



Weekly News

“St Christopher’s – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children.”

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy exciting week at St Christopher’s full of fun and learning.

Year One News

In Literacy, Year One have had a wonderful time exploring a variety of shape poems. They thoroughly enjoyed becoming poets themselves, writing their own creative shape poems using different shapes. Mateo wrote a fantastic poem in the shape of a sun, using an array of wonderful adjectives! The children have also continued adding conjunctions to sentences and engaged in a comprehension lesson about snow.

In Maths, the focus has been on teen numbers. The children have been learning about place value and practising matching pictorial representations to numerals and their corresponding written number words.

Science lessons have been full of excitement and curiosity this week as the children explored melting and freezing. They made predictions about what would happen to their ice cubes and discussed the conditions that might speed up or slow down the melting process. Laksh impressed everyone with excellent predictions and even questioned whether all liquids freeze!

In their topic lesson, the children discovered the fascinating world of early Viking longboats. They learned about where and when the Vikings lived and the discovery of the Gokstad longboat in Norway. They then created their own longboats, carefully adding details like curved figureheads and sails.

Year Two News

Year Two have been hard at work rehearsing for their panto! They are busy perfecting their lines and learning the songs, and it’s truly delightful to hear them singing with such enthusiasm during rehearsals.

In Literacy, the children have been inspired by trees, tying in with their science studies and their focus text, ‘House Held Up by Trees’ by Ted Kooser. They’ve been sequencing life cycle sentences and diving into independent research projects with great interest.

In Maths, they’ve been exploring addition and multiplication, working on adding three one-digit numbers and counting in 2x and 10x. They’re also discovering the connections between repeated addition and multiplication, building a strong foundation for future learning.

School Notices – Important Reminders

Parking

We kindly ask everyone's cooperation in avoiding parking on yellow lines, on pavements and in front of our neighbour's driveways.

We are currently receiving regular emails regarding instances of inconsiderate parking, which can cause inconvenience and safety concerns for others in our community.

Your understanding and effort to park considerately is greatly appreciated.

Reporting Illness

When phoning the school to report your child's illness, please make sure you let the office know details of the specific illness. This is crucial as we are required to track certain illnesses, and some need to be reported to the borough, which monitors any local outbreaks.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Kian in Year 2, Kian has impressed the kitchen team by asking for larger portions because he thoroughly enjoys the school lunches!

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **311** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

Merit Awards:

Caitlyn M, Polly S, Chloe L, Sylvie A, Quinn S, Clara C, Izzy H, Leonardo D, Zhibo X, Remy K,
Leo SM and Sebastian C

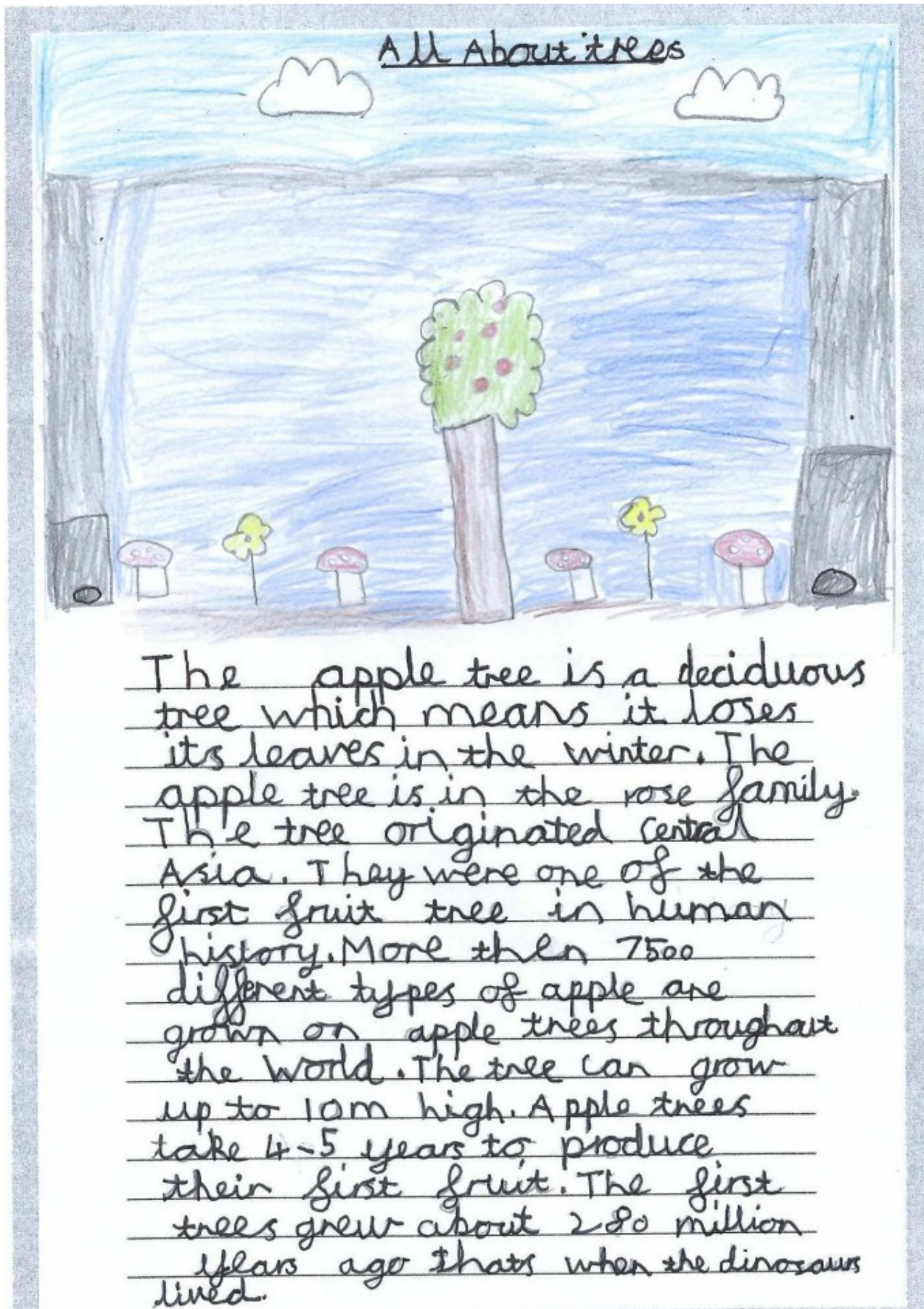
Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

