

**WELCOME TO THE
UPPER KEY STAGE 2 NEWSLETTER**

MESSAGE FROM MS OZKAYA

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe I am writing to you at the end of an entire term, as well as the end of 2025! It has been an extremely busy Autumn term, full of visitors coming into school, trips and exciting, engaging learning. Year 6 completed mock SATs (and should be extremely proud of themselves) and Year 5 have been making pneumatic devices, as well as using paint programmes on the computer.

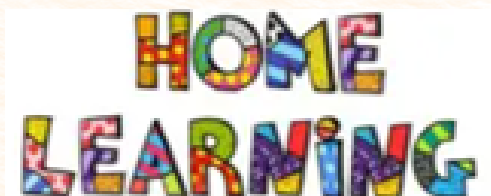
Children have been getting into the holiday spirit — decorating their class Christmas trees and their classrooms for the FED fair, wearing Christmas jumpers and enjoying a Christmas dinner, as well as participating in the Christingle service at St Fremund's Church this week.

I have been extremely proud of children in Upper Key Stage Two this term; they have demonstrated our Beecroft Values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' throughout the past thirteen weeks and have been excellent role models to children in younger years. The Year 5 and 6 team thank you for your support this term with your child's learning and readiness for school. We all would like to wish you a rest over the two week break and a happy New Year!

Ms Ozkaya

**How can you support your child's learning in
Upper Key Stage 2 at home?**

- Daily reading with an adult (see Home Reading Record Book).
- Times tables practice (See TTRS).
- Weekly maths and SPaG homework.
- Minimum of two pieces of homework across each half term from the homework foundation grid.



PE Days:

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, which is labelled, on the following days:

Koala: Mondays and Tuesdays
Lemurs: Mondays and Thursdays
Leopards: Tuesdays and Fridays
Rhinos: Wednesdays and Fridays



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

YEAR 5

Koala class have started their new French module, 'Ma Famille.' Everybody is trying really hard to say all the family members using French vocabulary. They have also been learning about the different accents that change the sound of letters when speaking.

Lemur class have been using the glockenspiels to learn and repeat a rhythm to the song 'Living on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. Our aim is to sing and play the glockenspiel at the same time!

Both classes have been learning how to read an ordnance survey map and were able to locate different places by using six figure grid references. They have also designed and built a pneumatics (using air) device to help make life easier at home! One child used syringes to make a light switch so he did not have to get out of bed to turn the light off!

YEAR 6

Rhino class investigated 'Reflection' for their science topic of Light. They used LED ray boxes to explore reflection and plot a light course and predict where the light would be reflected. They were able to confidently explain what reflection meant by the end of the lesson.

Leopard class have truly been getting into the Christmas spirit and had fun making their Christmas minions themed decorations this week. Children have said they are getting excited for all of their Christmassy events next week!

Many children in Year 6 have been to show their writing (Stories about the Windrush Generation) to other adults around the school over the last few weeks. This shows how proud they are of the work they have produced this half term and are eager to keep this up.



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