



# Upton Primary Newsletter

3rd December 2021

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre School and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives  
'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'  
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration  
'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (*Philippians 4:13*)

## WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

In his name the nations will put their hope.

*Matthew 12:15-22*

## WEST MIDLANDS 'SANTA' SAFARI PARK TRIP

This week was our trip to the Safari park which we were able to book with thanks to a discount promotion from the Safari Park and support from our Friends association plus parental contributions. We were able to take an excited group of children from Years 1 to 6 on an unforgettable event where they got to meet Santa and see many amazing animals all in the same day! The children represented the school superbly and will have made many fond memories that they will treasure for a long time. Additionally, Santa's elves had not finished wrapping presents so all the children got to choose a very special personalised gift too. A truly memorable day for all involved. From art sets to reptiles and sea lions to cuddly toys, it really was a joyful festive event for all involved.

*Our thanks go to everyone who made it possible: "Anything is possible, we can all succeed"*



Please look at the end of this Newsletter for more photos and feedback comments.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY / CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas jumper and lunch day will take place on Monday 13th December. If you would like to book a Christmas lunch for your child please do so via Black Pepper Lunches by **Sunday 5th December**.





### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES

We were delighted to provide a Christmas tree again this year for the Christmas Tree Festival organised by Amy the Baptist minister. This year as the UN Climate Change Conference came to a close, we were inspired to create a tree that was environmentally friendly. Each class was challenged to make decorations which could be eaten by the local bird population. It was so fantastic to decorate the tree with bird seed bells, seeded pine cones, fruit and cheerio hoops, pretzel baubles and popcorn garlands. We really hope you all get a chance to see the tree before it is devoured by our feathered friends.



### VIRTUAL COUNTY SKIPPING COMPETITION

We recently took part in a virtual county skipping competition. We include skipping along with our daily Upton 7 throughout our school so our children develop and practice this skill. Well done to the Year 3 children who came 3rd in the single leg skipping competition. There were lots of children who entered from lots of different schools so a special well done to:

Alice B, Harry B, Jessica C, Annie-Rose G-S, Phoebe H, Oskar K, Samuel P, Aaron S, Seb S and Finley W

### CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING



#### NURSERY

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas 🎵 🌲"

This week Nursery have been learning about 'The Christmas Story'. Each day we have also been picking and sharing a Christmas themed story to read from our sparkly red Christmas story sack. We have been very busy arty elves, decorated the classroom and our Christmas tree is up. Our 'top secret' Christmas craft activities are coming along a treat and we have even made a fireplace complete with stockings. In support of our Christmas and Advent learning, our junk model Church has enjoyed a festive makeover with the addition of beautiful cellophane stained glass windows, a snowy roof and twinkly Christmas lights.



#### RECEPTION

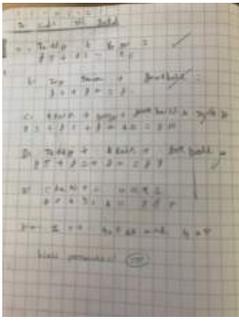
Reception had a great start to the Advent period. We have started to create a very exciting stained glass window (we will show you next week when it is finished) and we have been learning about the story of Advent through a very funny story '#@Jesus' Christmas Party'. We have been carrying on with our maths and writing and have been thinking about the number 5 and writing some letters to Santa. In Forest School we have looked at the story of Stickman and created our own characters. We have more fun planned for next week and look forward to sharing some of our great work with you.



### YEAR ONE

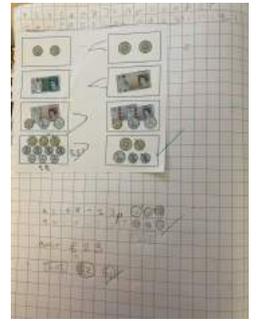
Year 1 this week have been focusing on questions and question marks! We have used our knowledge of recognising questions to answer a checklist when creating their own rocket version of their 'Magnificent Thing'.





### YEAR TWO

This week Year 2 have been concentrating their efforts on maths using money. This is a really hard concept when we are living in a cash free world and the children have less and less exposure to real money. There were some really interesting conversations about shopping and how we buy things. We had a fantastic trip to WMSP, the children were exemplary in their behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



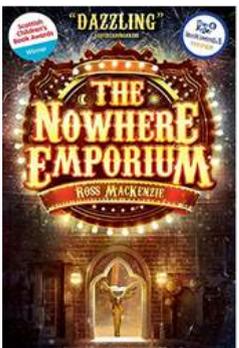
### YEAR THREE

Advent wouldn't be advent without a calendar! We have made a class advent calendar with a difference – there's no chocolate in Class 3. We all practised our handwriting to copy a Christmas joke onto a card bauble, which we then decorated and we are going to take turns to read them to the class. We shall see if we can work out the answers. Mrs Moroni thinks this is going to cause lots of fun for her and she may need to explain some of the word play that the jokes use.



