

Newsletter 14 10th December 2021

Starfish

Well done Starfish class for another busy week leading up to Christmas! The children have been wrapping presents at our wrapping station and putting them under the tree. Some children have been dressing up as Father Christmas and delivering presents and other children have had fun unwrapping the boxes! For our Maths we looked at the size of the presents to see if they are big or small.

We are also very proud of the children performing at their Nativity. They sang really well and remembered the actions. Thank you to all the parents that came and for joining in with us. It was lovely to see the parents and children spending time with the Nativity farm animals.

On Friday we had a special visit from Enzo the Elf. We went on a little run with him to keep us fit and healthy.

Next Thursday in our morning session (8.45-11.45) we will be having a Christmas Party in Nursery. If your child doesn't usually attend this session and you would like them to attend please let us know either at the gate, in their communication book or at nursery@hinguar.secat.co.uk.





Seahorse Class

This week, Seahorse Class has continued to explore Christmas. We began the week by listening to the story 'A letter to Santa' by Gaby Goldsack, which opened with a little boy writing a letter asking Santa for presents. In Literacy, the children wrote their own letters to Father Christmas. They used a toy catalogue to cut out pictures, before independently writing or rainbow writing the items and their names.

On the mark-making table the children have been creating their own toy lists, decorating angels and fairies, creating panto tickets, making puppets inspired by the pantomime and writing programmes for Aladdin.

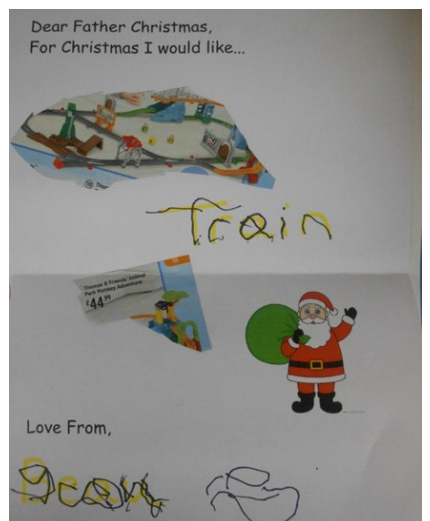
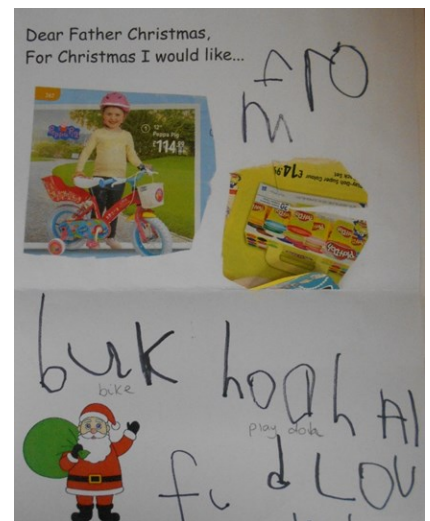
As the diva lamps are now dry, the children have used paint and glitter to decorate them, before posing for a picture with their creations. We have also used paint to create a calendar for 2022.

On Wednesday, the children were extremely excited to go to the pantomime, Aladdin. Before we went, we discussed what a pantomime was and found out it takes place in a theatre. We investigated Southend and discovered our local theatres are the Cliffs Pavilion and Palace Theatre. The children enjoyed the interactive pantomime and it was lovely to see them laughing.

In Maths the children have been looking at the concept of whole and parts. We have explored that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts. To investigate this concept, we began by looking at toys such as puzzles, Mr Potato Head and marble run which need parts to be whole. This led onto looking at numbers, where we found that a number can be decomposed and composed into smaller parts. The children look at how the number 3 could be decomposed and composed of different parts e.g., 1 and 2, 1 and 1 and 1, 2 and 1 using blocks before drawing representations on a white board.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Nativity on Thursday. We are very proud of the children's performance; they have been practising very hard and were eager to show off their singing and actions.

Well done, Seahorse Class.



