

# WARREN

## Primary School



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Message from Mr. Hook

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been another eventful and packed last two weeks at Warren.

Two weeks ago the 'Deaf Choir' visited Chelmsford Cathedral to take part in the annual Christmas Carol Service for Deaf and Deafblind people, it was a wonderful event and was thoroughly enjoyed by all parents and children who attended. The children represented our school brilliantly and we were very proud of them all. Our children were 'super stars!'

Thank you for those parents and the staff who accompanied the children to this event your support was much appreciated. We would like also to say a huge thank you to EDCS for their support with providing the funding for the transport costs to Chelmsford Cathedral.

Since last Friday we have seen the start of the Christmas production season and what a treat it has been. For the first time since December 2019 we were able to watch and enjoy live productions in school. It has truly been heart-warming and I am proud to be associated with a school that has such talented children and staff. All the children from Nursery, Hedgehogs, Rabbits, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes have been truly magnificent and I am sure that we have witnessed many stars of the future on the stage over the past week. I would like to thank the children for putting in so much effort, the staff for all their hard work and lastly the parents and carers for your support.

I would like to thank all of those parents who attended the 'Carol Concert in the Playground' event which was very well supported. The singing and signing choir were brilliant and truly shone, thank you to them for your dedication in learning the words to some very difficult songs. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Warren PTFA for their continuing support for all of the events at the school.

I would like to wish all children, parents and our talented and dedicated staff team a joyful and festive Christmas break and a happy New Year.

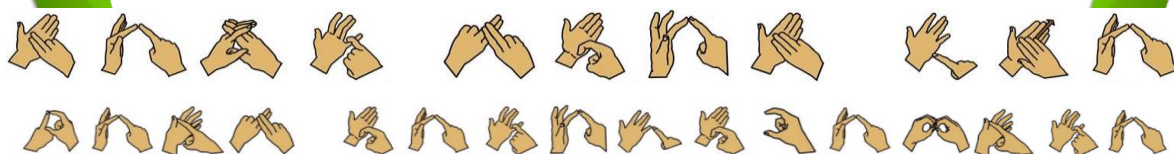
We will see you all on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at the normal time.

Best wishes

Andrew Hook

Interim Headteacher





## News from The Resource Base for Deaf Children



Last week, our deaf pupils took part in the signed carol service at Chelmsford Cathedral. They worked very hard to learn the signs for 'It was on a Starry Night' and performed this carol at the front of the cathedral. They enjoyed seeing lots of other deaf schools perform and we even ran into some familiar faces! We are very grateful to the EDCS for funding the cost of our coach to travel to this event.

All of us in the resource room would like to wish you a:



Merry Christmas Happy New Year.



All the staff at Warren would like to thank the warren parents who have so kindly purchased items from the Amazon wish list, this past term. We are so incredibly grateful.



### **Family Support**

Families may find themselves at crisis point for any number of reasons. For those families who may be finding it difficult at this time, please be aware of some of the local foodbanks and their operating times:

Emmanuel Church Chadwell St Mary Saturday mornings 9.30 to 11

St Mary's Little Thurrock on Tuesday afternoons 2-4pm.

All Saints Church South Ockenden Thursdays 11-1pm and Saturdays 10-12

Socketts Heath Baptist Church Wednesdays 1-2.30pm

In order to find the most appropriate support and help for each situation the foodbanks work with a range of agencies and if you are in need of emergency food can issue you with a voucher for the foodbank. If you do not have a voucher to access then please contact freephone 0808 2082138 (Monday-Friday 9-5pm) or else visit the Thurrock Foodbank website  
<https://thurrock.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

The agencies may also be able to help you find long term help to address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis.

### **Remembrance**

Thank you to all of those families who supported the Poppy Appeal this year. The Royal British Legion have contacted us to express their thanks and let us know that collectively you have raised £410.35. Thank you very much.





This week we were so lucky to wake up to a blanket of snow on our Forest School Day! The field looked amazing and we enjoyed making footprints and Snow Angels in the fresh snow. Mrs Summers showed us how to roll the snow into two huge balls and we worked together as a team to make them into a snowman.

