

Year 4

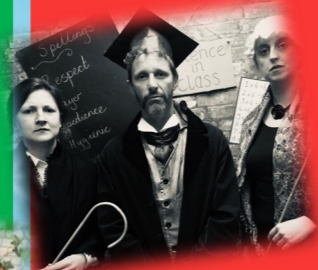
What a fantastic Autumn term

Year 4 have had! We have loved travelling back in time to immerse ourselves in our Veni, Vidi, Vici topic to explore the question: "What is the legacy of the Roman Empire?" To our surprise we have found that the Romans were not so rotten! We have learnt all about the importance of the Roman army in developing the empire and have created battle formations under our commanding centurion. We have discovered that the Romans are responsible for many amazing inventions such as roads, place names, central heating and even influencing the architecture of our buildings. We loved our exciting trip to Peterborough Museum where, like true archaeologists, the children were able to handle real Roman artefacts to discover what life was like for those who lived during this period of time. We have certainly taken a journey through time: the rise of the Roman Empire, the devastation and rediscovery of Pompeii and of course most recently, learning about Roman food. Our challenge was to research and develop a Roman recipe – Paupers Pottage. As food technicians, we learnt about the origins of our ingredients, tasted and chose the flavours we most liked; practised preparing and chopping our vegetables and finally tasted and evaluated our stew. A delicious experience for most! Of course, the children should be so proud of their achievements in our year group assembly 'Veni, Vidi, Vici'. The performance saw the children work incredibly hard to learn lines and take stage directions and they sported some awesome costumes- well done everyone! We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.



Year Five

The Vile Victorians has been a fantastic first topic for us and we have covered so much: the lives of the rich and poor, the Industrial Revolution, the workhouse, plus school life. All of this was truly brought to life with our Victorian experience day in school. The children's wonderful costumes and classroom experience have really helped them understand what life may have been like for Victorian children. How times have changed! We also looked at the Victorian inventor Brunel and designed and constructed bascule bridges as part of our D&T project. We investigated the life of William Morris, a famous Victorian artist and undertook some printing based on his style of repeated patterns and nature. We've also worked closely with our PE partners Inspire+ and been fortunate to participate in assemblies focusing on mental wellbeing. This has been an action-packed term with many exciting activities happening to support our classroom learning. We can't wait for next term! We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and restful Christmas break.



Year Six



Although their last two years of school life have been interrupted, the Year 6 team have been astounded with how the children have started their last year of primary school with such enthusiasm and a continued love of learning. Our history topic 'We'll Meet Again' took us back to 1939, when Britain went to war with Germany. During this topic, the children have explored who was involved in the war; why children were evacuated; the importance of rationing as well as the main events during the war such as: Kristallnacht, Dunkirk and D-Day. Our class book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' has been a great stimulus for our writing and reading lessons throughout this term. It has been wonderful to see such passion for their English work. To immerse the children into the topic, we took a visit to the Holocaust Centre, where we followed the story of Leo, a German boy, in World War Two. The children learnt about Kristallnacht and had the opportunity to listen to a survivor's story from the war. They empathised with these people and were able to discuss their learning throughout the day. We ended the term by studying 'The Christmas Truce' and wrote our own narrative. In addition to all our history learning, we have studied light in our science lessons and have explored why God is loving and holy in our RE lessons. The children's perseverance with their learning has been fantastic and we are all so proud! From all of us in Year 6, we hope all our families have a happy and safe Christmas holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year!



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Autumn Term 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year, a year full of exciting learning and magical moments! Teachers and teams continue to craft our fantastic curriculum, ensuring children know more and remember more – in a fabulously engaging way. I know as you read this newsletter you will be interested and delighted to hear about the highlights of our learning, along with some of the exciting events we have shared together so far.



Sport is an essential part of school life and it has been fantastic to be able to get back to competitive sport (in a COVID-19 safe way) and the children have enjoyed having the opportunity to represent their school. So far this year, Year 4 have participated in a football and Tag Rugby festival and Year 5 and 6 have competed in a mixed netball tournament, finishing in a respectable third position and the Year 6 boys played in a football tournament where they came out as champions.

As you can imagine, the last two weeks of term have been filled with Christmas celebrations! Our wonderful Reception children and team created the most magical online Nativity—something that can be watched and cherished over and over again. Our Carol Services, both in school and in church were wonderful ways of the children telling the Christmas Story. The acting, reading and singing really added to the special occasion, thanks to Father Chris for leading the Year 4 service for us.



