



Friday December 13th 2024

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, pre school and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre,
working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)



1. **Isaiah 52:7** – “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings.”

Community at Christmas



1 - Last week we had a most wonderful community event with our Christmas fayre. The Friends association worked incredibly hard to transform the school into a festive market place including a wonderful Santa grotto complete with Santa elf helpers! The event was extremely well attended and a profit of £497 was made. Thank you to everyone who made the event so successful. The mayor was in attendance, as was Santa and we thank them both for finding time in their busy day to support us.











Reception



We have been very busy elves this week, working hard preparing for our nativity and creating some amazing Christmas writing, art work and nativity scenes. It has been lovely seeing the children so happy and enthusiastic about their learning amongst all the festive fun we have been having too. We have been working on our tricky words and phonics sounds and using them in our writing. The children have been amazing this term and I am incredibly proud of them all.

Year 1



In our PSHE lessons, we have been talking about who is special to us and what our special people do to look after us. We discussed how friends can feel like family and family are like our friends. When people are mean or fall out we don't like it, we found ways to make

people feel better about themselves. The children made a Conscience Alley to say positive comments to make them feel happier when they were feeling sad on the inside.

Pearl - Everyone loves you

Dottie - you are the best friend ever

Ollie - Cheer up you are amazing

Ronny - I love your jumper

Daphne - that person shouldn't upset you, you are the best

Ellie - Don't feel sad it is ok, we love you

Finley - Come on, you can do it, we'll get you through

Class 2- Geographers and Cartographers



Year 2 have been brushing up on their observational fieldwork skills in Geography this week.

They have been school detectives and after an exploratory walk around school, created maps using a key to show where the different rooms were.

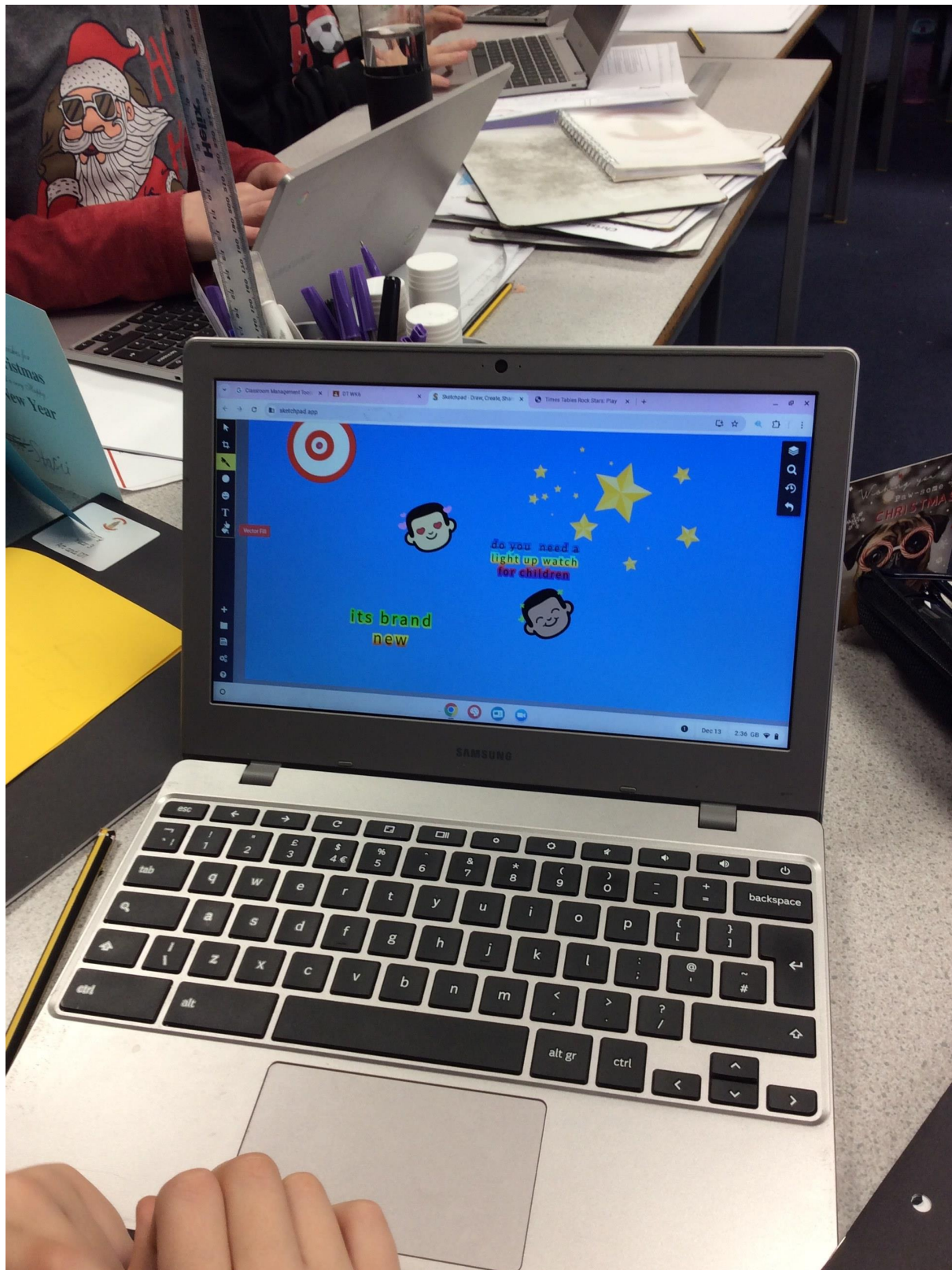
The maps were simple just like a real map is and we started using simple pictures to create a key.