## NURSERY – Mrs Disley



### Nursery Christmas Donations

As an alternative to sending Christmas cards and gifts to all, the children were invited to bring a food donation for Thurrock Food Bank.

The nursery team would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and children for their support.





# Hedgehogs and Rabbits

## Mrs Rose and Miss Tapson

Reception children have been busy making Christmas crafts. At Forest school the children practised peeling carrots in preparation for whittling wood. We then used the pieces of wood to make a Father Christmas decoration.



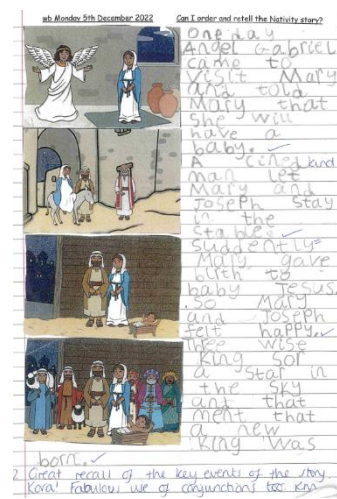
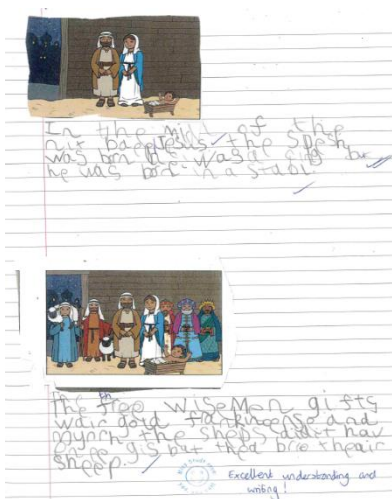
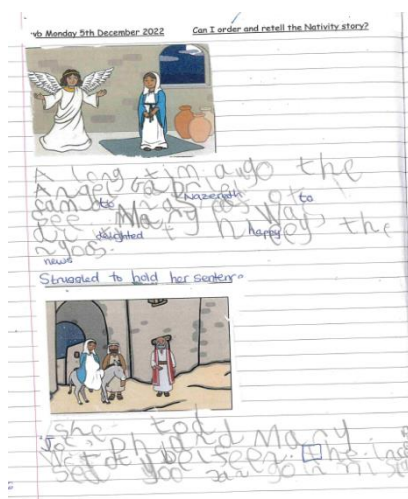
Reception children also made us all really proud last week when they performed in their production "Happy Birthday Jesus" I'm sure the parents agree they were all amazing.





## YEAR ONE Miss Studt and Mrs Gilbody

In RE this half term, Year 1 children have been learning the Christian Nativity story. They worked hard to order pictures and retell the story. We were so proud of their work, and have chosen two examples to share with you. Matilda in 1S has been working so hard on her writing this year, and is making amazing progress. She always has great ideas, and in this piece of work she has really tried hard to keep her handwriting small and on the line. She has also shown a great understanding of the story. Well done Matilda!



Kora had pushed herself within Literacy this term and it was great to see her working confidently, as she wrote this story.

Kora has been focusing on checking her capital letters and full stops, as well as extending her sentences by using 'and'. Kora should be proud of the work she produced and we are delighted with her amazing progress. You are a star, Kora!

Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Mahoney

## Your investigation question:

Ask your oldest relative to tell you about their favourite childhood toy





# Year 2!

## Mrs Letham and Miss Reed

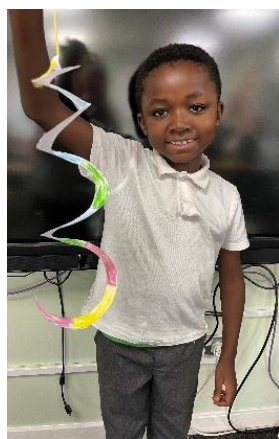


Over the past few weeks we have been looking at lots of different artists. With a specific focus on different sculptures. We have looked at artists such as:

**Antony Gormley, Henry Moore, Barbra Hepworth, Alexander Calder and Dale Chihuly**

Our aim has been to replicate some of the features of their sculptures in our own work. We have created tin foil people, kinetic sculptures that twirl in the wind, transparent masterpieces that allow the light to shine through them and so much more.

