



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

11th October 2024



## MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fantastic week at school! On Monday our Year 5 /6 pupils competed against Ribble Valley primary schools in the cross-country competition. We were so proud of them all. A special mention goes to Katie T who came in tenth and will have the opportunity to compete in the Lancashire finals next year.

Also on Monday we had Mr. Beresford, a children's author and ex St James' teacher, introduce his new book to the juniors. He inspired children and many have purchased his book.

You will remember that some time ago we commissioned professional filmmaker and one of our parents, Mr. Christopher Oxley of Neo Visuals, [www.neovisuals.co.uk](http://www.neovisuals.co.uk) to capture the spirit of St. James' through the lens of his camera. Mr. Oxley spent a few days filming in our school and the result is a captivating video that brilliantly reflects the love, care, and vibrant educational atmosphere of St James'. I invite you once again to see our school in action, go to [www.st-james.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-james.lancs.sch.uk)

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning at 8:40am for the last week of term.

## Collective Worship

**"Do not hold back from doing good. Prov 3 v 27 ." Mark 8:36**

This week we have been looking at Proverbs from the Bible. On Monday we looked at doing good deeds and how we can each play an important part in helping others. As a school community, we all have the opportunity to bring non-perishable food for the Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. We will also be collecting Christmas shoeboxes later this term. These will be distributed to poor children in countries like Ukraine. We can all make a difference!



### Update us

Have you moved or changed  
your contact details recently?

Please inform the  
office asap.

### Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day.  
The class with the best attendance this week was:



**ASH**

# FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The children will be bringing art work home, with an order form over the week for our Christmas fundraiser. You are able to buy cards, mugs, gift tags and wrapping paper, in your child's design.

Please can these be returned by **Wednesday 16th October**, with the order form completed.

For best results try to keep the art work crease free and not folded, as these can show.

Thank you for all your support, this money will go towards funding the school Christmas activities

## COMPETITION!

FRIENDS NEED A DESIGN TO GIVE OUT AS A THANK YOU CARD TO THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE SUPPORTING OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS YEAR. WE WILL PICK ONE WINNER FROM THE DESIGNS HANDED BACK IN (NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO ENTER)



## Golden Ticket

Pupils who go **over and above** to demonstrate our school values will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' and will be placed in the draw for prizes at the end of term. The following children have been awarded a Golden Ticket:



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Acorn

Marnie & Ronnie

### Ash

Jacob & William

### Birch

Amelia & Lena

### Chestnut

Leo & Reece

### Rowan

Soli W & Imogen S

### Oak

Pawel & Toby

### Willow

Bellarose & Archie W

### Hawthorn

Rose & Oliver

### Alder

Emmie & Angelica

### Sycamore

Georgia & Olivia

## School Games Values



In PE, we are concentrating on the school games values which are: determination, self-belief, passion, respect, teamwork and honesty.

### Honesty

These children, this week, have told the truth and admitted when things go wrong.

Sycamore

Ava

Rowan

Lydia

Alder

Tom

Chestnut

Cora

Hawthorn

Esemae

Birch

Tanja

Willow

Reuben

Ash

Arlo

Oak

Simon

Acorn

Marnie





## Dates for the Diary



Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Robinwood parents meeting, 5pm in the Junior Hall
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Service at Church, 9:30am.
	HALF TERM WEEK (Mon 21st—Friday 25th October)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children back in school after half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening 1 (3:30 - 6pm)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening 2 (3:30 - 6pm)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Robinwood trip Y6 / Tea with Santa
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non uniform Jarbola
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity performance 2pm
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Panto trip - The Grand am "Puss in Boots of Clitheroe Castle"
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity performance 3:30pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Friends Christmas Fair - 3.20pm
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service at Church, 9:30am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term ends
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Fri 20th Dec—Fri 3rd Jan)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Term starts

Please note these dates/times may be subject to change if necessary.

### Reception Class 2025

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, you can now apply for their primary school place at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

The closing date for primary reception applications for September 2025 is **15th January 2025**.

