



Autumn Term 2024

Newsletter

What an exciting Autumn Term 24 we've had – an Ofsted Report, Jack and the Giants at the top of our amazingly long Beanstalk, and lots of fun with the Panthers, at Winter Wonderland, Storm Whale at Lakeside, and the Playhouse Panto. Phase 3-7 have loved their Gingerbread Man interactive storytelling in Professor Penny's Theatre of Possibilities, which they shared with Class 6 this week. KS2 and KS3 are really enjoying their Forest Schools adventures, and Phase 14-19 are taking on lots of really helpful jobs, both within school and out in the community.

Christmas Highlights have included the Phase 14-19 choir spreading some seasonal cheer at The Willows, and some of the 6th Formers taking staff Reverse Advent food donations to the Bilborough Foodbank. And on Friday 13 December, MP Lilian Greenwood came to present a runner-up prize in her annual Christmas card competition to one of our KS2 pupils – you can see the 2 bright robins design further down the newsletter.

We have been especially grateful for the support of families this term, from the Macmillan and Friends of Oak Field coffee mornings to the huge support for Fireworks Evening and the Christmas Family Fun Afternoon in November. Also for the Harvest donations and the charity contributions – all very much appreciated.

The recent highlight of the term has of course been the pupils' performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and it was wonderful to see so many of you in the audience, supporting your children. And as I write, we're not far away from drawing our Christmas raffle – will you be the lucky winner?

Our first day back at school is **Monday 6th January**, and in the meantime we'd all like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to seeing you at school in 2025!

Patricia Lewis
(Headteacher)

Class 1

We have been exploring lots of ingredients during cooking lessons this term.



We enjoyed playing out in the snow at the end of November!

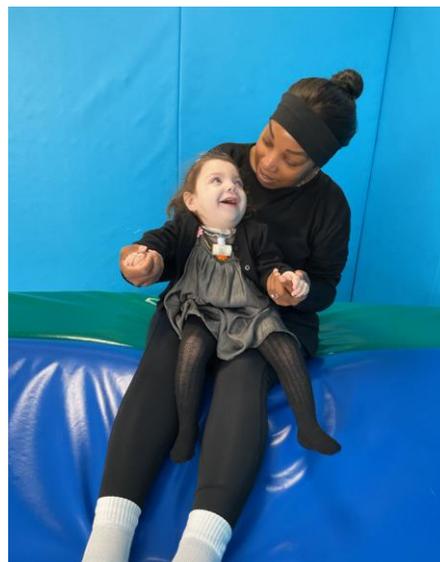
We have been playing with our favourite toys.



We have been moving around in different ways, like in a TinyTrax.

Class 1

We have been getting to know lots of new friends.



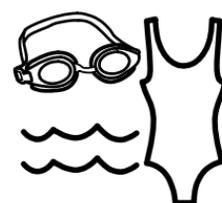
We have really enjoyed time in soft play.

We have enjoyed our music sessions.



Lots of fun playing outside in all weathers.

And we have been doing lots of swimming this half-term.

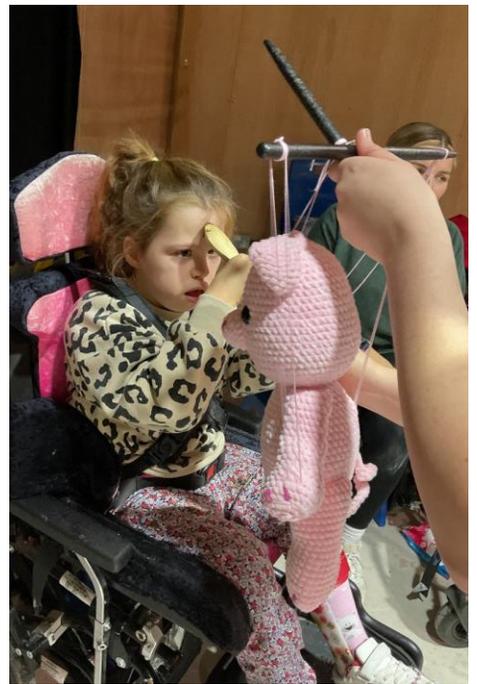


swimming

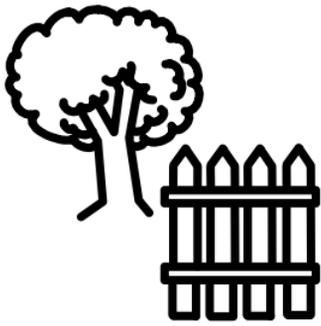
Class 2



In Professor Penny's Theatre of Possibilities we have helped the baker make the gingerbread man.



