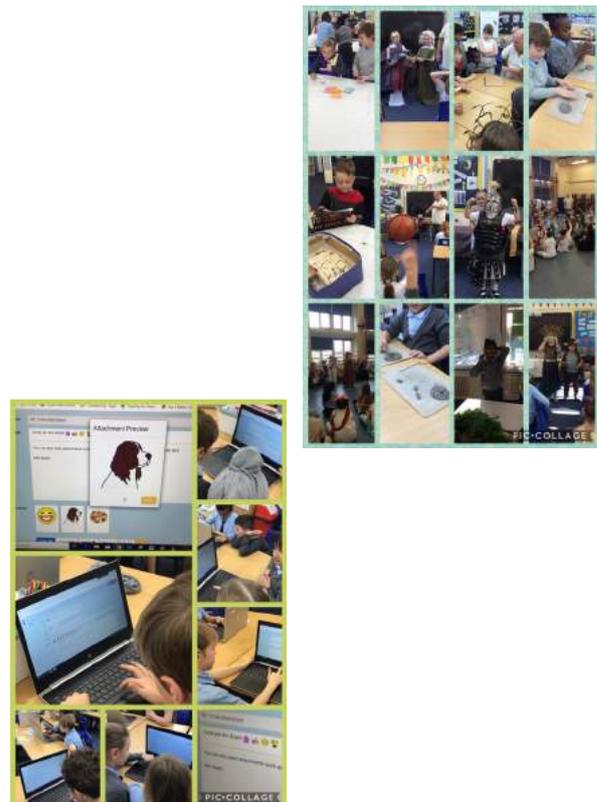
In English we have been looking at the texts Man on the Moon and Lost and Found. We have retold the stories, innovated them and even dramatised our favourite characters. We have also been learning about different word and sentence types. In Maths we have been working really hard to learn our 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have begun to look at money, fractions and telling the time!

Our Science topic has been about sound and we have enjoyed carrying out investigations to find out how sound travels and how to carry out a fair test. We hope you all have a wonderful festive break and can't wait to continue our learning next term.



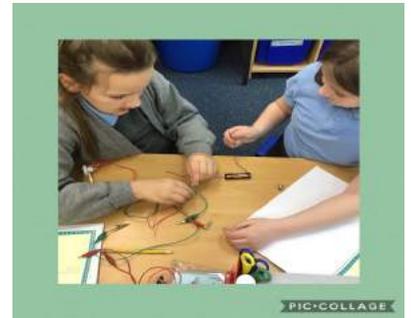
# Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy half-term. We enjoyed Ancient Greek day where we learned about life in Athens and Sparta, put on a play, made a Greek coin and played some ancient games. In Geography this half-term we have learned about Europe and looked at what life is like in different countries. As part of this, in Computing, we sent emails about an imaginary trip to Paris. We also looked at the work of artist Georges Seurat and created a piece of work in his style. We enjoyed our visit to St. John's Church to learn about the Christmas story. Next term we are learning about the Stone Age and will be visiting Liverpool museum- details to follow.



# YEAR 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed their topic, learning all about the Romans. Our favourite part was our trip to Chester where we looked around the museum at some Roman artefacts and marched through the streets as a Roman soldier! In English, we have described Pompeii before the eruption in 79AD and after. We also performed a Christmas poem in front of the whole school. We recapped anti-bullying in PSHE and we had a visit from the Science Dome to find out all about light and how it travels. As we have been learning all about electricity in Science, we made our own 'Buzz' game using wires and a bulb. Finally, we performed our Christmas play; Shine Star, Shine - which we hope you enjoyed!



# Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed Autumn term. In English, we read Kensuke's Kingdom by 'Michael Morpurgo', which we used to draw inspiration from for our own writing. We have written from the perspective of the main character, produced a newspaper article and described the island from the story. In Maths, we have approached all of our learning with an enthusiasm and resilience. In Science, we have explored how we change as we get older and we now also have a confident understanding of Space. We produced moon buggies in our Space topic, which was one of our favourite lessons. In Geography, we have learnt all about the USA and why people visit the incredible city of New York. In Autumn 2, we explored the rainforest and why the Amazon is so important and must be protected. In Spanish, we have been able to use phrases to give an opinion, as well as recapping the days of the week, colours and numbers. We had a fantastic time on our trip to Whitworth Art Gallery, where we explored the wallpaper collection and used the artwork to inspire our own wallpaper designs. We took part in a textiles workshop, using different materials and sewing techniques to create a wallpaper.



# Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant half-term with lots of fun packed in. They have learnt about why the Mayan civilisation came to an end in History, created their own points-based games using coding in Computing and we learnt all about our respiratory and circulatory systems in Science. All of Year 6 have developed their singing and drama skills when preparing for our Christmas play, 'Panto Pandemonium' and their speaking and listening skills when preparing to perform the poem, 'How the Grinch stole Christmas' by Dr Seuss.

In addition to all of this, Year 6 visited Crucial Crew where they learnt about the importance of staying safe and following rules and regulations on public transport. Whilst there, they also learnt how easy it is to have your personal devices stolen when walking home from school and how to administer basic first aid.



**School reopens on Wednesday 8th January 2020.**