



Exploring!

Now that both adults and children all have waterproof clothing we can enjoy exploring outdoors, regardless of the weather. With all the wet weather we have put them to the test!

we have also enjoyed the opportunity to explore our local community and visit the local shop/ post office and also the park.



Craft and Carol day

We invited our families to join us for a craft and carol singing day. All our grown ups had just as much fun as we did using glitter, glue, paint and decorating biscuits.



Once all the craft activities were complete we provided the grown ups with a mince pie and hot drink before encouraging them to join in with our christmas carols. Everybody liked when we sang our favourite song `Santa, Santa`.



Our Nativity

The children were keen to perform a Nativity for their families this year, we helped Mrs Smith to come up with ideas. We did lots of practicing and learnt the words to our songs to make our performance fabulous.

The day finally came to perform, we made our parents very proud, everyone was smiling and taking lots of photographs.





Nativity

Primary 1 worked really hard to prepare and present our Christmas Nativity. We all had great fun learning so many new songs and different actions to perform. All boys and girls made sure to remember all the words and delivered a brilliant performance for all to see in our lovely costumes.

Winter Trips

Primary 1 got to spend a Friday afternoon visiting the Lyceum to see A Christmas Carol. We had a great time starting with our first bus journey, to eating all of our snacks during the performance and even enjoying some ice cream at the interval! It really put us into the Christmas spirit. We are already looking forward to our next trip.



Christmas Party

We had a lot of fun designing our own hats and creating them, to make them special. We also made Reindeer and santa tree decorations!

We loved our Christmas lunch and had a great time at our Party. We played so many games and danced the afternoon away! We even did some Scottish dancing.





A Christmas Carol

Primary 1B went on our first trip. We went to the Lyceum Theatre to watch A Christmas Carol. We had a wonderful time and found the whole experience so exciting! The bus journey, eating our snacks and ice cream and magic snow coming from the ceiling of the Lyceum during the performance! A big thank you to all our parent helpers!



The Nativity

Primary 1, 2 and 3 worked together to perform our Christmas Nativity. There was lots of songs and actions to learn, which we became experts at! We dressed up as angels and shepherds to really look the part! We hope you enjoyed the show!



Christmas Activities

We enjoyed making Christmas Tree decorations for our School Fair - we made reindeers and christmas trees. We also created christmas headbands to wear to our School Christmas Lunch which was lovely and festive. We also designed Christmas Placemats for our Christmas Party - we used them when we ate our choc ices and drank our juice!





Botanic Gardens Learning Visit

Primary 2 and 3 had a fantastic time at the Botanic Gardens on the 14th November. We started our day doing a Rainforest Quest, where we had to explore the glasshouses and find the food products which grow there, such as bananas, ginger and chocolate! We also had a super walk through the gardens looking at the different plants and some cheeky squirrels!



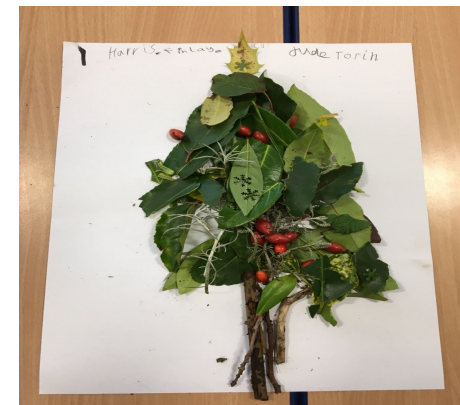
Winter Activities

Primary 2 worked very hard to prepare for our Nativity, from learning to sing the songs and add in actions, to playing percussion instruments to a particular rhythm.

We did a lot of Winter themed maths and literacy lessons.

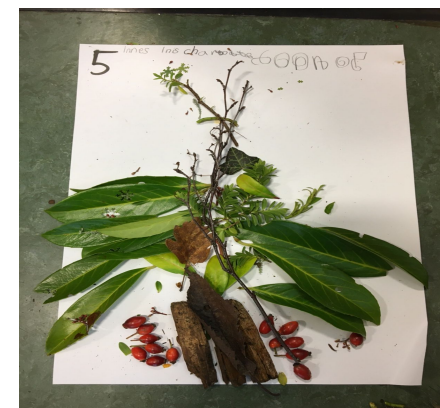
A lot of fun was had designing reindeer hats and creating them, to make them unique. We also made Reindeer cakes and a little box to take them home in.

We had a great time at the Christmas lunch and also at our Party. We danced our socks off, played all of the game well and were fantastic dancing to The Grand Old Duke of York.