"I used a cup to show the kitchen"

"I used a pen to show the office"

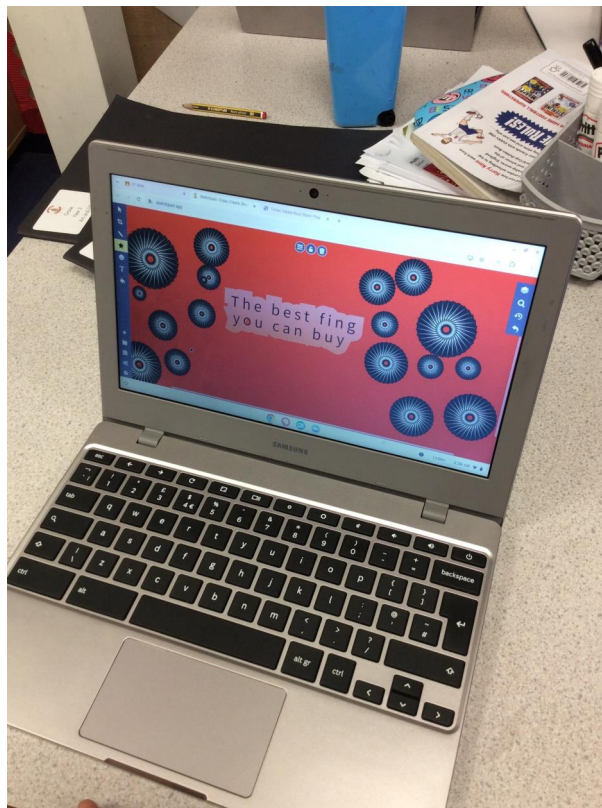
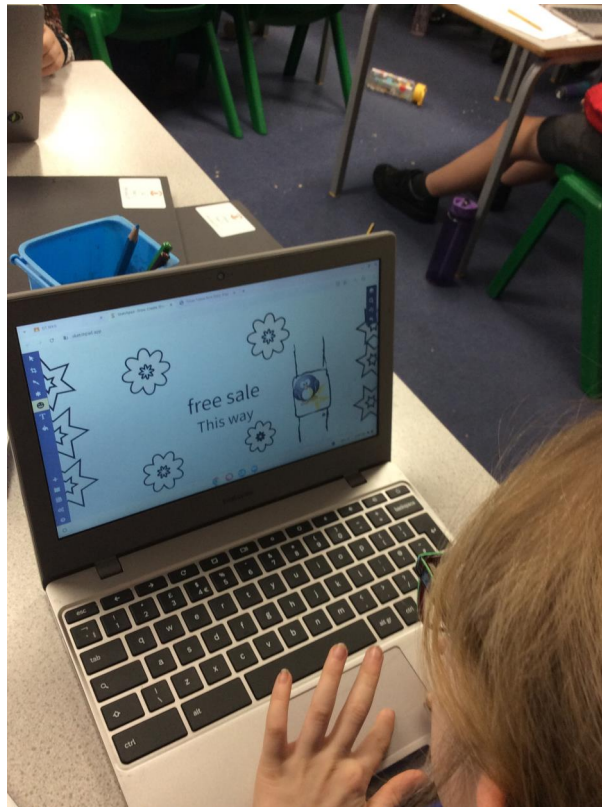
We will use our new, enhanced skills to create an imaginary town map next week- with a 3D version too!