Class 2



**We love being
outside,
whatever the
weather!**



Class 3



Autumn

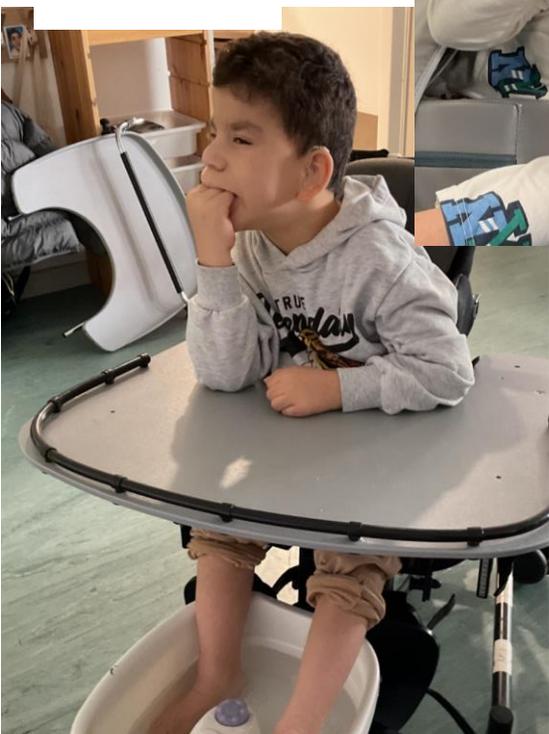
Our topic in Autumn 1 was 'Myself' and we loved looking at ourselves in the mirror and then taking selfies during computing!



selfies



PSHE



This term in PSHE we explored different personal care routines. We really enjoyed using the foot spas!



Class 3



Autumn



This term we have loved exploring lights and seeing the different colours and how these can change when touched.



+



light

and

sound

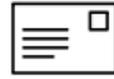


We have enjoyed exploring the different sounds we can make using a range of materials and our bodies. As well as exploring loud, quiet, fast and slow.





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Class

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Autumn

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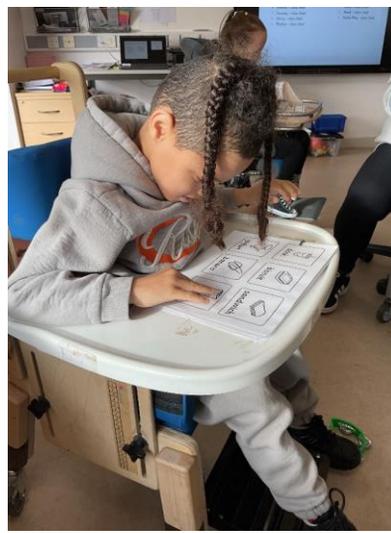
We have been working hard on our independent feeding skills during snack time and lunch times, with both food and drinks.



In fine motor sessions we have been creative with arts and crafts and played with lots of problem-solving puzzles with our hands.

Class 4

This term class 4 have been discovering and exploring the topics of 'Myself' and 'Sound & Light'. We have enjoyed learning about our friends and different celebrations and traditions around the world.



We are all enjoying communicating with one another using our new communication books and symbols. Our teachers and TAs are super proud of us.



We have loved being out in our community, Showing Racism the Red Card, and ice skating with the Nottingham Panthers.



Class 5

In Autumn Term 1 we have been looking at the "Super Duper you" sensory story and as part of this we explored exciting sensory materials and objects related to the story.



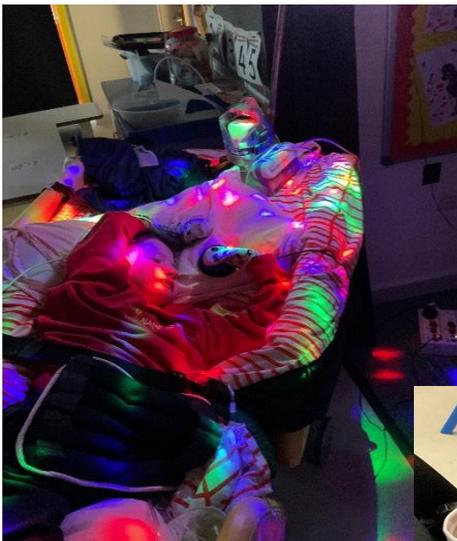
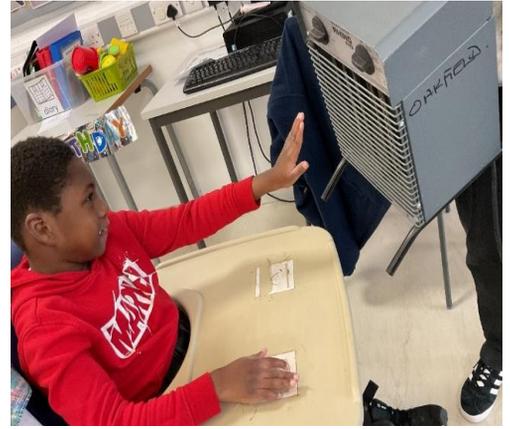
In PSHE we have been learning about awareness of our feet, so we got involved in some messy paint fun!

