

### Year 4- Roman Banquet

To end our topic about the Romans, we took part in a Roman Army march and then we celebrated with a banquet.

We ate flamingo brains (chicken), boiled pig eyes (boiled egg), grapes, cheese, bread and fish, all with a side of honey. My favourite food was the flamingo brains!

We used the frescos that we had made as decoration on the table and the tables were in a U-shape just like the Romans would have done. We all enjoyed it a lot and it was fun to act like a Roman for the afternoon! *By Dylan*



### Cross Country!!

Mr. Crisp and I have been immensely impressed by the commitment of the Cross Country runners over the course of the term. They attend twice a week and run approximately a mile each time. The hills on our course are very testing!



We took part in the Mixed Relay race at Fordhouses Cricket Club where we came in a very respectable fourth position. After Christmas, we have the boys' relay and girls' relay competition to train for.

Towards the end of the term, we had our Inter-House competition where Yellow House triumphed over the other houses.

### The Year 6 Outcome

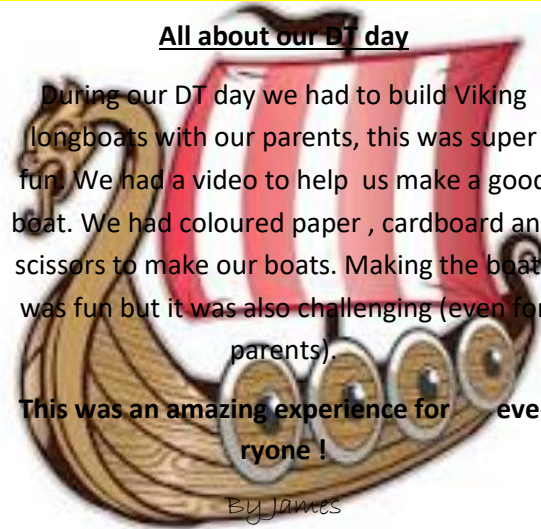
Our impressive, outstanding outcome was all about natural disasters (our topic this term). Everyone was involved and all of our amazing, incredible work was on display for all the parents to see and purchase. The outcome's purpose was to raise money for The National Flood Forum, a charity that helps people who have been affected by floods in the local area. We showcased our performing arts that we had spent lots of time practising. These included: a tableau performance, reciting a poem (The Storm Dragon), imitating the sound of a storm using body percussion and a news report. There was a photo booth available where you could take a photo with a natural disaster behind you (using a green screen). At the end of it all, we raised £270 which will all go towards the charity!



### All about our DT day

During our DT day we had to build Viking longboats with our parents, this was super fun. We had a video to help us make a good boat. We had coloured paper, cardboard and scissors to make our boats. Making the boats was fun but it was also challenging (even for parents).

This was an amazing experience for everyone!



### Wilkazon!!

Our amazing school shop full of great goodies is a reward for the class achieving the most 100% attendances in a week across a half term.

During the first half term, Mrs. Hammond's class had the honour of going to the shop to choose a reward for attendance. Miss. Sang's class almost were the winners but Mrs. Hammond's class eventually won 4-2!

By the end of the Christmas term, though, there was only one clear winner as only Mrs. Copson's class achieved 100% attendance for a week. Not only did they achieve it once, but on two occasions this term, the class have achieved top marks! They thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the shop to choose an amazing prize.

Who will be visiting the shop in the Spring Term..?



# Wilkinson World!

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It's hard to believe that the first term is over. The children have worked hard and achieved well. It has been great to see so many parents attending events and the positive feedback has been much appreciated.

Miss Duffield is leaving Wilkinson after 19 years, she has been a valuable member of the team and will be missed. I am sure that you will join us to wish her well for the future.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 8th January.

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you for all who attended this year's Christmas Fayre, donated to the tombola, bought raffle tickets or Christmas photos. We have managed to raise an outstanding £3,237.56!!

With this money we are able to provide entertainment for the Christmas parties, party food and Christmas presents for all children!

Throughout the year, this money will also be used to provide opportunities for the children that are not covered in the National Curriculum.



Congratulations to Nilakshana for winning Pat McFadden's Christmas Card competition! Nilakshana's card design has been distributed across schools churches and local businesses.



At the start of this academic year, we introduced a new reward system for attendance. If children are in for half a term they receive a silver award and if they are in for the whole term they receive a gold award. Daily, the children come and speak to us to tell us whether they are on track for silver and gold and it is great to see how motivated the children are by this new reward system. For this half term, we have 83 children who have achieved their silver award and an amazing 140 children who have successfully achieved their gold award! Thank you for supporting us by ensuring your children come to school everyday. Let's see if we can beat these numbers next term!



### Primary Maths Challenge

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 10 (Year 5 and 6) children took part in a national competition called the Primary Maths Challenge. The children were selected to attempt an incredibly difficult maths based challenge. The challenge consisted of 20 multiple choice questions and 5 multi-step questions, that were even more complex and made their minds boggle!

