



Somerdale Educate Together
Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 2 Week 6)
Thursday 12th December 2024

Value of the Month
for
December:
Peace

Dear Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The trees are up, and the school decorations are nearly finished. Feliz Navidad is on its 1000th play, and the staffroom is filled with mince pies! With two weeks to go, there is a lot of festive fun ahead of us. Please can I draw your attention to the whole school events below:

Year Group	Event	Date/Time	Description
Key Stage 2 Year 3-6	Songs by Candlelight <i>Top Playground</i>	Christmas Carol Concert (12.12.24) 4.30pm – 5.15pm	Join us for some festive songs chosen by the children in the top playground. Wear your best Christmas jumper and Christmas hat! (Children to arrive at their classrooms for 4:15pm)
Key Stage 1 Year 1-2	Christmas Rhyme <i>School Hall</i>	KS1 Christmas Play (13.12.24) 2.15pm – 3pm	<i>Max of 2 adults per family.</i>
EYFS Pre-School & Reception	Nativity Play <i>School Hall</i>	EYFS Nativity (17.12.24) 2.15pm – 3pm	<i>Max of 2 adults per family.</i>
All Children	Christmas Dinner	(18.12.24) 12:00-1:00pm*	Pre-school children not attending school on 18.12.24 are invited to attend the Christmas dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day – 18.12.24

On the 18th December we will be raising money to support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Whilst we encourage children to wear Christmas clothing on the day we will be marking the event by making special Christmas dinner hats. The children will have the opportunity to make their hats in school but we welcome home-made entries. Details of our Save the Children Just Giving Page to follow later in Term 2.

Staff Training – 19th December 2024

Following the practice of our other Educate Together schools, we will be closing at 1:15pm on Thursday 19th December to allow our staff the time for essential training. Therefore, it is important that all children are collected at 1:15pm. On this day, there will be no after school childcare provision available, so it is crucial that arrangements are made for your child to be collected at the earlier time of 1:15pm. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter as it is important for the continued professional development of our staff.

Reception Applications Deadline

The deadline for the 2025-26 Reception applications is midnight 15 January 2025. More information can be found in the booklet below:

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Primary%20Admissions%20Booklets%202025-26.pdf>

Class News

Otter Class

Linked to our winter themed stories this term, this week we made our own snowflake biscuits. Children participated in learning the step-by-step instructions using language such as first, then and next. Children used scales to weigh their ingredients, discussing how the numbers increased with more mass. They mixed, rolled and cut the dough (building those strong hand and arm muscles). Children worked well together, turn taking and using exceptional listening skills. Yum yum! Well done, Otters!



Wildcats Class

Wildcats have been really enjoying our Geography enquiry - "I wonder what can we find in our school environment?". We have learnt about how to identify cities, towns and villages, explored where different postcodes can take us and carried out some fieldwork to try to identify physical and human features within the school grounds!



Hedgehog Class

This term, we've been creating our very own moving vehicles! Hedgehog class have had a fantastic time adding wheels to axles and then attaching them to the chassis. It's been a wonderful mix of creativity and engineering! Finally, we got stuck in with cardboard boxes and recycled materials to bring our vehicles to life.



Bumblebee Class

Bumblebees have thoroughly enjoyed becoming historians this term, and are now experts on the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages! The children have also created some wonderful representations of cave paintings in art and design. In English, they have been utilising their knowledge to create a survival guide to the Stone Age!



Puffin Class

Puffin Class have loved learning about Roman Britain this term. They really enjoyed learning about why the Roman Army was so successful and designing their own scutum (Roman shields). Check them out below, trying out the testudo (tortoise) formation which was so effective in battle.



Elephant Class


As part of our design and technology curriculum, we have been putting together ideas for our upcoming Fidget Spinners expo. We are planning, budgeting then making our own fidget spinners which will then be reviewed by the Year 6 class when we put on a show next term. Work is well underway for our project so stay tuned!

Tiger Class

As part of our Science topic on Humans and other animals, Year 6 learned more about the circulatory system in the human body and the function of the heart. They understood that the heart is a powerful muscle which pumps blood around the body. Year 6 investigated the structure of the heart by dissecting lambs' hearts. They found it fascinating!



Term 2

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
(w/c 16/12/24)	7	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		EYFS Nativity- 17 th December Y6 Life Skills- 17 th December Children's Christmas Dinner Day- 18 th December
End of Academic Year				