Oyster Class

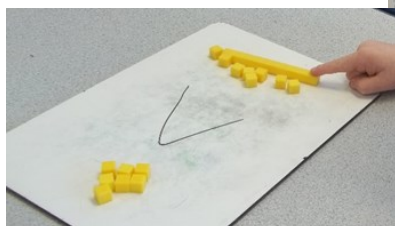
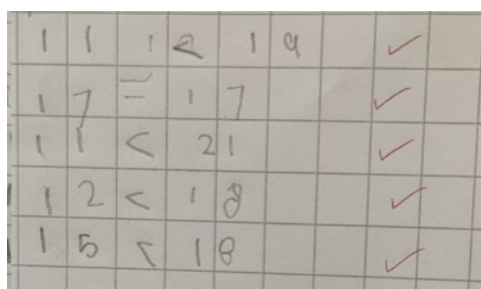
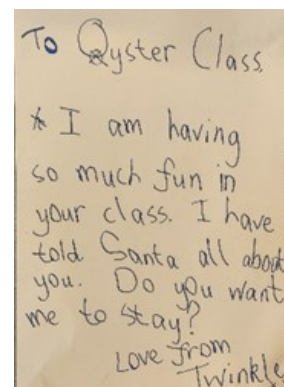
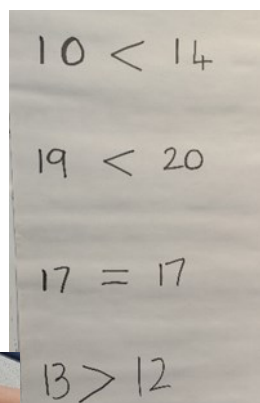
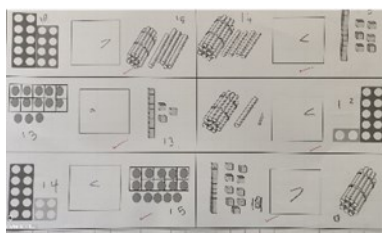
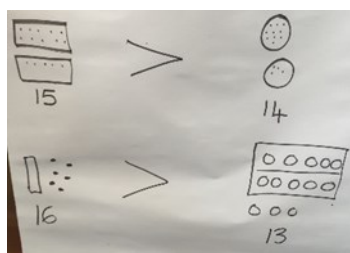
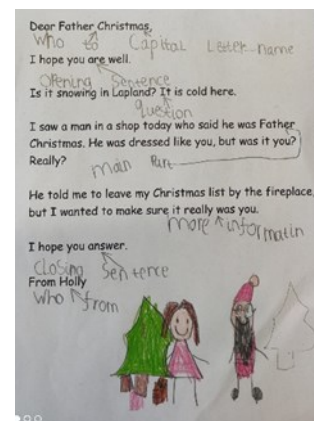


This week, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit. We have learnt a new fact each day from our Christmas Around the World Advent calendar, which tells us about a variety of traditions.



In English lessons, we have been learning about letters linked to the book Dear Father Christmas. We have explored the features of a letter and we received a letter from our elf, Twinkle.

In Maths lessons this week, we have been looking at place value of numbers up to 20. We used the inequality symbols to compare groups of objects and numbers.

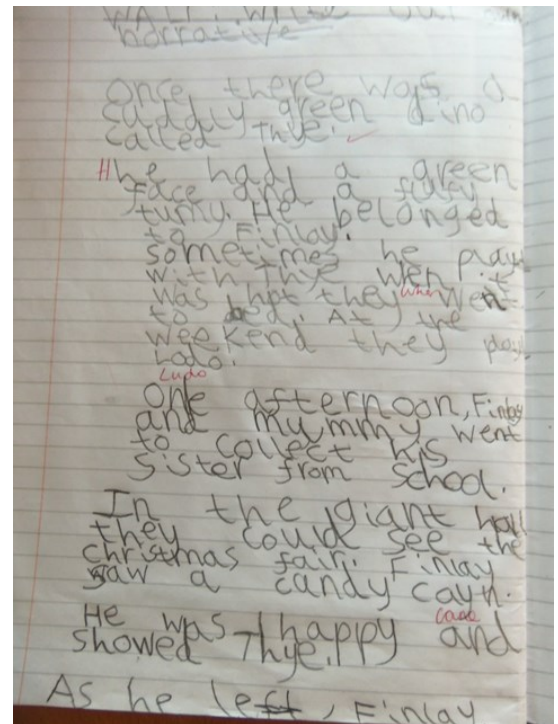


Also this week we have been exploring the properties of materials. We decided to design and make umbrellas to keep the 3 pigs dry, because we have had so much rain this week! We had great fun testing our umbrellas and finding out which materials would keep the pigs dry.



