



Early Years

What a super week we have had in Early Years. We started the week off by listening to the Christmas story and dressing up for our nativity photographs. The children were fantastic and all looked so lovely. We are looking forward to sharing these with you very soon. Things continued on the festive theme with tree decorating and Christmas crafts, both of which were brilliant. Everyone really enjoyed the craft activities that we planned and they have continued to develop these in the areas of provision throughout the week too. Two cheeky elves have taken up residence in our classroom and the children have been busy writing to them to find out a bit more about them. The children have really impressed us with their painting skills this week. The children looked really closely at themselves in mirrors and painted some amazing self portraits. Well done for a super week everyone!



Years 1 & 2

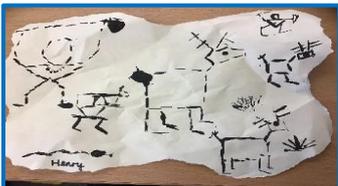
Well done Year Ones for another brilliant week. It is official.... Christmas has well and truly started at Hempland! We have had so much fun decorating the Christmas tree both in the small hall and in the classroom, as well as taking part in our jam-packed Christmas Crafternoon! The children have worked their socks off learning about subtraction and understanding fact families, and they have also been writing diary entries about The Great Fire of London.



We had a fantastic time on craft afternoon making ourselves into elves and designing a wintery picture for our snow globes. On Wednesday we loved learning how to log onto the chrome books and will be practising this again next week. In maths we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using a 100 square!

Years 3 & 4

We had a very exciting start to the week with a full day of history! We looked at how Stone Age people drew on walls of caves to communicate, tell stories and to give them good luck during their hunts. We had a go at cave painting using paint and chalks. As well as the painting, we looked at pictures of some Neolithic artefacts and tried to work out what they were used for. What an interesting day!



We are loving the run up to Christmas in Year 4 and Christmas is even sneaking into our reading tasks. This week we have read about 'Sir Cleges and the Christmas Cherry Tree' and how Sir Cleges was clever enough to outsmart the members of the Kings staff who tried to take his reward from the King.

We have continued to look at Myths and Legends in English and have begun to write some fantastic stories.

Years 5 & 6

This week in Year 5, we had a wonderful crafternoon. We tied different coloured strips of material around a stick to form a Christmas tree shape. We have also been working extremely hard in maths, challenging our reasoning and problem solving skills. We were able to describe the process we used and give reasons for why we chose this method.



It has been wonderful getting into the festive spirit. From bauble designing to clay ornament sculpting, we enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Crafternoon on Tuesday, creating lots of different decorations. The Key Stage 2 tree is now up and we helped put the finishing touches to it with a final flourish of tinsel and glitter. It is safe to say we are truly ready for the festive season - what a super week!