

## Class 3 Round Up – Autumn 2

Well, I cannot believe the whole of the first term is over! I feel that we have achieved so much in the first third of the year, and we have topped it off beautifully with our Christmas production which is always such a joyful and warm occasion. Now, we can enjoy our party and Christmas lunch before ending the term with the Class 3 Christingle Service which is always a favourite in the school family calendar 😊

This half term, the children have used *Matilda* as our class text, enjoying reading the story and producing our own chapter, which I know Roald Dahl would approve of! The children thought carefully about the language they used to create a picture in the reader's mind. They also tried to make Miss Trunchbull even more ferocious than in the original text!

Our Maths has focused on Multiplication and Division and we have had some epic battles where the children have been VERY competitive and scored some incredible totals. Working regularly on TTRS is definitely beneficial and I really hope the children are accessing this resource on a very regular basis. The Year 4 children have a statutory Multiplication Check in the Summer term and need to fluently know all calculations to 12x12.

Class 3 have loved our Science work this half term, focusing on electricity. The children have built circuits, added switches and buzzers, made bulbs light up and tested different materials in the circuit to check if they are insulators or conductors. They have also discovered about the work of Lewis Latimer, an eminent scientist of his time.



PNE have been working with us all half term on a Tuesday afternoon. Michael has been teaching us rugby and commented on the children's enthusiasm and positive attitude. Regardless of how good the children are at rugby, we are always instilling good sportsmanship and collaboration, which are important life skills, both on and off the pitch.

This half term, the children have enjoyed a number of events in school; the Book Fair, the Remembrance Service led by our Year 6 children, Odd Socks Day to celebrate our uniqueness, Steve visiting us from the Life Bus and our Bible presentations for the Year 3 children.

We also had a fabulous day at Leighton Hall experiencing Christmas as a Victorian. We were treated to a rendition of 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' on a hundred-year-old Steinway piano from our very own Rylee! Some of the children hung candy canes and Victorian decorations on the huge Christmas trees in the hall, some of our class sat at the massive table set for a Victorian Christmas lunch and others banged the gong to signal the beginning of mealtime! All of us made lovely decorations and the longest paper chain I have ever seen. Mrs Reynolds who owns the house, and who showed us around, said that we were the most well-behaved group to have visited the hall, and was thrilled to hear us sing to her in the Music Room. I was very proud of the group and we all felt very Christmassy as we drove away at the end of the day.



So, all that is left is to wish you all a joy filled, peaceful Christmas with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Merry Christmas from Mrs Bolton, Miss Wilson and Mrs Morris x x x