Seagull Class

This week in Seagull class, we have written our stories based on Dogger. We used all our learning from the topic to write in paragraphs and included a beginning, middle and end. During maths, we have recapped multiplication and how to draw arrays. In DT, we have been using boxes to make fire engines and in history, we discussed what happened after the Great Fire of London. It was an exciting Wednesday afternoon as we watched a performance of Aladdin! The children really enjoyed it and sat very well. Well done for another great week!



Heron Class

Last week ended with a fabulous treat for Year 3 with a visit from Santa in his Grotto. The children were thrilled to have a little chat and receive a fabulous pre-Christmas Christmas present. The excitement continued with an amazing pantomime on Wednesday afternoon, this week. Everyone is feeling very festive!

In English, the children have cracked on with their non-chronological reports about Moz the Monster and have produced some wonderful pieces of writing. In Maths, they embedded their learning of their 4 times table and we started to make links between the 4 and the 8 times table. We finished making our Advent candles, which are now proudly displayed in our window, and we have faced the wind and December rain in order to keep up with our Daily Mile and take part in the Laps to Lapland competition. Another great week, Herons! Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you for more festive fun next week.

Remember, only 15 sleeps until the big Ho Ho!

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Emmings and Mrs Tarling xx





Curlew Class

This week started fabulously in Year 4 with a lovely new member of our class. Miley has settled in so well and we are all so glad she has joined us.

In RE, we have learned about Bodhi day within Buddhism, and the eightfold path of right understanding (views), intent, speech, action, livelihood, effort, mindfulness and concentration.

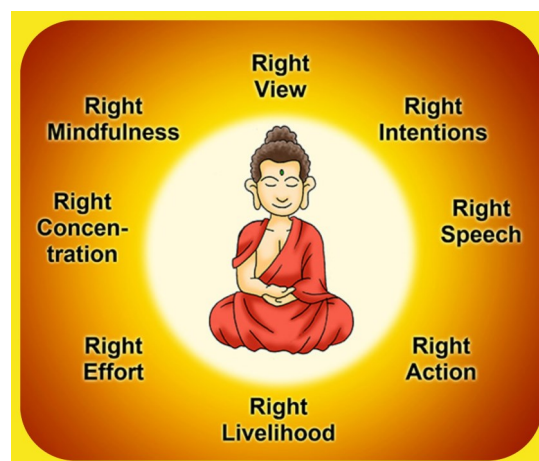
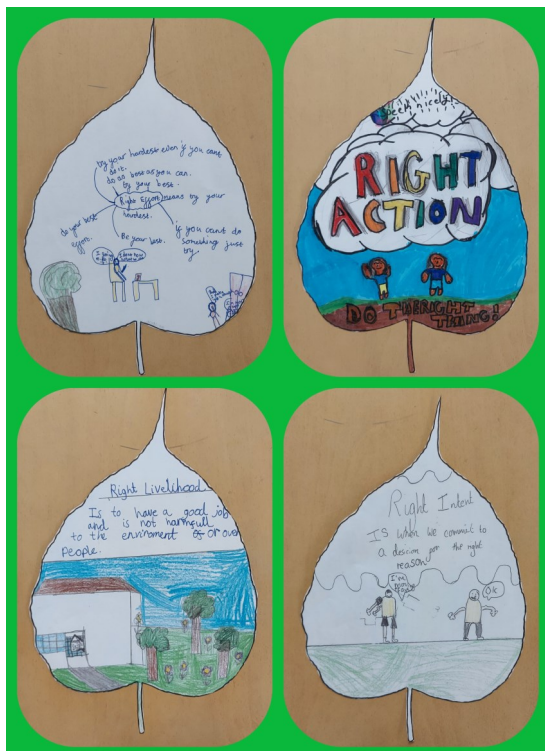
This week we have had an explosion of history lessons! We have attacked our topic of 'The Indus Valley' with a vengeance and learned about when and where the civilisation lived. Jacob and Andrew have proved to be our Geography experts and everyone has had the opportunity to work together to research Indus civilisation cities.

On Thursday, we had an Indus Valley immersion day and had the opportunity to recreate pottery and clay seals, as well as researching Indus civilisation houses and clothing.

Hang on in there, Year 4. Only one more week until the Christmas holidays! (And until the possible visit by Santa Teacher!)

Have a fabulous weekend.

Miss Eakins, Mrs Calvy, Mrs Allen and Mrs Tarling



Curlew Class



Sanderling Class

An excellent week Year 5.
A full-on week with assessments is difficult, however you have been very mature and done yourselves proud.

