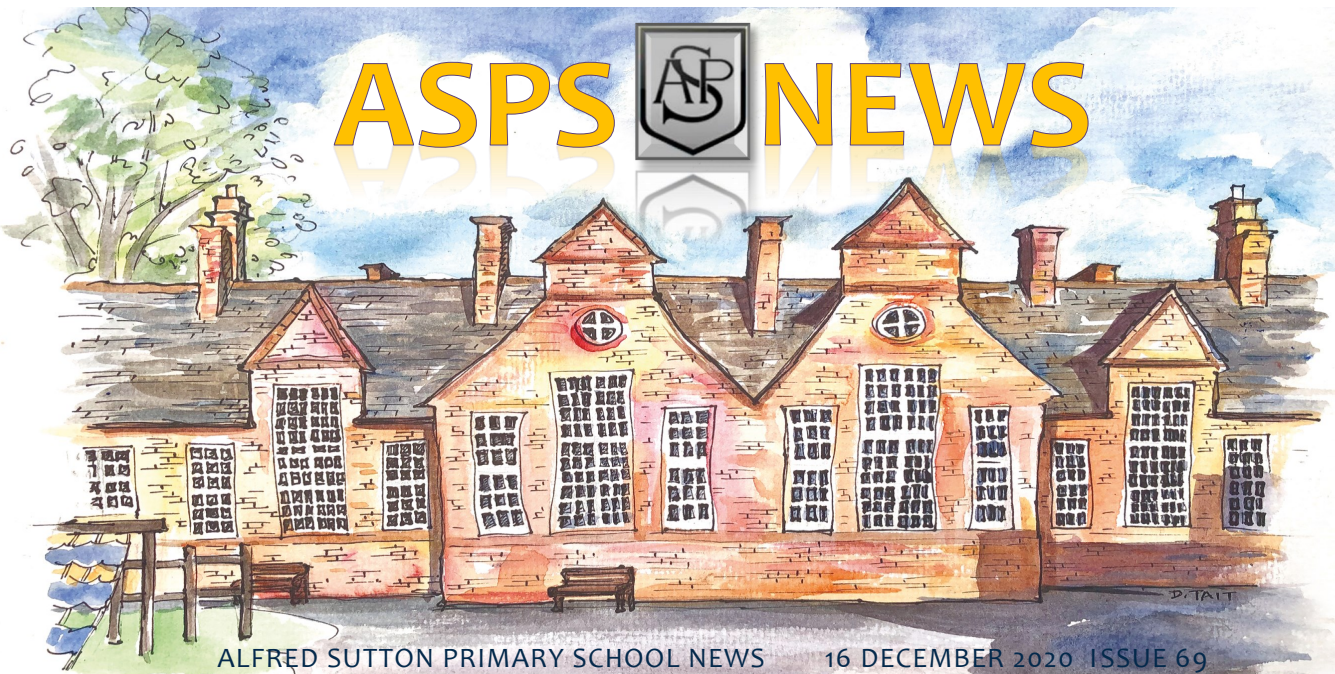


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Dear Parents/Carers

As the term draws to a close it seems appropriate to pause and reflect on how incredibly proud we are of all the children for their resilience and ability to adapt to the new Covid protocols. It is also worth acknowledging that although the term has provided significant challenge for the staff team, they have been universally successful in providing learning environments where children continue to thrive and interact with some degree of normality. I am sure you will join me in expressing a huge thank you to every member of our amazing team.

On behalf of the children, staff and Governing Body we would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming all our children back on Tuesday 5 January 2021

Please note the school is still required to assist in Track and Trace procedures up until December 23, so a separate letter will follow .

