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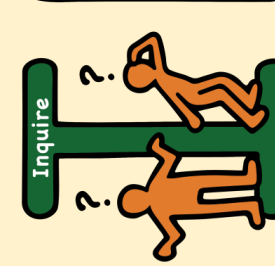
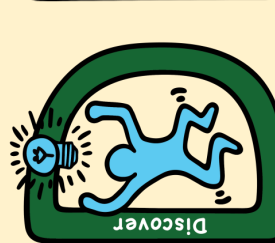
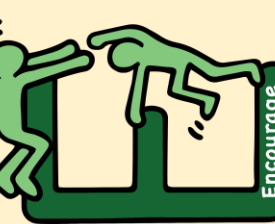
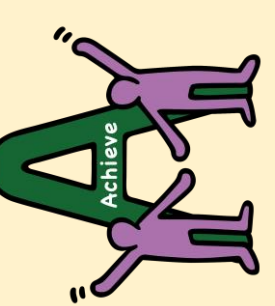
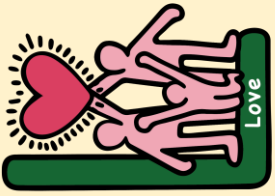
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Autumn 2 Newsletter

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Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher



A busy half term!

The children have been really busy this half term, learning so much in school and also exploring further afield on trips with their class. There have been visits to St Chad's, The Story Museum in Oxford, The National Space Centre in Leicester and all of KS1 went to watch 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in Leamington. All of the children in KS1 and Reception put on their very own performance of 'Xmas Factor' at the end of term too. Lots of them discovered a love of being on the stage! We also enjoyed exploring 'Incarnation' on our Understanding Christianity Day.

We have celebrated Christmas at St Chad's church at the end of the half term. Year 3 led our Christmas Service extremely well and we heard a beautiful retelling of the Christmas story along with songs that Mrs Rhodes had taught us and a lovely flute duet with Maria and Sophia performing 'Silent Night'.



Christmas at St Chad's Church

[You can follow this link to see more photos from the service.](#)





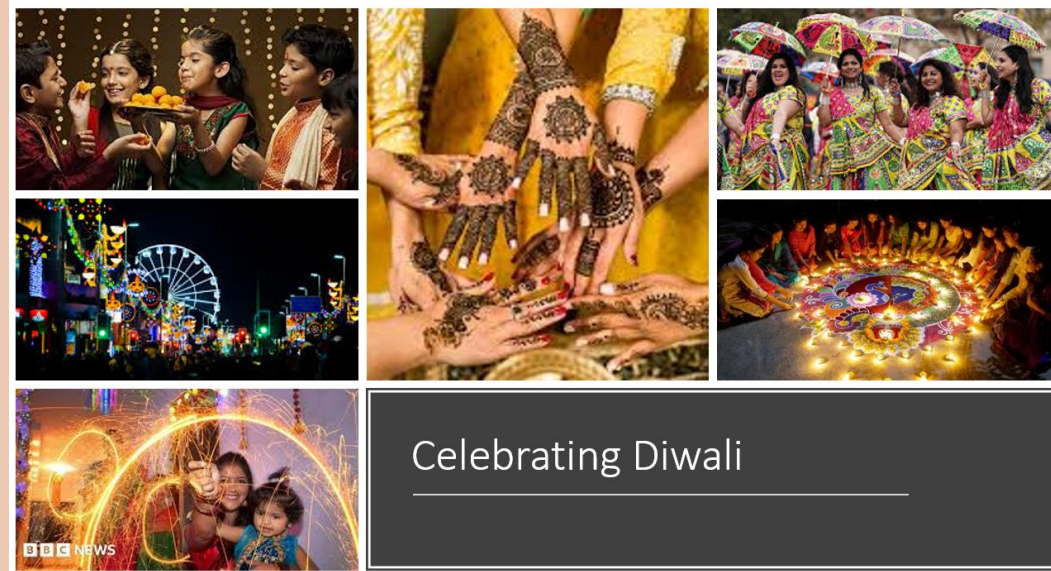
Worship Focus

This half term our IDEALS focus has been 'Inquire'. We have thought about some tricky questions.

Why is light important in the story of Diwali?

We started the term thinking about the Diwali story and how light overcoming darkness (or good overcoming bad) is a theme throughout the story.