In Art, Year 5 have been studying pointillism. They have been using their new skills to create a sunset which will be used for their yearly calendars.

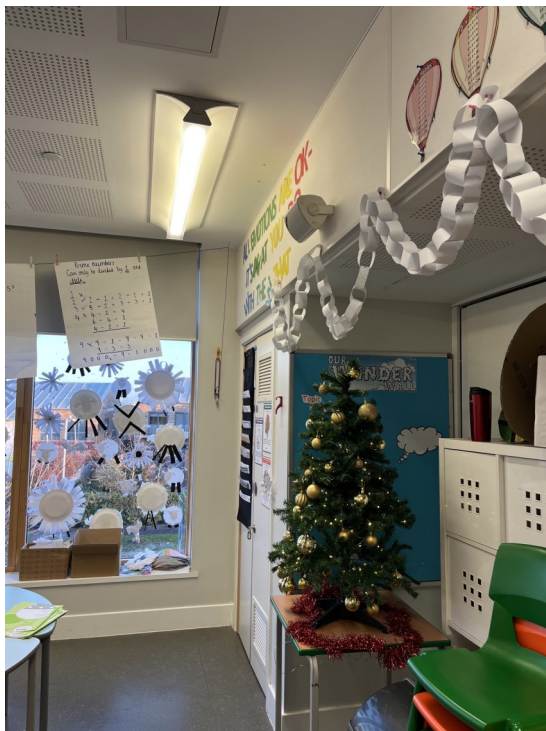
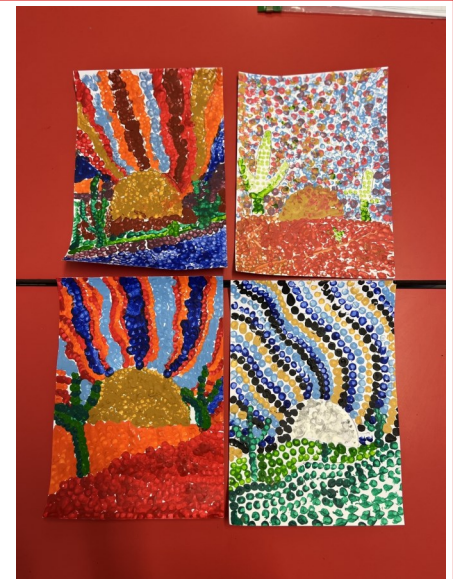
In history, we have learned about the end of the Anglo Saxon and Viking era. The topic has been thoroughly enjoyed by all and their engagement has been incredible. We will end the topic with a DT Day next week, making Viking longboats.

The Christmas decorations are up, laps to Lapland completed and a pantomime enjoyed by all.

1 week to go, Year 5!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen



Avocet Class

VE Day Celebrations in Year Six

What a fantastic way to finish the year! We celebrated our term's learning about the Second World War with a performance of It's a Long Way to Tipperary on our ukuleles, we read our emotive poems to our audience and we shared our hard work with our wonderful families over tea and cakes!



Avocet Class



Santa's Visit and the Pantomime

On behalf of everyone at Hinguar, I would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Hinguar for supporting Santa's visit to school, last week and for funding the pantomime, this week. The children's faces were amazing to see at both events. Without your hard work and generosity, these visits wouldn't have been possible.

Mrs Waite



We have recently moved our Individual Provision Plans (ISP's) to our online system (EDUKEY), meaning that you were able to access your child's ISP and comment on this from home. Thank you to those parents/carers who have accessed this online. Your comments are vital when discussing your child's provision and arrangements to support them in school. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so, please follow these simple steps below:

To set this up, you were given a unique access code attached to this guidance for you to log in with. You first need to set up an account to gain access – below are the steps to follow to do this.

Go to www.edukekeyapp.com/parents

You will have to enter your email address, the access code and your child's date of birth.

Tick the small box that says I don't have an account.

You will then be asked to enter further personal details.

This will then create an email sent to you to verify your email address. When you have completed this, you will then be able to log into your parent account and view your child's ISP.

At the bottom of the document is a comments box for you to add your parent comments in which will be included on your child's ISP.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs White on email address:
kwhite@hinguar.secat.co.uk



Parent Information



A Reminder for Parents

When bringing children to school in the morning, please park in a safe place and walk your child to the gate.

