



Season's Greetings to you all !



Another term over.....

We have come to the end of another term, it feels like this has sped by very quickly! Our children have learnt and had many rich experiences, from Speak up, Speak out week when we reminded children that they must tell an adult if something is upsetting them or if someone is being unkind, to Black History Month when children learnt about black achievers whose accomplishments were in the month of January, to speaking and listening week, when class debates were held to discuss questions which children thought of themselves or were created by their class teacher, to our democracy week when children voted for several roles within the school including the school council posts, to spellathon when children put their spelling skills to the test, to Christmas cards afternoon whereby children and their families came together to make Christmas cards! We also had lots of visitors to our school, thank you to all our visitors for taking the time to share your talents with our children.

I am very pleased that in between these special weeks, our children's learning experiences were extended beyond their classes, the clip below was filmed when Sapphire Class went to Leicester Square cinema to see 'Chicken Run', before it was released nationally.

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/chicken-run-sequel-to-be-released-over-two-decades-after-record-breaking-original/gdkrtf4>

Christmas Concerts.....

For all the parents, friends and family members who came to the Christmas concerts this year, you already know that it was an amazing demonstration of what our children can achieve, and how absolutely beautiful both concerts were. So this is really for the few parents who were unable to attend.

EYFS/KS1—The children sang every song beautifully, with a lot of emotions and convection. Parents clapped in appreciation and one parents knew all the words to every song, so joined in!

KS2's concert meanwhile was wonderful, the actors delivered their lines with clear pronunciation, but it was the singing that was marvellous!! The children sang in groups, all together, solo and in rounds with soothing harmonies. Once again, I would like to say thank you to all the children, you have definitely used your DR P! Thank you to all the family and friends who continue to support us, and the staff for your dedication to our children.



Helping you teach children about money...

Money Heroes is a free financial education programme for teachers, parents and anyone working with primary aged children. Sign up now to access their extensive range of resources and support designed to help you improve children's financial capability and understanding of how money works.

<https://moneyheroes.org.uk/?utmcampaign=MH0922>

Free Events.....

Christmas can be a very expensive time for parents/carers, so below is a website with some FREE events.

[Free Christmas Days Out | Top Things To Do | DOWTK \(dayoutwiththekids.co.uk\)](https://dowtk.co.uk)

Emerald Class....

For our Design and Technology topic we have been learning about 'Battery operated lights'. The pupils discussed the invention of the light bulb and started to work out how does an electrical circuit work - using batteries. Not as easy as it looks!

"I liked it when I was able to make electricity in school. I used a light bulb and holder, crocodile clips, wires and batteries," said Ali.

"I loved it when the light lit up! It was so fun and I enjoyed it. It was tricky at first, but at the end it was easy." Declared Esther.

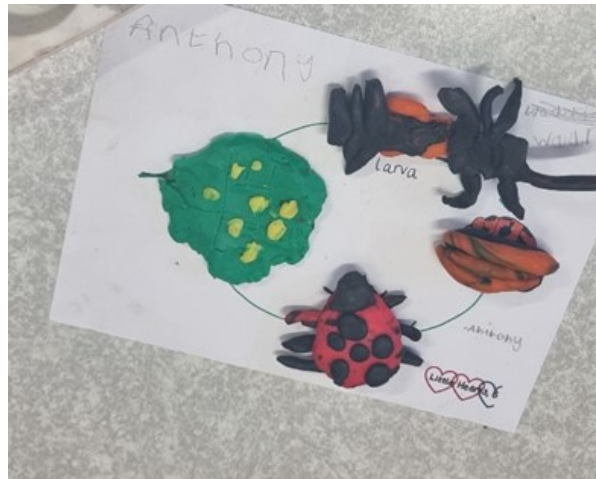
"We learnt how to make the light bulb work. We attached the crocodile clips to the battery to make it work." Shared Teddy.



Amber Class....

