



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

15th November 2024



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Reading Reading

It was a real privilege to have Mrs Smith, from Mortimer's Estate Agents in Clitheroe, to present us with a wonderful selection of books that we were able to purchase with a generous donation from Mortimer's. We are truly grateful for their support. It was fantastic to see our Reception class already engrossed in "Does a Bear wash its hair?", one of the new donations!

I would also like to express my gratitude to all parents who made purchases at our recent book fair. Your support will enable us to acquire even more books for our school library.

Reading is so important to us because we know that children who learn to read confidently make really good progress. Please keep reading every day with your children. It really does make a HUGE difference.



Collective Worship

On Monday we celebrated **Armistice Day**. In Collective Worship we learned about why we wear poppies to remember those that have fought in wars. We looked at the **British Value of Democracy** and that this means that we can choose our leaders and how things are done. We remembered that many members of our families from previous generations gave their lives so we can have this freedom.

Thank you to all the children that wore their Guiding/Scouting uniforms as a sign of respect to those that served in the wars.



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:



ROWAN

DISCO

Friends Disco -Thursday 21st November

Get your tickets via:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends



Welfare Assistant Vacancy

Welfare Assistant required Monday to Friday 12:00—13:30, term time only.

Required start ASAP

Please contact the office for an application form

We are looking for reliable individuals with energy and enthusiasm for outdoor activities, who will be an inspiration to young pupils

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Benjamin & Olive

Ash

Dylan & Benji

Birch

Caspian & Isaac

Chestnut

All the Class

Rowan

Katie P & Scarlett T

Oak

Anuraj & Franklin

Willow

Zachary & Eddie

Hawthorn

All the Class

Alder

Evie D & Layla

Sycamore

Samson & Ellie



Dates for the Diary



Thurs 21 st Nov	Friends School Disco
Mon 2 nd Dec	Shoebox donations to be brought in
Wed 4 th - 6 th Dec	Robinwood trip Y6
Wed 4 th - 6 th Dec	Tea with Santa, after school till 4:30pm
Fri 6 th Dec	Non uniform Jarbola
Tues 10 th Dec	Nativity performance 2pm
Weds 11 th Dec	Nativity performance 3:30pm
Thur 12 th Dec	Panto trip - The Grand am "Puss in Boots of Clitheroe Castle"
Fri 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 th Dec	Friends Christmas Fair - 3.20pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Friends Annual General Meeting, 6:10pm
Thu 19 th Dec	Christmas Service at Church, 9:30am
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of term
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Mon 23rd Dec–Fri 3rd Jan)
Mon 6 th 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

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.

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

CLASS NEWS



In art, Hawthorn class have been enjoying making 2D shapes into 3D sculptures by slotting them together.



WE REMEMBER



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Ash Class have created some wonderful poppy field pictures. The children have learnt and understand more about the importance of Remembrance Day.



**Sycamore Class
enjoyed an active
learning opportunity at
the castle learning and
re-enacting the events
which led to William,
Duke of Normandy,
becoming King in 1066.**