For safety reasons, do not allow your child to exit the vehicle whilst queuing or temporarily stopped in the road.

Please park safely and legally without blocking the car park entrance to the school.

Packed Lunches



Our team of middays has noticed, recently that some packed lunch boxes have had packets of sweets in them. Could we please remind you that sweets like Haribo, chocolate buttons etc are not allowed in lunch boxes and should be saved as a treat at home.

We are interested in supporting parents in looking at how to put together a variety of healthy packed lunches, within an affordable budget. If you are interested in supporting us with this after Christmas, then please contact Mrs Wilson or the school office.

Daily Mile - Laps to Lapland



Enzo the Elf visited Hinguar, this week to help the children with their Daily mile laps to Lapland challenge. If the children reach the North Pole by the end of next week, they will receive a Christmas treat. Enzo helped them to complete laps of the playground and spent some time having fun, dancing and playing games with everyone!





Awards

House points



Canute



264

Guthrum



347

Thorkell



392

Houston



556

This week's winners are Houston !

Student of the Week

Student of the Week Awards are presented in class to celebrate a child's success in their learning. This may be through a strategy they have applied, a way of working that reflects a 'can do' attitude to achieve or a personal milestone achieved.

Student of the Week

Award Board

Avocet Class –
Oliver

Sanderling class–
Parker

Curlew Class –
Miley

Heron Class—
Mila

Seagull Class –
Emily

Oyster Class –
Issy

Seahorse Class –
Alisha

Birthday Celebrations

This week we celebrate Mikael and Sammy R's birthdays.



Race to the Park

The winning classes for each half term are rewarded with a trip to the local park. Our winners so far this term are KS1 Seagull Class and in KS2 Sanderling Class.

100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our celebration assembly we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in KS1, Alice the Bunny was awarded to Seagull Class with 95.33% and in KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Sanderling Class with 97.59%

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.

Awards and Notices

'Catch Me!' Awards

This is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children.



Well done to Zoe in Avocet Class who received her Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Also in Avocet Class Evie, Max, Millie W, Verity, Starla, Pearl and Isabelle H who all received their Silver Catch Me! Awards

Clubs

There will be no after school clubs next week.



A change to the menu due to Christmas Lunch on Thursday



Also remember to wear your Christmas jumper



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<u>Main Dish</u>	Meat balls, tomato sauce & spaghetti	Pizza with salad and sweetcorn	Chicken Nuggets and Chips with corn on the cob	Christmas Dinner Turkey and Roast Potato's	Cod fish fingers, Chips, Baked Beans or Garden Peas
<u>Veggie Dish</u>	Quorn meat balls, tomato sauce & spaghetti	Vegetarian Pizza with salad and sweetcorn	Quorn Nuggets and Chips with corn on the cob	Quorn Roast with Roast Potato's	Quorn Nuggets with Chips, Baked Beans or Garden Peas
<u>Jacket Potato</u> KS2 ONLY	Jacket Potato With cheese, beans or tuna	Jacket Potato With cheese, beans or tuna	Jacket Potato With cheese, beans or tuna	NO JACKET POTATO AVAILABLE TODAY	Jacket Potato With cheese, beans or tuna
<u>Sides</u>	Salad bar, sauce station and fresh bread available daily				
<u>Dessert</u>	Chocolate Sponge Jelly or Fruit	Homemade Cookie	Yoghurts, Jelly or Fruit	Choc ice Christmas tree biscuits	Ice cream Jelly or Fruit
	A selection of fresh fruit, raisins and yoghurt available daily				



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates Academic Year 2021/22

Autumn Term: 1st September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term : 4th January 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022

Half Term 14 February – 18 February

Summer Term: 19th April 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022

Half Term 30 May – 3 June

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 4th January, Friday 27th May and Friday 22nd July

Queens Platinum Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday Monday 6th June 2022

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term

December 16th – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

December 16th - FOH Secret Santa and Grand Christmas Raffle

Shoebury Sheep Trail

We are excited to be part of the Shoebury Sheep Trail, organised by the South Shoebury parish churches.

Throughout December, sheep will have popped up around Shoebury. Can you find them all and complete the trail? The sheep are varying sizes, so some are easier to spot than others. You can download the trail at <https://www.southshoebury.org/shoebury-sheep-trail-2021>

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We have 2 sheep displays here at Hinguar to get you started on your hunt!



**Shoebury Sheep
Trail**

Can you find all the sheep?