



Class 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10



Well done to all the children in Class 5 for their hard work this term, which has seen them continue to shine and make valued contributions to the daily life of all at Lea Endowed. Back in November, they planned and delivered a poignant Remembrance Service, while more recently, they did the same for Advent. This focus on developing our public speaking has continued right up until the end-of-term with our cosy KS2 Christmas production. Across the term, all of the Year 6 pupils have kindly given up many of their lunchtimes to serve others on the salad bar or play with their Reception Buddies. They are wonderful role-models for us all.



To tie-in with Remembrance, our History topic has been WW1 which the children fully immersed themselves in, producing some wonderful homework in the form of fact-files and letters from the trenches. Alongside this, we have also used War Horse by Michael Morpurgo to put forward a point of view and write a non-chronological report on the use of horses in the Great War. This then tied in nicely with our DT project where the children designed a 'modern' alternative to the horse-drawn first-aid carts. Using their knowledge of circuits (developed in Science lessons), they constructed a home-made switch that linked to a motor

and pulley to drive the axle, which in-turn was mounted to a hand-made frame. Resilience, creativity, collaboration and independence were qualities most in evidence – as was joy when the vehicle finally sprang into life!

Keeping with our cross-curricular theme, the Year 6 children have also spent this term becoming competent CAD designers! Once they had mastered the various skills required, the children applied them to their DT designs with some outstanding results. It is amazing what technology can do for us nowadays! Maths is a key element in all of this learning and we have continued to work hard this term to build a good understanding of fractions which will support us as we get stuck into decimals and percentages in the New Year.

Of course, our RE lessons have had Advent as their focus this term and the children have explored more deeply the question, 'What is being prepared for during Advent?'. As it is a season of hope, they have also reflected on their hopes and dreams for the future, and what kind of people they would like to be.

Miss Watson and I would like to thank you for your continued support this term and wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

Mr Pratley and Miss Watson

