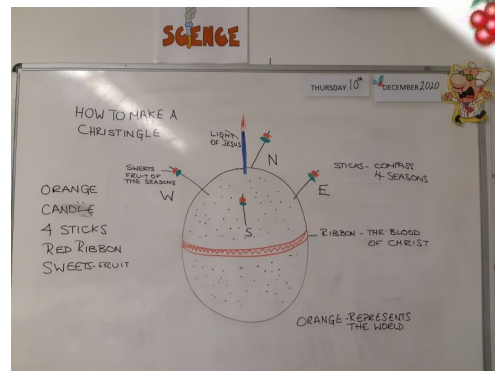




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Making Christingles



ADOLF HITLER, BATTLE OF BRITIAN, BLITZ, WINSTON CHURCHILL, EVACUEE, GAS MASK, BLACKOUT, RATION BOOK, BOMB, SPITFIRE,

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Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - School re-opens to pupils from 8:45am

Friday 12th February 2021—School breaks up



Autumn Term 2020

Upper School



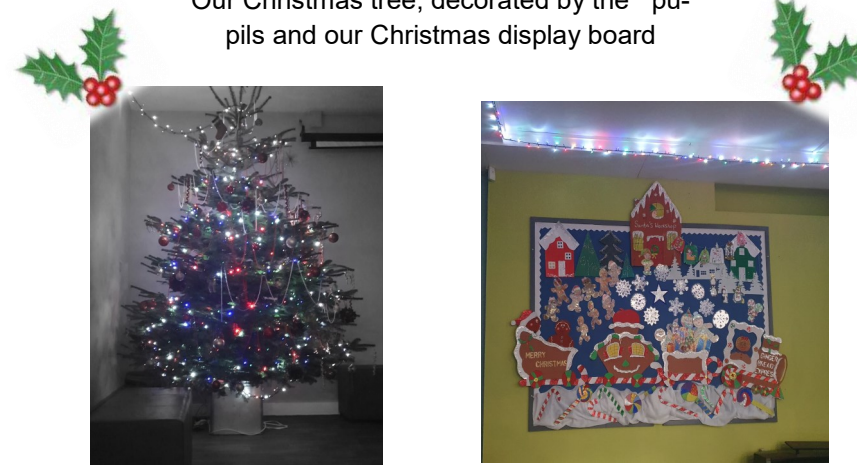
We are fast approaching the end of the autumn term, more important the lead up to Christmas, what a year. It has been difficult for everyone, so can I thank all our parents / carers and pupils who have supported us since opening fully in September. We have had to make some adjustments since returning, the list has been endless. Face coverings, hand sanitisers, classroom's adjusted, windows open more, seating plans for classrooms, dinner and mini buses, to name a few. Our biggest challenge has been our Enrichment program. We had to think of ways to adjust the plans we had in place, it was tricky, but we did it. After the lockdown in December, it felt very good to get back to some of our venues. Fingers crossed we will be able to continue after the Christmas holidays.

We welcomed our 1 day OFSTED virtual visit on 5th November, if you haven't yet read the report yet, you can find it on our website. The following week we had our 'Covid related' Health and Safety visit. We welcomed this and we are so proud to be told what a great job we are doing.

Who would have thought that this year we would be planning; three sittings for Christmas dinner, spaced out on tables 2 metres away from each other. Everyone wearing face masks and following a one-way system. Taking temperatures and sanitising our hands at every turn around school. Three different Christmas Fayre's (in 3 bubbles) with no guests to invite except for staff. The last day of term annual visit from Santa and breakfast has also had to have some changes, Santa will be very busy visiting the bubbles, (Covid measures in places, sanitising, change of costume before delivering the presents in each of the bubbles). But we did it and the children have not missed our annual traditions.

We would like to inform our parents and carers that on Monday 14th December we will be posting out (2 x £20) food vouchers for every child. The children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021, (Monday 4th January is a training day).

Our Christmas tree, decorated by the pupils and our Christmas display board



Christmas Dinner

We are so glad we had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas dinner. A bit different this year, we had 3 sittings, Primary, Upper school and then the admin staff. Different than other years but still just as good. Thank you to Keighley and her team, it was fantastic. .



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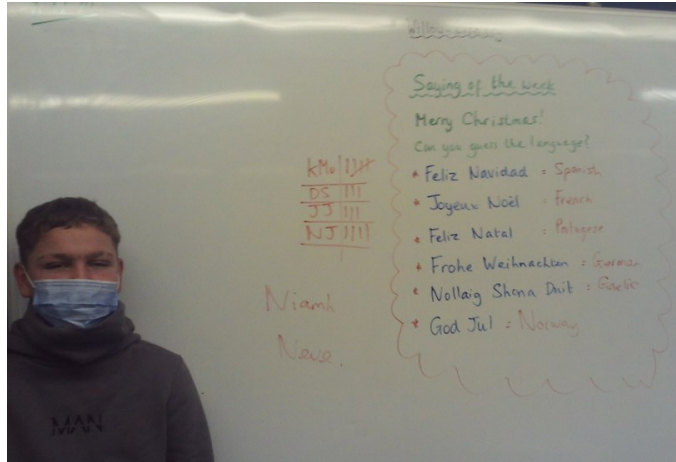


We have a closed Facebook group to keep you up to date. If you wish to be added to this group, please contact Admin.



