



Learning and Achieving Together

Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter

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Thank you for keeping our community safe by ensuring we remain a nut free school.

It has been so lovely to be able to welcome so many family members from across the school to our recent events. From the Christingle Service and Carols and Cornets with Year 4, to the Year 5 and 6 Carol Service and more recently the Year 3 performances of 'Christmas with the Aliens.' We do hope that you have enjoyed spending time with us. We have also extended a little festive cheer this week to our local community with children from Year 5 and 6 visiting residents at Lime Tree Manor to sing carols.



A huge thank you to our FoHMS committee and all those who have helped and supported events this term, notably 'Elfridges' which has been thoroughly enjoyed by our little shoppers.

From all members of the team, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday together. Enjoy time as families, take care, keep safe and please remember we are here.

Team Hobletts

Congratulations to our half termly Values Stars:



Team Amber: Mollie, Leah, Noah, Bella and James

Team Azure: Troy, Sienna, Luna, Evie and Scarlett

Team Citron: Mikayal, Ava, Avneet, Ansh and Ayla

Team Cobalt: Isla, Henry, Sienna, Charlie and Drew

Team Saffron: Millie, Woodrow, Ruby, Toby and Lily

Team Sapphire: Zinzile, Dolly-Rose, Lily, Amelia V, Carter and Oscar

Team Topaz: Emma, Ari, Zayan, Poppy and Daniel

Team Turquoise: Adam, Arya, Jazmin, Zoe and Zeus



Congratulations to the following children who have all consistently read at least 7 times each and every week this term achieving the Reading Challenge: Isabella, Mollie and Connor in Team Amber, Jessica, Erin, Harry, Isabella and William in Team Citron, Isaac, Henry, Bobby and Ruben in Team Cobalt, Andreea, Connie, Elissa, Jack C, Rishil and Jasper in Team Saffron, Oscar, Zachary, Niamh and Maya in Team Sapphire, Adam, Lucas, Kayden, Zoe, Vinny and Harry in Team Turquoise and Harrison and Emma in Team Topaz

Congratulations also to.... Isaac, Freddy and Bobby in Team Cobalt, Jasper and Ziggy in Team Saffron, Gracie and Menaal in Team Topaz **who all completed this term's Rocking Challenge, rocking at least 7 times each and every week.**



Well done also to

our Fastest Rockers - Teddy T in Topaz, followed by Noori in Sapphire, Kayden in Turquoise, Gracie, Zayan and Harrison in Topaz, Ariaana and Olivia in Sapphire, Zoe in Turquoise and Hugo in Topaz.

our Team Top Rockers - Isabella B in Amber, Vihaan in Azure, Olivia in Cobalt, William in Citron, Ziggy in Saffron, Noori in Sapphire, Gracie in Topaz and Kayden in Turquoise, and Noori in Sapphire for heading up the **League Table** followed by Ariaana in Team Sapphire, Menaal and Gracie in Team Topaz, Amalia in Team Sapphire, Kayden I Team Turquoise, Vihaan in Team Azure, Olivia in Team Cobalt and Zoe in Team Turquoise

Year 3 - Autumn 2 Highlights.

We have had another very busy half term in Year 3! We have enjoyed rehearsing and performing our Christmas production 'Christmas with the Aliens' and have learnt a lot about what makes a successful performance from our wonderful panto trip and from being on stage ourselves. Our RE lessons this half term have focused on the Nativity story, Christmas traditions and the importance of angels.

In History, we have taken part in discussions about the greatest achievements of people that lived 'Through the Ages' creating fire, inventing the wheel and taming horses. As historians, we have also learnt about Stonehenge and its purpose, understanding that historians are required to use a range of sources to develop their understanding of the past.

In computing lessons we have continued learning about coding and have planned algorithms that include collision detection, timers and the repeat command. We have also been developing our understanding of how to keep ourselves safe online as well as the importance of film and PEGI ratings.



As scientists we have enhanced our understanding of plants, creating experiments including one that enhanced our knowledge of how water is transported through plants. We have also used our P4C skills to discuss if we think plants would grow on Mars.

The children have worked really hard this term and they should be very proud, as we are, of all their achievements.



Next term, we will begin our history topic of 'The Romans' learning how they became so powerful and how they were defeated. Also we will be learning about their influence on us today as well as how they changed Britain. In Science we are learning about 'Animals including Humans' and will learn about how to keep ourselves healthy, bone and muscles of the human body, different skeleton structures and the features of them all. In computing we will be developing our touch typing skills and in Music, we will be learning how to play the cornet!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Hello from Team Citron and Team Cobalt!

Another busy half term has whizzed by in Year 4! Here are some of our Autumn 2 highlights:

As designers, we have been learning how to sew and have created our very own Christmas decorations using felt, bows and bells! We spent time exploring a range of examples before moving on to developing some beautiful designs of our own! We have practiced a variety of stitches with our needles and threads and created a finished result that we are proud of! We hope you can enjoy hanging them around your house during the holidays!

In RE, we have continued to explore the religion of Hinduism. We loved learning about the different Gods, and what each one represents to Hindus. We also spent time learning about the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Christianity. More recently, we have enjoyed learning about Christingles, and why they are used by Christians to celebrate Jesus as the light of the world. We greatly enjoyed making our own Christingles in class, and taking these home to share with our families. We were also lucky enough to take a trip to St. Barnabas, where we were welcomed by Reverend Matt, and were able to learn more about Christingles and sing our Christingle songs! Thank you to all those who were able to join us on the day.

As scientists, we have been learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats.' We have enjoyed learning how food chains work, and how they are different depending on the habitat, due to the animals and plants which are found within that environment. We have also learnt about endangered animals, and reflected upon how we can help them so that they do not become extinct. We wrote letters to Prime Minister Starmer with our suggestions about how to help an endangered type of elephant.

Next half term, we are looking forward to beginning our learning on 'Electricity' in Science, and our Geography and History topic on 'Ancient Egypt.' We will also begin work on the religion of Sikhism in RE and are very excited to start our swimming lessons in PE.

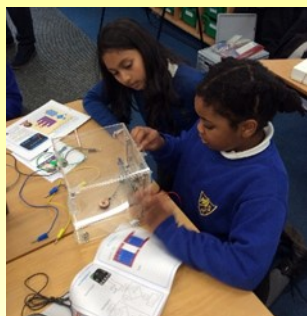


Wishing you all a lovely holiday. See you in 2026!



Year 5 Autumn Term 1 Overview

We have enjoyed a very busy term leading up to Christmas. In Art, we have been busy designing, creating and evaluating our own embossed Anglo-Saxon jewellery whilst in Science, we have learnt about reversible and irreversible changes, inventions using different materials and investigated the properties of materials. In PSHE, we have talked a lot about how it is cool to be kind, we learnt about bullying and what the difference is between direct bullying and indirect bullying. In History, we continued to learn about the Anglo Saxons, looking at artefacts found at Sutton Hoo, learning that their religious beliefs changed while they were in Britain. We really enjoyed our trip to the Chiltern open Air museum and would like to thank all those who joined us on the day. In RE, we found out about the founder of Judaism, Abraham, who made the first covenant with God and the importance of forgiveness during the festival of Yom Kippur.



Next term we will continue on our historic journey, focusing on Viking invasions of Britain and the interaction with the Anglo Saxons. In Science, we will be learning about forces and in RE, we will be finding out about the Key Figures linked to Jewish celebrations. In Art we will be comparing the works of Daniel Mackie to other well-known artists and in PSHE, we will be focusing on our Dreams and Goals.

Have a wonderful holiday and thank you for a really enjoyable half term



Year 6—We have had a fantastic and fun Autumn Term 2 in Year 6 and learnt lots along the way!

This half term we have been very busy in Year 6. In Geography, we have been learning about the sorts of goods and services the UK imports and exports, as well as locating cities and identifying key features of Britain. Our last Geography lessons involved us using Ordnance Survey Maps of London and challenging each other to locate different map symbols using the 4 digit grid references we gave - we really enjoyed doing this! We even challenged ourselves to give 6 digit references to see how much easier it was to locate places. We have also visited Bentley Priory as part of our World War 2 History topic which was the headquarters of the 'Battle of Britain' campaign. We had a tour of the museum and then become part of the command centre and directed where our planes should fly to defeat the Luftwaffe!

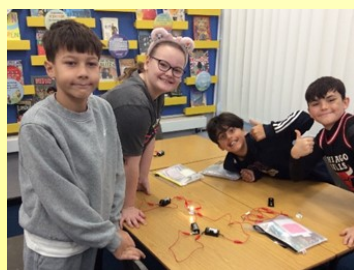
In DT, we thoroughly enjoyed designing, building and then programming Lego robots. We had to design the robot which would be most successful in a battle! This was great fun!

