



Lea Endowed C of E Primary School



Autumn Term 2022 Round Up

We have certainly had a very busy term here at Lea Endowed. We have all shone our lights brightly and it has been just lovely to welcome parents and carers back into school to share some of our learning and celebrations.

Here are just a few things that our school family have been up to!

Reception

We can't believe that Reception have already done their first term at 'big school'! There were so many shy and tearful faces back in September, many coming to school with no familiar faces from Nursery. But within a few weeks the children were racing into class with big smiles, making new friends and getting to know the rules and routines of school. The children have settled beautifully and are loving learning new things every day. They have been supported fantastically by their Year 6 Buddies, and it has been lovely to see such close bonds developing. The children have found out about the true meaning of Christmas and have enjoyed performing in the Nativity. They have learned lots of letter sounds and it's so exciting to see them beginning to read and write independently. They have explored numbers to 5, thinking about the different ways each number can be made up. The children have looked at 2D shapes and have made pictures using them. They have thought about how they have changed since they were babies, and all the clever things they can do now. Well done Reception! We are very proud of you!



Mrs Moores ☺

Year 1

This half term in Year 1 we have enjoyed learning about the real meaning of Christmas and thought about how we can give to others without a price being involved. The children were brilliant at identifying ways in which we can give back to others. We've learnt about the Great Fire of London and how the fire started, why it spread so much and how London was changed because of the fire. We talked about the jobs that we could have done if we had been alive in 1666; quite a few of the children wanted to be rat-catchers! In Maths we have looked at addition, subtraction and the names of 2D and 3D shapes. We've continued with the drive on Reading and following our Little Wandle scheme. We feel very proud and impressed with the progress everyone has made. We have really enjoyed learning the songs for our Christmas Production and practising with Reception and Year 2. We certainly loved putting on the performances and hope you enjoyed watching it too!



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January.

Mrs Lucarelli and Mrs Bamber ☺

Year 2

It has been a very busy term and the children have enjoyed so many different activities. When asked about their favourites, they came up with an extremely LONG list! The children have enjoyed their English work, especially the new phonics and reading scheme books from Little Wandle. They have been busy improving their handwriting too.



The children have also enjoyed learning new calculations, and exploring 3d shape and symmetry, in maths. They have explored outside, investigated plants and had great fun planting shrubs during our Sponsored Gardening earlier in the term. They have enjoyed accessing learning using the laptops, creating art in the style of LS Lowry and learning about the Great Fire of London with Mrs Bamber.



We enjoyed going on a 'Christmas Journey' and rehearsing and performing our Christmas Nativity. We have welcomed new faces to the class, made new friends, and said goodbye to others. Mrs. Edwards joined Year 2 with the children and has enjoyed seeing the children progress from where they were in Year 1.

To quote Nikita this week - Year 2 is "HAPPY!"

Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Bamber ☺

Class 3

What an exciting first term we have had! I feel that the children have gelled together as a new class now, with friendships being forged between children in different year groups. For the Year 3 children, it has been their first experience of being a junior, with all the added responsibility that brings, and the Year 4 children have 'stepped up' a gear in terms of expectations with their work, and also helping the younger children settle.



We have been doing a lot of exciting work this term. Everyone loved learning about the Tudors and the amazing homework projects that the children completed really helped bring their learning to life. We enjoyed exploring the life of Tudor people, particularly Henry the Eighth, who we feel was a very naughty King! This half term, we have been learning all about Rivers, alongside the water cycle which has also featured in our Science work about States of Matter.

The children have all made great strides with their Maths and English too.

We have done some lovely enrichment activities throughout the term, which we have really enjoyed. 'Bend the Rules Day' was a huge success with some very whacky hairstyles, eating choices and clothing! We have sung our hearts out at the Christmas Production and performed some gorgeous poetry at our Autumn Praise. We really made a difference to our school grounds and the people of Burundi by having a Sponsored Gardening Day. We were thrilled to have our annual panto back in school as well as the Book Fair which was brilliantly attended. Some of the children in class have attended clubs this term - we had Crazy Collette hosting Mad Science and some children have been learning culinary skills during Cookery Club. We also learned all about our body with The Life Bus visit.



Thank you for all your support this term - it is much appreciated! May you all have a fantastic Christmas and a peaceful and blessed New Year. See you in January!

Mrs Bolton ☺

Class 4

We have had a lot of fun in Class 4 this term. Before half term, we focussed on the Tudors and the children presented some excellent homework projects. It was very exciting to see their personalities come through with how they approached the projects. We used the CS Lewis novel 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' for our writing inspiration and the children set a super foundation for the rest of the year. They have incredible imaginations. We used magnets a lot and explored different contact and non-contact push and pull. We absolutely loved looking at King David and the book of Psalms, it was a super vehicle for us to express ourselves. Since half-term, we used the Onjali Q Rauf novel 'The Night Bus Hero' as our source text. Wow! What a book! The children and I thoroughly enjoyed trying to work out who the hero was and who the villain was. Their writing equally was exciting.



They have explored the features of rivers, used a range of technology to create stop motion animation. We have been thinking through Christmas as a season of light and thought about how Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. One thing that has stood out overall this term is the quality of the artwork the children produce.

Whether it was their drawing in the style of Stephen Wiltshire or through the modelling like Nick Park, the children are an immensely creative group. Other things to mention are that we had fun making autumnal Newton's cradles, we had a Zoom Christmas Quiz with Picture News, we've created our own books (which will be coming home this Christmas) and enjoyed a super morning with Stephen from Life Bus. Let's hope for more of the same next term!



Mr Bateman ☺

Class 5

The children have soon settled into "life as the top of the school!"

They have taken on additional responsibilities such as setting up for worship, being prefects and being buddies for our smallest children in Reception. They have worked hard this term in both Maths and English including competing against themselves in arithmetic and an extensive unit of work on fractions (which some children enjoyed and others weren't so keen!) We have read, analysed and enjoyed two novels and have written poetry and newspaper articles. Across the curriculum, the children have enjoyed artwork based on the natural world, they have studied the theory of evolution in Science, learnt about World War One and discovered what it means to journey through life as a Christian in R.E.



Additionally we have led two beautiful worships for the whole school and the children have taken part in their last ever primary school Christmas show! We have enjoyed a two-week block of swimming and completed some fantastic projects at home entitled "Christmas Around the World". It has been jam packed this term and it is wonderful to see the children maturing and developing their independence, as they get ready for high school. We have much to look forward in Year 6, in 2023, but firstly I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. I will see you all in the new year,



Miss Morris ☺