



DECEMBER



A message from Mrs Bower

We raised £807 at the Christmas Fair! Thank you for your support. The children had a super time and really enjoyed creating their games and stalls.



Well done to the kitchen team who delivered a superb Christmas dinner this week, cooking and serving over 500 meals, which the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed!

This Wednesday, there is a SEND coffee afternoon in the assembly hall with Mrs Pashley and Mrs Ubhie. If you have any SEND related questions, or if you would like to discuss anything with the SENDCOs, please come along and say hello!

Below are the topics your child will be studying next half term.

Year 3	Volcanoes and Earthquakes
Year 4	The Rainforest
Year 5	Rivers
Year 6	Argentina

A message from Mr Bull

We are getting closer to closer to Christmas with next week being our final week of 2024; it is amazing how quick the first term has gone! Our character competency focus this week has been **confident**. We describe confidence as, "Confidence is the belief you are capable. It means viewing mistakes as learning opportunities, saying "I can" instead of "I can't," and believing you can face life's challenges and succeed." We want your children to not be afraid to make mistakes, as mistakes are part of learning. We want your children to be confident in all aspects of school and to bring that confidence to situations out of school in the community too. Well done to all of our Stars of the Week and **all** pupils who showed confidence in many different ways.

Important Dates

Tuesday 17th December

Visit to Alvaston Parish Church in the morning for the Christmas service

Wednesday 18th December

1430 – 1515
SEND Coffee Afternoon in the assembly hall

Friday 20th December

Last day of term
Normal school uniform
Christmas jumpers allowed!

HALF TERM

Monday 6th January

First day of spring term

Word of the Week

Confident

Attendance

This week's attendance
92.25%

Highest class attendance
96.15% Perfect Pandas

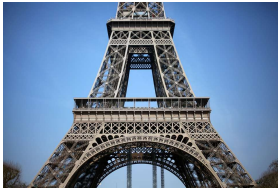
What's been happening this week?

Year 3



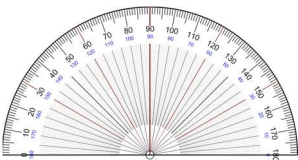
In this newsletter we thought we'd focus on PE and PHSE – which are linked in our learning for this half term. We have really enjoyed developing our hand/eye co-ordination and our tennis skills for example. The children are now able to control their rackets and to volley and hit the ball on the bounce with good accuracy. PHSE has focused on health, fitness and nutrition, key lessons for life. If the children can get into good habits whilst they're young, they will last a lifetime. We have learnt about balanced diets; the effects exercise has on our bodies and the importance of being hygienic to keep germs at bay. All extremely important information. Finally, a reminder that homework needs to be handed in at the start of next week please. There is a certificate for the best Learning Log in each class. All the best.

Year 4



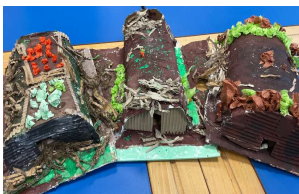
This week, Year 4 have been focusing on measurement in maths and we have had fun with tape measures practically measuring items in the classrooms. Pupils have been reading mm, cm and m and learning how to measure items accurately. In English, we have started our non-chronological report on France learning key facts about France and linking into our geography topic on Europe. We will soon be experts on France! See if your child can tell you a fact about France. We are looking forward to finishing our reports next week just before Santa comes to visit on Friday!

Year 5



As we approach the end of the Autumn term, Y5 have continued to maintain the same high standards of work and behaviour. In science, we have been learning why we have the seasons. Learning this relies on the knowledge that the children have built up over the last half term, and we were very impressed as they showed us exactly what they knew! In maths, we have been learning how to measure and draw angles using a protractor. It has been great to see the level of care they have taken to ensure accuracy. Our study of Romeo and Juliet has concluded with the children writing a newspaper article about their tragic death. The progress that the children have made has really been showcased by the standards of their final piece. Our geography topic concluded with the children using compass points and grid reference to plan a journey. Maybe Santa could ask them to plan his route on Christmas Eve! Lots of great work has already been handed in for the Learning Log homework, and we are excited to see the rest on Monday! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6



This week in Year 6, we've enjoyed plenty of exciting learning! In DT, we've been designing and creating Anderson Shelters as part of our World War II topic—they look fantastic! In English, we've been writing newspaper reports based on Anne Frank's diary, honing our journalistic skills and applying key grammar features. In maths, we've been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, investigating their properties and tackling shape-related problems. Don't forget to bring in your Learning Log next week for our year group showcase—we can't wait to see all the amazing work. Keep up the hard work Year 6!