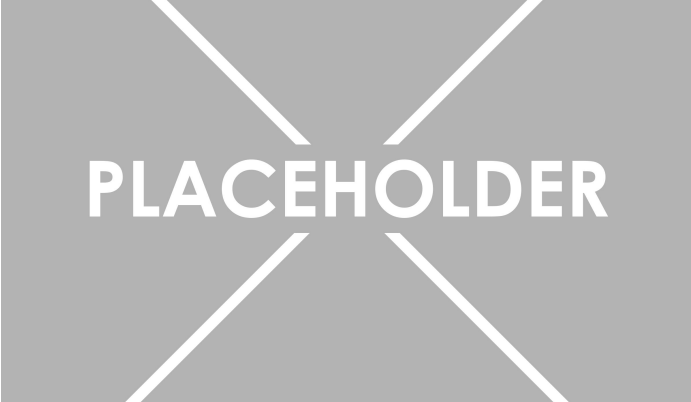
Winter Artwork

We had a lot of fun exploring the Sensory Garden, Raised Beds and the rest of our playground to collect natural materials. We then used these materials to create a Winter scene. I was so impressed by the creativity and great teamwork on display!

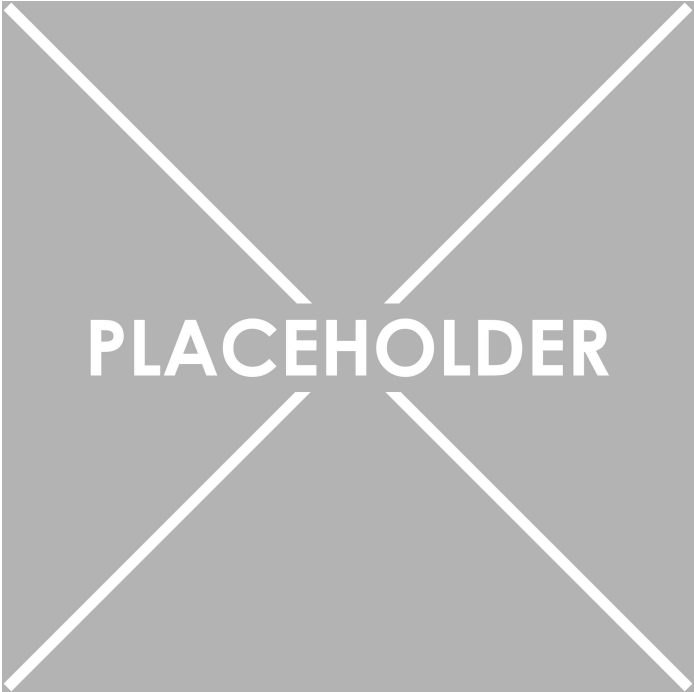




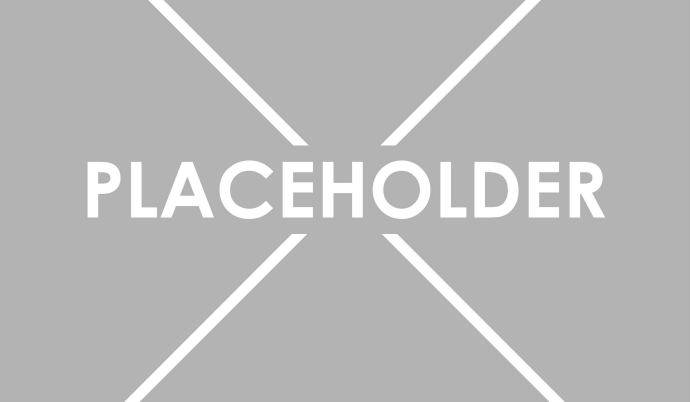
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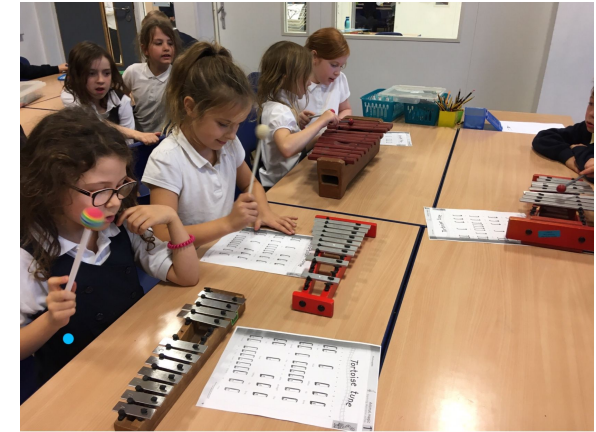


Electricity

We worked together to create electrical circuits. We used buzzers and small light bulbs to help us. We also learned how to draw electrical circuit symbols.

Children in Need

We all enjoyed dressing up in our pyjamas and some of us enjoyed breakfast at school too. We learned all about where the money we raised goes and who it helps



Music

During music lesson we enjoyed learning about rhythm and played tuned percussion. We read music and tried to keep to the beat. We enjoyed moving around the classroom in time with the music too.



Musical Instruments

We worked in small groups to make musical instruments. We listened to the different tones and pitches we could create when we used different materials.





Lyceum workshops

We learned the christmas Carol story and practiced acting out some of the scenes with help from the ladies from the Lyceum Theater Company.



Performance with Dunedin Consort

With support from the Dunedin Consort, both P5 and P6 composed small pieces of music over a 6 week period which were then played by a Dunedin string quartet at a special assembly on Tuesday 10th December. The following week we all got to see a more extensive orchestra performance at the Queens Hall in Edinburgh, with a powerful performance of Handel's 'Messiah'.