Yours sincerely

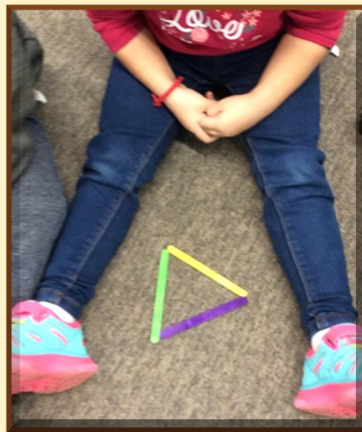
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Headteacher

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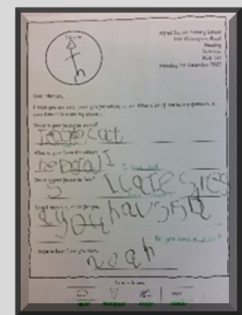
The children have been enjoying the story of 'Stickman' and learning about the festival of Christmas and how people celebrate it. We have made super Stickman pictures using snowflake prints and then creating our own Stickman on top. We have also been learning about 2D shapes and used lolly sticks to make simple shapes, such as square, triangle, rectangle and even a hexagon! The children have enjoyed making Christmas decorations to decorate their classroom and singing Christmas songs.





Reception News

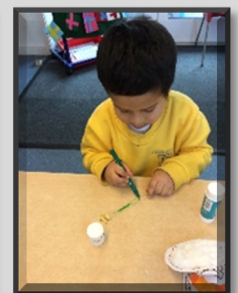
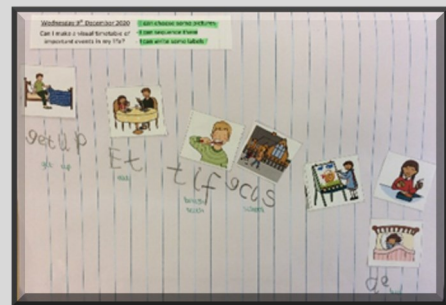
The children in Reception have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm and excitement for learning. Over the last few weeks we have been looking at space and learning about astronauts, planets and rockets. We really enjoyed reading the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and we even wrote letters to the Martian. To celebrate finishing our topic on space, we worked together to make space displays for our classrooms, where we combined media, materials and techniques.



In maths we have been very hands on, using apparatus to help us understand the concept of one more and one less. We then became shape detectives and looked for shapes with 4 sides. We found a lot of squares and rectangles in the classroom and garden. Finally, we have started to look at time, thinking about the sequence of our day.



We were very lucky to have two online visits to the classroom. Warburtons did a bread making workshop. We listened to Alex talk about healthy eating and then watched her combine ingredients to make dough, she shaped it into a hedgehog. RE Inspired sent us a video tell us all about the Christmas Story and gave us resources to complete some crafts. It was a lot of fun!

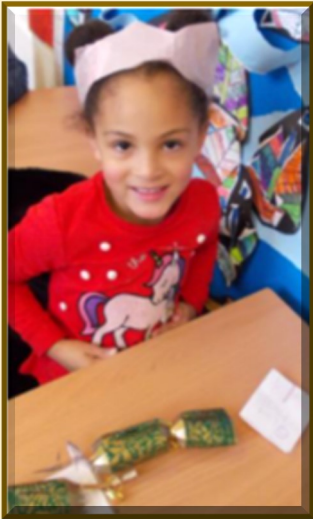


We want to thank all parents and carers for engaging with the home work uploaded to Tapestry and for accessing Rising Stars Reading Planet Online. We wish you all a wonderful winter break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

Year 1 News



What a fantastic term we have had in Year 1. The Year 1 staff are so impressed by all of the wonderful effort and work that the children have put into every activity this term. Our topic this term has been transport and it has been lots of fun! The children have enjoyed finding out about transport in the past and have made some fantastic art work of lots of different vehicles. We have produced some super writing and have enjoyed working on the stories 'The Noon Balloon' and 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. We hope that every family has a happy and healthy winter holiday and we look forward to 2021.



Here are some Year 1 children enjoying their Christmas lunch and activities:



Year 2 News

Year 2 have worked so hard this term! They have been learning all about the regions around the North and South Poles. As a part of this, they learned about what explorers need to take when they begin an expedition to the North or South Pole. They learned about foods that give people the best energy and keep them full. The children decided flapjacks were both delicious and provided good energy! So they learned how to make mini flapjack bites.