**Mr Leeming is holding tours of school most Monday mornings at 9am. Please contact the school office to book a time slot.**

### Secondary School 2025

Apply for your child's secondary school place before 31st October 2024 at:

[Starting secondary school \(Year 7\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

**There has been a lot of exciting learning going on this week.....**

# **CLASS NEWS**



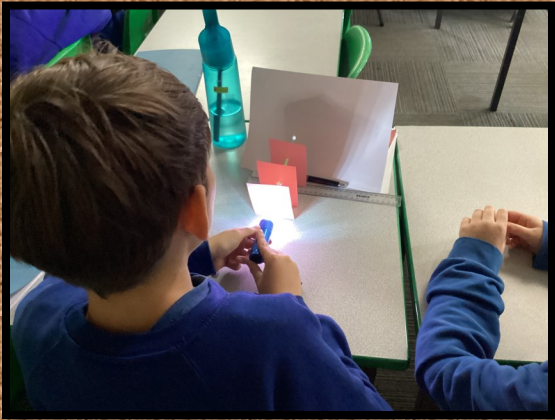
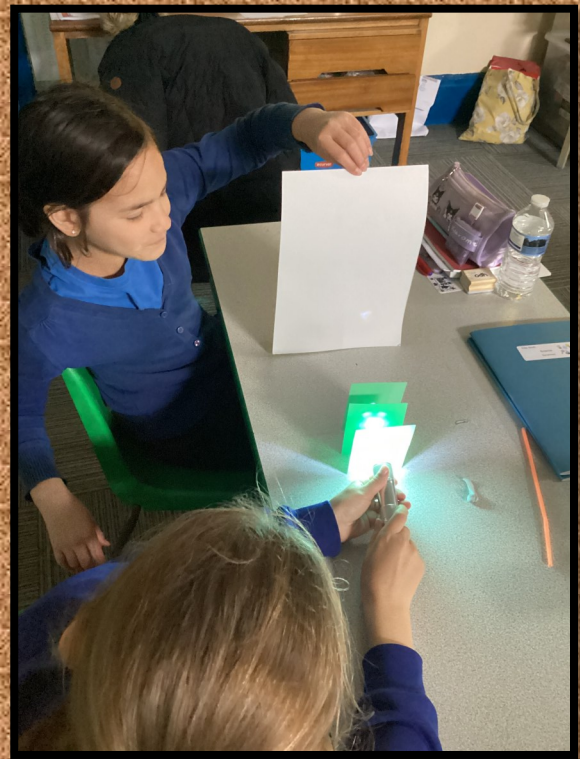
**Oak class:  
We had a healthy fruit salad as part of our DT.**

**Oak class:  
We have cleared this bed in the EcoZone ready to plant with spring bulbs.**



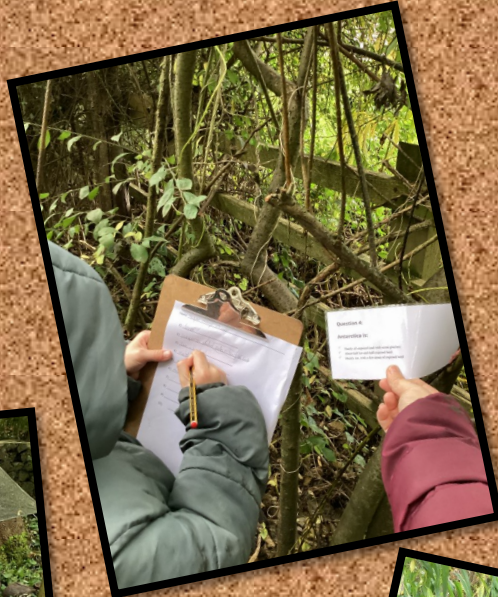


**The children in Ash Class are very excited to start sharing books, applying their phonics and develop a love of reading with their Year 5/6 Reading Buddy!**