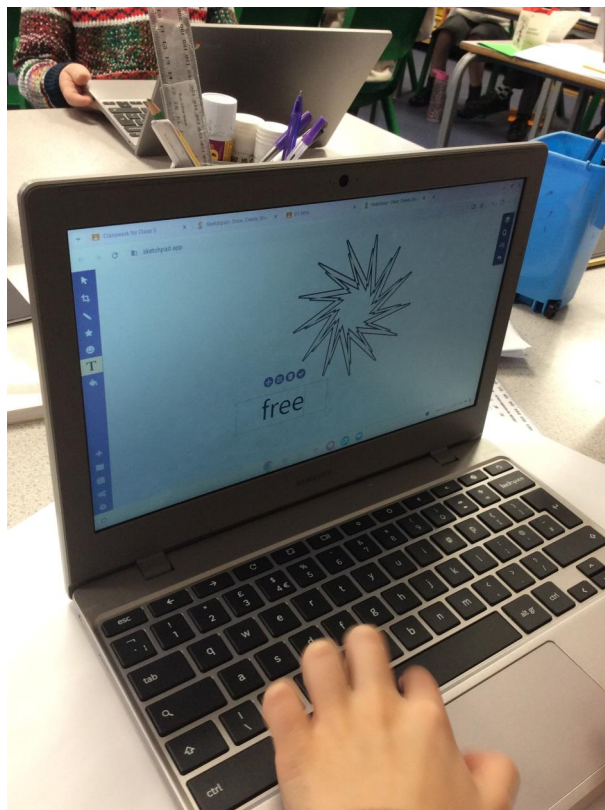
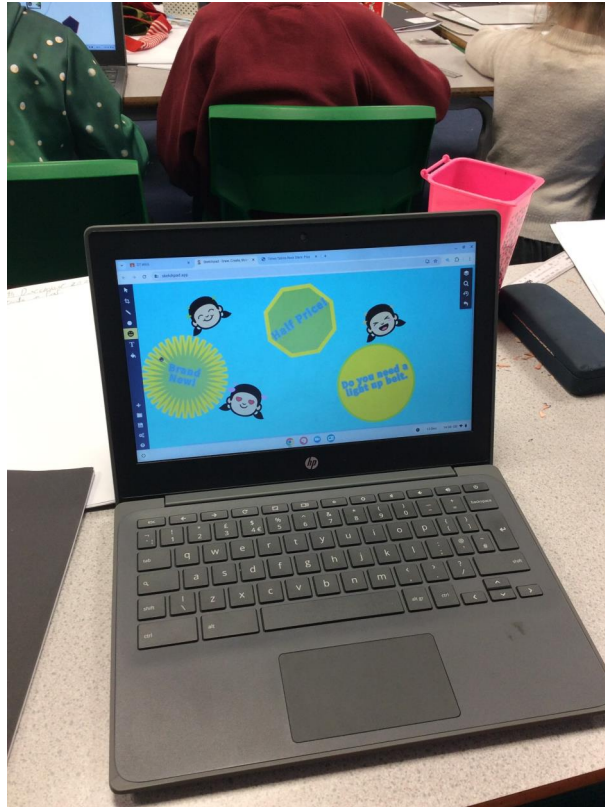
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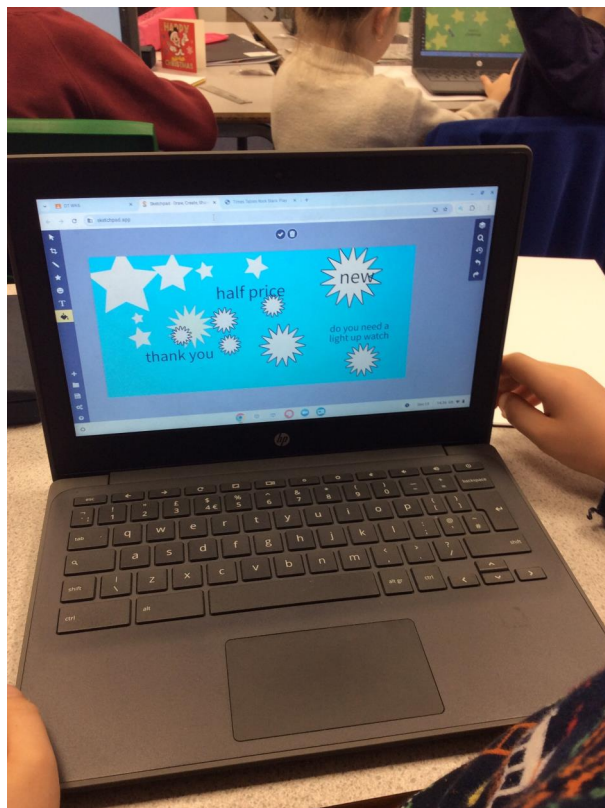
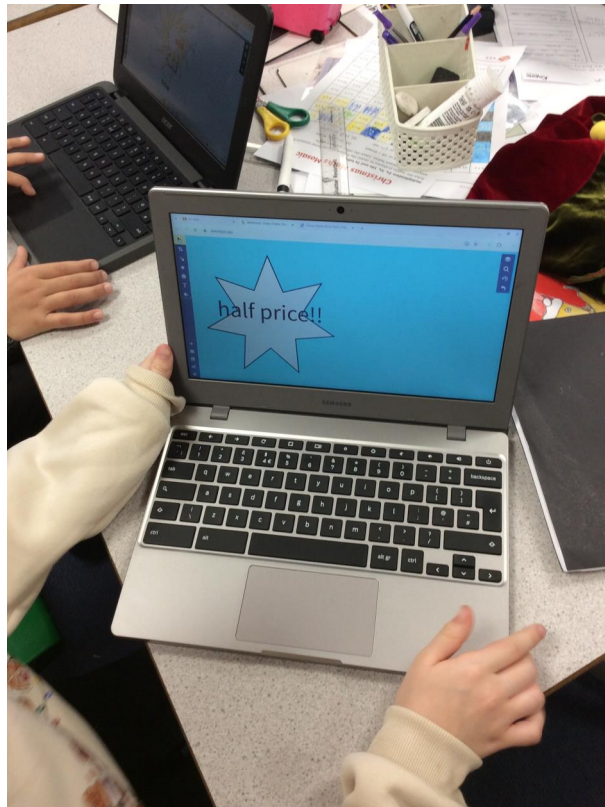