Children in Need Assembly

Our class assembly in November took place during Children in Need week, and we really enjoyed learning about the real life impact that the money raised is making across the UK. The video clip of the little boy Joe will live with us for a long time, he really stole the hearts of everyone in the class and made the whole fundraising thing much more meaningful.



Christmas celebrations

P5 had a fantastic time leading up to Christmas, baking with P4, and joining them for our Christmas party, whilst with P6 and P7 we made unique home-made hats for the Christmas lunch, practiced carol singing for our final assembly, and took part in one of three chosen Christmas craft activity mornings.





We enjoyed 6 weeks of skiing at Hillend with Primary 7.

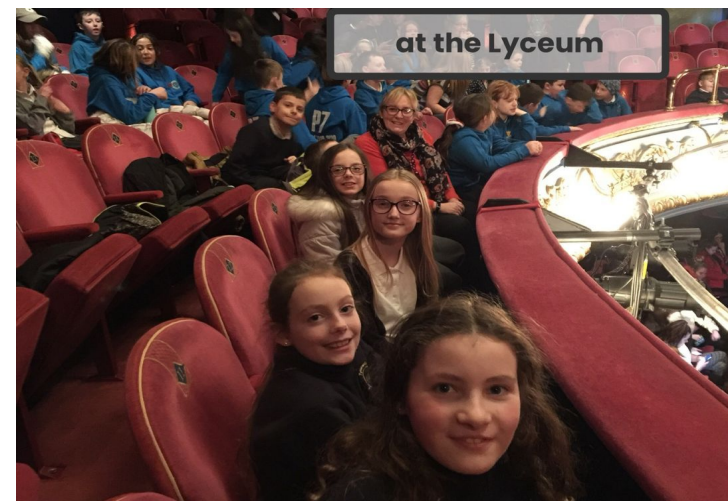
Watching 'A Christmas Carol' at the Lyceum.

We designed and made boats so that we could carry out experiments on water resistance as part of our 'Forces' topic.



Dunedin Consort
We worked with Kristin from the Dunedin Consort to compose a piece of music which was performed at assembly.

Collaborating in our Pupil Voice Leadership groups.





Skiing

We enjoyed 6 weeks of skiing at Hillend with Primary 6. Thanks to the Parent Helpers again!

Christmas Carol

We learned about Charles Dickens. We read some of his original work and compared this to watching 'A Christmas Carol' at the Lyceum.



Making a Song and Dance of Things

We got everyone up dancing at the Very last Assembly of the Decade! It was festive and fun.



Planning for Burns

We have been revising formal letter writing as we wrote to many many supermarkets to ask for help for next year's Burns Supper. We look forward to getting stuck in to our project further next year.



Drama

We enjoyed putting our dramatic skills to the test. Next Stop Lyceum.





UNCRC Birthday

We celebrated 30 years of UNCRC as a whole school. Each class focussed on an area within their class. We had balloons and bunting was displayed around the school



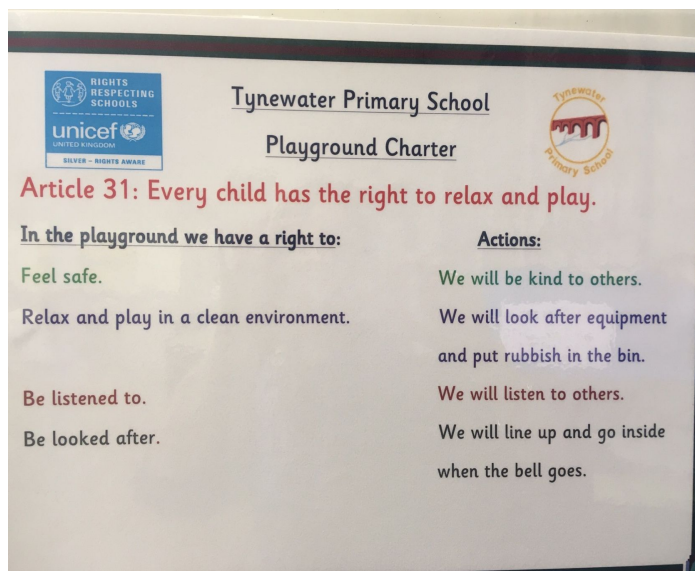
Tynewater Values

Our Pupil Voice Group worked hard to create a set of Tynewater Values. We linked them to the articles from the UNCRC. These are revisited regularly. They were shared at assembly and each class has a copy up in their classroom. Children have been working to illustrate the values too.



Going for Gold

We are striving to achieve our goal of becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School. Our Pupil Voice Group are working hard to gather evidence and share knowledge with their own classes.



Playground Charter

Our Pupil Voice Group has been working on creating a Playground Charter. We thought about how we should be in the playground and linked them to articles from the UNCRC. These were shared at assembly and each class has a copy up in their classroom. Children have been working to illustrate them too.

