



Friday December 6th 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)



Psalm 133:1

1. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"*

A special guest at the friends Christmas fayre



Today, Friday 6th December the new friends committee held their first Christmas fayre. All the details of this will be in our Christmas special next week. They had a very special guest arrival of Mr and Mrs Santa Claus which caused huge excitement amongst the children (the adults all enjoyed this too)

Thank you for the huge effort of all those who made this event such a success. Our community warmth was inspiring.

Reception Class



This week, in Reception class we have been having a great time developing our communication skills through our new nativity role play area. We have been developing gross motor skills through changing into costumes and enhancing our speaking and listening skills, creating our own narrative and retelling the nativity story.

Reception are focusing on a book called "I and Henry Finch" and this has linked well to developing our emotional well being. Henry has some very positive thoughts but also some sad thoughts. We have spoken about what makes us happy and sad focusing on our emotional and individual well being.

Class 1





This week we have been consolidating the sounds we have learnt in our phonics lessons over the last few weeks, ir - girl, ue - blue, aw - jaw, ew - new. Everyday, after lunch, we complete guided reading, today we read with a buddy in year 2. They followed the text together, helping to read the words and praising each other. When reading the questions the children modelled how to answer them using the question in the answer. They loved sharing the reading together and working as a community.

Class 2

This week in Year 2 we have begun our Art Project on Autumn Leaves.

We started by gathering leaves from outside, making sure they were dry and had interesting shapes, colours and patterns. We carefully considered which leaf would be the most interesting to draw.

Using our continuous line technique, we drew the outline of the leaf observing carefully the edges and the patterns. We then looked at the different colours and chose colours to match thinking about texture, pattern and pressure.

Next week we will be using leaves to create wax relief pictures.

We have also been very busy rehearsing for our Nativity! We have lots of lines to practise and songs to sing and we can't wait to share it with our school and families in just over a week!

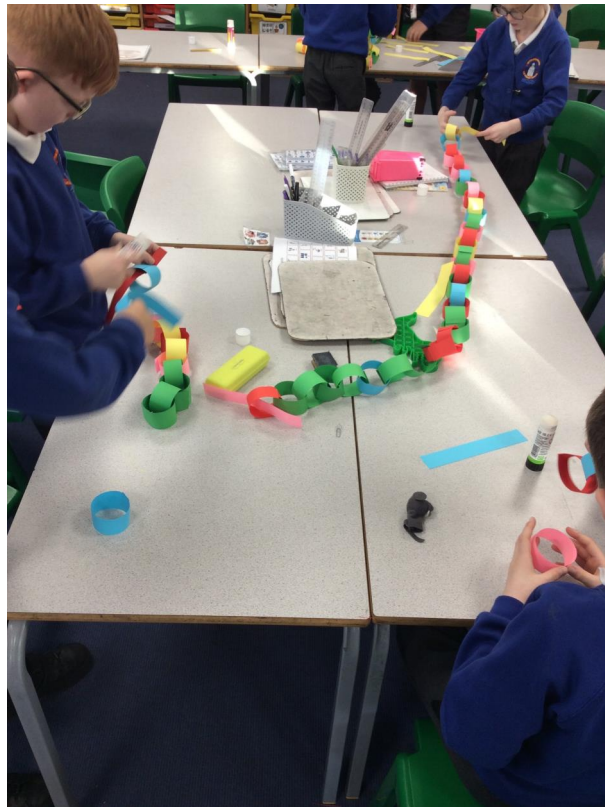
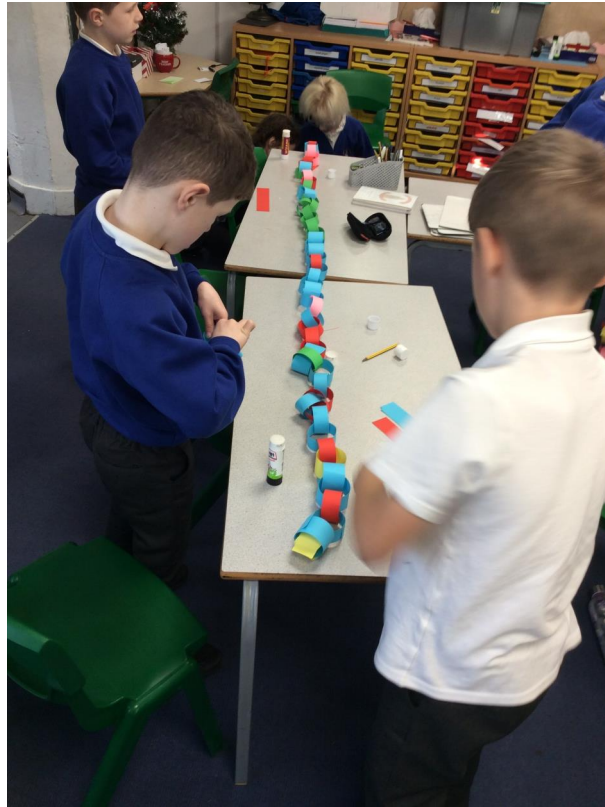
Also as it is Advent, Class 2 have received a visitor- Willow the elf! Willow has been setting the children challenges to help and support our community, as that is our value. She has asked them to tidy up and keep the classroom clean, smile at people and say kind words. The children have been brilliant at keeping up with these challenges.