**Acorn Class
have been
exploring
how animals
hibernate for
winter.**

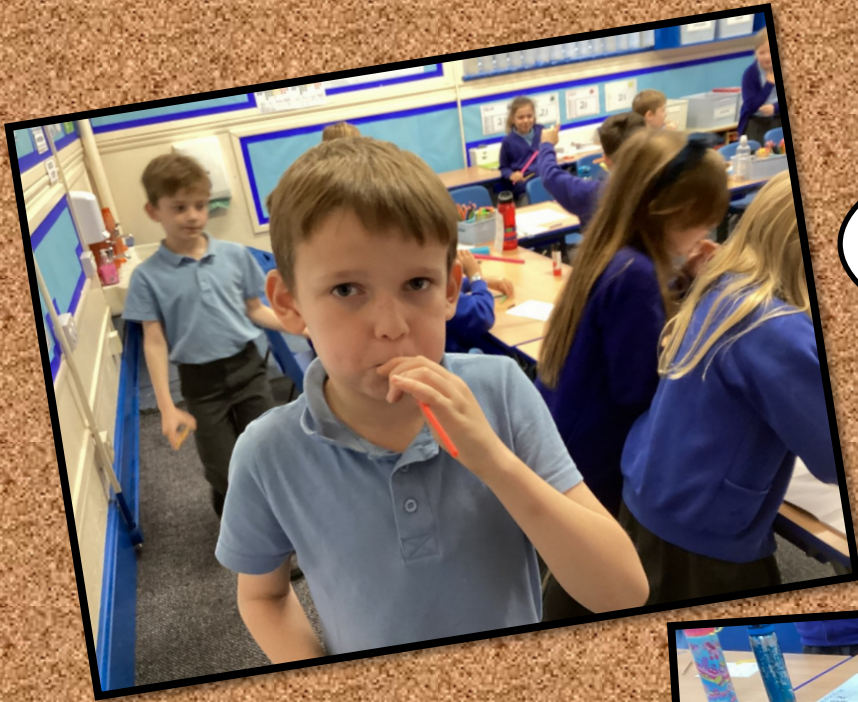


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**Evil Pea from the book
Supertato came to Oak Class this
week and left a mess.
We have been investigating what
he did and writing all about it.**

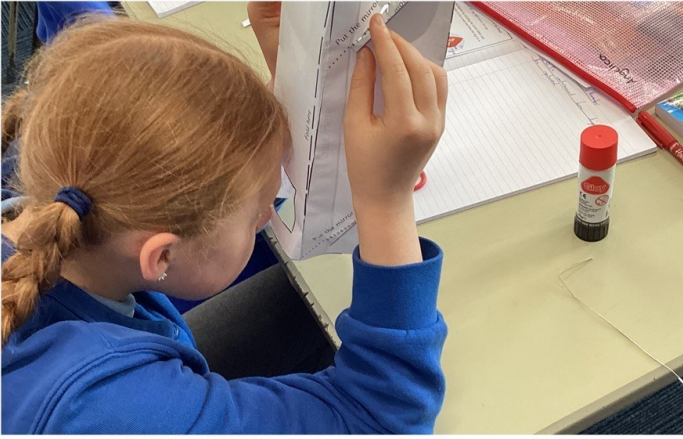


Chestnut class making kazoos and investigating sound.



Rowan Class enjoyed visiting Clitheroe Castle this week and learning all about The Battle of Hastings.