We saw all of the IDEALS within the story itself and talked about how the people lit Diwa lamps to guide Rama and Sita on their way home.



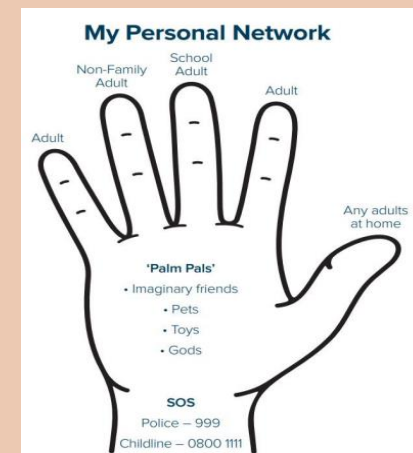
Celebrating Diwali

What is prayer?

We thought about how some people talk to God in prayer, and how prayers can be answered. We also talked about where prayers sit on our network hands and how it is important to tell one of our trusted adults if we have said a prayer for help.

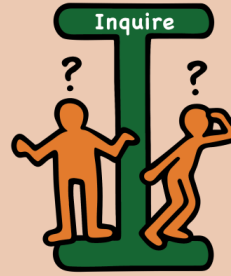


What is prayer?



Should we take risks?

We considered 'risks' and whether we should take risks or not. Hugh took a risk and took part in a taste test. He was blindfolded and agreed to guess what food Mrs Kilbey gave him to eat. There were some nice foods and some nasty foods. He trusted Mrs Kilbey to give him some food that was good. We talked about who we could trust to help us to take risks.



Who can help us to take a risk?

parents adults
 teachers God
friends strangers



Make your **hopes** a higher priority than listening to your self-doubt.



'When the world says,
"Give up",
Hope whispers,
"Try it one more time".'

- Unknown

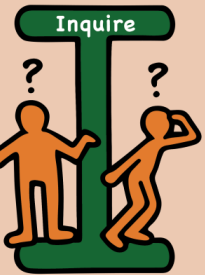
How important is hope?

As we lit the first advent candle, we thought about hope and what we hoped for. We heard the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth who had been praying and hoping for a baby. They didn't give up and God gifted them a baby when they thought they were too old.

We learned that it was important to keep hoping.

What is peace?

As we lit the second advent candle we thought about peace. We shared a sign of peace with the children near to us by shaking hands and it made lots of us smile. We thought about what Jesus taught about peace and how we could use his ideas to create peaceful classrooms at the end of a busy term of learning.



Secrets of success

We have focussed really hard on 'Concentrate' this half term. The children have spotted their classmates who have shown concentrate as well as the other secrets.

Peaceful classrooms

Say kind words

One kind word can change someone's entire day



Think about what others like and don't like...

