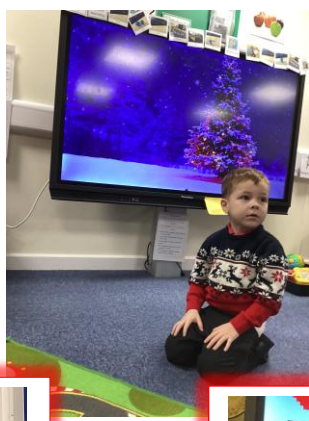


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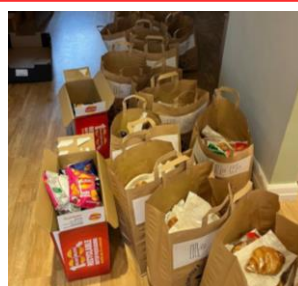
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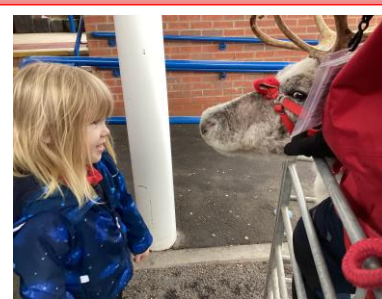
Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone made lots of effort for this year's Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children. We had lots of great Christmas jumpers and festive clothes from staff and children across school. Through our Just Giving page we managed to raise £237!! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated.

Wonderful memories made with Santa and Reindeer visit organised by Friends of Fort Royal



Lots of party treats for each class!



Letter from the Head

It has been wonderful to see many of you at the various Christmas activities held in school. I have really noticed the sense of excitement as we approach the holidays. If you get the chance, please take time to visit the Christmas tree competition in the cathedral. I think our entry, made by some of our older pupils with Andy the caretaker in outdoor learning, is one of the best in the show. It is placed in the Norman Chapter House. We have had another busy term, a highlight for me was a visit to Regency High School with Emma our chair of governors to see their new classrooms and visit many of our previous pupils, including the new year 7's. I am happy to report that without exception they were all pleased with their new school and were clearly doing extremely well, which made me feel very proud. I am sure you will read elsewhere of the governor's day held in school a few weeks ago. The governors all spent time in classrooms talking to pupils and staff. Their feedback has provided many positive comments and they are also clearly very proud of the school. We are now looking for some more parent governors and I will write to you about this in the new year. I hope you all have a wonderful festive holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone on 8th January. *Ed Francis*

Friends of Fort Royal

One of the fantastic things about being on the Friends of Fort Royal Committee is getting to use the money we've raised to treat the children. As there are more classes and children with varying needs this isn't always easy! As a surprise this year we organised a visit from Santa and two of his reindeer 🦌 to come into school. He delivered treats for all the classes to enjoy! With thanks to our local Waitrose, Malvern Morrisons and Vandemoortele in Lower Broadheath for supplying some of these 🍪🍩. Hopefully this is something your child enjoyed and will remember 🎅. The last of our garden funding was spent on potted Christmas trees 🎄 for the front entrance which will be looked after by the school eco club and lots of seeds and bulbs for the gardening club in the spring. We also now have a fantastic bird box with camera to watch the bird's nest and eggs hatch... hopefully! 🐦. After our rescheduled AGM, Wendy Leese stood as Secretary again, Kerry Hughes as Treasurer and Kate Rock is now Co chair with myself. Many of us are parents of year 6 children who will be leaving next year so the more who can join us this year the better! Our next meeting is Tuesday 16th January at 12.30 at Waitrose Worcester Cafe. All are really welcome; we don't expect much and it's also a nice chance to meet up! Keep up to date with what we're doing and school things on our 'Friends of Fort Royal' Facebook page. Many thanks for your ongoing support. Wishing everyone a lovely holiday and happy new year ❤️ Annie and Kate x

Governors' Corner

On Friday November 24th we spent a day in school meeting children and staff in their classrooms and having individual sessions with our nominated members of staff to look at our specialist responsibilities. We started off with a tour of the school where we saw how well the children are settled in their classrooms. We saw lots of learning through play and how they are all aligned to their key topics. We met with the school council who were very proud of their name badges and shared with us things they want to see in school. The highlight of the day was the assembly where there was so much energy in the room. We are very aware of the constraints within the school in terms of space and I want to assure you that together with Ed and his team we are working hard to get the local authority to acknowledge and take some action on this. The Governors would like to take this opportunity to send you and your families our best wishes for 2024.

Emma Evans Chair of Governors, Fort Royal School

Early Years - Reception

Classes 1, 2 and 3 have settled well into school full time this half term and are already showing good understanding of their new routines alongside Class 4. The children are enjoying using the different areas around school such as the multisensory room, active learning, and the sensory garden. During our topic of 'Colour' the children have enjoyed sharing the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and have taken part in mark making activities and creating collages linked to the animals in the story. In communication and language, they have been responding to their name during activities and single words when finding the correct animals from the story. In expressive arts they have enjoyed exploring colour using paint. The children also enjoyed having a Christmas Stay and Play.

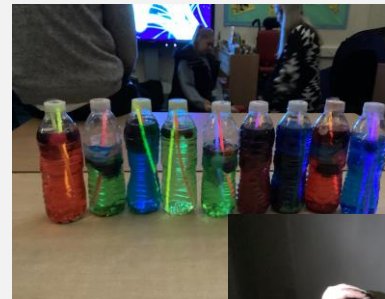


Key Stage 1

This term the theme of our topic has been 'Out and About'. In Literacy the children studied a selection of poems from the book 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes. They used their senses to explore a firework poem, a poem about mud, wet and cold and a Christmas poem. They enjoyed listening to different sounds, exploring different tastes and smells. In Maths the children explored quantities, shapes, solving problems and sharing. The children enjoyed picnics in class sharing food. In knowledge and understanding of the world the children explored properties of materials and identified different materials and their uses. In Expressive Arts they used a variety of materials and techniques to create artwork and decorations related to Autumn, Bonfire night, and Christmas. They also focused on different sounds and performing in front of others through singing and using instruments including our Christmas music session! In PSHECC the children learnt about how to stay safe at school and around the house. 😊

Lower Key Stage 2

This half term, our topic has been "Shine a Light" and the children explored this through Expressive arts and knowledge, skills and understanding the world. In literacy the children explored the story 'Sir Charlie Stinky Socks' by Kristina Stephenson through writing and role play. They also had a go at planning and writing their own imaginary stories. In Maths they continued to develop their number skills through songs, games, challenges, and written tasks. The children also explored different lengths. In topic, they investigated light and dark, shadows and reflections. The pupils particularly enjoyed creating shadow puppets!



Upper Key Stage 2



UKS2 have been busy learning about Oliver Twist this half term! The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from "Annie the housemaid" to tell them all about life as a Victorian. She showed the children some techniques and items that were used in the past. The children also learnt about money so the Christmas fayre was a great way to practise exchanging coins for items.

Thank you to all the parents that came along, it was lovely to see so many faces!

Other News

The Story of Oliver

First, Oliver lives in a workhouse. He has eaten some porridge. Mr Bumble says, More? You want more? He drags Oliver. Oliver meets the Artful Dodger in London. Then, he goes to see Fagin. He sleeps. Fagin goes to the workhouse. He checks other orphans. He sees Bill Sykes and Nancy and Mrs May and Mr Brownlow. Next, Mr Brownlow steals Oliver. Oliver stays alone.

Written by Joseph

Children In Need

The children at Fort Royal enjoyed fundraising and celebrating Children In Need. They took part in many activities throughout the whole school including arts and crafts, cookery and spot hunts in outdoor learning. The children also had key stage discos, which were lots of fun. Lots of the children dressed in fancy dress for non-school uniform. The staff also had a bake-off competition, with the winner creating a delicious caramel cake. Well done to Fiona and all the other bakers. We managed to raise a whopping £450! Thank you again to everyone who contributed and donated.

