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A message from Mrs Tweed

One week left - the term has flown! The children have worked so hard this term and modelled the Ditton Lodge ambition of 'Reaching for the Stars Brilliantly'. The Early Years and Key Stage One Christmas Performance was wonderful.

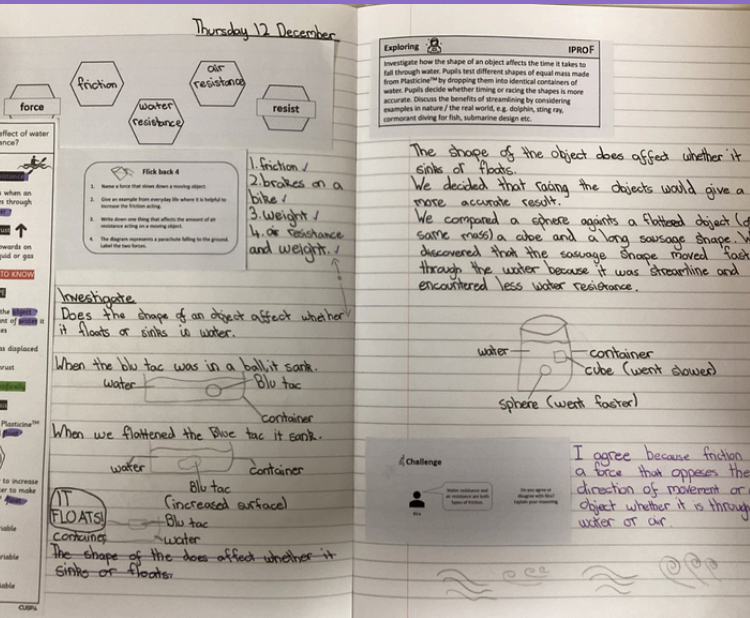
Next week is going to be an action packed week full of Christmas activities including Christmas Forest Schools, inflatable fun and the Panto. It would be lovely to see you at the Christmas Carol Concert on Friday if you can make it.

Next Wednesday, we would like to invite all the children in for a small breakfast item before they go to the Panto to make the day extra special. It would be lovely if your child could join us at 8.20am for this. The gates will be open ready to welcome the children.

Finally, a big shout out to the PTA for organising the school fete today - we really appreciate all their support.



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This week our class spotlight is Year Five

Wow what a busy week we have had in Year 5! We have finished our class text 'Secrets of a Sun King', it was finally revealed that not only was Alex alive, he was actually Lil's long lost brother. We have now started reading Shakespeare's, A Midsummer Night's Dream. We are beginning to write a balanced argument with the question posed, 'Should school meals be compulsory in primary schools?' There has been some fabulous emotive language used in the writing. Fractions has been the topic in Maths and we have been comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators. We are nearing the end of our topic of Ancient Greece in History and we have been discovering all about forces in Science, so far we have investigated friction and air resistance. In P.E we have been learning to Jive and we are hoping to showcase some of our skills at the carol concert next week. We have certainly worked hard and reached for the stars this term.



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This week our subject spotlight is Children's University

We are delighted to be in our second year of participating in Children's University and to be rolling it out to all of Key Stage 2. Children's University celebrates all the skills children develop outside of the classroom. This can include school enrichment, school visits, external clubs and other learning activities. Class teachers are showing the children how to log on and record hours. Children who reach 30 hours will receive a bronze award, 65 hours or more a silver award, 100 hours a gold award and then even more awards beyond that. We had a wonderful graduation ceremony at Newmarket Academy last July and we look forward to lots more children graduating next Summer. We are excited to follow your Children's University journey!



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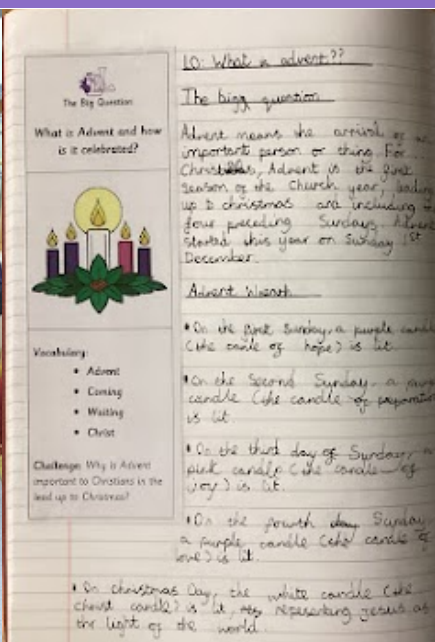
House Points

This Week's House Points Winner is :

Palace House - 269
Tattersalls House - 211
Severals House - 219
Hyperion House - 128



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Attendance



This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 98.21% Year 1 - 95.48% Year 2 - 96.67%

Year 3 - 96% Year 4 - 94.14% Year 5 - 98.93%

Year 6 - 96.79% Whole School Attendance - 96.60%



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Diary Dates

Friday 13th December - PTFA Christmas Fete - 3.30-5.30 pm

Tuesday 17th December - Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 17th December - Inflatables Day

Wednesday 18th December - Annual Visit to Panto

Wednesday 18th December - Breakfast before School - 8.20 am

Thursday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Parties

Friday 20th December - KS2 Carol Concert - 2.30 pm

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term

Monday 6th January - PD Day

Tuesday 7th January - First Day Back

February Half Term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February



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PTFA

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you for all the generous donations; the hampers look amazing and the Christmas plate competition is going to be tough to judge with fantastic entries.

We have a surprise visitor in school next week...