### YEAR FOUR

This week, Year 4 have been learning all about explanation texts in English. We have been collecting ideas ready for our writing next week where we plan to write about the 'Caesar Pleaser' machine. We have been learning about the different types of Roman houses in History and also where some of the historic sites are in the UK. We had fun creating our bird friendly decorations for the Christmas tree, we thought about patterns and created some beautiful designs. In Science, we have been learning about volume and pitch. Class 4 all made themselves a set of panpipes to learn about how we can change the pitch of an instrument.



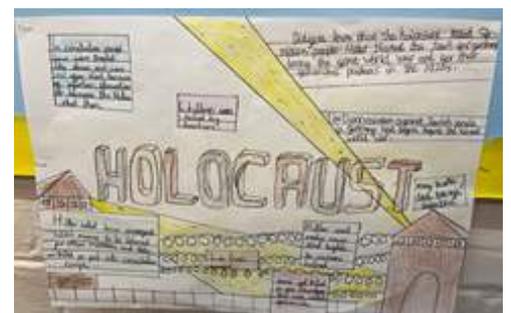
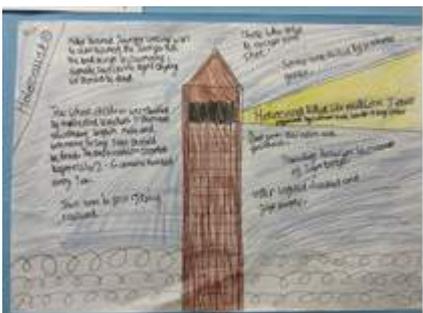
### YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have started some fantastic narrative work based on the book 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. They have been looking at the story opening and have decided to start their stories off. We have also managed to carry on with our coding game – we have now coded a character and created a background using Scratch.



### YEAR SIX

Year 6 have continued their learning journey of world war 2. This week the focus was on the Holocaust. Using a range of media, the children respectfully, carefully and diligently made information sheets explaining the impact that this event had on over six million lives.



## **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE**

This week, Reception learned to sing a Christmas song. They will be joining a group of schools from around Worcestershire to take part in a Signalong video – watch this space to see a link to the video! There was some great signing, singing and dancing!

If you would like to learn some Christmas signs there is a signing Christmas advent on the Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy YouTube channel – there are 24 individual video clips with festive signs to learn in the run up to Christmas.

You can find the advent here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6PwooUigtICg-OwlafyBx8Xo3i6xIO4r>

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills, please phone or email the school office, and I will call you back on my next visit to school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749. ***Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)***

# WEST MIDLANDS 'SANTA' SAFARI PARK

## FEEDBACK COMMENTS/PHOTOS

### Staff feedback was brilliant:

"It was the best trip I have ever been on"

"I was impressed at the professional set up and quality of the Santa toy shop"

### Children's feedback was superb:

"My child came home yesterday full of smiles and stories in great detail all about her day. A particular highlight was meeting Santa and eating lunch whilst watching the sea lion show!! Magical memories have most certainly been made."

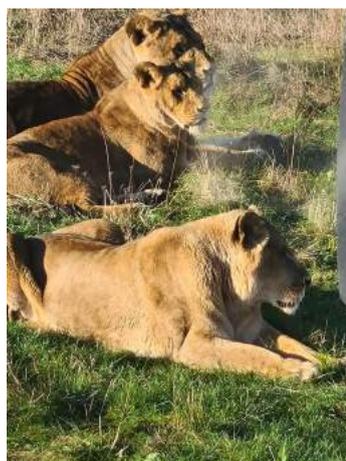
"My child was buzzing all evening (and slightly emotional) but he'd said "it was the greatest day of his whole entire life".

"My child had an amazing day, she's been telling us all about all the animals they saw and is desperate to go back 😊."

### It is also very much appreciated when we get such wonderful feedback from parents:

"I just wanted to say thank you to everyone that made the school trip possible for the children today; the children had the biggest smile on their faces when they returned to school this afternoon, saying they had had an amazing day. Seeing Santa, getting to choose a lovely present and also coming away with a photo with Santa were lovely extras that made the day extra special for them."

"I just wanted to say a massive Thank You for all the incredible hard work that went on in the background to make the Santa Safari trip happen yesterday. I can only begin to imagine the number of logistical issues that we as parents don't see and what huge effort it took to make it all happen!"



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hope Church: UPTON



You're invited to  
a children's



## Christmas Party

On Fri Dec 17th 5.30 - 7pm

at The Hill Centre, Upton  
games . food . fun with friends

**MASSIVE BOUNCY CASTLE**  
**Sch Yrs Reception- Yr6, £3**

RSVP [carolunwin@gmail.com](mailto:carolunwin@gmail.com)  
07977 975190 to book a space  
Parents & family welcome from 6.45pm