**In Sycamore Class, we have proven that light travels in straight lines as Alhazen theorised.**

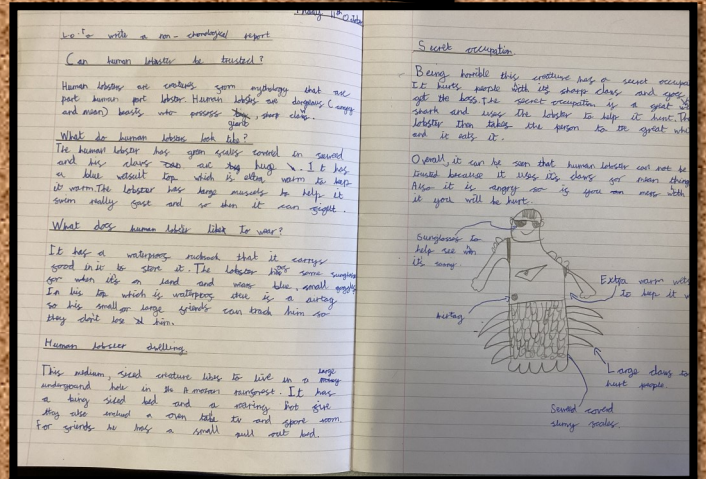
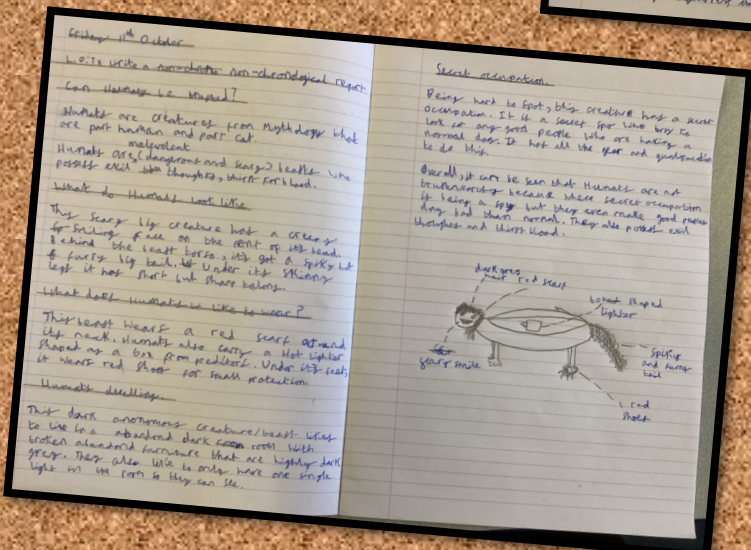
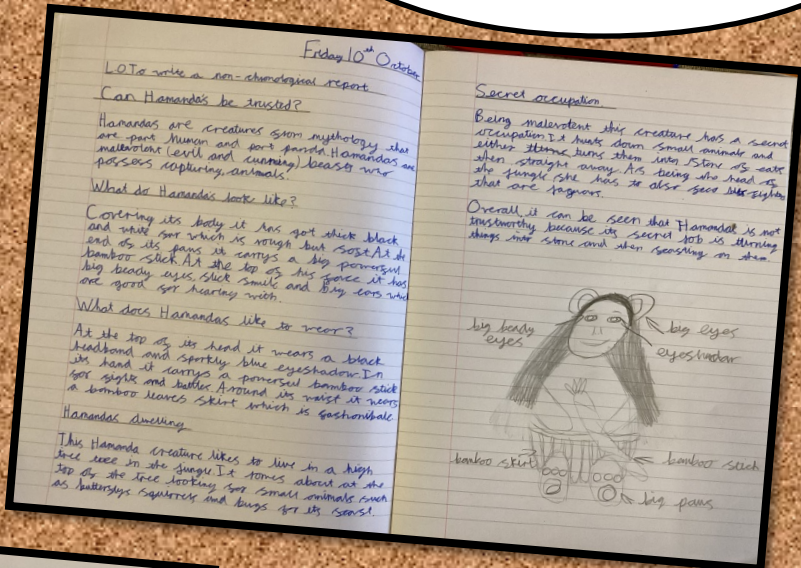
**Hawthorne Class, have enjoyed making natural pictures and completing a quiz in their first Forest school session.**