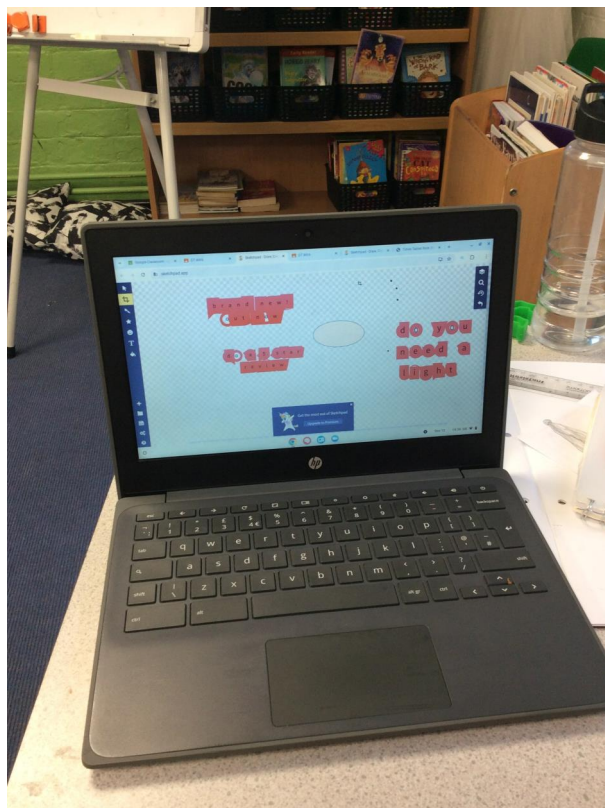
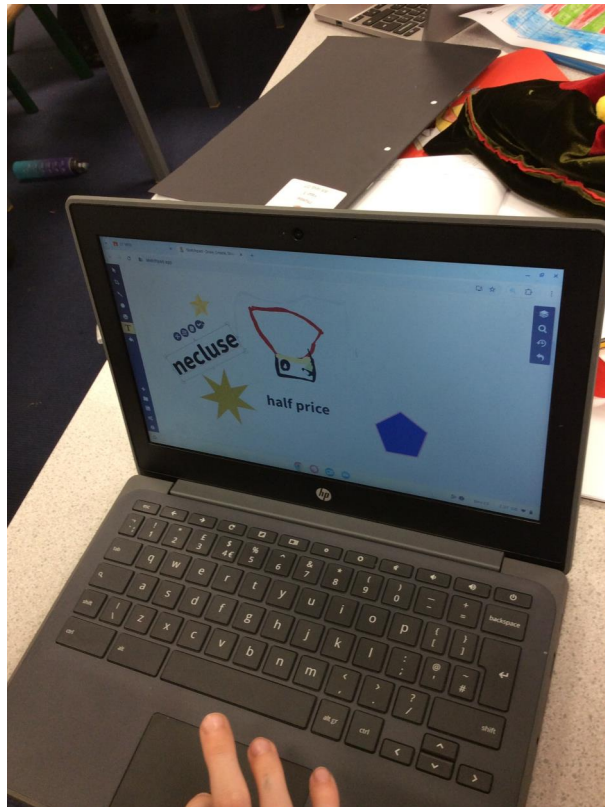
This week in DT we have learnt about point of sale (POS) and how important it is when we go shopping. Using computer-aided design, the children have been creating POS for their wearable technology. We spoke about the importance of ensuring something looks

