

NEWSLETTER 13– 4th December 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Roman Day – As part of their topic on Romans, children in Years 3 and 4 took part in a Roman Day on Tuesday. They made replica laurel crowns that they wore during the activities. Pupils made Roman coins from salt dough and a replica ballista, a type of catapult that Romans used to launch bolts or stones at a distant target.

Science – Year 5 and 6 pupils have been investigating changes in properties of materials in their science work. They created an 'alien soup' and then the children had to work out how to separate the ingredients. To find out about reversible and irreversible changes they snapped glow sticks to see light being given off and mixed vinegar with bicarbonate of soda to blow up a balloon.

Christmas Preparations – You will have noticed that we have decorated the front windows of school with a nativity scene and have put up our tree to be seen from both inside and outside the school. Each class have decorated the corridor boards with a variety of seasonal themes and a window on the school Advent calendar is opened each day in our whole school online Collective Worship. The Reception and KS1 performance videos are well underway to ensure they are ready for the Oscar season!

Co-op Christmas Tree – All of the KS2 children made decorations for the Co-Op's Christmas Tree. Staff from the store picked their favourites from each year group and awarded a prize. Each class received a tub of sweets to share. All the decorations are now on the tree which can be seen in store.

Christmas Cards – Unfortunately, we are unable to have our Christmas Post Box this year. Children can still bring in cards, but only to children in their own class.

Covid-19 Awareness –

- Please be aware that as we are in tier 3 we would like to remind parents that children should not be mixing in each other's homes. Children should only be collected from school by an adult outside their own household in exceptional circumstances.
- **Latest Government advice** can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Book of the Week – Children in In Mr Thackway's class have been reading 'Gladiators' by Toby Forward. This is the story of a day at the gladiator games as seen through the eyes of two boys - one a Roman citizen and one a slave.

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