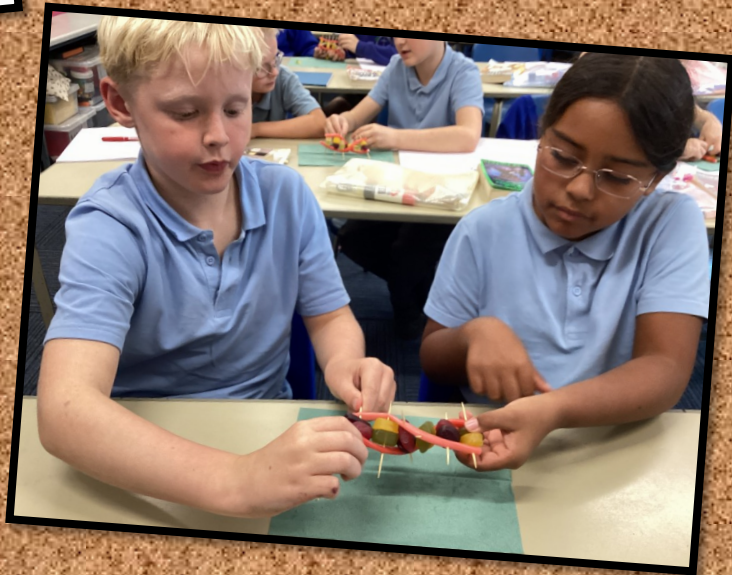
**Lots of focus and hard work in Chestnut Class!**

**Rowan Class have enjoyed creating their own mythical creatures and then they wrote non-chronological reports about them.**