Give and return a smile

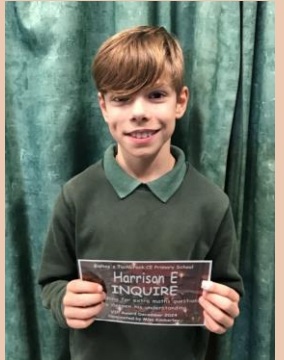
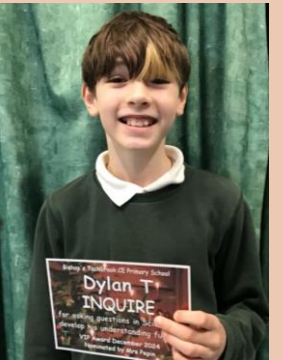
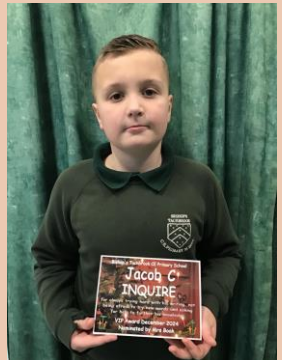
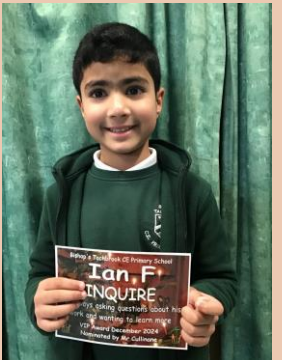
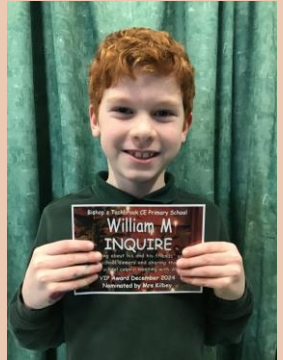
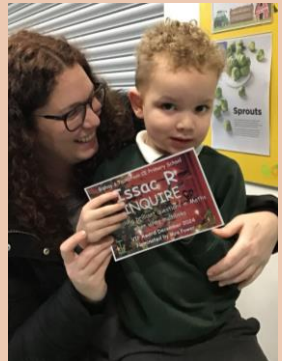
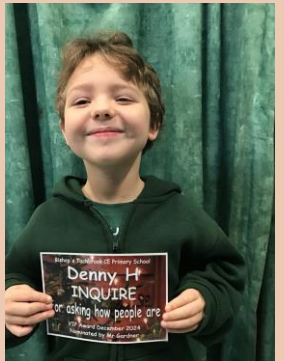
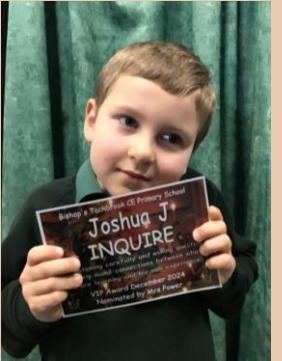
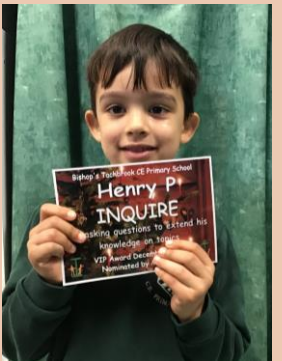
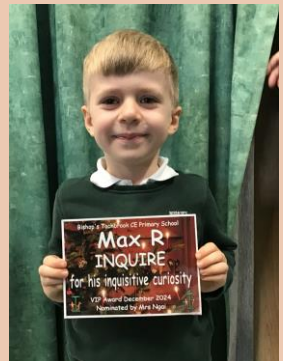
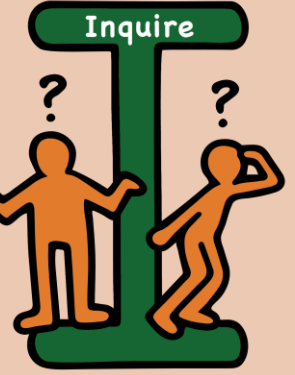


Be honest about your feelings.



Our Inquire VIPs!

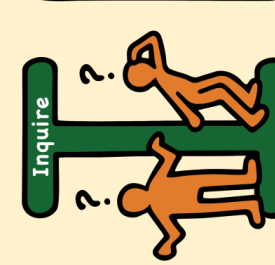
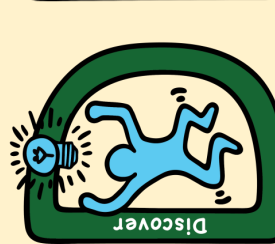
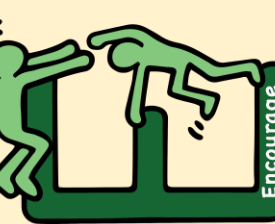
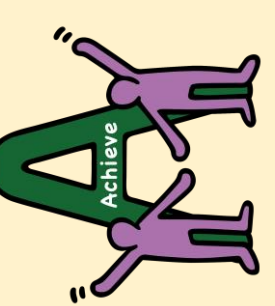
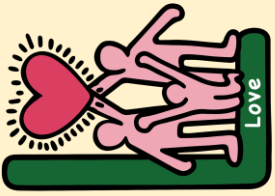
These children were spotted living out our IDEALS by showing 'Inquire' through wondering and asking questions this half term. Well done!





Incarnation – Understanding Christianity

[Click here to see more photos of our Understanding Christianity Day](#)



What have the children been learning?

It has been a busy and exciting half term and there has been so much learning happening in school.

Please click on your child's year group to find out what they have been learning this half term. The more you can chat about the pictures, the more they will recall their learning, and the more likely it is to stay in their long term memory. Thank you for your help!