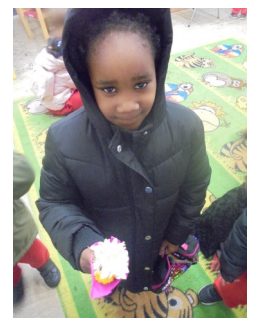
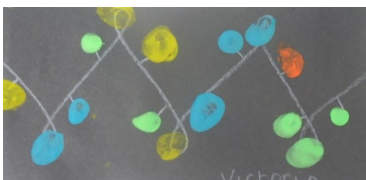
In Amber Class we learnt all about animal life cycles in Science. It was fun to find out facts about all the animal groups. Did you know that a dolphin is a mammal even though it lives in the ocean? Or that the offspring of a horse is called a foal?

For our final lesson, Ms. Maria set us a challenge to make the life cycle of a frog and a ladybug out of plasticine. Come to our classroom to check them out.



EYFS....

In Gold and Silver Class, we used some white chalk and paints to create some beautiful festive lights! We used our fingers to carefully place the paint. We also explored the idea of gifting and different ways to show people we love them. We can show love by creating and gifting bouquets of flowers....



Achievers.....

One of the visitors to our school was Neil Mayers from Raising Black Achievement, who made a wonderful contribution to our Black History Month. Their calendar for 2024- 2025 has now been released, below is the website details. There is also lots of other information the website, parents/carers may find useful. <https://raisingblackachievement.com/almanac/>

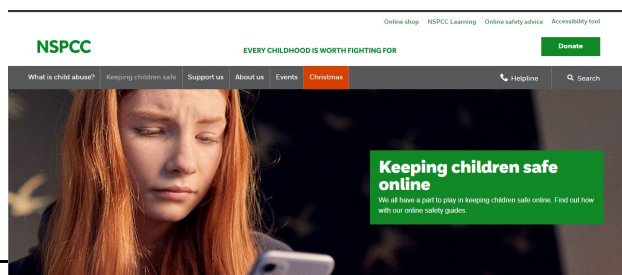
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Online safety during the holidays.....

The NSPCC has lots of useful information about how you can keep your child safe online. In the same way you would not allow a stranger into your home, please don't allow strangers into your child's life via the internet....

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/keeping-children-safe-online/)

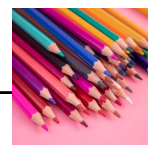
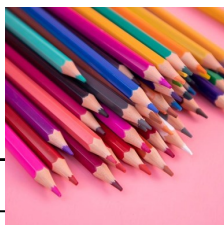


*Warmest thoughts and best wishes
for a wonderful holiday
and a Happy New Year to you all!
May peace, love and prosperity
follow you always!*



Pencils and pens please.....

I know we live in a time that when we think of Christmas gifts, parents/carers often think this means some sort of technical device, but I would like to put in a request for all parents/carers to buy your child some good old fashioned pencils, pens and paper. Encouraging your child to write at home for all kinds of reasons is one of the cheapest and important gifts you can every give your child!



Homework Champions.....

Every week children are given homework. This is another wonderful opportunity to practise all that the children have already learnt in class. It gives parents/carers the opportunity to also help their child at home and get a flavour of their children's abilities as well as their areas for development. The children below are the Autumn Term 2023 Homework Champions! Not only have they returned their homework every week, but it has been signed and their parents/carers make sure their child uses their DRP, and produces high quality homework. Well done to all the children below and the parents/carers who are doing some amazing work with their child at home!

EYFS

Amber Class

Emerald Class

Sapphire Class

Topaz Class

Benvie and Maximo

Ryaan and Chyna-Leigh

Benji and Abbey

Dylan and Alisa

Samy and Wafiq

Topaz Class.....

Topaz Class attended the Southwark Junior Citizenship Scheme Workshop and had fun learning about being a better citizen in our community. They also learnt about safety on the roads and transportation, in preparation for secondary school. All children successfully completed the workshops.



Dates for your diary

Last day of term — 20.12.23 at 12 noon

School re-opens for children — 9.1.24 - at 8.50am