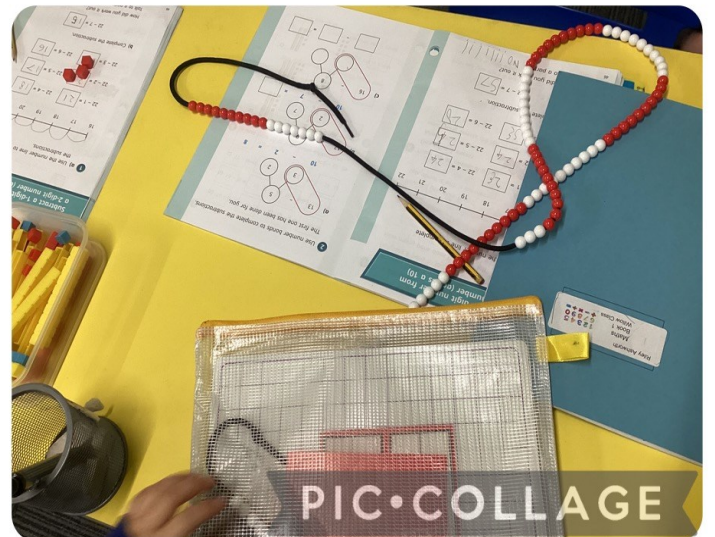
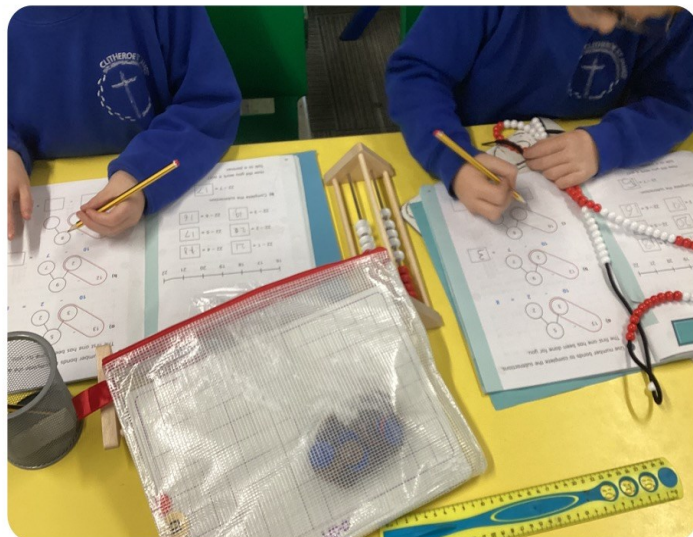
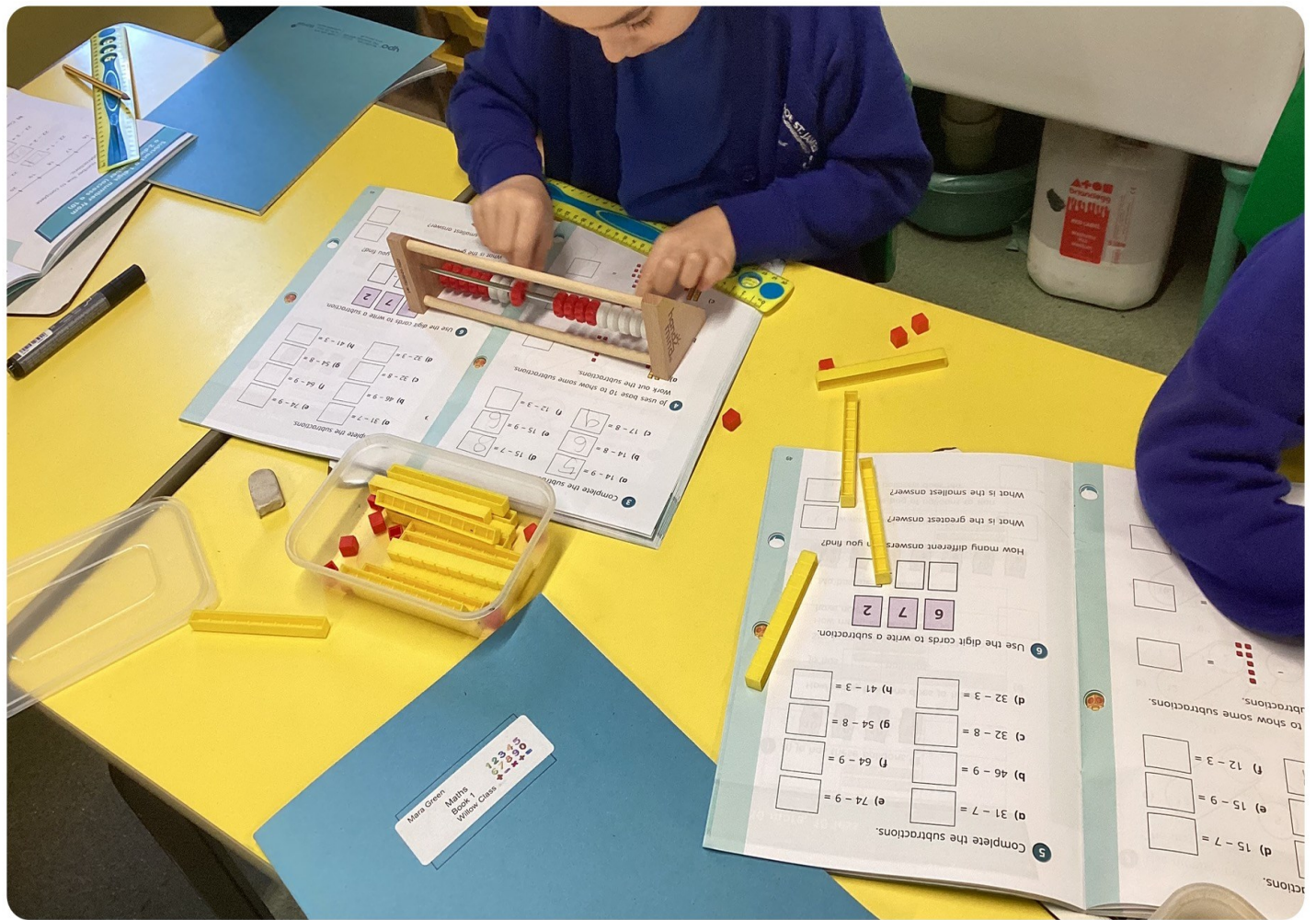




Lots of learning has been taking place in Alder Class. In science, we have made periscopes and explored how light travels in straight lines, we visited the castle for our history topic and completed a traffic survey for our geography unit.



Birch Class really enjoyed making their own torch. They worked hard to make a working circuit and they even made their own switches!



In Willow class, we have been using our different manipulatives to help us with our addition and subtraction when crossing a 10.