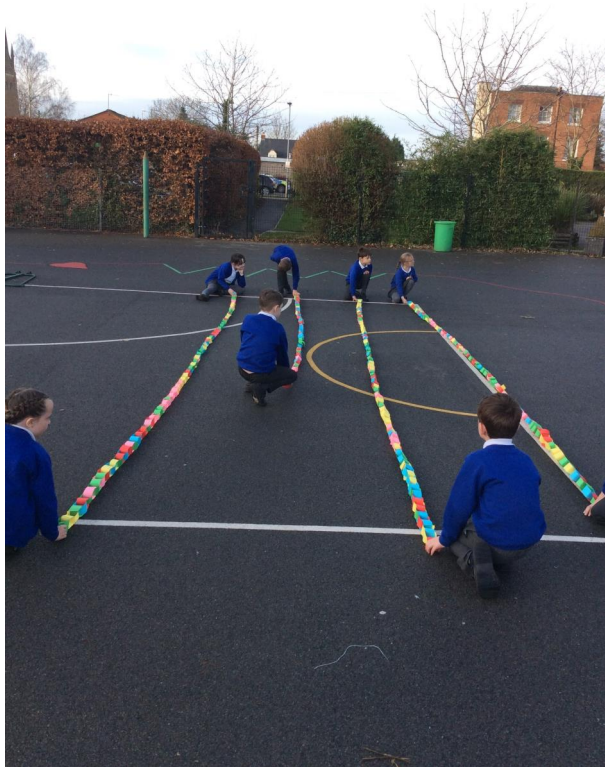
Class 3

Class Three have been working incredibly hard on improving their learning behaviours this week, ensuring they are ready for lessons with the right equipment they need and following our listening rules. They had a Fun Friday treat which involved a timed challenge in their teams (Avon, Wye, Severn and Teme) to see who could create the longest paper chain. We took them out on the playground to see the full scale of them as they took over the classroom! When we got back inside, we joined them all together and hung them up in class. What a super way to end the week; consolidating their craft skills, working together as a team and decorating the classroom. Keep it up Class 3!

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Class 4



The children have been exploring the pitch of sounds in our science lessons. Last week, they designed an instrument that could make higher and lower sounds, making sure they didn't muddle pitch with volume. This week was the really fun part - the making! With empty boxes, rubber bands, left-over plastic straws, plastic bottles and lots of team-work, the children enjoyed experimenting with creating mini sets of pipes, box guitars and drums. Finally, the children then performed their higher and lower sounds and the results were great.

Everyone is special but, in Class 4, each week one child is our 'Special Person'. The rest of the class make a list of ten special qualities that person has and this is displayed in the classroom, alongside some things that are special to them and they give a talk to the class

about them. That child also has little privileges throughout the week, such as being at the front of the line and choosing three children to sit with at lunchtime. This helps build up self-esteem but also encourages speaking skills.

Class 5 making the connections with K'nex

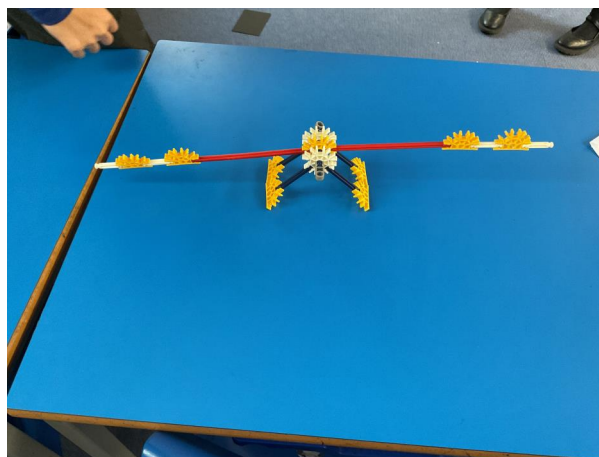
This week year 5 have continued their learning journey of Forces. Building on their prior knowledge of gravity the class explored and learnt about levers (next week we extend this further through pulleys). To deepen understanding, we learnt the 'rocket words' (words that help our learning go further' Pivot, Fulcrum and Lever.