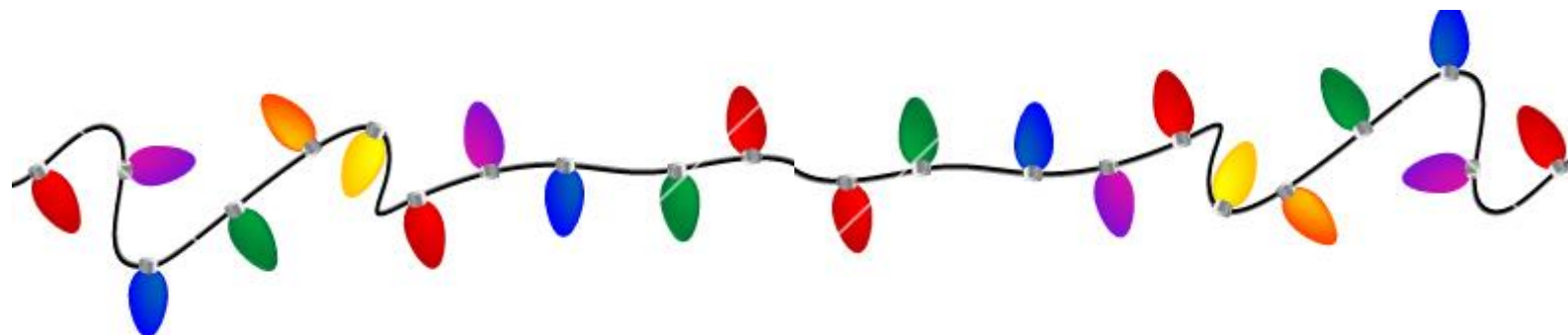
It is safe to say that the children have thoroughly enjoyed their art focus for the term and have put a lot of effort into each and every creation. It has been lovely to see the classrooms so bright and colourful!



## Your investigation question:

**Maths question:** How many pennies are there in a pound?

Please can you help your children to become aware of the different British coins and notes and their value .e.g. £1 coin is worth 100 pennies or a £5 note is worth 500 pennies. This will help prepare them for their new Maths focus in the New Year.





## YEAR THREE Mrs Smith and Miss Fraser

Year 3 pupils looked absolutely amazing when they travelled back in time to the Stone Age and enjoyed a variety of experiences as Palaeolithic crafters and Neolithic hunters. They foraged for items in the forest to make their own paint brushes by tying pine needles, small fir branches, or dried grasses onto small sticks. They told stories through their paintings. As hunters would leave tracking signs for other members of their tribe, pupils used sticks and stones to create a coded trail for others to follow.

They drank hot chocolate inside as it was too cold outside while exploring and learning about various authentic tools. They sat around in a circle and enjoyed flint knapping- creating their own stone age tool using the soap and carvings This proved to more challenging and took longer than they expected which created a greater respect for cave people who had to carve stone to make weapons!

