



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Drinks Party

**Tuesday 3rd December
for Full Day classes**

Wednesday 4th December for Half day classes

We are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Drinks Party for parents. Thank you very much to those parents who have already donated to our raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets before the event and on the evening. Please contact your parent rep. Please note tickets on the night will be sold by cash only.

Door Security

Please may we gently remind all parents and carers who are visiting the school during the day to leave via the main entrance and be diligent to ensure the front door is securely closed behind you. Thank you for your cooperation.

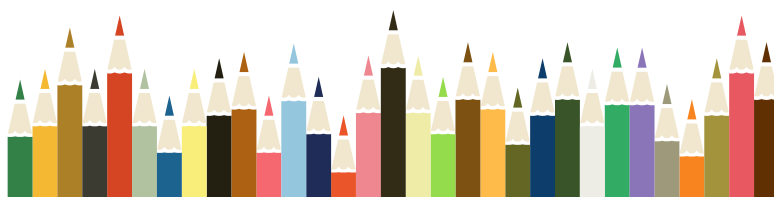
Children In Need



Thank you very much for your generous donations last week. The total contribution was £666.75. We are delighted to support this worthy charity.

Christmas Decorations

The children have been very busy creating festive displays and making decorations for their classrooms. The school is looking very merry and we are looking forward to celebrating this cheerful and joyful time of the year.



Curriculum News from Miss Belzer

Children typically go through five different pencil grip styles as they learn to hold and use a pencil. These are as follows:

Palmar Grip - where a child holds the pencil in their fist, grasped in the palm of their hand. Movement is from the shoulder; the arm and hand move as a unit.

Digital Pronate Grip - where a child begins to grip the pencil with their fingers and hand on top of the pencil, pointed towards the paper. Movement comes from the elbow and the shoulder is stabilised.

Four Finger Grasp - where a child holds the pencil between their thumb and their other four fingers and it is not in contact with the palm. Movement comes from the wrist; the hand and fingers move as a unit.

Static Tripod Grasp - where a child holds the pencil with a rudimentary three-fingered grasp using their index finger, middle finger and thumb. Movement comes from the wrist with increased dexterity of the fingers.

Dynamic Tripod Grasp - where the child can use all the fingers of their hand to steady the pencil and create a smooth, controlled line. Movement now comes from the fingertips. The pencil is held in a stable position.

Children typically must go through all the five stages of pencil grip development before arriving at the dynamic tripod grasp. Encourage your child to mark make often as they move through the five developmental stages.



Class 9 News

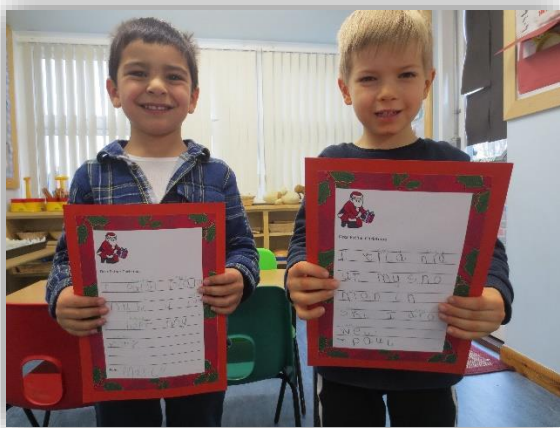
This week class 9 have been extremely busy! As part of our Expressive Arts and Design curriculum we have created snowmen using shapes and various materials, including cotton wool, sticks and buttons. We have described the textures of these materials as well as discussing where the materials have come from.

In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Literacy sessions, we have explored what it means to be kind and the best ways we can carry out small acts of kindness throughout our daily lives, such as, helping our friends if they fall over. We have written letters to Father Christmas to let him know the ways in which we have tried our best and/or been kind to our friends. To write the letters, Class 9 have used their sounds to write words in ways which match spoken sounds and are phonetically plausible. We have begun to make sentences and even add some capital letters and full stops!

Christmas is on the horizon and so during free learning, we have been creating colourful paper chains to decorate the classroom. Some of these have now become extremely long and we are looking forward to seeing them hung up around the classroom.

Well done Class 9!

Photos from Class 9



I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Miss Belzer

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