"St Christopher's – the best possible start through excellence, empathy and endeavour."

Work of the Week

In Year 2, the children were inspired by their lesson investigating trees in our playground. They have been developing their skills in independent research to create their own information booklets about trees. This is Zhibo's amazing work.



The apple tree is a deciduous tree which means it loses its leaves in the winter. The apple tree is in the rose family. The tree originated central Asia. They were one of the first fruit tree in human history. More than 7500 different types of apple are grown on apple trees throughout the world. The tree can grow up to 10m high. Apple trees take 4-5 years to produce their first fruit. The first trees grew about 280 million years ago that's when the dinosaurs lived.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Continuing our topic of 'I wonder what's in the woods...' This week our focus story has been 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have had lots of activities for all of the children to enjoy and explore.

In our calm room, the children were enjoying a counting game, helping Little Red Riding Hood get to Grandma's house. The children had to roll the dice to find out how many spaces they could move 'Red Riding Hood' along the map, the children were using their fingers to help them count along the way. In our craft room, the children have been making 'get well soon' cards for Grandma. Practising their name writing skills to sign their cards and using their fine motor skills to cut out a bouquet of flowers to decorate the front cover with. We have been so impressed with all of the wonderful name writing!

Our Kitchen has been making lots of visitors super hungry this week as the children have been busy making toast, for a special competition, "What is Nursery's favourite toast topping, Jam Honey or Butter?". Everyone has had the opportunity to make toast and vote for their favourite spread. We have been having wonderful conversations about what the bread feels like before being toasted, "it feels squidgy and not hot" and everyone has been superstars at spreading their own toppings. We gathered all of the votes and we found out that... Jam and Honey are joint in being Nursery's favourite toast toppings...great choices!

Alongside all of our wonderful activities, the children also learnt a new phonics sound, "A". The children have been busy finding things around the Nursery that begin with the same sound, "ant", "apple", "astronaut". I wonder what you can find at home that begins with the same sound?

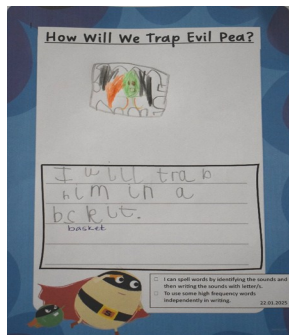


Reception News

In Reception we have been looking at the festival 'Chinese New Year' and how it is celebrated. We were lucky to have Andrew's mum come into school to talk about the celebrations. We looked at the Dragon and Lion dance and even made our own Dragon dance in PE. We all helped to make the dragon; doesn't it look good! To round the week off we tasted some 'Chinese style' foods including noodles, egg fried rice and prawn crackers. The rice was the most popular – we loved it.

Mars Class have been in full swing with their assembly preparations and have been looking at the book 'Supertato'. We made our own traps to capture Evil Pea as well as writing about them. We made some Supertato's too using paint and collage.

In Maths we have continued to practise our part, part, whole model and are now including some addition number sentences with our calculations – what clever children we are becoming!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February

Year 2 Panto - Tickets on Parent mail

Friday 7th February - PTA Quiz night

Tickets available on the PTA website

Monday 10th February - Reception, Year 1 & 2 Winter Music Assembly

Please email the office if your child wishes to play their instrument

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th February

Parent teacher meetings - bookings available from 8pm on the 28th January

Friday 14th February - PTA Valentines Disco

Tickets available on the PTA website. Mufti Day (own clothes) children are encouraged to come to school wearing something red



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Lars R** and **Farzan MH** for your Gold Certificates.

Congratulations to **Lars R** for your silver certificate

Congratulations to **Ryan P** and **Alisa S** for your Platinum certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Clara C - Star of the week swimming certificate

Iris M - Duckling Level 4 swimming certificate

Max P - Octopus Level 1 swimming certificate





QUIZ OF QUIZZES

Friday 7th February

Teams of 6-8

Individual tickets available

£20



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