We are now in the time of Advent when we all are thinking about and getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Here at Bourne Abbey, we hope that the good news of Christmas brings love, hope, joy and peace into the lives of our community and the wider world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your messages of support and kindness as I embark on my new adventure in January. Bourne Abbey has been part of my life for 16 years and I have loved being part of our special family. I take with me many special memories that I will cherish forever. Those of you who know me well will appreciate how many tears I have shed and how many tissues I have used this week as I say my many goodbyes but I leave knowing that the future at Bourne Abbey continues to be fabulous!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones.
Mrs Sarah Buttress, Head of School



Peace
"Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with
whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14



Student Council have met and voted in our officers for this year; we already have lots of ideas to work on! Make sure you look at the minutes on the website to see what we are discussing - all children have their say through Student Council and we discuss every idea put forward. We have enjoyed raising money for Hello Yellow and Children in Need and loved wearing our Christmas jumpers on December 10th to raise money for Save the Children. You can meet our councillors for this year and keep up with what's happening on the Pupil Voice section of the school website!



We know that as children are spending more time online, it is vital we continue to provide high quality E-Safety learning within our school. We began in September learning about Self-Image and Identity, discussed Health, Well-being and Lifestyle in October and during Friendship Week in November we focussed on Online Bullying. The children have also explored poems from 'Beneath the Screen' in Key Stage 2 linking to their themes, whilst in Key Stage 1 classes linked their learning to a range of stories including 'Trolls Stink!', 'Chicken Clicking!' and 'Webster's Bedtime'. We cannot wait to celebrate Safer Internet Day next term on Tuesday 9th February 2021 and look forward to our One Day Creative E-Safety Workshops. You may have seen our weekly guides for parents and carers from NOS on our Facebook page and website. These provide a range of information and top tips to keep your children safe on different apps and games. We hope you continue to find these helpful, especially during the Christmas period.

A Christmas Blessing from Father Chris

O Lord, May we know the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child this Christmas. Amen.



KIDS CLUB

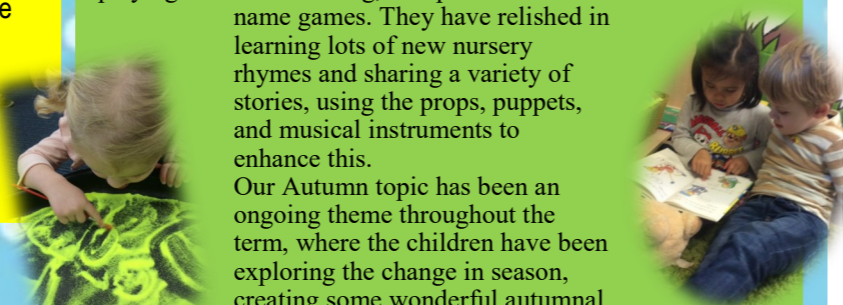
Bourne Abbey Kids' Club offers childcare for 5-11 year olds before and after school. Our doors open for breakfast club at 7.30am, after school club begins straight at the end of the school day and our doors close at 6.00pm. Kids' Club is set out with a range of different toys and play equipment. Children are welcome to use our quiet room to complete any homework and we have access to either the KS1 or KS2 playgrounds or the AstroTurf.

For further information and prices, pop into the school office for more information or call us on 07890970158.



What a brilliant term we have had here at Abbey Ark. The children have all settled in beautifully and have been getting to know one another and our routines.

Both the Happy Hippos and the Jolly Giraffes have been building on those core Personal, Social and Emotional skills by playing lots of turn taking, co-operative and name games. They have relished in learning lots of new nursery rhymes and sharing a variety of stories, using the props, puppets, and musical instruments to enhance this. Our Autumn topic has been an ongoing theme throughout the term, where the children have been exploring the change in season, creating some wonderful autumnal artwork, and getting out and about in the great outdoors!



We have been extremely lucky to have Inspire + with us this term too, where the children have become 'Little Movers' and have really enjoyed taking part in all of the fun physical activities. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January when we will be kick starting our new topic 'Wonderful Winter!'



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Term 2—Friday 17th December
School re-opens—Tuesday 4th January

A special thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children to be Agents of Change! So many of our children work hard, in and out of school, to make a difference to other people's lives!!



Thank you to everyone who completed their parent/carer questionnaire during our Ofsted visit in July.

Don't forget you can share your views with Ofsted online using Parent View. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. We would invite you all to share your views of our school on Parent View.

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

We are all special because we are God's children.



