

# Delicious December

## Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School December 2019

Welcome to the fourth edition of our monthly newsletter which shares some of the things the children have been involved in throughout the month of December.

### **Music Assemblies**

A huge congratulations to all those children who took part in either of our recent music assemblies. Whether it was singing in the choir, playing in a group - recorders or guitars, or going solo, (or duet), on a range of instruments - flute, piano, cornet, saxophone, cello or clarinet - you were all magnificent and should be proud of your achievements. It takes a lot of courage to stand up and play in front of an audience.

A big thank you to Emma Palmer, Rosemary Allen and all the music teachers that support our instrumentalists.

### **Year 5 Crafting**

The design criteria was to draw and create a Christmas tree decoration from felt. The designs looked great and with some adaptations along the way so did the final decorations.

Year 5 were taken to the church to hang their creations on the tree for all the community to share over the festive period.

If you get the chance please take a look - there are also some great origami decorations made by Year 5 too.



## Christmas Hat Competition

Lots of fabulous hats were made - here are just a few. As always we were impressed by the creativity of all the children involved.





## Roman Play

On Wednesday 4th December, the Year 4 pupils performed a short Roman play about two children who find the bronze head from a statue while playing by a river.



Then they go back in time and discover lots about the Roman Emperor called Claudius and his successful attempt at invading Britain when he defeated several Celtic tribes near Colchester.



The pupils acted really well and put lots of effort into saying their lines clearly.



Thank you to everyone who helped to provide costumes and props and we hope those of you who came to watch enjoyed the show.



## Roman Chariots

This school year, Willow Class - like many others - are doing their topic as The Romans. As part of this work, we learnt about the different parts of a chariot and why they are essential in order for the finished product to work. Once we knew what the chassis, axle and wheels were, we began to plan and build our chariots out of card paper and cotton reels.

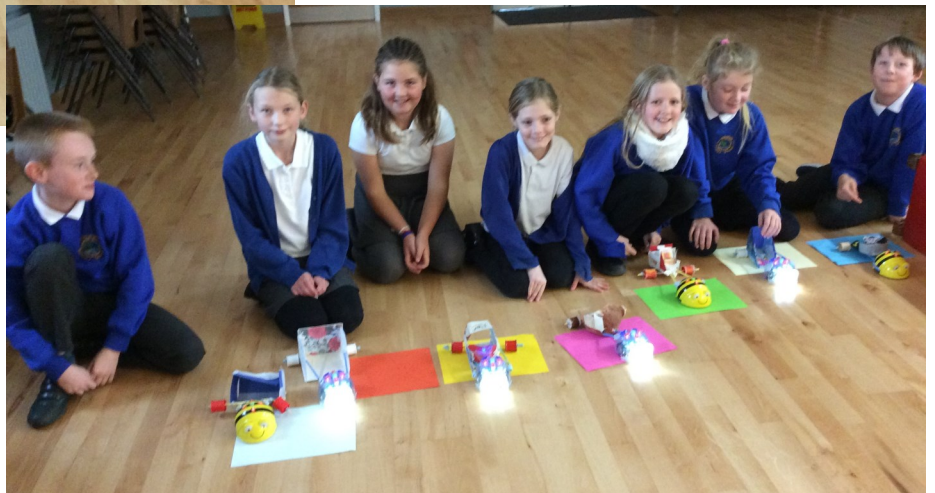


When all the chariots were completed, we went up to the Village Hall and practised coding a Bee Bot to go to coloured pieces of paper.



Then Mr Brown set up the race track and we all had one turn of coding a Bee Bot, that was attached to chariots, around the course. It was the first person to make their Bee Bot touch the end table wins. Everyone had lots of fun and had a great time.

By Ava





## Mosaic Making

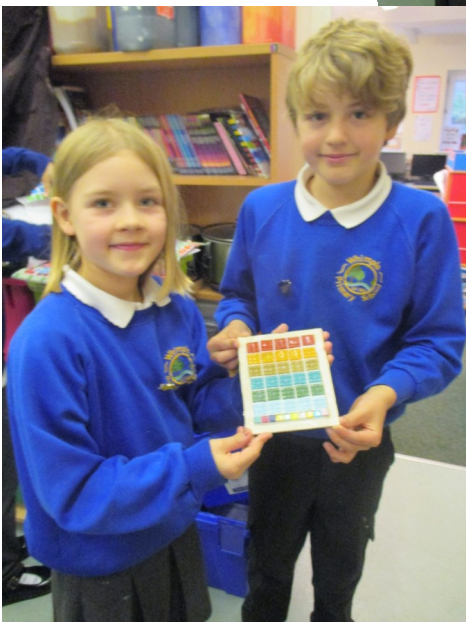
On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, Beech Class and Oak Class came together to make mosaics. We were put into partners (one person from Oak was paired up with a Beech class member), then we started with a coloured a piece of squared paper, to make our design. After that, we decided if we were going to use small tiles or big tiles, or just a mixture of both. From all of that planning, we had an idea of what we were going to create. So then we had to place the tiles (not sticking them) on our small squared piece of paper so we could know where they go.



Everybody in the class had a wooden board to glue their tiles onto, but first we had to sandpaper it so it would be easier to stick the tile on it.

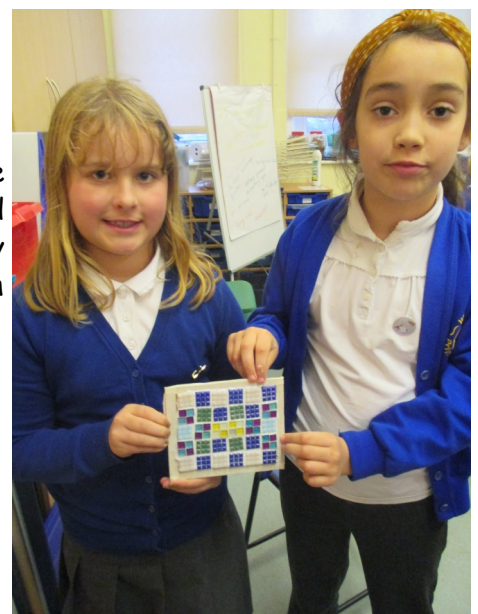


Once we had done all of that, we started sticking on the tiles with a gap in between them.



Once dry, we had to push the grout between the tiles and smooth it off, then let it dry again. Lastly, we had to polish them to make them shine.

By Sophie





## A Simple Nativity

Didn't they do well. Despite the wind and rain the children of Ash and Elm Class came together to create a fabulous production of the Christmas story.



## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

The children of Willow, Ash and Elm Class enjoyed watching a live reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' by Father Christmas.

A lovely way to finish the end of a busy month.

A huge thank you to all the staff who have worked extremely hard throughout December in order for all these fantastic events to happen.

Have a happy and healthy Christmas everyone.

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