

Year 1 News

December 2016

Elsewhere in School...

- We raised £262 for this year's Poppy Appeal through sales of poppies, wrist bands and badges, and a further £334 for Children In Need thanks to our non-uniform day.
- Our Special Needs Coordinator, Mrs Wood, was nominated for a Pride of Stevenage Award, in recognition of her tireless work to secure the best possible support for our children.
- Foundation Stage had a great day out at Herrings Green Farm, where they got to handle owls and watch a great falconry display.
- Year 4 were invited to Barnwell School to watch their Christmas production, while Year 5 headed to Nobel for a special performance of their pantomime.
- Years 2-6 all visited Stevenage Cinema for movie screenings as part of this year's National Film Week.

What we've been doing this term...

Dinosaurs!

This half-term's topic has been *Dinosaurs*. We have been reading a variety of dinosaur stories and finding out lots of facts about them. In art we were inspired by our dinosaur theme, painting silhouette dinosaur pictures and using pastels to create a cave for the dinosaur to live in. In ICT we have been using the new laptops to design Christmas cards using colour magic and typing our own Christmas message, while in science we have learnt about the weather and seasons. We have also learnt that some animals migrate or hibernate during the winter months.



Patience Haskins and Matilda Kindell ordering months of the year



Some of our classroom dinosaur traps

The Dinosaur Man!

We were very lucky to have a visit from the 'Dinosaur Man', Graham - and we all loved it! The Infant Hall was set up with a variety of dinosaurs for us to explore, Graham shared lots of his stories about dinosaurs and we learnt lots about what they ate and how they moved. We were also shown a variety of real dinosaur fossils and learnt all about their history. We were lucky enough to hold Graham's fossilised dinosaur egg too.



Stars of the Week -Class 3a-



Amelia Bates



Amber Sinanj



Shania Parry



Vinuthan Ketheepan



Patience Haskins



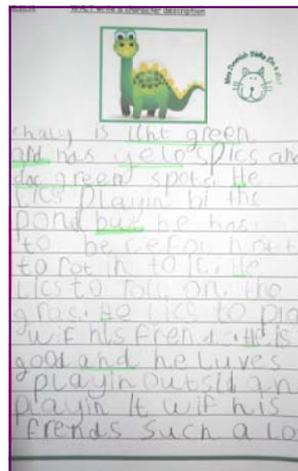
Elin Steiner



Noah Kinsbury

English

We have continued to take part in daily Read Write Inc sessions, helping us to develop our phonics, reading and writing within ability groups. We have also focussed on the story of *Little Charlie* and have learnt to retell the story using actions. We have worked particularly hard to develop our basic sentence structure, using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, and all thought of adjectives to add description. Building on the structure of the original story, we have made our own story maps and created new versions featuring different characters and food choices.



Cave description

The cave is gloomy and chilly. The cave is dingy because it hasn't got light. The floor is dusty because the dust is falling off the roof.

Amy King

Character description

Charlie is light green and has yellow spikes and dark green spots. He likes playing by the pond but he has to be careful not to roll into it. He likes to roll on the grass. He likes to play with his friends. He is good and loves playing outside and playing with his friends such a lot.

Tayla Myall

Story beginning

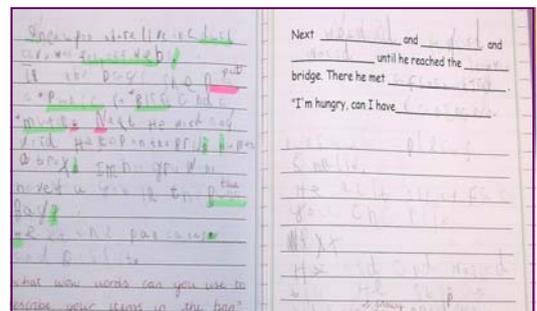
Once upon a time there was a ginormous, friendly dinosaur called Charlie. He lived in a dark, scary cave with spider webs. One snowy morning, his Mamma said "Get this brown bag to your Grandma". Then she gave him a juicy strawberry, a fresh apple and a delicious bone.

Amber Sinanja

...Middle...

Next he walked and walked and walked until he reached the snowy bridge. There he met a fierce T-Rex. "I'm hungry" it said. "Can I have a pancake please Charlie?" He ate it all up. "Thank you Charlie," said the T-Rex.

Eli Moulton



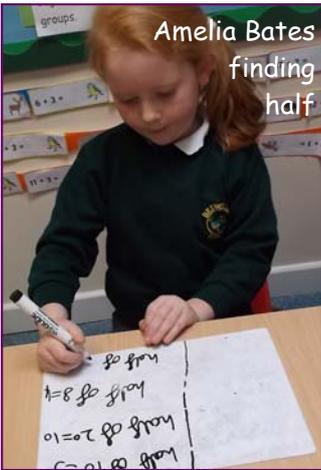
... and end

Next he walked and walked until he stopped at the snowy bridge. He saw a stegosaurus who ate the pink biscuit. Next he walked and walked and walked until he reached the wobbly bridge. There he met a Spinosaurus. "I'm hungry. Can I have carrots?" it said. Next he walked and walked and walked until he reached the bumpy bridge. There he met Triceratops. "I'm hungry, can I have chocolate?" it asked. Then he walked and walked and walked until he reached the soft bridge. There he met not 1, not 2 but 3 pterodactyls. "I'm hungry, can I have strawberries?" it said.

Ronnie Bates

Maths

This half-term's target work has seen us looking at doubling and halving numbers to 20. To do this we have been making two groups of the same number to find doubles, and sharing an amount into two equal groups to find halves. We have also learned this half-term's Learn Its - $7 + 3 = 10$ and $6 + 4 = 10$. Elsewhere this term, we have also focussed on time, learning days of the week and months of the year, and starting to tell times to the nearest hour and half-hour. We have used number lines to help us add and subtract, and have also looked at naming a variety of 2d shapes.



Amelia Bates
finding
half



Samuel Street and
Mitchell O'Reilly subtracting
on a number line



Tayla Myall and Amy King using number
lines
to
add 2
numbers
together



Maizie Cole and
Millie Manning ordering the
months of the year



Christopher
McAllister
doubling



Vinuthan
Ketheepan
doubling



Kean Howard adding
on a number
line

Stars of the Week -Class 3b-



Jake Lloyd



Shyla Landon



Shyane Landon



Kye Randall



Tyler Lincoln

Diary Dates

5th January 2017

Start of Spring
Term

13th-17th February

Half-term

10th March

Inset day - school
closed

31st March

End of term

19th April

Start of Summer
Term

1st May

May Bank Holiday -
school closed

8th-12th May

Year 6 SATs Test
Week

29th May - 2nd June

Half-term

21st July

End of term

Prickly Hay

On Thursday 15th December we performed our Christmas production, *Prickly Hay*. This year our nativity was told from the view point of stable boys and their friends the shrews, and we had lots of fun learning the different songs, getting into costume and performing in front of you all. We hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as we did - it was certainly the perfect way for us to start our Christmas festivities. A special thank you to those of you that provided costumes and a big thank you to Mrs Mooney for once again designing and making our brilliant outfits.