appealing in the shops so lots of people want to buy our product. Take a lot at some of the designs we were able to create!

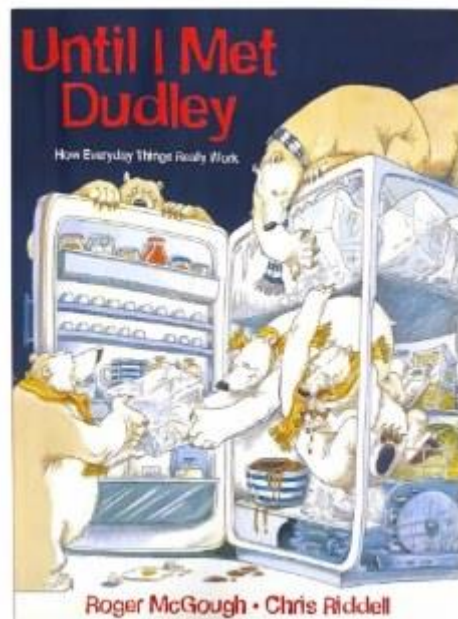








Class 4



Our writing lessons have been based around a book called, 'Until I met Dudley'. In it, a child lets their imagination run wild to create explanations of animals powering machines. on each following page, Dudley, a dog, gives a clear and factual explanation. This week, the children have made up their own far-fetched versions, for example writing about how a clock is powered by mice running around inside it, or stars light up because someone with a long ladder switches them on. They have also researched what actually happens and written an explanation of this. The children have discussed the layout of explanations texts and the difference between formal and informal writing, as well as how to use the Internet effectively for research. When the final copies are complete, we plan to make our own 'Until I met Dudley' book, comparing the fictional and factual versions of how stars shine, how boats float and how telephones work, to name a few. We have invited Y4 parents in to class on Monday afternoon at 2.15pm and hope to be able to share this work with you then.

Class 5 and Class 6 STEM visit



Yesterday Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Sarah Loader from STEM workshops.

Sarah talked to both year 5 and 6 about engineering and how various components are made very locally. We discovered that some tyres were made in Kidderminster, but they are sent to be used for diggers, loaders and other heavy machinery for companies such as Caterpillar and Volvo. This was a super link with our current geography topic which has taught us about how many goods are imported or exported around the world, depending on where the need is. Year 5 then had another link to the previous learning when the task involved using levers, pulleys and gears. Using these skills that have been embedded in our Science learning class 5 were all confident to build a model that fitted the required specification.

Year 5 winners were Jason and Ezra along with Poppy and Olivia.

