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Dear Parents

As part of the development of the outdoor area behind Class 3 we now have three lovely wooden planters very kindly donated by Jason Kerr, FWJ Limited.

We also have a selection of plants and spring flowering bulbs which have been generously gifted to us by Charlotte Attlee from Middle Beany Farm and we're buying topsoil/ compost and grit to fill the planters from the proceeds of last week's Cake Sale which raised £150.49

Community Donations

We're very much looking forward to receiving a Carole Vincent sculpture which is being donated to us by the National Trust and will be displayed in the outdoor area.

The Boscastle Shanty Festival Committee have once again kindly chosen to support us with a £200 donation, which will be used to purchase wooden furniture for the outside area.

This week's class news

Class 1

In maths this week, children have been exploring 3D shapes and describing them.

Can your child find and name real life examples of 3D shapes at home?

In writing, the children have now completed their Colour Monster stories and came up with some great adjectives and similes to describe their characters. We are really proud of all our Reception children who now have a RWI book to bring home to practise their Fred talking and blending!

In our investigation of weather, children made rain gauges, wind socks and created printing blocks for different weather symbols. The children enjoyed working with a partner in our dance lesson this week, to mirror dinosaur poses and sequence their actions.





Class 2

This week, in maths we've been learning to use estimation to help us to check calculations. Class 2 have a book advent calendar; our first story is 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' which the children are enjoying reading.

In writing, this week we've started drafting our scripts using the research based on the Coppergate Dig. We're looking forward to using the scripts to record our own episodes of the 'Ancient Times Podcast'. Class 2 began making Viking themed catapults using natural



resources. The children learnt how to tie a clove hitch knot followed by square lashing to tie sticks together. They also learnt how to safely use secateurs and saws to cut their sticks to the right length. We look forward to finishing these next week.

Please make sure we have wild tribe kit in school, including wellies/ walking boots.

Class 3

We have been writing a character analysis based on one of the main protagonists from 'Who Let the Gods Out' class novel. We have explored the use of formality and tried to use a formal tone throughout our writing. In maths, we have moved on from fractions and are now converting units of measurement. We are currently looking at the conversion of metric units within mass, capacity and length. We had a great time inspecting mixtures in science. We investigated the different filtration methods and looked at how we can filter out soil from water. In P.S.H.E. we spoke about our individual learning goals and discussed differing ideas and opinions.



COOL Day

Next Thursday 12th December, we are having a **COOL (choose our own learning) Day**, where the children will have the opportunity to focus on an area of their learning from this term in their own way. This could be using materials of their choice, e.g. making a model out of clay or junk modelling materials, or creating an animation. We are open to ideas!

Staff have explained this to the children today and asked them to let us know how they would like to plan their COOL day. If children could let us know their ideas on Monday, we will do our best to source resources.

School Christmas Tree

Our school tree is looking very festive in the playground, kindly donated by Cedar Croft Nursery. Many thanks to Esther for collecting it for us.



Next week is the final week of after-school clubs. Many thanks to the staff who've run clubs this term.



Art Club – Wednesday 11th December

For our final Art Club of this term, the children wish to invite friends and family to an exhibition of their work. This will be open from 3:15 – 4:00pm in the upstairs Music (former library) Room.

We hope you can pop in to share their creations.

We look forward to starting clubs again in the Spring Term.

Kind regards Sara Haden Headteacher