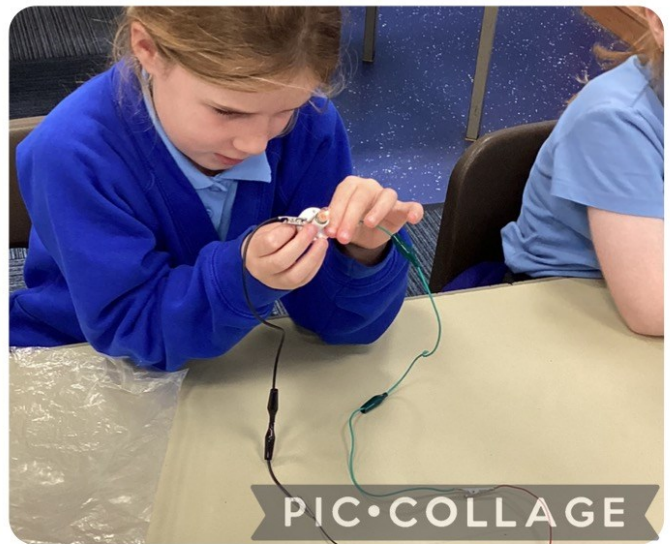
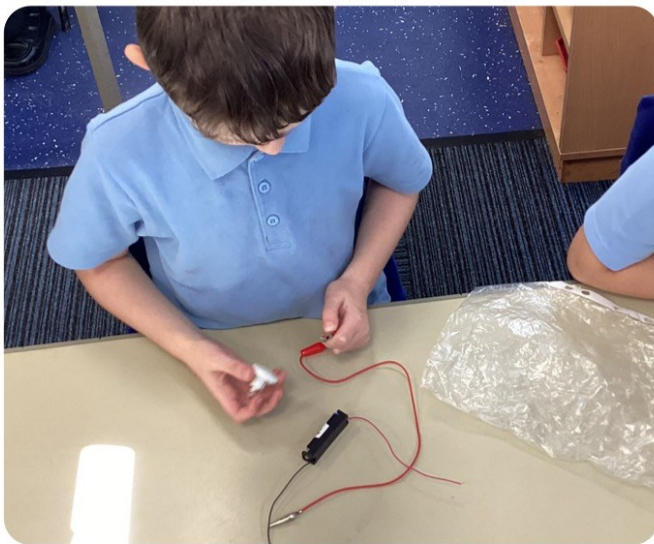
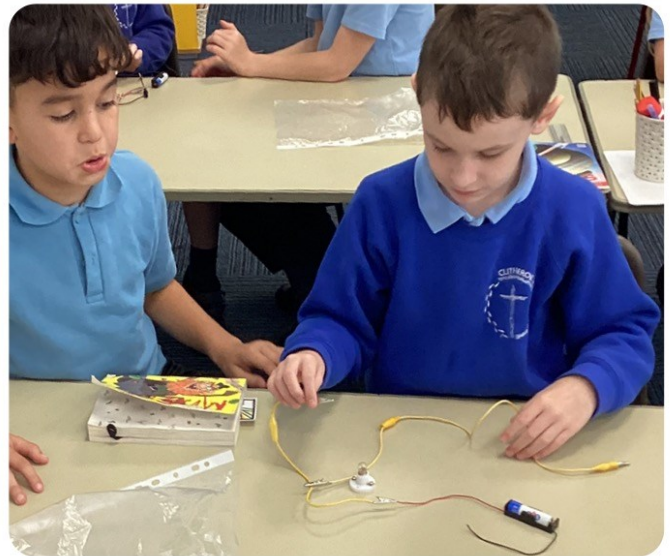