In RE we have been participating in baking activities to show kindness through helping. We made vanilla cupcakes and cornflake cakes.

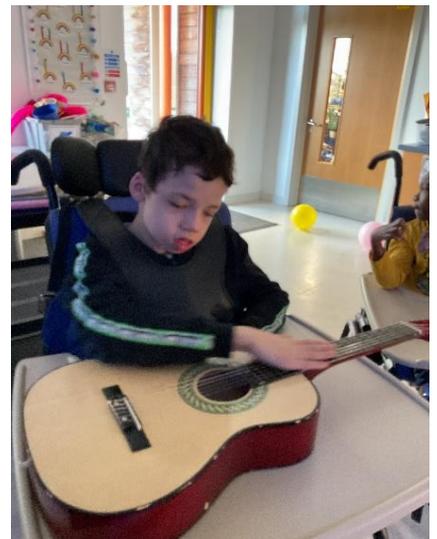


Class 5

In Autumn Term 2 we have been taking part in fun sensory experiences whilst learning about the Great Fire of London. We have used switches to work the fan and heater.



We explored lights and sounds as part of our Science topic. We also explored glow sticks as part of the Diwali celebration.

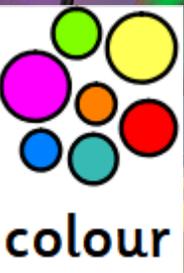


Class 6



Autumn

Class 6 have been exploring light and sound through engaging in sensory exploration and cause and effect activities.



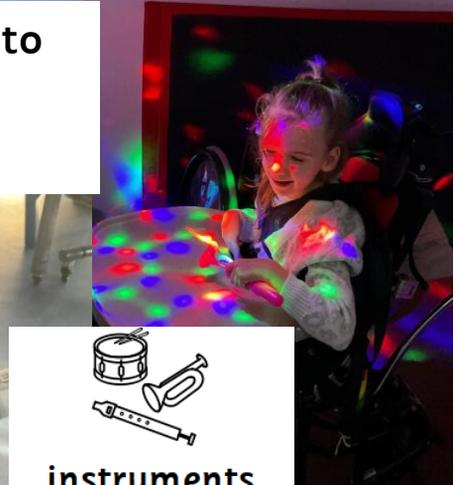
light



sound



We have worked hard to make our own musical instruments in DT



instruments

Class 6



We started Forest School in Autumn 2 and have been exploring nature. We have been playing in the mud kitchen, taking turns and engaging in Forest School crafts. We even got to play in the snow!



forest



school



Class 7



Autumn

We have enjoyed exploring where we and our friends are from in our topic 'Myself' during Autumn Term 1. We have explored land and sea through sensory activities and worked together to create a globe to explore the seven continents.



We have also explored who cares for us and how we can show others that we care, particularly during Harvest time.



We have also enjoyed exploring numbers up to ten through a range of physical activities.



Class 7



Autumn

We have enjoyed exploring a range of 'sounds and lights' in our Autumn Term 2 topic. We have explored light through poppy suncatchers for Remembrance Day and when making Diva Lamps whilst learning about Diwali.



We have also explored musical instruments and making sounds in our environment, and explored both sounds and lights through cause and effect technology.



This term, we have also enjoyed preparing for and participating in the Christmas Show, as well as visiting the library van and exploring the snow!

Class 8



Autumn

This term we have enjoyed both our topics on Autumn and Energy & Electricity.



As part of our Eco work we visited the local shops and looked for items that had the Fairtrade logo on.



We have enjoyed creating our own windmills and loved watching them move.



Class 8



Autumn

In PE we have been practising our sitting up and have been becoming much more independent with this.



Some of us enjoyed taking part in swimming. Look at us go!



During Goose Fair week we enjoyed playing hook a duck and explored some mushy peas. We also enjoyed watching the spinning rides with all the different colours.

We have had a great Autumn term and look forward to more adventures after the Christmas holidays!

Class 9



Autumn

Class 9 have been learning all about electricity and energy. We have been making circuits with batteries, bulbs and buzzers.



electricity



energy



We have also been finding out about how we use electrical appliances to make jobs easier and safer. We have made salads, brownies and smoothies with and without the use of appliances and made muffins in the microwave!



appliance

Class 9



Autumn

In maths Class 9 have been working hard on ordering numbers and have been playing lots of number games, like snakes and ladders!



123

number



games



Judaism



In RE we have been learning about different festivals of light and symbols in religion



SNOW

After all of the hard work this term, there has been a bit of time to have fun – playing in the snow and even some sledging!