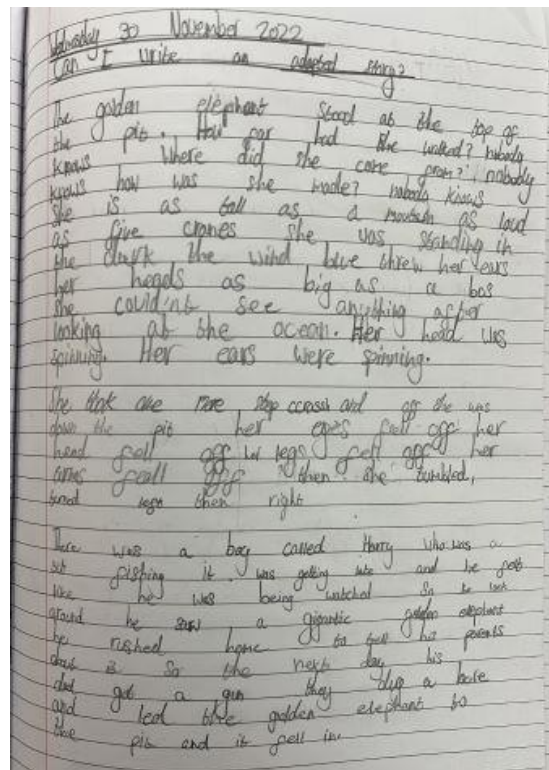
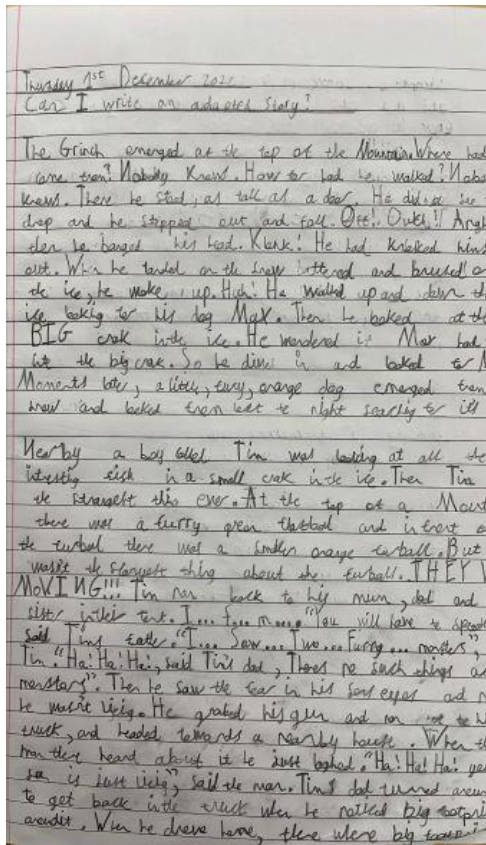




## YEAR FOUR Mr Kitchener and Miss Belcher

Over the last two weeks, Year 4 have been adapting the story of 'The Iron Man'. The children have really enjoyed looking at the book and writing in the style of Ted Hughes, which has led to some fantastic writing.

From Bronze monkeys to a two-armed, two-legged dolphin, we have truly seen the children's imagination run wild! Well done for all your hard work and to the whole of Year 4 for making it such a hard task to make our selections!



## Your investigation question:

### What would happen if the Dartford Crossing was no more?



## YEAR FIVE Miss Lewis and Mrs Redmond

In Year 5, the children have been applying the skills they have learnt (whilst making poppies out of felt) to their bag designs. They have become much more confident with threading needles, tying knots and sewing a variety of stitches. The children added buttons and button holes to their designs and many added embellishments; some even made their own embellishments. What was particularly impressive, was the way in which they helped one another, demonstrating great teamwork skills! Their finished products were particularly eye-catching and very functional. They should be very proud of their completed designs.

Excellent work, Year 5!



## Investigation Question

As we have been sewing and looking at reversible and non-reversible changes this half term, choose 5 items of clothing and order them according to which will dry the quickest after being washed. Once you have made a prediction, ask an adult to wash them and air dry them. Were you correct? What makes a particular fabric dry quicker than another? What do the labels tell you about what they are made from?