Snow Fun

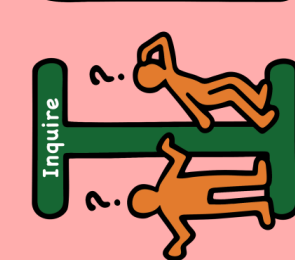
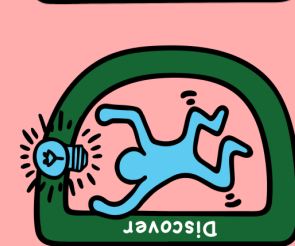
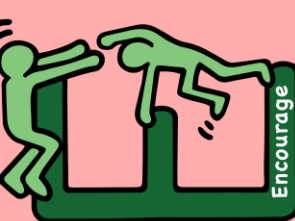
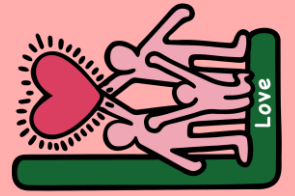
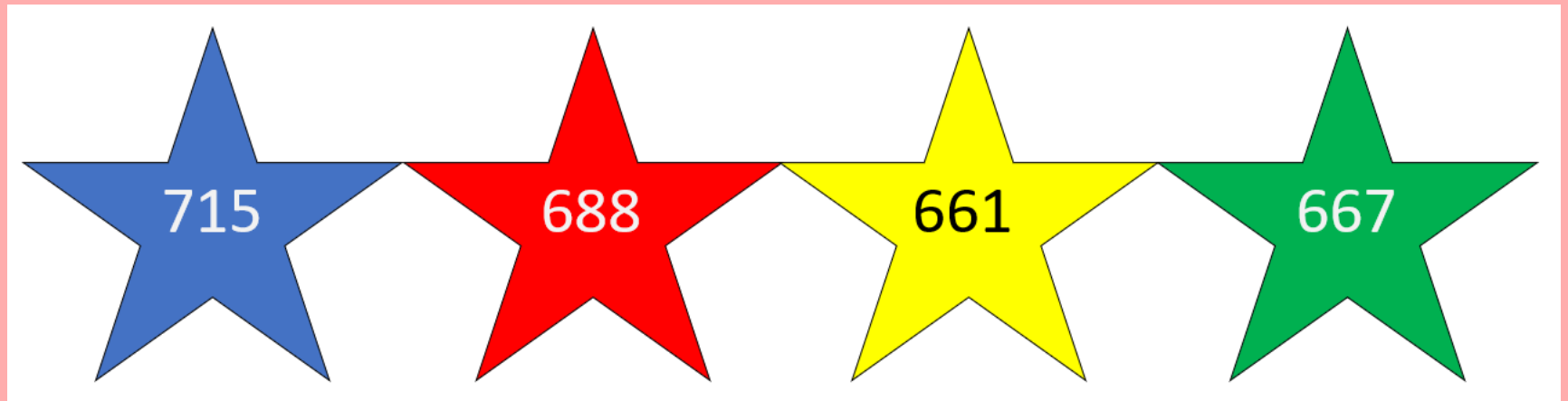
We all enjoyed working in teams to create snow people on the school field!

IDEALS raffle tickets:

This half term saw the children living out so many of our IDEALS in school. Each week we counted the raffle tickets and the scores were really close throughout.



We would like to say a huge well done to Blue Team, who collected the most raffle tickets and will celebrate with a 'Wear What you Want' day on Tuesday 7th January.





Team Tachbrook in action

The children have continued to represent the school in a number of different sports this half term. Our rowing teams performed really well – encouraging each other in the individual events as well as working together as a team in the relay. Our football and hockey teams have also been in action and we are so incredibly proud of all of them.



iRock concert

[Follow this link to see more photos from the rock concert.](#)