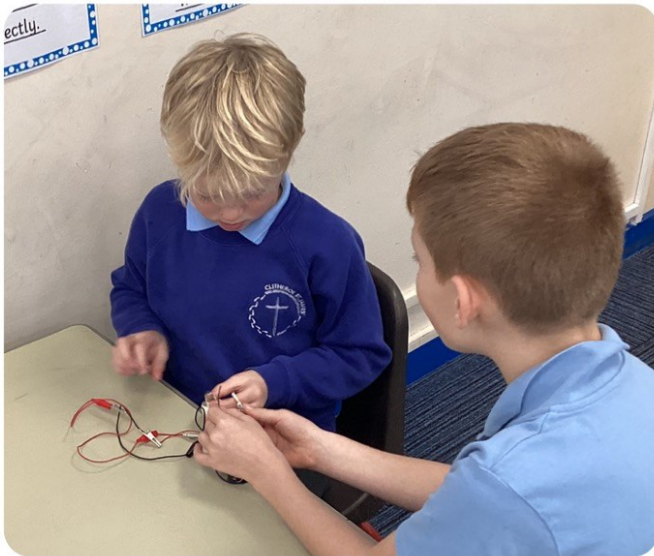
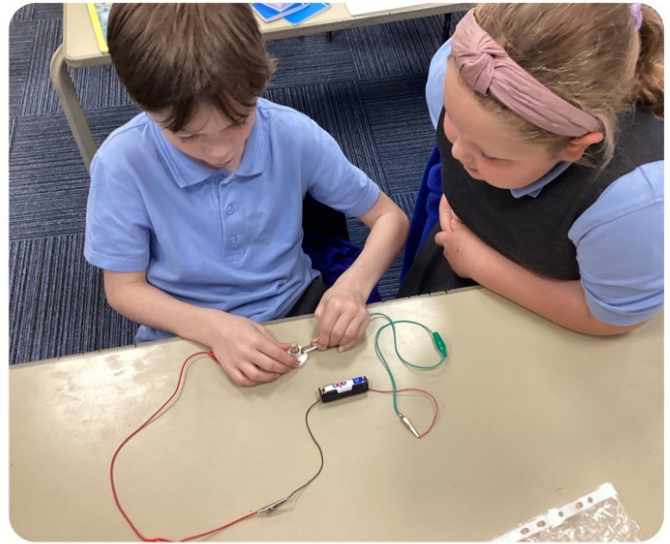
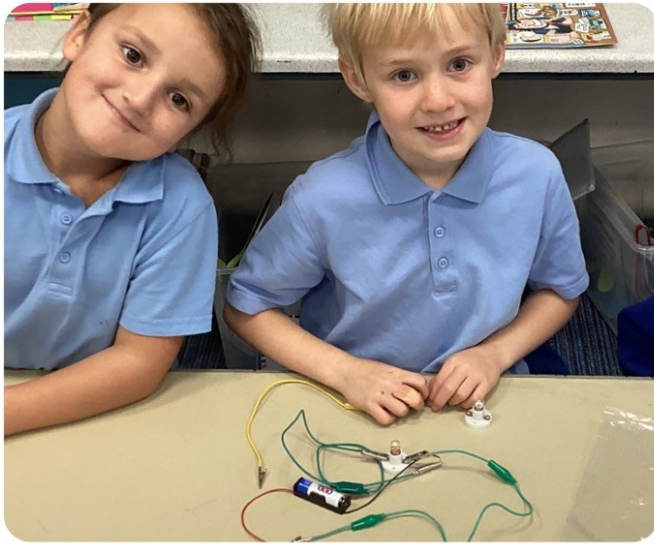