The children also learned about colours and colour mixing. They learned about the painting of Kandinsky and created their own versions.

Year 2 are really looking forward to next term and learning all about Castles!



Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a fantastic Autumn term 2! There has been some amazing work with music, practising rhythm and layers while clapping and using instruments. In addition, children used creative techniques and design for making a model of Stonehenge.



In science, the children in Year 3 have worked hard to understand about force and magnets. Their explanation texts were informative and showed a great depth of knowledge.



During Art, children have been getting ready for half term and have made stained glass pictures of Christmas decorations.

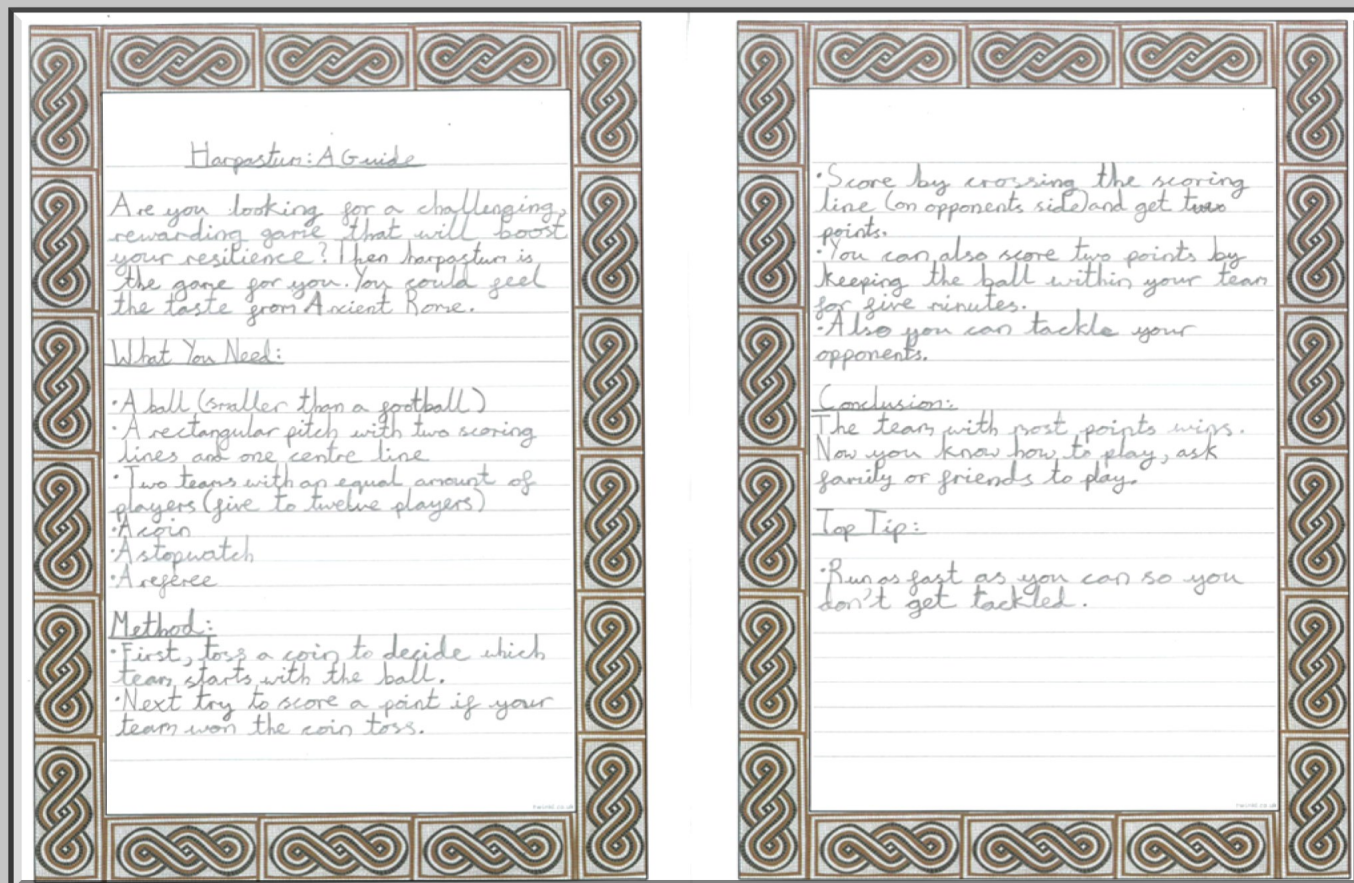
Also, in Geography, children have been learning about Volcanoes and have enjoyed finding out how the tectonic plates move. They specifically enjoyed watching the video on the Eyjafjallajökull volcano erupting in Iceland. The children also wrote some interesting For and Against arguments for living near volcanoes.