Schools from all over the county take part and the winners from each school are invited to the final in June to compete against other schools. This year children were challenged to design and build a vehicle for moving earth. They had to think about structure, technology and teamwork. This fun activity encourages the children to communicate their idea with each other and then to work together to create a practical solution to a problem. The children were thoroughly engaged and loved every minute of the challenge. Once their creations were complete the children had to explain just how their vehicle would work.

'I really liked working with the Knex as I don't have this at home' Annie-Rose

'It was a really fun afternoon and we had lots of equipment to build big models' Douglas

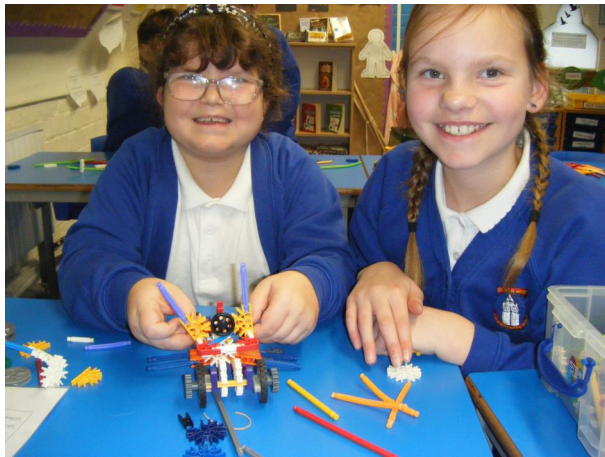
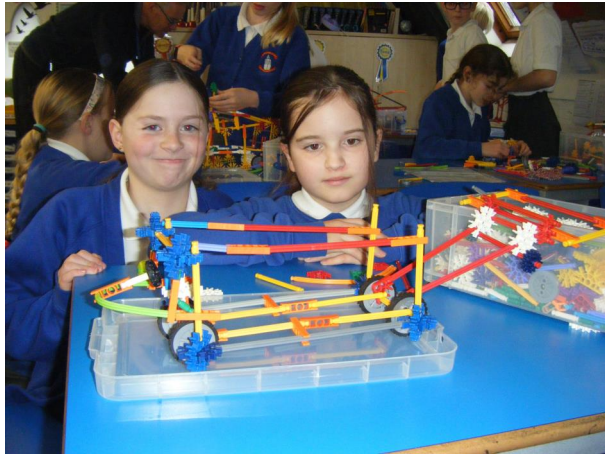
Year 6 winners were Isabelle and Miriam who will go forward to the county finals in June next year.













Gingerbread Competition



Valrosea's flower shop in Upton upon Severn is run by Louise Dale and this year for the first time, they ran a gingerbread competition. The idea stemmed from the fact the shops were running a competition to see who has the best dressed shop window. Lou decided that it would be wonderful to work with the school to ensure the community link were seen through Christmas. They held a wide competition and today presented the children with their prizes. We are very grateful to Lou and her daughter Kymberley for arranging this and delighted to inform you they also won first prize in the shop competition. There will be gingerbread people in the shop for you to see. Pop down to 2a New Street Upton upon Severn for a warm welcome from Lou and her team.



Office information.

CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED *APART FROM CHOIR* - NEW CLUBS WILL RUN IN THE NEW YEAR

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 6 BRING IN A LARGE ORANGE TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 19TH FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Nativity Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 Performances 16th & 17th December 9.30am

Christmas Panto Trip 19th December Years 1 - 6 **Children will be brought back to school on the coach for 4:15pm**

Christingle Church Service Friday 20th December 1.30pm St Peters & St Pauls Church (opposite the Rugby club) **Everyone is welcome**

CHRISTMAS PARTIES :- Please can children bring in party food according to the Team that they are in on the day of the party

Pre-School - Thursday PM Please bring a plate of party food for themselves only

Reception - Thursday PM Please bring a plate of party food for themselves only

Years 1 & 2 Monday PM **TEME** - Crisps, **AVON** - Biscuits, **SEVERN** - Cocktail sausages/sausage rolls **WYE** - Cakes

Years 3 & 4 Tuesday PM **TEME** - Crisps, **AVON** - Biscuits, **SEVERN** - Cocktail sausages/sausage rolls **WYE** - Cakes

Years 5 & 6 Wednesday PM **TEME** - Crisps, **AVON** Biscuits, **SEVERN** Cocktail sausages/sausage rolls **WYE** Cakes

