

A Celebration of Learning

The topic for the second half of the Autumn Term was "Celebrations" which fitted very well into our build up to Christmas. As usual, we had our Sharing Event at the end of the topic which added greatly to the general Christmas excitement.

Our Sharing Afternoon on 17th December 2015 started with Year 3 children, their faces painted as cats, performing a very well-rehearsed composition based on the strange and wonderful habits of "Christmas Cats". The Class performed as a well organised, well-disciplined group with a very good sense of rhythm and beat. Group compositions of rhythms based on phrases were incorporated seamlessly within the ostinato repeating patterns from the ensemble. Excellent work Year 3



Year 5 was transformed into a Winter Wonderland with as the children enthusiastically shared their Christmas Village. Each cottage had its own internal lighting and once again the experts were on hand to explain how the electric circuits were put together. Their Design Technology learning linked very well with their Science work.



All kinds of puppets were on display in **Year 1** as the children shared their Design Technology learning. Children demonstrated hand puppets and shadow puppets and even showed part of the Christmas story with their handmade stick puppets. DT skills were in evidence- carefully drawn and labelled designs, cutting, sewing and decorating. The children were enthusiastic and showed that they really loved this topic.



The focus for **Years 6 and 2** was Art and Design with a Christmas Celebrations theme. **Year 6** learned how to make a 3D mask using a single sheet of card and there were many designing and making skills in evidence: research, design plans, sketching ideas, fixing, joining, cutting, decorating finished product. The experts were able to explain difficulties in their original designs and how they changed their plans accordingly.



Year 2 shared their explorations of natural materials with a variety of creations. The centre piece was a Nativity scene made from cork and paper and using rubbings from natural materials. The artists in Year 2 showed candles using chalk and sand prints, a Christmas tree and a robin made of feathers and free collage work using natural things.



Reception Class and Year 4 invited us to step into the past as they shared their History work. Visitors to Reception Class found out how our grandparents might have celebrated Christmas when they were young. The experts helped us to sort a variety of toys old and new. They also shared what they had learned about the past from a grandparent visitor.



Year 4 showed that they really enjoyed their learning about Tudors and Elizabethans. The experts talked with knowledge about fashions of the time and how they celebrated Christmas. They also explained how they made their own pomanders and why these sweet smelling things were so popular at the time!



Another wonderful celebration of learning in our school. Well done everyone!