RECEPTION

The Reception children started their learning adventure with the topic 'Superhero Me.' The children used their superhero powers and skills to solve lots of exciting learning missions. Every Superhero needs to start the day with a yummy breakfast, so the children tasted different superhero cereals and used lots of amazing adjectives to describe the taste.



At the Superhero Graduation Celebration, the children dressed as their favourite Superhero which ranged from doctors, nurses and rainbow girl to Captain America, Batman and Wonder Girl. A particular favourite activity of the children was the Superhero training camp where they used physical skills to complete lots of challenges. But then, someone else needed the children's help. It was Supertato! The children listened to the story, made a story mountain and wrote captions to retell the story and free Supertato from the evil pea.



The children then used their imagination and creative skills to make choices and create their own Supertato. Amazing work!

Moving into term 2 the children extended their learning about the world, food and seasons by talking about and celebrating the Harvest. The children thought of ideas for a prayer to thank God for the Harvest and the Seasons.

We shared the story, "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper. The children read a recipe using their phonic skills and then prepared all the ingredients. This involved, peeling and chopping the onions, scooping out the pumpkin seeds, cutting the flesh, grating the carrot, adding the seasoning and stock before cooking it all in a soup maker. The children tasted the soup and it was yummy!

The highlight of this term was undoubtedly the Reception Nativity celebrating the birth of Jesus, "Shine, Star, Shine." The children were amazing actors, super singers and dazzling dancers. The Reception Team would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Year One

Wow, wow, wow! What a fabulous fairytale beginning to Year 1; the children have absolutely blown us away with their enthusiasm and hard work. They settled into school in September with an eagerness to learn and wasted no time sharing their incredible imaginations with us. They have re-enacted stories, produced some truly wonderful writing, baked delicious gingerbread men, and created new houses and bridges for The Three Little Pigs and The Billy Goats' Gruff - we think we may have spotted some flourishing architects in our midst! We cannot wait to see the children's excitement for our next adventure 'Into the Unknown...' Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in January. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Year One!



Year 2

What an incredible start we have had in Year Two! We have most definitely been 'off to great places,' as part of the topic 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!'. During term one we learnt about transport from the present and in the past. We developed our historical enquiry by using iPads to research and our observational skills to examine primary source artefacts, when learning about Raymond Mays. A 'wow' moment was one sunny September morning when we were exceptionally lucky to have the privilege of seeing a collection of vintage cars. The children made observational drawings, asked questions and learnt technical vocabulary about the vehicles. We used this knowledge to design, construct and evaluate a 3D model car of our own!



We started term two travelling across the stormy sea to the fictional Isle of Struay, where the children learnt about island life through the captivating Katie Morag stories. A highlight has been our Katie Morag cross-curricular activities. We created a tartan patterned skirt for Katie Morag, baked scrumptious Scottish biscuits and identified the human and physical features of Scottish Islands using our map skills. During Friendship Week, we studied the text 'Katie Morag and the Tiresome Ted.' We thoughtfully reflected on the qualities needed to be a 'good' friend, showcasing the Christian Values of Friendship and Compassion.

We can't quite believe how quickly this term has flown by but we have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. All of the Year Two Team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



Our fabulous Abbey Ark is open from 7:30-6pm, for 2- 4 year olds. We have places available for funded 2 year olds, 3 year olds (including funded 30 hours) and fee paying children. Joining the Jolly Giraffes (pre-school room) is a fabulous way for your little one to get to know LOTS of children they will be starting school with in September.

Call 01778 422163 to arrange a visit or for more information.

Year Three

Wow! What a way to start the year! We really could not have squeezed any more learning into our first term in Year 3. We started the year with our totally explosive topic 'Let's Get Ready to Rumble!' where we learned about earth shattering events around the world and how they affect people who experience them. We also looked at the devastating impact of plastic pollution, took on the challenge of designing a machine to help the problem and wrote letters to Sir David Attenborough using persuasive language to inform him of our concerns and views on how to make positive steps to change. Then we took a step back in time to the Ancient Egyptian era, starting with us entering the tomb of Tutankhamun that mysteriously appeared in our corridor. The sounds, smells and sights really ignited our curiosity and the need to find out more! A real highlight was our time spent with the Partake Theatre company. We had an awesome time handling genuine Egyptian artefacts, investigating herbs and spices and dressing as Egyptians for our dramatic re-enactment of the burial of Prince Seti. We also absolutely loved learning about the slightly gruesome process of mummification and found it hilarious (yet ever so slightly disgusting) when we carefully carried out the steps in order to mummify tomatoes. We don't know about you, but we need a couple of weeks off to recover!



Merry Christmas from the Year 3 team!