Class 10



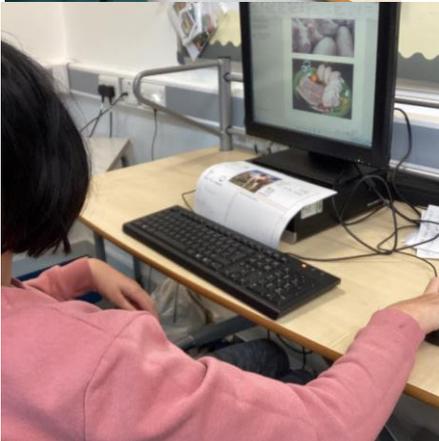
Autumn

We enjoyed exploring Autumn and the changes happening in Science – finding leaves and other things growing, harvesting vegetables and sorting food for Harvest donations.



computing

We have developed skills in using technology in different ways to play games and create pictures – iPads, the interactive board and computers.



images

Class 10



electricity

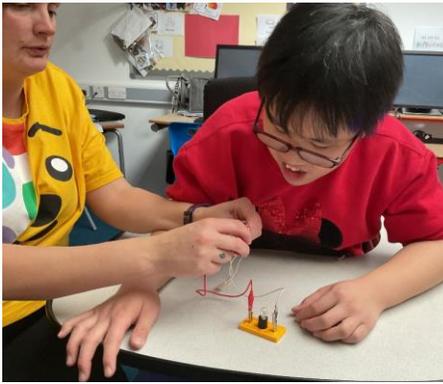


Autumn

We have explored electricity and appliances – using these to create light and heat to make food and drinks.

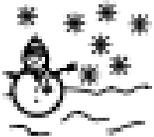


appliances



light

Class 10 enjoyed the snowfall and getting to play in it- we loved throwing snowballs.



SNOW

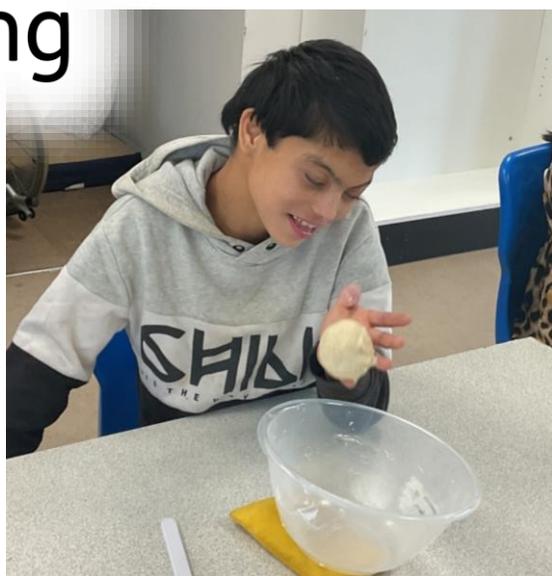


Class 10 enjoyed a festive morning exploring Winter Wonderland – ice skating as well as seeing the lights and food stalls. We loved it!

Class 11



cooking



friendship

Class 11



safari



feet

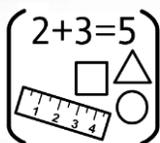
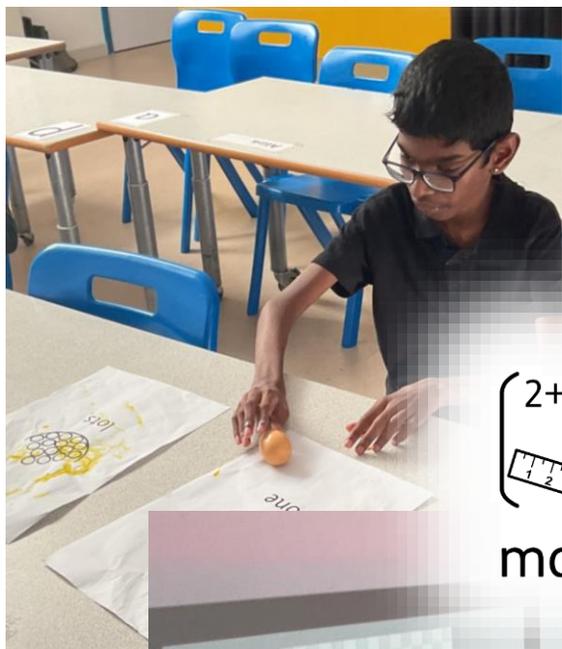
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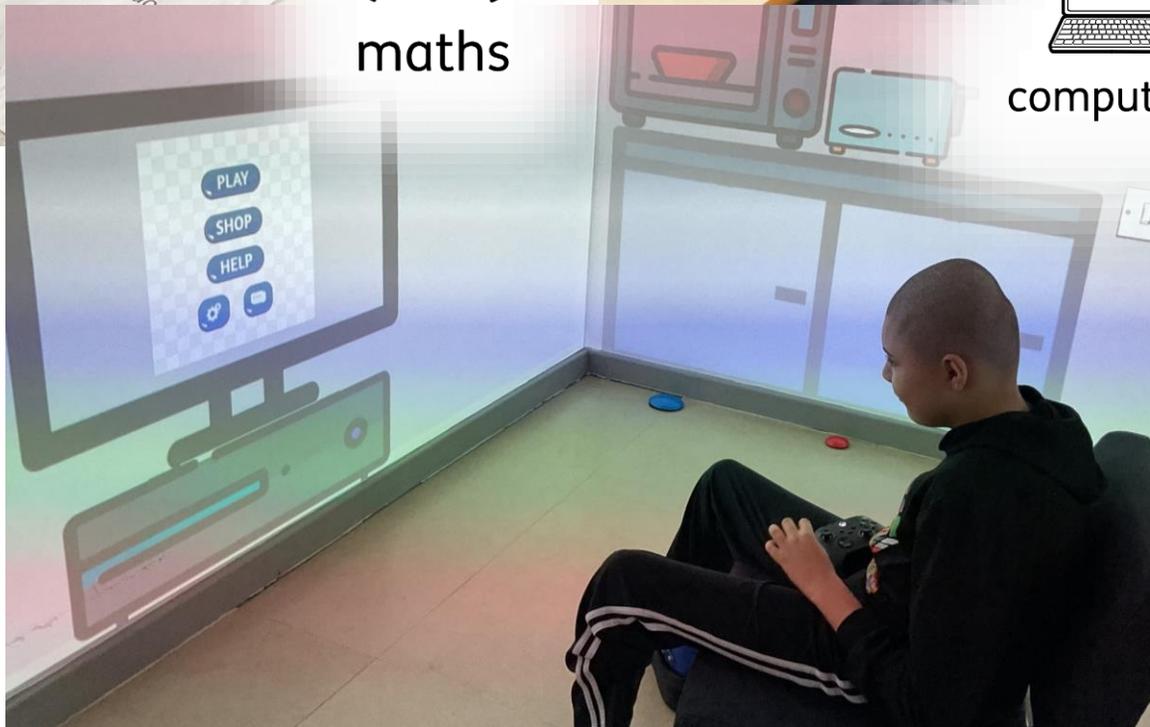
Schools



maths



computing



Class 12

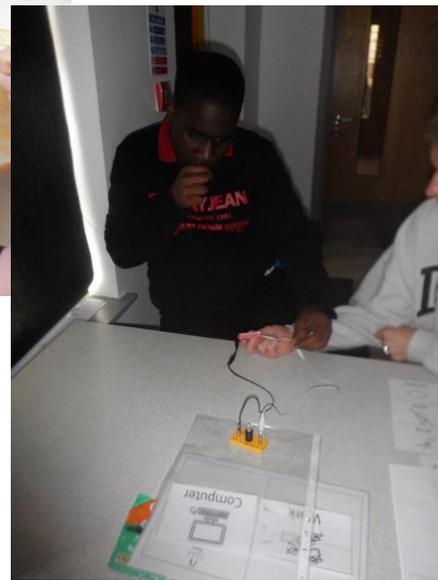
This half term, in Science, we have looked at different forms of energy.



We really enjoyed a session learning about static electricity and used balloons to see if different materials lifted or not.



We have also liked creating our own circuits and thinking about how we can change them by adding more/less bulbs and batteries.



Class 12

In Maths, we have been looking at numbers and thinking about how we can use numbers in cooking to make different food items, such as cake in a mug, using the microwave.



We made the most of the snow in November and went sledging and made snowballs.



We have also really enjoyed going out in the community on Friday afternoons. We have been learning about money and interacting with members of the public when buying food items in a local shop. Finally, we have been to the local park and enjoyed using the equipment.



Class 14



autumn

Class 14 have learned a lot about the environment this term. We have been naming different recycling materials and understanding what goes in each classroom bin.

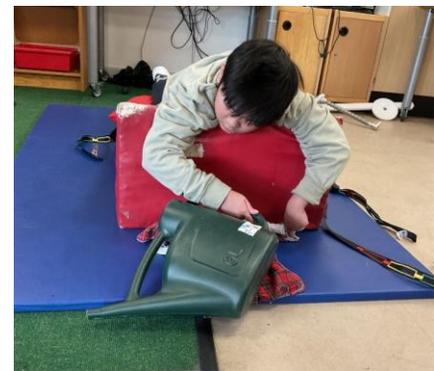
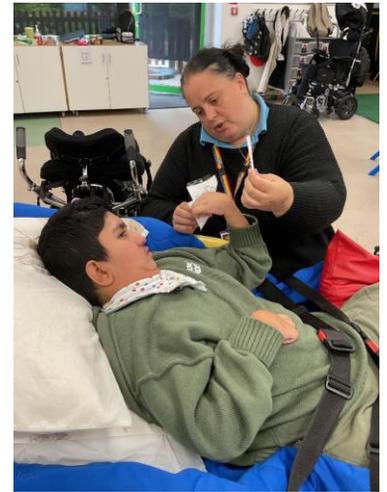
We have also been planting some bulbs; using the trowel to put compost in the pots and a watering can to make sure that the compost stays damp.



recycling



environment

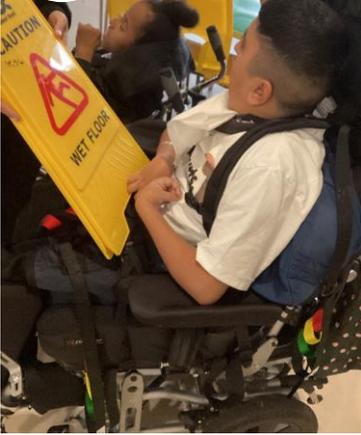


Class 14



autumn

Class 14 have learned about staying safe in the community and around school. We have practised crossing the road and identifying which appliances might be unsafe to use without an adult, as well as identifying signs which keep us safe.



safe



snow

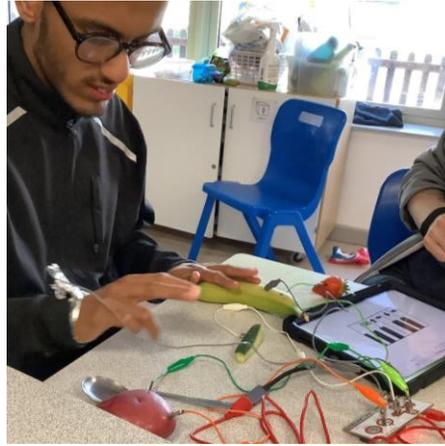
We also enjoyed exploring snow and ice when we had a very cold and snowy day at school!

Class 15



autumn

Amazing work from Class 15 this term!



technology

We loved using technology as part of computing and maths!



giant



roar!



Class 15 were great at retelling the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, making props and acting as different characters!



snow

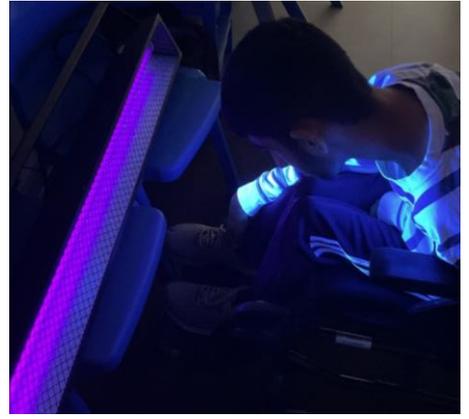


Class 15

We worked hard to explore and investigate dirty and clean in our science lessons!



autumn



science



market

Class 15 worked together to design, make and sell different products for a winter market stall.



6F1

This Autumn term, 6F1 have been doing lots of exciting things. We have all been involved in helping our environment as part of our Communities and Eco curriculum. We have made bug hotels and bird feeders to improve habitats - they are located outside the school premises ready for winter months. We also planted some flowers ready to put in the outdoor planters in Spring and we went out litter picking! What an amazing Eco attitude, 6F1!

We have really enjoyed learning about 'Household' - Cleaning and Maintenance as part of our Science lessons. We explored the importance of keeping our household clean and made our own eco-friendly cleaning products, such as window cleaners, coin and jewellery cleaning products and anti-bacterial sprays. To test if they worked, we used a range of methods such as UV lights to detect the bacteria.



Environment



Science



6F1



We have really enjoyed planning and designing a living room as part of our DT sessions. We have been learning about incorporating shapes, sizes and colours to create a miniature living room.

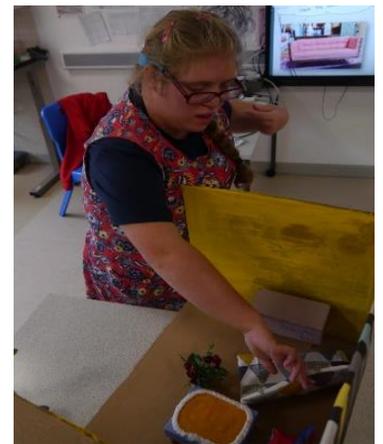
Starting from designing on paper, choosing wall and floor materials and colours, we used reusable materials to make mini furniture and decorate them according to what we voted on. 6F1 are very proud of our design and the living room takes a special place on display in our classroom.



Home



design



Christmas



It doesn't snow very often so some of us took the opportunity to go sledding and have fun with our friends in the snow!

We have worked really hard preparing our class scene in the Christmas Show. Everyone was actively involved in making the props and learning the routine. We all enjoyed performing on the stage in front of our lovely audience...

Well done everyone!

6F2

I'm glad that I brought my gloves!



snow



'Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...'

We had great fun on the snowy day! Do you like our class snowman?



In RE, we have been researching places of worship in our local community. We learned a lot during our visits to the Bilborough Islamic Centre and St John's Church. We were given excellent tours by the local Imam and Church Leader.

6F2



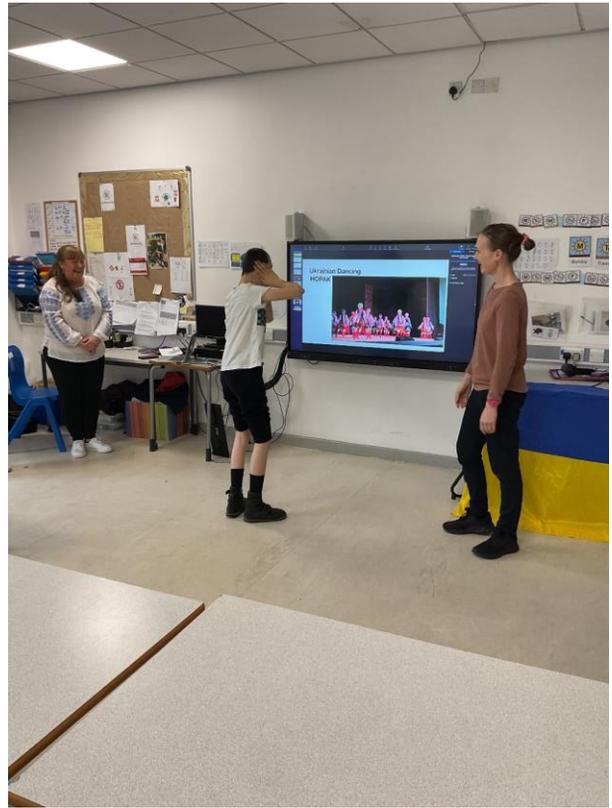
We've been learning to look after our homes! We've been thinking about what we can do for ourselves and how we can help out.

6F2 were given the job of delivering flyers advertising the Oak Field Fireworks Night. We were very independent and had great fun in the process - a job well done!



6F3

In Humanities, we learned about Ukrainian food & dancing and welcomed some Ukrainian guest speakers to our classroom!



We especially loved making sauerkraut and Ukrainian donuts... yum!

6F3

In RE we learned about Special Places and visited Bilborough Islamic Centre. We explored the Mosque and heard the call to prayer.



We have also enjoyed making lanterns to celebrate Festivals of Light, and been under the stage lights ourselves in the Christmas show!

6F4

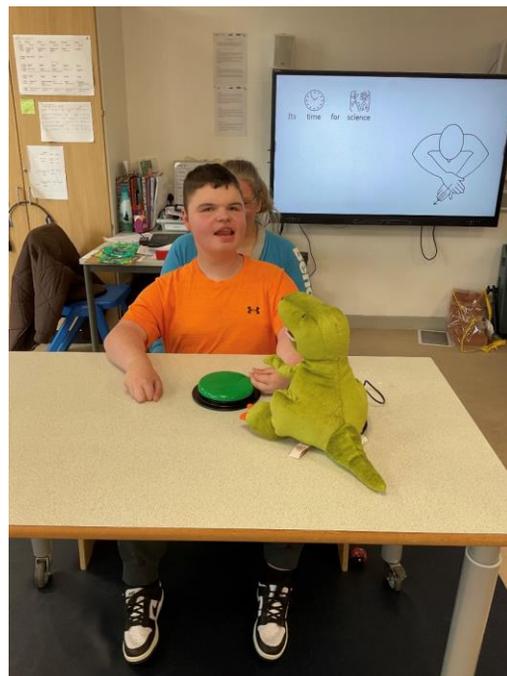


autumn

We have been doing amazing work with the physio team and taking part in lessons out of our wheelchairs!



Physio



We love being a part of our school community and taking part in celebrations such as Bonfire Night! 6F4 designed and made chocolate apples for our families and carers. They looked very tasty!



Celebrations



6F4



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We have been having lots of fun during body awareness sessions and sensory stories based on Wollaton Hall.



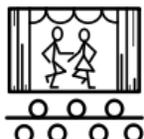
Fun



6F4 put on an amazing performance during Oak Field School's *Jack and the Beanstalk* 2024 and made many props such as tie dye t-shirts and dynamite!



Christmas



Show

Art



Autumn



Lilian Greenwood MP Christmas card design competition

One of our pupils won a runner up prize with her Christmas robins design. Well done!



KS2 explored their senses, whilst creating sensory self portraits.



