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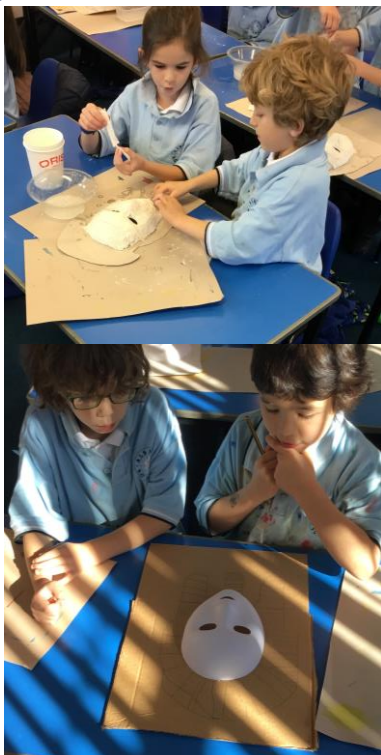
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Dear Parents/Carers,
This half term certainly seems to have raced by! In school, our classrooms have been busy, vibrant and full of a range of learning opportunities.



Year 3 and Year 4 Art

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have spent time this week expressing their artistic skills. In Year 3, the children have been exploring and recreating Tutankhamun's death mask using modroc and acrylic paint. The results have been amazing.



Our Year 4 children have designed and created their own Anglo-Saxon brooches out of clay. They have embellished their artwork by decorating it with gems and painting with metallic paint. The finished products were fabulous!



Year 1 Reading

Our fantastic readers in Year 1 have certainly been making us very proud. They have now reached an amazing 595 books read. Well done Year 1; keep up the great reading.



Year 2 and Year 6 Yellow Brick Road Workshops

On Monday 5th October, our Years 2 and 6 children were involved in two exciting drama workshops led by Yellow Brick Road. Our Year 2 class learnt all about Captain Edward Smith, the captain of the Titanic. Through role play, the children thought about what it would have been like to be one of the thousands of passengers on the ill-fated ship.

Our Year 6 children gained an invaluable insight into the colonisation of Africa. During their workshop, the children learnt about the scramble for Africa and the failed railroad from Cape Town to Cairo; they debated whether the Benin Bronze statues, which were taken from southern Nigeria by British forces, should be returned to the country; they created their own rainforest soundscape and finally enjoyed some African dance.

The whole day was action packed and full of fabulous learning. Our thanks goes to Yellow Brick Road for facilitating such a wonderful experience for our children.



Harvest Service

Our Harvest celebrations this year were a little different with our Key Stage One children performing a virtual Harvest assembly. Our Year 2 children spoke eloquently about sharing and our Reception and Year 1 children sang Harvest songs beautifully. The whole assembly was concluded with one of our favourites - 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'. Our thanks to Rev. Pete Howard who very kindly made a guest appearance to speak to us about sharing. Thanks also to our families for all the donations sent in to school. These have been taken to the Alsager and District Food Bank to help families in need.

Social Media

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our school community on social media. We will be keeping these posts regularly updated. If you haven't done so already, please like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to keep up-to-date with what's going on.



Treetops - Before and After

School Club

Treetops have been doing some exciting activities over the last few weeks. They carried out a science experiment and grew some gummy bears! They have created some fossil stamps and made an Autumn leaf window display. If you would like to book your child a place at the half term holiday club please contact office@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk.

PE Kits

We have noticed that there has been a number of children coming into school on their PE days in brightly coloured sportswear which has large logos. Could we please request that, where it is possible, children adhere to the Excalibur PE uniform. Where, for good reasons, children are unable to wear school uniform, reasonable adjustments can be made.

And finally

And finally, as the cold weather bites, please ensure that your child has a coat in school and hat and gloves as appropriate – we will always go out to play unless the weather is torrential! Also, with the weather being unpredictable at the moment, the children will need their outdoor shoes on to play on our field at break times. We would ask you to check that your child has their outdoor shoes in school and that the shoes still fit. These should be different to their PE footwear.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher