



## KS2 News



Pupils in Key Stage 2 have enjoyed learning about the Romans. Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning about the Roman army and had a visit from a Roman soldier. They are currently investigating, designing and creating their own shields and colosseums. Year 5 and 6 have been using their geographical understanding to explore the expansion of the Roman Empire and understand the impact of this on Britain.

Year 3 visited the Cenotaph at Astley Park to take part in the Remembrance Day service and they were all a credit to our school. Years 3, 5 and 6 visited the local Mosque. They learnt about the call to prayer, the importance of the Quran and the prophet Mohammed. Year 6 have enjoyed learning a song with Mrs Jones, our singing teacher, whilst developing their confidence in preparation for future performances both within school and the local community.

## Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop will be held in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for all the kind donations we received today. If you still want to send a donation in please feel free to do so next week. The children will all be given time next Friday to go and choose one gift for a family member which will be wrapped for them. If we have any gifts left then the children may get to choose an additional gift. Prices will be from 50p-£3:00.

Thank you for your continued support.



## KS1 News

As you have probably noticed, KS1 are getting new play equipment added to the playground. The equipment has been chosen specifically to develop the skills of co-operative play, balance and strength. The children have enthusiastically watched it being constructed and cannot wait to put it to use! We all look forward to many exciting adventures in the near future on the new Adventure Zone. The children in KS1 have been incorporating their geography skills of mapping with plotting habitats (in Year 2) and plants (in Year 1) on the school grounds. The children have also had the exciting opportunity to develop their skills of map reading through using our new audio equipment provided by Now Press Play. Each child has their own headphones which deliver engaging audio to create a multi-sensory experience for the children to enhance our curriculum. The children had to follow a route on the map to find the dragon and rescue their friend from danger.

## EYFS News

The children have continued to practise blending phonemes to read and now the majority of the class have been able to take a reading book home to practise. All the children are enjoying sharing book-packs with parents at home and are also enjoying our Nursery Rhyme Challenge. Most of the children now know at least five nursery rhymes. Thank you for your continued support with this at home.

Our current theme is 'cold places'. The children are enjoying learning about the Arctic and the Antarctic. They have been thinking about the sorts of animals found in these places and have started to develop early mapping skills.

Today we held a Learning Morning for parents to help them understand how reading daily and for pleasure with their child can help 'bridge the word gap'. The Learning Morning was a huge success and a big thank you to all the parents who attended.

*Thank You*

# Gillibrand Primary School

## November Newsletter 2019



This half term has been such a busy one so far, with lots of things taking place across school. All the staff and children have been working hard and again the children have been involved in a range of different activities, including author visits, Roman workshops and a trip to the Roman museum at Ribchester.

After school clubs run by the teachers finish this week and will start again in the spring term 2019. A letter will be sent out after the Christmas holiday.

Our attendance winners for autumn term 1 were Year 6 and they received a Golden Ticket that entitled them to a movie and popcorn afternoon. Watch this space to see who wins at the end of this term!

## December Diary Dates

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Shop  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (2pm) –KS1  
Nativity

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December- (10am)-KS1 Nativity  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Lunch and  
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December-KS1 Christmas Party  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-KS2 Christmas Party  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December-Y1 to Buttermere

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December-School closes for  
Christmas @ **2:10pm**