The children involved, received one certificate for their participation and also a bronze, silver or gold certificate based on their score. They await to see if any one of them qualify for the bonus round in February.

*By Bhuvaan and Nilakshana.*

Congratulations to Bhuvaan who has qualified to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round 2024. Well done Bhuvaan!





### Autumn Term In Terrific For Twos.

This term has been very busy we have had lots of new children joining us in the Terrific for Twos. All of the children have settled fantastically and have been very busy exploring their new environment.

Our theme for this term was 'Nursery Rhymes and Storyland' where we have introduced a new fairy tale every week and based our activities around this allowing the children to explore new and exciting activities both indoors and outdoors. We have enjoyed our Outdoor Wednesday with the Nursery children too.

We have been very lucky this term having a Coffee Morning hosted by a Health Visitor and other professionals. This session was very popular. Thank you to all that attended. We have recently introduced our new 'Sing With Me' sessions where children are given a nursery rhyme to practice in the Twos and showcase their singing skills on the Friday in front of a parent/carer.

The children have been very busy the last few weeks of this term writing their lists for Santa, making decorations, cards and calendars. The Children also had the opportunity to meet Santa in his Grotto. The children were super excited to meet Santa himself and have their picture taken with him.

We have also been busy practising for the Christmas play. Children have been learning new songs and standing on the stage. They have all been fantastic, we are very proud of all of the children.

Have a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the new year.



### People Who Help Us.

In Reception this term, we have been learning all about 'People Who Help Us'. We have had some very special visitors come into school to talk to us about their jobs and how they help us. Our first visitor was Nurse Julie. She spoke to us about how to live a healthy lifestyle and make good food choices. Our next visitors were the Firefighters from Bilston Fire station. They spoke to us about fire safety and everyone got to spray the hose! We were then visited by local dentists who spoke to us about taking care of our teeth. They even brought in some goody bags for us to take home! Finally, we had a visit from a local Police Officer and PCSO. They came in to speak to us about making good and bad choices. We had great fun asking all of our visitors lots of questions.



### Black Country Living Museum.



As part of their topic 'The Victorians', this term, the children in Year 1 went to the Black Country Living Museum to see what life was really like for Victorian Britain. They visited a real Victorian house and discovered where the children slept and what they played with. They even went to school to have a Victorian lesson and unfortunately, some of the teachers misbehaved and were given the cane!

"I couldn't believe that toys were made from old shoes, I thought it was funny when Miss Sang was given the cane." said Leo.

### Autumn adventures in Nursery!

Children and staff in Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed their first term together on their 'Adventures in Nursery Rhyme, and Story Land'. The children and staff have worked together to establish positive relationships and routines.

Throughout the Autumn Term, they have shared numerous nursery rhymes, stories, traditional tales, and have explored lots of activities based around these micro-themes. The children took part in a class vote to choose their favourite nursery rhyme; the winner was Incy Wincy Spider! Another firm favourite was the classic tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. At the end of November we welcomed parents and carers into Nursery for a 'play and stay' session where we showcased a photo montage of the children. It was fantastic to welcome so many families into class.

Outdoor Wednesdays have proved to be very popular indeed. This has supported opportunities to enhance physical skills, problem solving, team building and has developed a curiosity of the natural world. Outdoor Wednesday's have been postponed temporarily and will resume in the new year.

On the lead up to Christmas, we were very lucky to receive a special letter all the way from Lapland, written by Santa himself! Santa shared his photo album of his favourite local locations around Bradley and Bilston. The children were very excited to look at Santa's photo album sharing their knowledge and encounters of the local area.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and wonderful new year.



### Stone Age Day Outcome



On Thursday 23rd November we invited parents into school to see our outcome.

We were so excited to do the activities. We made salt dough necklaces, which everyone enjoyed. There were also paper crafts, like making a paper woolly mammoth. We also showed our parents our school books so they could see all of the topic work that we had completed in our history lessons. We showed them and let them play the computer games that we made in computing with a programme called Scratch. We also showed the parents how to play the djembe and we then performed our ukulele campfire song. There was also the opportunity for the parents to look at the photos of us and our friends from our Stone Age Visitor Day. We had a lovely time and I really loved that day!

By Harpritam

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### Life on the Home Front



On the 15<sup>th</sup> November, parents and carers were invited to share in a celebration of all the things we have learnt throughout our World War Two topic. Our main school hall housed an exhibition of a range of work we have covered over the Autumn Term. Lots of activities were provided for everyone to enjoy with both children and adults having a wonderful time. Over the term children have had experiences of visiting an Anderson Shelter at our annual residential visit to Kingswood, as well as seeing real life fighter planes, including the Spitfire and Hurricane planes, at Cosford Air Museum. Briar said, "I learned a lot about World War Two and I liked it because I found out that my Great, Great Grandad rode a horse in World War 2!" Albey added, "I had a great time completing the activities in the hall."