Musical Moments

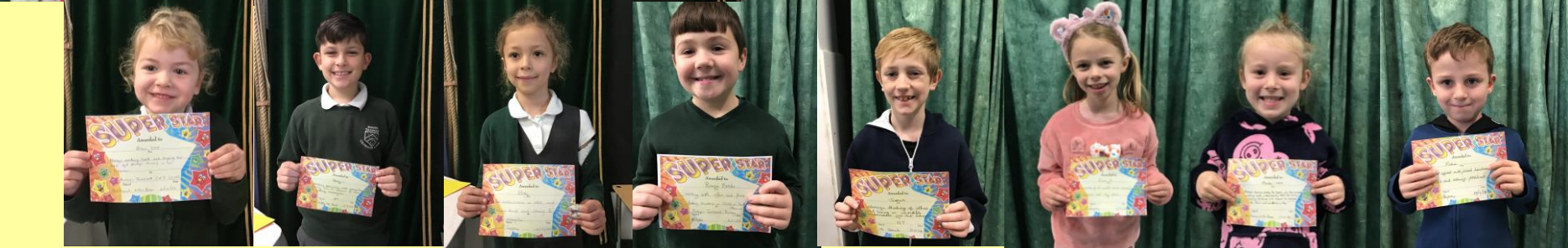
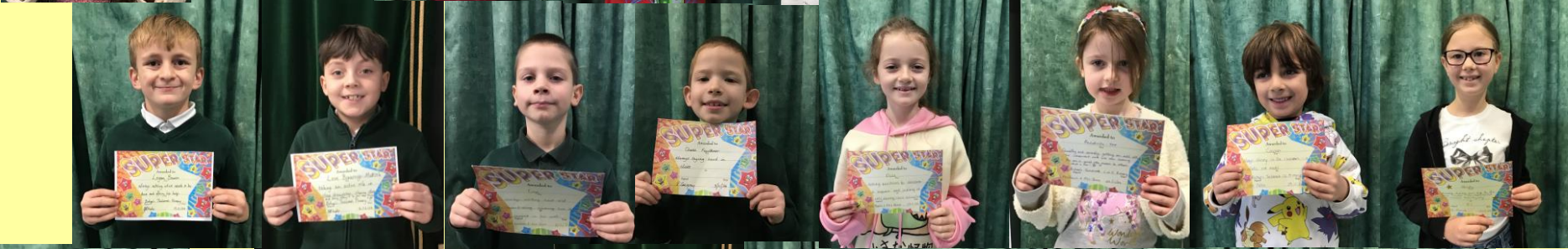
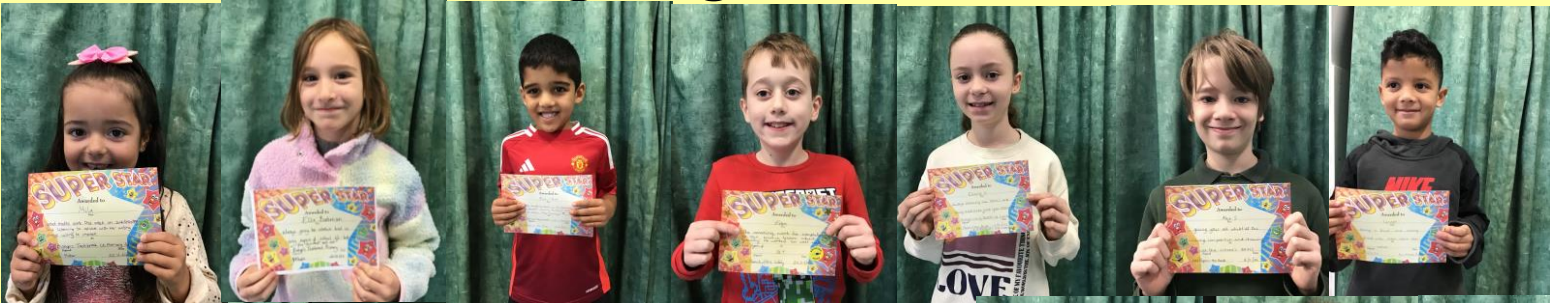
Children who have instrumental lessons in school work hard to practice and prepare pieces that they can perform. Some children earned their music badges by performing in Celebration Worship this term.



Stars of the week

This half term we have celebrated lots of children showing our IDEALS and shining as great role models to other children.

