



## HUNTLEY NEWS December 2023

### Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

### Curriculum:

#### Science- Years 5 and 6.

In their science lessons years 5 and 6 have been filtering dirty water to try and make it cleaner.

Seren explained that they cut a bottle in half and added filter paper and cotton wool. The cotton wool was to collect the particles as well as the filter paper. She said that the slower the process the more effective it was and the cleaner the water became.



Lily said that the more layers there were, the cleaner the water became and there was gravel and mud left in the filter paper because the particles could not pass through.

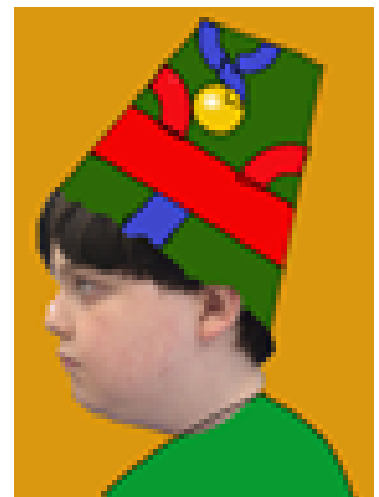
#### Art this term



Class River have been exploring the artwork of Pablo Picasso this term. They first explored a timeline of art history – picking their most and least favourite styles. After creating collages and colour blocked Picasso replicas they painted their own portraits in his cubism style and even painted each other!



Class Estuary have been creating Egyptian Artwork this term. They have; created pharaoh portraits in oil pastel and digitally; built sarcophaguses out of clay and Modroc; and built 3D Giza pyramid scenes carefully including highlight, shade and shadow.





Class Ocean have been creating artwork influenced by Roman culture this term. Inspired by Roman architecture, they have created natural and ceramic mosaics. They have also explored light and shade creating charcoal and chalk columns.



### Forest School

Mrs Credland has been running Forest schools for the last term and the Y4 and then Y5 children have been taking part on a Friday afternoon. This term the year fives have been busy – here is what they had to say about their favourite activities!

Seren, Rufus and Harriet really enjoyed building the pond and helping dig the soil out. Lydia liked making wreaths out of willow. 'I collected plants to put in my wreath and added dried orange.'

Eryn, Lily and Valentino also enjoyed making the wreaths. Valentino said, 'I added holly, red ribbon and dried orange'

George and Tilly said the den building was one of their favourite activities. 'We used tarpaulin, pegs and ropes to build them' said George. Tilly told me that the one she built with her team was the largest and the warmest!

Erin and Sybil loved playing in the mud kitchen and they made Christmas cupcakes!

Jessie, Joanne, Erin, Eryn and Lydia all decorated sticks for the icicle tree and the group made Christmas trees out of willow and natural materials to go by the school doors.

Jenson and Kieran spent two weeks digging out the pond. Kieran said 'After we had dug it all out, we put a liner in and then sand at the bottom. I liked using the shovel to dig out the mud'

Esmae's favourite activity was making a hedgehog house. They added leaves and mud to camouflage the house for a hedgehog to hibernate in!

So many different activities – the children have had so much fun!!

A massive thank you to those of you who have helped out during the Forest School sessions – it could not go ahead without your support! Thank you to Jen Rebbeck, Jo Rich, Tom Credland, Ian Niblett, Hannah Hunt and Lucy Green.

### Personal Development:

Congratulations to Class Stream who have been Class of the Week for the last two weeks! This is down to lovely manners in the dinner hall, fantastic lining up and good behaviour choices. Well done!

There was a draw at the top with Dahl and Donaldson both gaining 188 house gems this week.



**Certificates:** These children have been awarded certificates over the past couple of weeks.

**Class Stream-** Charlotte, Jessica, Guy and Alexander

**Class River-** Teo, Ted G, James, Willow and Luna

**Class Estuary-** Esmae G, Imogen

**Class Ocean –** Ethan

**Writers of the week-** Izzi and Amelia

**Science certificates-** Samuel

**Hand writer of the week-** Louie

**99 Club passes**

Sophie, Tilly, Arlo, Willoughby

Violet, Imogen, Tamlyn, Erin B

**Numbots**

**Glass-** Charlotte

**Chrome-** Isaac

**Steel-** Monty

**Copper -** Jacob

**Titanium-** James G

**Brass-** Amelia and Jacob

**Aluminium-** Alfie

**Kevlar-** Alfie

**Other awards:**

Well done to all those children who completed the CLIVE science challenge over half term. It was great to see so many taking part!!



### Girls Football Tournament at Dena Magna

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Forest area schools football tournament. They played really well and as always did us proud. The organiser commented on their positive attitude and how supportive they were with each other and of other teams.



### High Five Netball

Our netballers have had a great term. We have been in a league with some large schools in Gloucester but they have still managed to play as the fabulous team they are and win most of their games. In fact, for the first time, we have finished second and the top two teams go forward to another winner's league!! We are very proud of all your efforts! Thank you too for all the parental support!



### Advent worship



It was lovely to invite Rev Lara into school to deliver a worship all about Advent. We found out what advent is and what happens in church at this time of year.

### Other News

#### Healthy school's reaccreditation

We are really pleased that we have once again been awarded Healthy Schools status. The award is gained through showing the ways in which we support the emotional and physical well-being of the children. We feel that this is a strength across the school and are very proud of what our children achieve!

#### Poppy Appeal

I huge thank you to all of you who supported the appeal this year. We are proud to announce that through the sale of poppies etc you raised £135.80. Thank you to the children in year six for organising this in school.