Year 4 News

Ancient Antics!



Ever wondered what sports the Romans played? Year 4 have been busy researching one such sport: Harpastum. They've written instructions so you can try playing yourself. We did have a go playing at school, but with additional rules; the children didn't fancy the vicious tackling that was characteristic of the game!



The children also enjoyed another virtual trip. This time they met with Warburtons and learned all about when the company did and how bread was made on an industrial scale. They should also know how to make bread in their own kitchens – perhaps their parents will be brave enough to let them have a go [under supervision of course].

Finally, the children have been learning all about the digestive system and teeth. To investigate how to keep our teeth healthy they set up an experiment to investigate which types of drinks are potentially harmful to teeth by using egg shell which is made, in large part, from calcium. They tested water, coffee, vinegar, a fizzy and fruit juice. Why don't you ask them their results and conclusions?



Year 5 News

Hello to all parents and carers of Year 5 children. We hope this finds you happy and healthy in these difficult times.

As the end of term rapidly approaches, the Year 5 team would like to congratulate each and every child for the efforts they have made since returning to school in September. They have shown determination, resilience and a desire to catch up any learning missed during lockdown. Assessment week reflected the efforts they have made and we have been very pleased to see how quickly they have been able to adapt to a new learning environment.

Over the last few weeks, we have once again enjoyed a wide variety of learning experiences, as well as taking on a school first – more of which to come. One highlight was a virtual learning experience with 'Warburtons the bakers'. Having learnt all about nutrition from them, we then set out to make the most delicious and healthy sandwiches we could. As you can see from these pictures – the children certainly enjoyed the chance to do some creative 'cooking'.



Year 5 have also been set the challenge of producing the first copy of Sutton Success – the new school newspaper. We are very excited for you all to read the amazing articles the children have produced but for now you will have to settle for this picture of the Buzzard newsroom – with our reporters, feature writers and artists all hard at work.



We have also been working hard at our art. In particular we have been testing out different methods for getting paint onto the paper – toothbrushes, lolly-sticks, glue spreaders... Each produces a different affect, all of which we'll be using in our landscape masterpieces! Hopefully we'll be able to show you some of those next time.

For now, we wish you a safe, laughter filled and covid-free holiday. Thank you for all that you do every day to support your child or children in their learning,

Best wishes, The Year 5 team

Year 6 News

Year 6 have been enjoying making clay tea light holders in their Art lessons the last few weeks. We have moulded clay into our design and this week have spent time designing and painting our finished product. We look forward to sharing these with our families later on this week as an early Christmas treat!

We wish all families a happy and restful break and thank children and families for their support so far this term!



PTA News

The PTA would like to thank all the families and staff for supporting the Christmas Raffle and Bags2School initiative.

It helped to raise much needed funds for the PTA, which will be used to continue to support the school in these challenging times. As in previous years, the PTA supplied the crackers for the Christmas lunch (I've been the recipient of many cracker jokes!), book gifts for the younger classes and earlier we funded playground equipment for class bubbles.

We will continue to look for inventive ways to fundraise, whilst we can't run social events!

If you have ideas please let us know.

Happy Holidays,
from the PTA

