



# St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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## Our Vision:

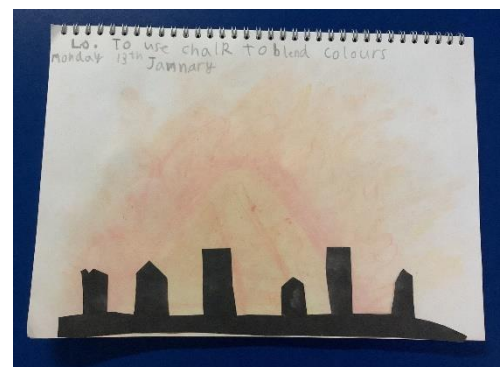
At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7) *Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere*

Dear Parents and Carers,

In P.E. lessons, Year 3 have been devising Egyptian dances. The children have worked collaboratively to devise sequences of movements for different Ancient Egyptian Gods and to show the pyramids being built. The children are showing great teamwork in these lessons, listening to each other, pooling ideas and learning to 'give and take'. The children devised dances using a variety of heights, with some movements in unison and others in canon.



Year 2 have started a new topic on 'The Great Fire of London'. For our first art lesson we learnt how to blend chalk to create a fire and then used black paper to create a silhouette. We looked at previous artwork for our inspiration to create our own masterpiece!



On a cold but sunny January day Year 1 headed on a walk to learn more about the seasons. We ventured within the school grounds and discussed the seasonal changes in our environment. The children looked at the trees and talked amongst themselves about what differences they noticed from our Autumn walk. The children observed that leaves had fallen from the trees, and we now needed hats and gloves to keep warm. They drew the tree in their science books when they got back to class!

Transport is the theme in EYFS, and the children have been exploring. They have been creative, making links and noticing patterns, making predictions and testing their ideas. To make a parachute, DON'T use scrunched up paper, it falls very quickly to the ground! If you want a vehicle to travel faster, lift up one end of the tunnel.



In Year 5, children submitted their pieces of opera to the English National Opera in December. They were tasked with creating an inspiring piece of music based on a colour of their choosing. Antarctica class chose the colour black and Americas class chose Gold. The feedback was positive and we are proud of their efforts in creating such "unusual" and "sparkly" music.



Within Literacy sessions in Year 4, the children have been using 'freeze frame' drama techniques to learn and perform the Viking tale of Beowulf. The scenes were reenacted and the pupils focused on the character's movements and positions within each section of the story. Using these skills enabled the children to immerse themselves in the text and build a greater understanding of a character's thoughts and feelings within different scenes in the story.

## Building update

The Benton roof is now covered and the solar panels (a request from the children on the school council) have been installed.

Over the next few weekends the scaffolding will be removed and the work to the side panels and courtyards will be completed in the weeks leading up to and including the summer holidays.

Thank you for your support during the work taking place.