KS2 DT – Superhero costume creations.



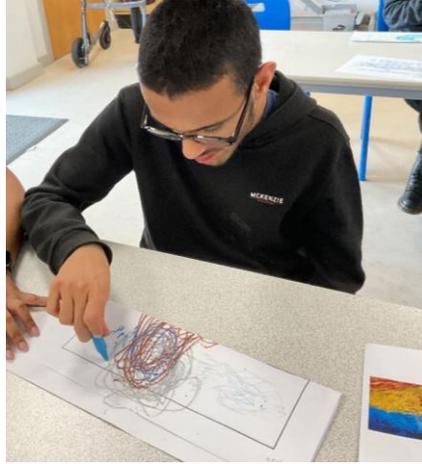
KS3 constructed Autumn leaf mobiles and lanterns, during their Autumn Festivals topic.

Art



Autumn

KS4 exploring artist Vincent Van Gogh's mark-making and painting techniques.



6F created printing blocks inspired by artist John Piper. They learned how to use a lever press printer.

Christmas Show prop making for *Jack and the Beanstalk*.



Christmas wreath making.



French

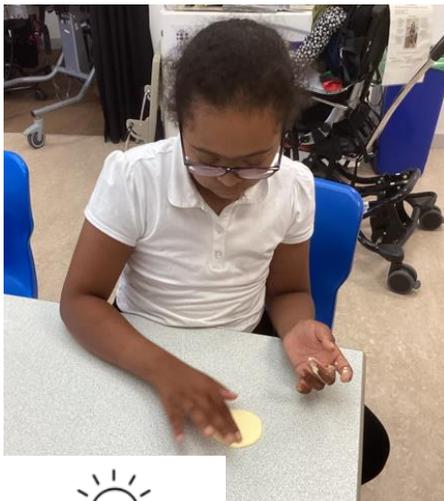
je suis
dégoûtée!



il neige



In Autumn 1 in French we learned about feelings. Ça va? We also learned about French culture, and phrases to describe the weather.



bonjour!




il fait du soleil


il y a des nuages

French

In Autumn 2 we studied 'les couleurs'



bleu



rouge



rose



jaune

Music



Phase 3-7 have been exploring playing fast and slow with a range of different instruments. We have really enjoyed the guitar and choosing between fast and slow music.



KS2 have been playing instruments we can hear in different disco songs. We had lots of fun exploring lights with music to create a disco in class.



KS4 loved using the cymbal to play loud when learning about dynamics.

Music



The 14-19 choir went carol singing at the Willows Day Centre and gave an amazing performance with lots of smiles, spreading Christmas cheer.



KS3 enjoyed exploring the sounds of different stringed instruments used in 'Autumn' from Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons', especially the low sound of the double bass.



6F have been using technology to create and play music alongside their own light show.

PE



Phase 3-7

We have been having fun in the swimming pool, travelling across and pushing fun toys. Yoga has included fun tucks, stretches, and making ourselves small and big.

Phase 7-14

Gymnastics climbing and moving up, down and across apparatus. We used equipment too for rhythmic gymnastics! We performed skills that would be similar to those in the games we could play at Goose Fair!



PE



Phase 14-19

We have practised hockey skills, gymnastics and plenty of trampolining.



Fireworks themed lessons!

Extra-curricular Activities

Our 6th Form Sports Ambassadors have been volunteering at lunchtimes with our KS2 pupils. We have competed against other schools in curling, handball and dodgeball. Pupils have even led the whole school lunchtime discos, too!



AUTUMN TERM 24

Christmas Holiday:

Last day of school for pupils:

Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 25

First day of school for pupils:

Monday 6th January 2025

February half-term

Last day of school for pupils:

Friday 14th February 2025

Inset day:

Monday 24th February 2025

First day of school for pupils:

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Easter Holiday

Last day of school for pupils:

Friday 4th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 25

Easter Bank Holiday:

Friday 18th April 2025

Easter Bank Holiday:

Monday 21st April 2025

First day of school for pupils:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday:

Monday 5th May 2025

May half-term

Last day of school for pupils:

Friday 23rd May 2025

Inset day:

Monday 2nd June 2025

First day of school for pupils:

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Last day of term for pupils:

Thursday 24th July 2025

Health training day:

Friday 25th July 2025



**Nottingham City Council
School Terms and Holidays Calendar - 2024/25**

Aug-24						
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W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	3	10	17	24	31	
F	4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		



Inset days



Health Training days



Bank Holidays



School Holidays

Half term 1 - 7 weeks 2 days

Half term 2 - 7 weeks

Half term 3 - 6 weeks

Half term 4 - 6 weeks

Half term 5 - 4 weeks 3 days

Half term 6 - 8 weeks

**** Please note – further INSET days to be confirmed**



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