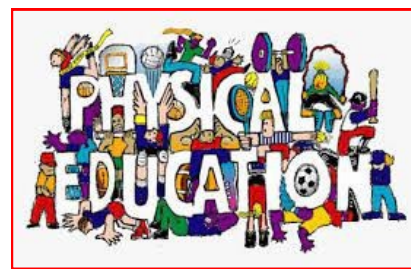
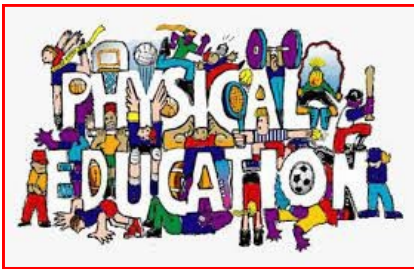
In Science, we have been learning about Electricity. We loved using the equipment to conduct various experiments! Two of our recent investigations have included increasing the number of batteries in a circuit to determine the effect on the components (bulb, buzzer, motor), as well as lengthening and increasing the number of wires in a circuit to discover the impact on the bulb. In addition to this, we have looked at different types of switches and learnt how to draw circuit diagrams using the correct scientific symbols.

In our RE lessons, we have continued to look at Buddhism; exploring Buddhist attitudes to animals and living things and reflecting on how we ourselves can show respect for the environment. We have also learned about key Buddhist concepts - such as karma and reincarnation - and considered how Buddhists conduct their lives in order to accumulate good karma. We also considered how Christmas can be celebrated in both a sacred and secular way and designed cards with a sacred and secular message. During PSHE we have been finding out more about the challenges faced by those living with disability, the positive and negative aspects of power and control and the amazing lives of Paralympian's and their impact. We also enjoyed practicing carols for our Christmas Carol Concert and watching the Christmas pantomime! Oh yes we did!

Next half term, we look forward to exploring some new topics. In Science we will look at 'Living Things' and as Geographers we will be studying 'Rainforests'.

Wishing you all a fantastic winter break and we will see you in the New Year!





Well, just like that we have reached the end of the autumn term! I would like to start by thanking everyone for their support this term which has enabled us to do so much and give opportunities to children across the school.

It has been an amazing start to the year in terms of participation for school sport for the children at Hobletts. Over the course of this term we have had 224 children take part in a school sports event and 111 children attending after school sports clubs each week.

The boys and girls Year 5 and 6 football leagues have already started with a number of children already having a chance to represent the school in competitive matches against other local schools.

All the children that have taken part have been amazing, well done everyone!

Earlier in the term we were invited to attend a number of football tournaments hosted by Watford FC and Hemel Hempstead FC, including the Premier League Stars football tournament and the EFL Primary 6 a side tournament at Hemel Hempstead FC. All teams played incredibly well with the girls qualifying once again for the regional finals. Well done to all who played in these events Tilly, Lily-May, Ella-Grace, Freya W, Jazmin, Olivia H, Maddy H and Aisha for the girls and for the boys Teddy A, Hugo, AJ, Oscar C, Zachary, Harry S, Zayan and Albie

We are looking forward to seeing our year 3/4 football teams in action in the spring term.

In October we entered a host of competitions and festivals. Year 5 and Year 6 went along to Camelot Rugby Club for the Saracens Tag Rugby festival. We took four teams along to the Year 5 event and six teams to the Year 6 event. Played on a dry day, which is rare for this event, the children showed great teamwork and determination against other schools. This event is the largest one of the year with over 500 children taking part from Dacorum.

A couple of weeks later we attended the Year 5/6 Table Tennis tournament. After hosting a range of take part sessions in the lead up to this we were able to enter two teams, one each from Year 5 and 6. Both the boys and girls did a fantastic job after training so hard each break and lunch to prepare for it. All teams faced very tough competition but showed great determination and resilience with our Year 5 team coming out as overall winners and going on to represent Dacorum at the Herts County finals day where once again they were superb finishing 5th overall. A huge well done to Jazmin, Ashnee, Aisha, Freya W, Ella-Grace, Andreea, Teddy A, Hugo, Daniel, Yusuf, Mason S, Mason W, Zac and Oscar C

This year we returned to Adeyfield school for the Cross-Country event with children from all years taking part. I was so proud to hear how all the children gave their very best to get around the course, supporting each other to do so. The weather was glorious like last year and all the children represented the school so well. Many thanks to everyone who joined us for this event.

This term we have launched our new Sports Crew comprising of Sports Leaders, Eco Champions and Health Activity Leaders. Following training in November they have been busy putting their new skills into action each break time and lunchtime at the Juniors and Infants leading small activity games to help increase active play. They are currently in the process of writing up an article ready for a future newsletter.

In PE lessons this term we have covered a wide range of sports including Cross Country, Basketball, Netball, Dodgeball, Hockey, Target Games and Tag Rugby. In the spring term we will be moving on to Gymnastics, Dance, Sitting Volleyball and Indoor Athletics.

We have also received a very generous donation from two companies this year that have sponsored new football kits for both the boys and girls teams. They have gone down a storm with the players I am very grateful to both BeeBug and Trilec for this donation .

On behalf of Mr Porter, Mr Hall and Myself, I would like to wish you all a fantastic festive break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.