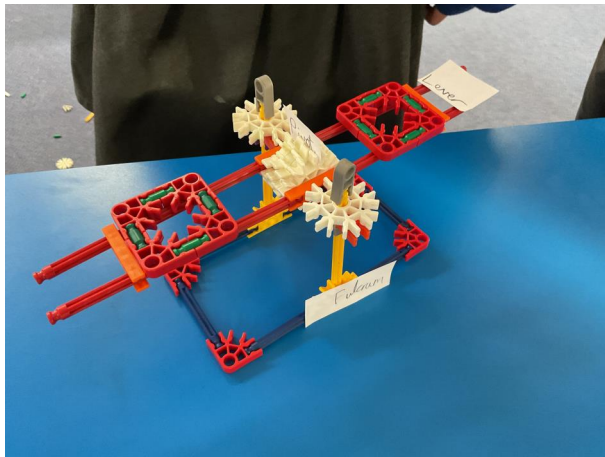
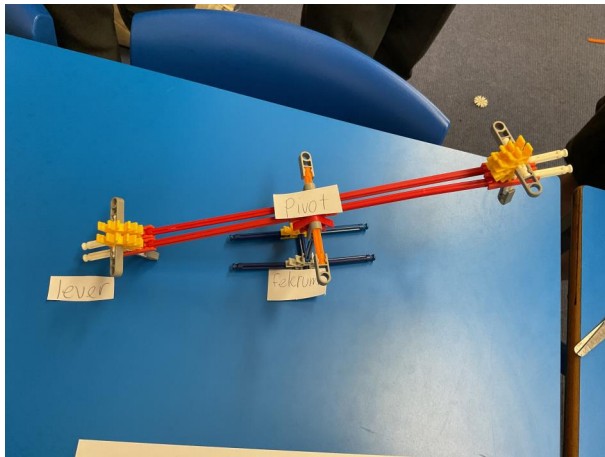
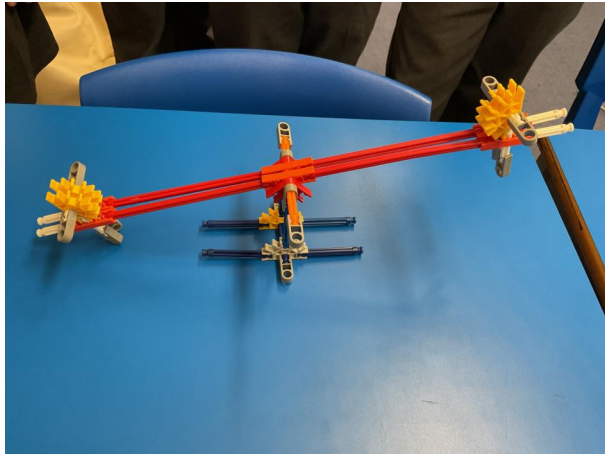
Lever - a long arm that rests on a support that rests on the fulcrum - Jason

