

Year 1 Newsletter

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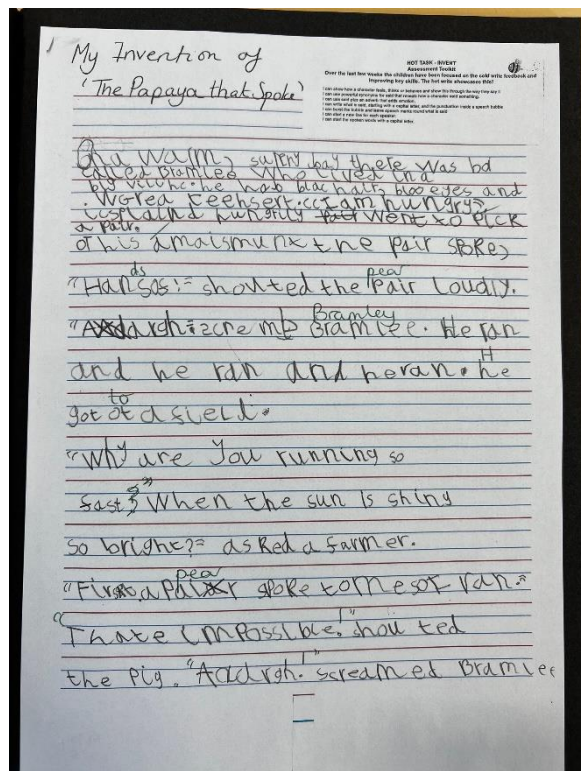
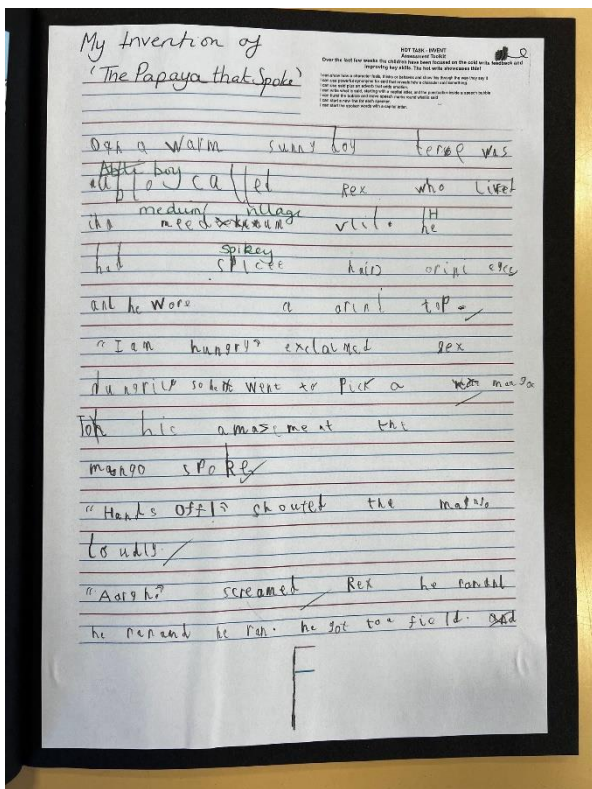
WOW! If you managed to come and see our Nativity, we hope you are equally as impressed and proud of your children as we are. We thought they sang beautifully and we hope that the Year 2s have inspired them to want to have a part next year.

We can't quite believe it is only 1 week to go until Christmas. The children have continued to work so hard and will be enjoying some lovely activities linked to our curriculum for the final week of term. Thank you for your continued support at home with their learning. We want to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to communicating with you again in the New Year.

What is going on in the classroom?

English

Please see a selection of our final hot writes below:



Maths

The children have rounded off their learning with a Shape Assessment. They have shown excellent knowledge and we will be re-capping our learning before the end of the year. Some children were getting confused with the names of 2D and 3D shapes.

Topic

In Science we have been thinking about what it means to have a balanced diet. The children learnt the main food groups (Eatwell Guided) including protein, carbohydrate, dairy and fruit & vegetables. We then had a go at designing a different meal throughout the day which included these different food groups. As a class we also spoke about the importance of personal hygiene and came up with different ways we could look after ourselves including washing all of our bodies, washing our hands after going to the toilet and cleaning our teeth twice a day.

The children built upon their cookery skills on Friday. We created a group sausage casserole and used the different tools to peel, chop and mash the various ingredients. Next week we will be having a cooking session delivered by Jess, Cook Stars which we hope will enthuse them to join in with cooking at home and encourage them to use this life skill in the future.

Family Box

Albie shared his family tree where he had drawn beautiful pictures of his family. He shared a world map with the places his Mummy and Daddy go and work in, including Mexico and Finland. Albie brought his blanket which he has since birth - he likes to sleep with it at night. He brought in his cricket trophy which he was awarded for doing a great job at coaching his coach! Albie showed his football cards. He collects them to play with his friends. His favourite team is Manchester City and his favourite player is Haaland. Albie showed the class his Manchester City kit. He loves going to Spain and brought in lots of pictures and a football top to represent this. Albie shared some Spanish words including 'Hola'. He loves Pokemon and enjoys playing with his Pokemon Cards. He even had some golden cards! His favourite book is called 'The Jungle Run'. Thank you Albie.

Alfie shared a picture of his family, including his Mummy and Daddy. He brought in his favourite teddy 'Puppy'. Alfie brought a leprechaun from Ireland. His mummy brought it back from a work trip. Alfie is proud of his glasses and brought in his glasses case. He brought in a police truck and he wants to be a policeman when he is older so he can catch the bad guys. Alfie brought in his Lightning McQueen tonie which he enjoys listening to at bedtime. His favourite football team is Manchester United as his Daddy was from Manchester. Alfie has a dog called Stanley. He enjoys baking gingerbread people. His favourite book is Pip & Posy and he enjoys looking at the book about animals. Alfie visited Dubai and went to 'Snow Penguins'. Thank you Alfie.

Top Tip

A letter I stumbled across but something we wanted to share;

'I know at this time of year there is pressure to create a perfect magical Christmas. I know that you want to give them the magic of Santa and ensure he brings the best gifts and sometimes that means a bit of stress, but I'm writing to tell you a secret.

I'm writing to tell you that every January when your child comes back to school they tell me all about the Christmas holidays. They tell me about the days when everyone stayed indoors and watched TV. They tell me about the walk in the freezing cold to get a McDonald's. They tell me about staying at Grandma's and then being excited when you came back from work. They tell me about how you let them snuggle in your bed. They tell me how you played cards and took them swimming one day and forgot their towel. They tell me about a visit to a friend's on New Year's Eve and how they stayed up to midnight. They tell me how they loved staying in their PJ's some days and a trip out another day. They mention their gifts, but for them Christmas is you and your love and your time and routines and feeling safe. You are their favourite thing!

Dates for your diary

- Friday 8th December: Panto Trip
- Tuesday 12th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 14th December: Cooking with Cookstars
- Friday 15th December: Final Day
- Tuesday 2nd January: INSET DAY

Thank you for reading,
Mrs Lewis and Miss Evans