# YEAR SIX Mrs Emmerman and Mrs Fogg

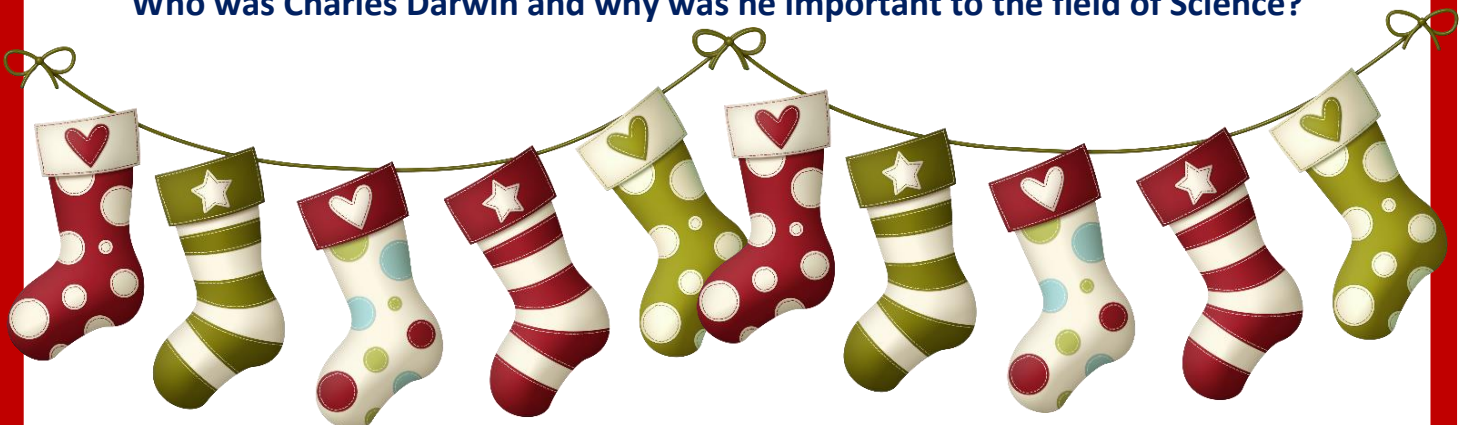
In Year 6, we have been designing recipes for biscuits, making alterations to recipes. We have been considering what ingredients could be added, as well as the shape of our biscuits and techniques for finishing. We worked hard in groups to follow the recipes, then after they were baked, we added our finishing touches, tasted them and evaluated them. Here are some pictures in action:



We also created some packaging for our biscuits.

## Investigation Question

Who was Charles Darwin and why was he important to the field of Science?







Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen the much anticipated return of Football to the Warren calendar.

Our Year 5 and 6 Boys' team played their second game of the season on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, going into the game undefeated after a 0-0 draw with fellow Osborne school, Little Thurrock. Local rivals, Harris Chafford Hundred would be our opponents on the day, with the boys giving a great account of themselves in the first half in which captain Teddy would see himself in goal for a brief period. The second half would see a much more invigorated side take to the field. It wouldn't take too long for the deadlock to be broken with Teddy taking full advantage of a fantastic opportunity. A fantastically worked goal from substitute Will would see us secure our first win of the season and the unbeaten run continue.

A stunning defensive performance from Clay would see him go on to claim Player of the Match in the all Chafford tie.







### Selection box slide

A massive well done to all the kids who made it in through the snow on Monday. Every child who came in and took part in the Selection Box Slide! Congratulations to the winners from each class! And thank you to all who took part, we hope you all enjoyed the treat you received for taking part.



**Preloved Uniform** - We are still looking for donations of old uniform for our project to turn it into unique bunting for our school! If you have any branded uniform or summer dresses at home that no longer fit, or even have a small hole, please could you donate these to us?

### **Thank you and Merry Christmas**

We want to thank you all for supporting us whether you have bought a raffle ticket/something from tuck shop, served at a stall, supervised at an event, sold raffle tickets, or purchased something from the Amazon wish list. We can only thank you for supporting the PTFA and hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Amazon Smile** - if you are planning on any Amazon purchases, please help us and make a difference by simply shopping at: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1149248-0>

This can also be done by the App by turning on AmazonSmile and choosing **Warren PTFA** and Amazon will donate!!

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(Don't forget to answer the questions) **Or follows us on Instagram**





## Dates for your diaries:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Last Day of Term  
INSET DAY  
First day of Term  
School Photos (individual)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Last Day of Term  
First day of Term

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Last Day of Term  
Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

First day of Term  
BANK HOLIDAY  
Last Day of Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

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