Head Teacher's Stars



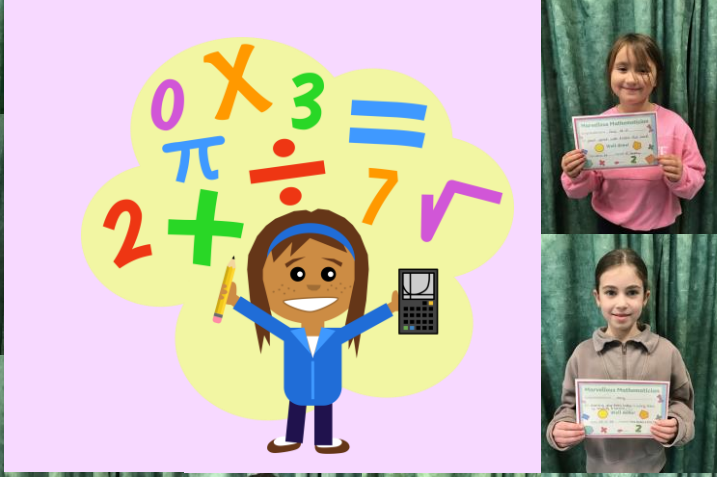
Mighty Writers



Remarkable Readers



Marvellous Mathematicians





Pen licences

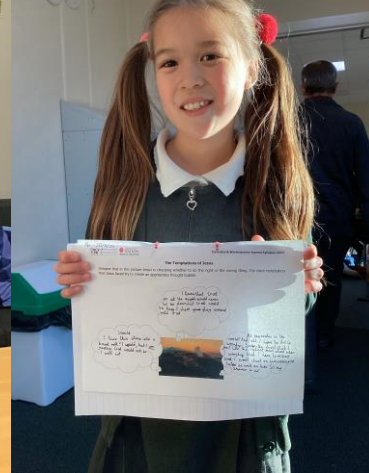
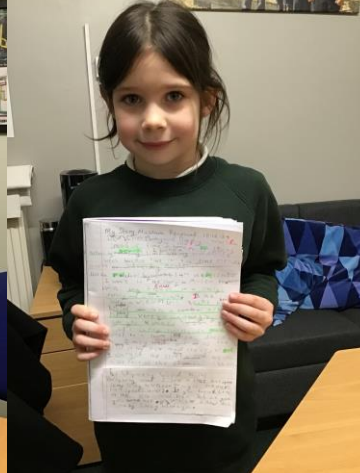
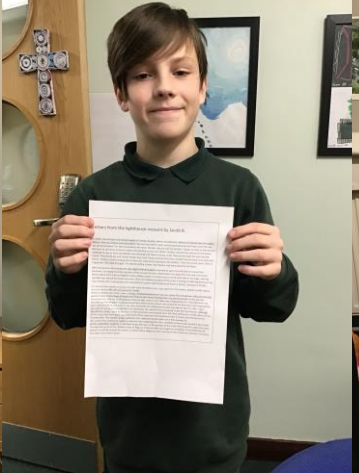
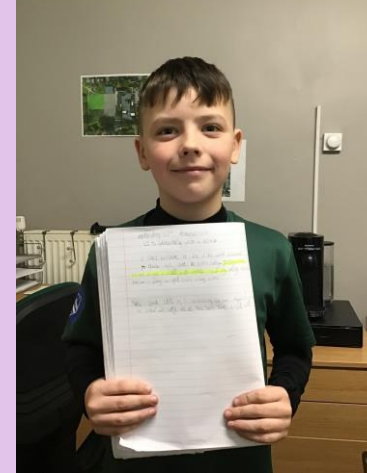
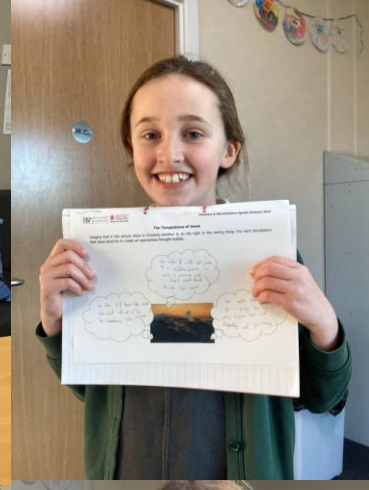
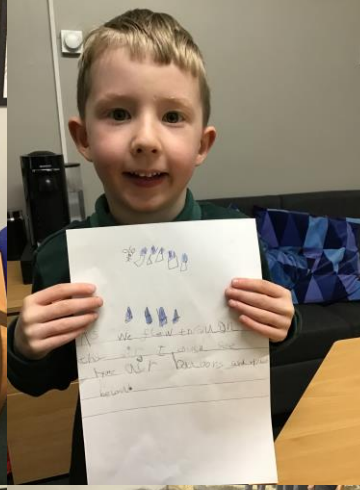
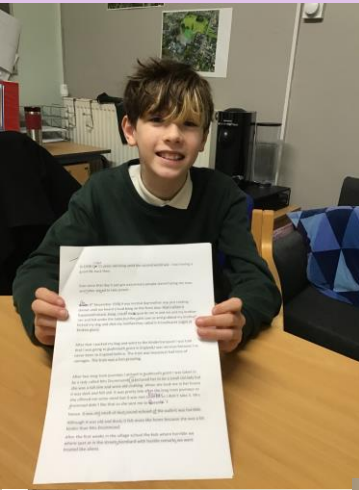
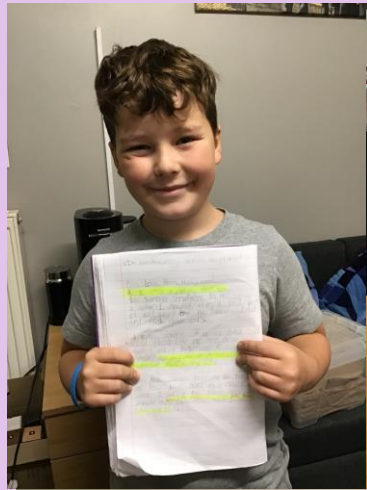
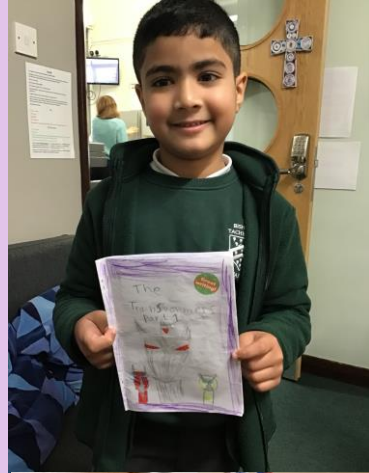
Our Year 4 children have been working hard to improve their presentation this half term, and Olivia, Cohen, Sophia, Sehb, Leon, Oscar, Claudia, Alice and Abigail all were awarded with their pen licences.





