

The Christmas Cracker!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another action-packed school term full of learning for the children, so I'm sure we're all glad to be breaking up for the Christmas holidays for a bit of a rest! The Covid situation continues to loom in the background but we have enjoyed a wonderful term and the children continue to amaze us all daily. Please remember that the school is closed on Tuesday 4th January for staff training. On behalf of the staff team, I wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Mr R Stead

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th January
Inset day

Wednesday 5th January
School Opens to Pupils
Class R Forest School



Milverton's Got Talent!

It was a delight to watch the amazing range of talents from trumpet playing to karate, magic tricks to singing and dancing and Rubik's cube solving! And that was just in Classes 3 & 4! The other classes saw musicians, painters, singers and more. Well done to you all! You were great.



Thank you for supplying the party food so that all the children could enjoy their own class Christmas parties this week.





OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-School	<i>All of Pre-school for a great first term, and last term of 2021!</i>
Class R	<i>All of Class R for a brilliant first term at school and for trying their very best for their Nativity. Well done everyone!</i>
Class 1	<i>All of Class 1 for working so hard this term and having a fantastic first term in year 1.</i>
Class 2	<i>All of Class 2 for an amazing term showing maturity as the top of Key Stage 1.</i>
Class 3	<i>The whole of Class 3 for having such a fantastic first term in Class 3, they have settled into Key Stage 2 so well.</i>
Class 4	<i>All of Class 4 for a wonderful term full of great learning and fun.</i>
Class 5	<i>For all of the children in Class 5, who have worked hard this term and risen to the expectations of being in Upper Key Stage 2. I have been really impressed with the brilliant pieces of English, history and geography work that you have produced in the final week of term. Well done, Class 5!</i>
Class 6	<i>The whole of Class 6 for being such a fantastic class this term. They have shown real maturity and taken on extra responsibilities with great enthusiasm.</i>

It was a very mild morning for a mid-December Forest School session but we took the festive cheer with us and Mr Wedderkopp lead the way with his Christmas hat! Roasting marshmallows was an extra special treat to go with our hot chocolate this week. We had so much fun we just had to sing about it by making a Forest School version of the 12 days of Christmas to show you what we got up to.

"On the 1st day of Forest School I had the chance to see:



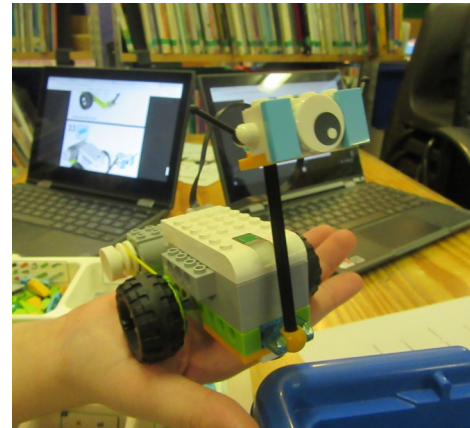
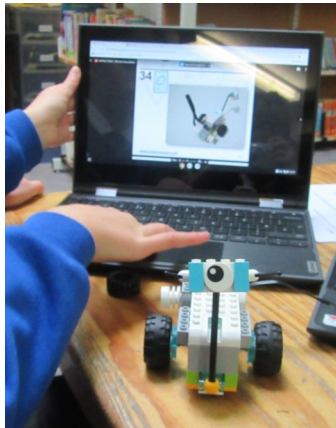
- A robin in an Oak tree.*
- Two Alder cones*
- Three artists printing*
- Four leaves a stacking*
- Five children digging*
- Six birds a singing*
- Seven marshmallows roasting*
- Eight mugs a steaming*
- Nine children searching*
- Ten baubles dangling*
- Eleven coats are hanging*
- Twelve bears are scratching"*



It's much harder than you'd think to sing new words to a classic song! Mrs MacCormick

On Wednesday 15th December, Classes 5 and 6 had a creative coding day. Both classes were introduced to Lego WeDo with the help of our Digital Leaders. To complete our Space Quest learning for this term, we built a Mars Rover following instructions on our Chromebooks. In groups of 4, we had to work as a team to build and code our Mars Rover. After we had created our rover, we began coding on the iPad. First, we practised getting it to move in different directions. Once we had achieved this, we were then challenged to make our rovers; change in speed, move and pause for a specific time and change the colour of its light. We enjoyed making our models with the Lego and had fun programming our rovers using coding. We hope to use Lego WeDo again!

by Halia and Ed



Golden Mile Leader board end of Autumn Term 2021:

- 1st** – Parkfield Primary School- 3,535 miles
- 2nd** - Milverton Primary School- 3,159 miles
- 3rd** - Two Moors Primary School- 2,418 miles
- 4th Kingston St Mary Primary School- 1,993 miles
- 5th Bolham Primary School- 1,417 miles
- 6th St Andrew's Church School Taunton - 1,180 miles
- 7th Webbers/Burlescombe Primary School – 981 miles
- 8th Rackenford Primary School- 954 miles
- 9th Staplegrove Church School- 708 miles
- 10th Wellsprings Primary School- 700 miles
- 11th Norton Fitzwarren Church School - 462 miles
- 12th Curry Mallet Primary School – 439 miles
- 13th St John's Catholic Primary School – 371 miles
- 14th Priorswood Primary School - 367 miles
- 15th Winsham Primary School - 96 miles
- 16th St James Church School – 95 miles
- 17th Ashill Primary School- 79 miles
- 18th Hatch Beauchamp Primary School- 71 miles
- 19th Greenfylde Primary School- 68 miles
- 20th Churchstanton Primary School – 50 miles
- 21st Minerva Primary School- 19 miles
- 22nd Bishops Hull Primary School- 0 miles



Total of- 19,162 miles this school year for 21 schools!!!

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	195	1995
Cork Oak	209	1832
Blue Cedar	174	1859
Horse Chestnut	175	1845

Well done to London Plane for taking the house cup this term!



If you are purchasing a fresh Christmas tree, Forest School would love to recycle it after Christmas! They will use the trunks for helping hearts and firewood and the branches as floor cover over the next few muddy months. If you would like to leave yours, please leave it on the grass area at the side of the turning circle. Thank you!