Upper School

In Willow House Group as part of Literacy focus. We looked at some of the ways to say Merry Christmas in different languages. All pupils had to guess which language it was, it was a ferocious contest with it coming down to one point.



Thrive

In Thrive, this term, we have been settling back into our school routines. Pupils have been taking part in 1:1 Thrive sessions, engaging in many activities. We have made smoothies, built Clicks constructions and made bath bombs, candles, soaps and peanut fudge (see below). Pupils have also played the guitar, made Oobek and made lots and lots of slime while enjoying their time in the Thrive room. They have had the opportunity to - just be - and have a chat if they want.

Hope you all have a lovely Christmas, see you next term.



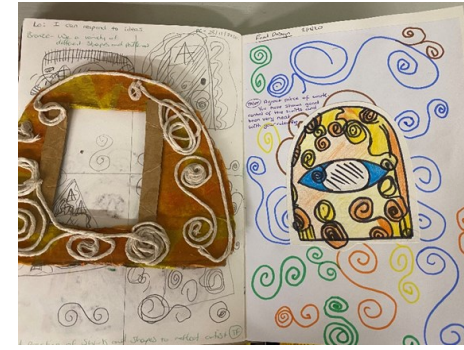
Enrichment:

In cookery, pupils are getting into the Christmas spirit and making gingerbread. Some made ginger bread men and others made ginger bread reindeers. Everyone had fun



Maths

Group 5 maths, have been learning about estimating. They have done various challenges and activities to explore the process of estimating. In one lesson they did some cross-curricular Geography work and estimated temperatures in cities around the world. They then found out the actual temperatures and worked out the amount they were



KS3 Art and Design

Pupils have been studying the art movement Art Nouveau and observing the work of Gustav Klimt. Pupils have worked with a range of materials to make a relief frame.

English

This has been a really busy term. We started after the summer break with baseline writing. These were amazing pieces of storytelling related to Halloween and the Supernatural. Despite all the disruptions of Covid we have managed to read spooky stories together, and finish *The Machine Gunners* and *Private Peaceful*. Pupils doing GCSE have been working hard on essay writing techniques and practising spoken presentations.

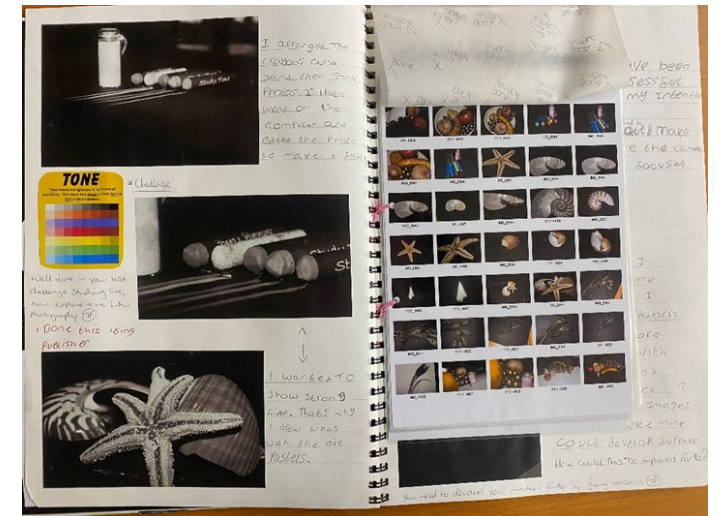
We have written postcards from Prisoners of War and answered questions on war poetry. We have looked at the history of Talbot House and the connections it has to Remembrance and the Great War. The links to local history have been great fun with visits to Vindolanda and discussions about the Roman Army. The theme this term if you had not guessed was Conflict and Remembrance! Our new reading programme has been a huge success.

Lynda and Sam have been working one to one with pupils to improve their reading skills using the comfortable surroundings of the new library. We are seeing some amazing results in reading age improvement too. Group 5 wrote mini biographies this term and one of these from Connor.



KS4 Photography

Pupils have been studying the work of Edward Weston and photographing natural forms before enhancing their photographs on the computers.



Tommyinnit Biography

by Connor

Tommyinnit was born April 9th 2004 in Nottinghamshire.

He became a YouTuber playing Minecraft at the age of 12, however when his friends found out he was a gamer, they bullied him.

He became famous when he started streaming on the Twitch platform and then started his own You Tube channel.

His real name is Thomas Simons.

Interestingly, the name 'Tommyinnit' means child.

He now has three of his own online channels, but his most famous channel is just called 'Tommyinnit.'