Great Learning

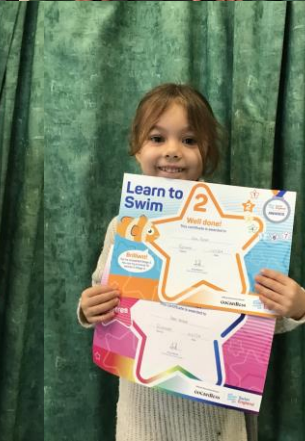
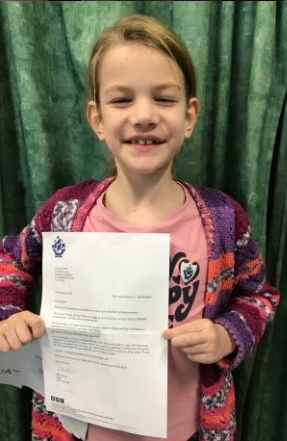
Several children have brought great learning to my office this half term. There has been some extremely descriptive writing, detailed art work and carefully considered RE work.





Celebrating Awards from home

We have celebrated: sports awards - swimming, gymnastics, football, rugby, dance, a Brownie award and a Blue Peter badge. It is lovely to see so many children Discovering new skills!





Santa Dash

In the last week of term we all ventured outdoors with our Santa hats and used up some of our excited energy on a Santa Dash. It was great fun running with our friends.

Dates for your diary:

You can find out if we are on Week A or Week B by looking at a [special calendar on the website](#) created for this purpose, and linked to the PE timetables.

- Thurs 2nd Jan – Young Voices Day camp
- Mon 6th Jan – INSET Day
- Tues 14th Jan – Young Voices concert in Birmingham
- Fri 17th Jan – PTA Movie night
- Fri 14th Feb – PTA School Disco

We have shared some of the dates for the half term ahead, but please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#).



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