**Alder Class enjoyed creating DNA out of sweets.**

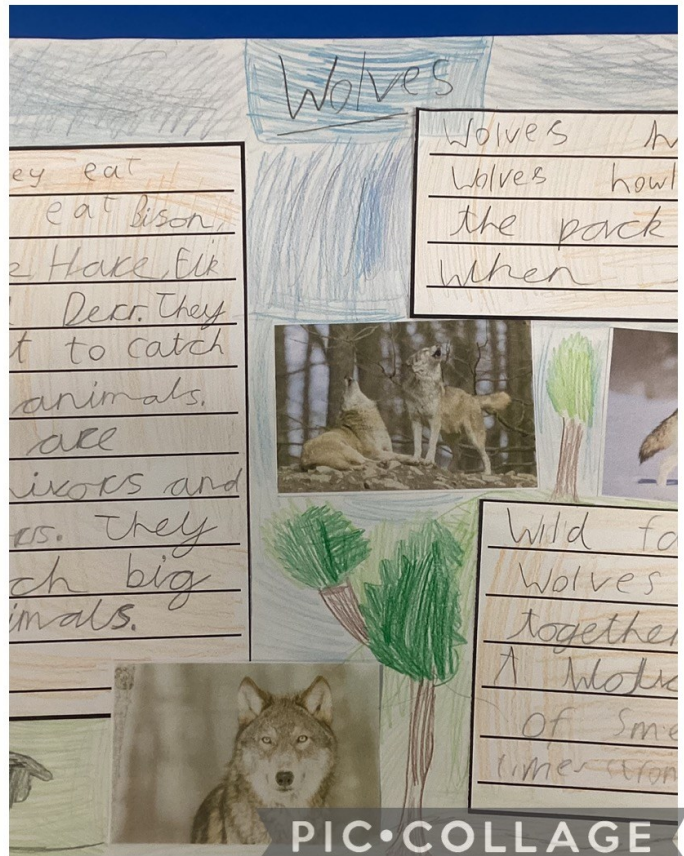
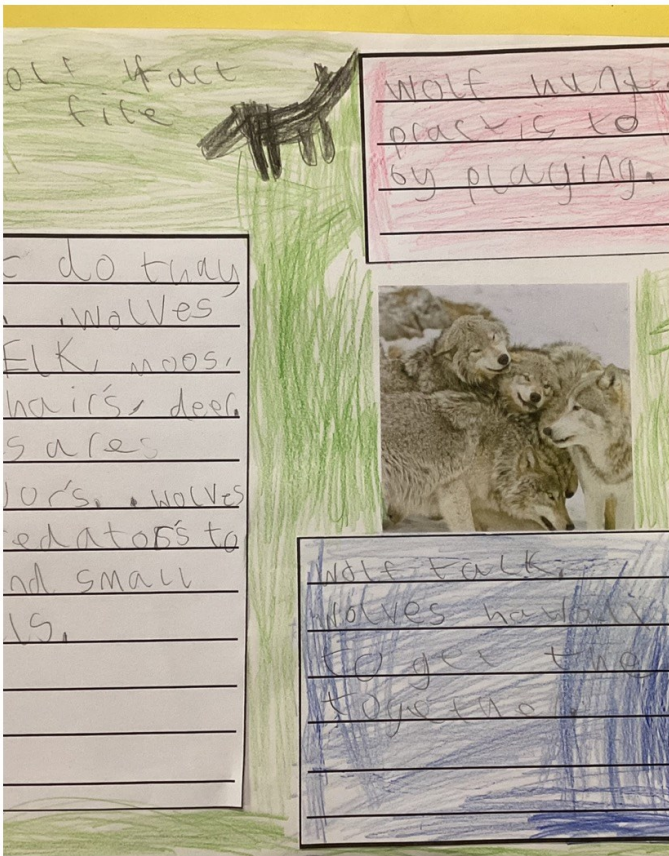
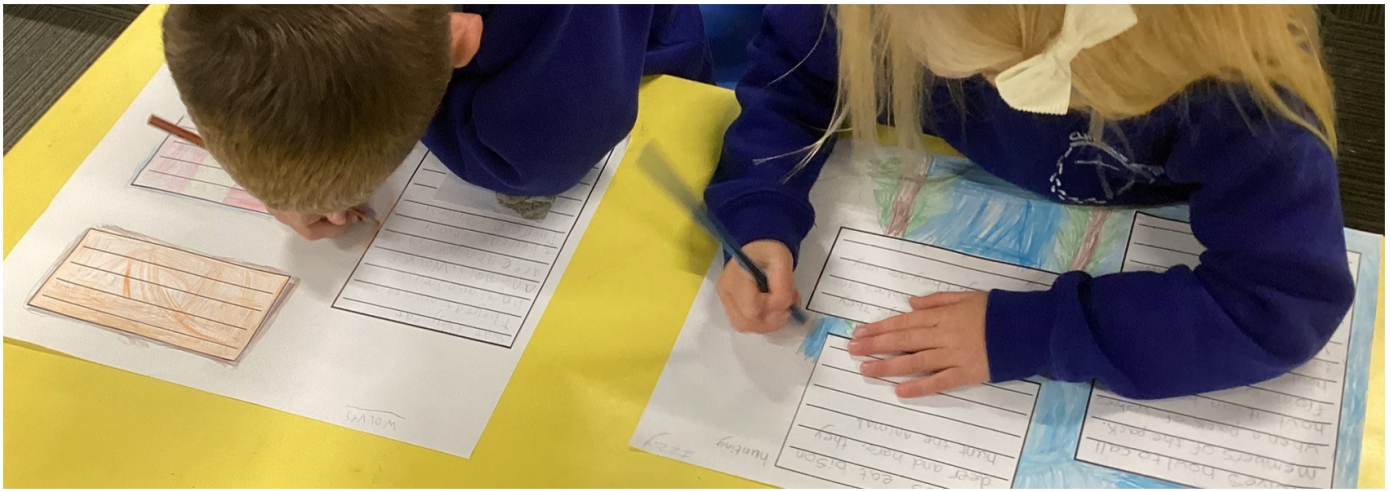


**Acorn Class have enjoyed the mud this week on muddy Monday!**





**Birch Class have really enjoyed making different circuits in Science. We have made bulbs light and motors spin and we have learnt lots!**



**Willow Class have really enjoyed creating their own information pages all about grey wolves.**

# POPCORN



A space for families to explore faith together.

## Friday 18th October.

Popcorn Cafe with drinks and after school snacks from 3.30pm  
Songs, Bible stories, craft and fun activities from 3.50pm  
St James Church, Clitheroe

[www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn](http://www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn)