

Shillington Lower School

Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

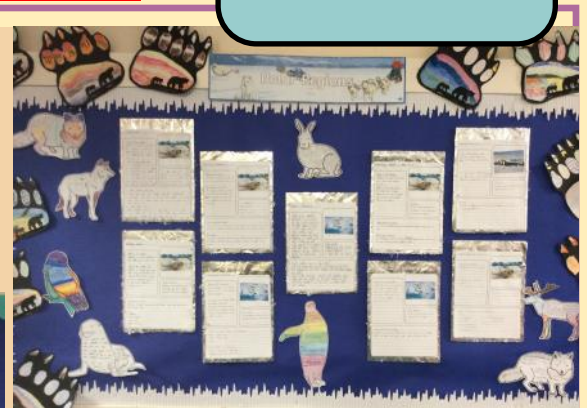


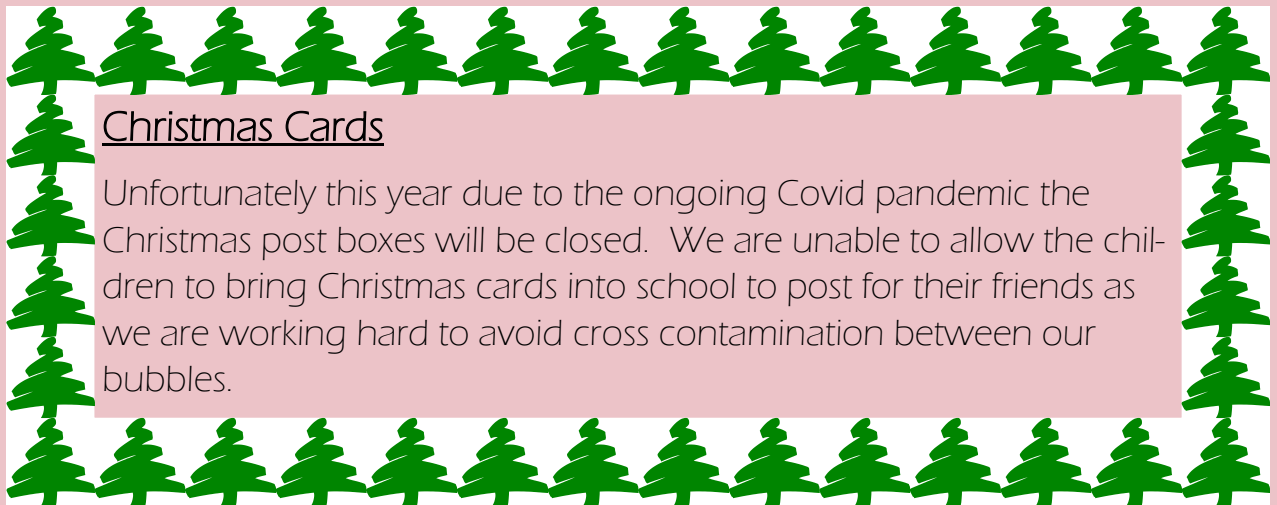
Our Value this
Month is:

Reflection



*As you are unable to visit
the school at this time we
thought we would share
some of our amazing
displays.*





Christmas Cards

Unfortunately this year due to the ongoing Covid pandemic the Christmas post boxes will be closed. We are unable to allow the children to bring Christmas cards into school to post for their friends as we are working hard to avoid cross contamination between our bubbles.

Reminder–

As you leave the site at the end of the day please do not let your children run and play on the grass bank opposite the school or the wall by the main gates.

Pixie News

In Pixie class we have been having great fun looking at fireworks. We have made fireworks out of junk modelling, marble painting, paint splatting and chalk mark making. We made sparkly black playdough which the children made into their very own fireworks.

During circle time we discussed firework safety, what noises they make and talked about what the children have seen and their experiences with fireworks. The children explored numbers 1-10 we learnt our rhyme of the week '10 little fireworks' and the children enjoyed taking part in number recognition games.

This week we are exploring Diwali, will be looking at the story, and making shape Rangoli patterns with coloured rice.



Rainbows News

What a lovely few weeks we've had! It was so nice to see everyone again after half term. We settled into our daily routines pretty much straight away and have been keeping ourselves busy with all sorts of activities! One of our absolute favourites has been making firework paintings with Mrs Clarke (one of Mrs May's amazing ideas!) and they look so glittery and fabulous!

As well as having lots of fun, we have also taken part in our first remembrance assembly. We talked about what Remembrance Day is for and successfully sat through our first two minute silence with respect and consideration; grownups, you would have been very proud!

We're looking forward to more learning over the next few weeks!

Unicorns News

This term we have been dealing with a very naughty visitor! The Naughty Bus has been inspiring us to write by getting up to all sorts of mischief, so much so that the police had to pay a visit! The children have really enjoyed learning all about 2d and 3d shapes and have been fantastic at using the correct mathematical language to describe the properties of shapes. This term we are looking forward to starting to learn the signs to a Christmas Song.....!

Dragons News

Year 2 have been very busy writing and creating their very own books based on our walk around Shillington. They have worked incredibly hard and the finished results are fantastic! Thank you to all the parents who helped find out facts about Shillington. In maths we have started our new topic of money, so far we have counted money and added up totals. In PE we have been learning lots of different yoga poses and have used these to tell a yoga story.

Centaurs News

This half term we have begun learning about the Romans!

The Romans is one of our favourite themes of year 3 with lots of gruesome facts to find out. In English we have begun reading 'Escape from Pompeii' and the children have written some fantastic descriptions of what they think the city of Pompeii would have been like before the volcanic eruption. This has linked well in with our science topic of Rocks. The children all made some very impressive volcanoes at home, thank you for your support. They had a great time making them explode!

In maths we have been adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers from 3 digit numbers, crossing multiples of 100 (for example 234—50) and exploring which digits change.

Phoenix News

This half term we have started to read 'Shackleton's Journey'. In English we have been writing detailed descriptions about our first sighting of Antarctica. This has linked nicely to Geography as we have been able to explore and compare Antarctica to where we live. In maths we have started our new topic of length and perimeter, comparing a variety of measurements and calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. In PE this half term we are taking part in hockey and yoga, learning new skills and sequences.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021

(Inset day: Monday 4th January)

(Half term: 15th-19th February)

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2020 -Thursday 22nd July 2021

(Half term: 31st May- 4th June)

(Inset day: Monday 12th April)

Shillington Superstars



Rainbows

Belle

Maya

Unicorns

Skyla

Connor

Centaurs

Chester

Limani

Dragons

Maddie

Ellis

Phoenix

Cooper

Tommy



Young Writers run National Writing Competitions throughout the academic year for nurseries, primary and secondary schools. After entering last year we were extremely proud to learn that Phoenix had won in his age category for the poem below.

Congratulations Phoenix!

Flying Fox

Flies in the moonlit sky
Lives in emerald-green trees
You can find them in groups
In hot, steamy countries
Nibbling on delightful fruit
Good at climbing trees
Fluffy fur and big bright eyes
One look at their wings will be such a surprise
X-ray sight and a good nose help find food wherever they go.



Phonics Play is FREE!

We use this fantastic resource at school. It has lots of different games the children can play and for the next few months we have our own login:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Username: Shillington

Password: phonics

FREE Phonics games

Other useful phonics websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcqqtftr>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/breakthruchris>