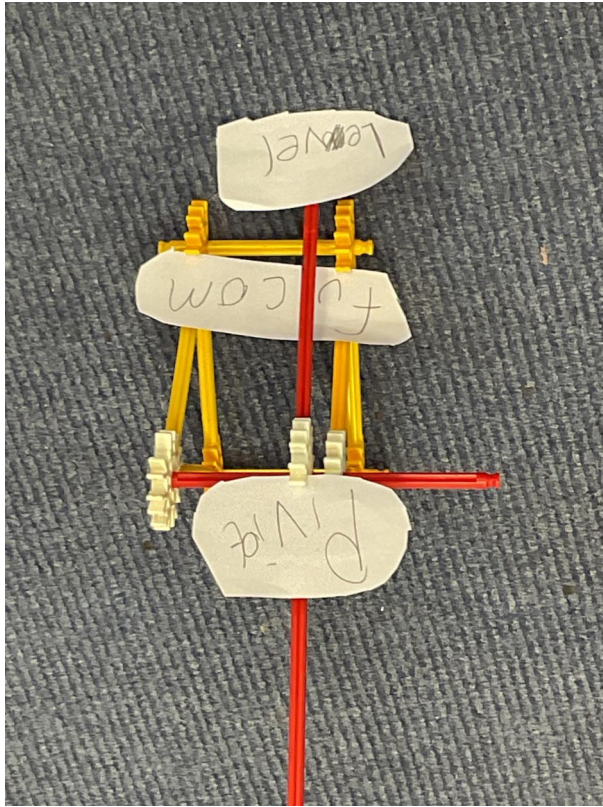
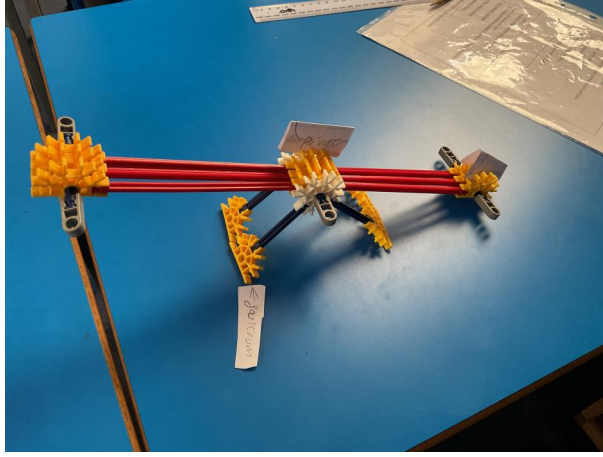
Fulcrum - the base where the rod pivots or rotates - Hollie

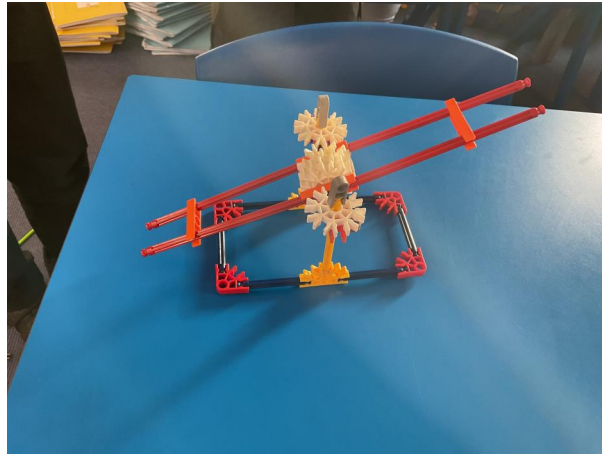
Pivot - a pin that which the parts turn - Woody

Using K'nex we were then set the challenge to build something that used all three: lever, pivot and fulcrum. The class were outstanding in their determination to succeed, working together in small teams, adapting and changing ideas as their skills grew. All groups successfully created 'seesaws' which they then identified and labelled where the three key parts would be found.









Class 6: Spelling challenges

This week year 6 are learning spellings with the prefix 'over'. As a fun activity Mrs Davies challenged them to solve clues to the words.

1. I've burnt your turkey dinosaursovercooked
2. Most footballers are thisoverpaid
3. Reason for being late for school overslept
4. You haven't been picked for the football teamoverlooked.

Samuel came up with 20+ words when the children were challenged to think of any. I wonder how many our parents can come up with?

Focus On Reading :Advent Reading Calendar



Try some of these fun activities over the Christmas holidays to encourage reading for all the family.

December Reading Calendar

1 Read how other cultures celebrate Christmas	2 Read a book with "snow" in the title	3 Read a book about snowmen	4 Read a book about Hanukkah	5 Read while drinking hot chocolate
6 Read a book about different Christmas foods	7 Read a book with winter animals	8 Read a book about kindness	9 Read a book with your family	10 Read a book curled up by the fire
11 Read a book while watching snow fall	12 Read a book about snowflakes	13 Read under a fort	14 Read about the birth of Jesus	15 Read in your pajamas
16 Read before going to bed	17 Read a book that has animals	18 Read a book that has a snow angel	19 Read a nonfiction book	20 Read a book to your siblings
21 Read a book about giving	22 Read a book that has Santa in it	23 Read a book with "family" in the title	24 Read a book with your pets	25 Make a book tower

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Friday 13th December

Christmas Dinner
Catering

Friday 13th December - Please book via Miquill

Nativity Rec, Year 1 & Year 2

Performances 16th & 17th December 9.30am

Christmas Panto Trip

19th December Years 1 - 6

Christingle Church Service

Rugby club) Everyone is welcome

1.30pm St Peters & St Pauls Church (opposite the

