



# Year 5 SPJS Christmas News

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## Autumn Term 2020

### Fantastic Viking Day

On Tuesday 24th November, Y5 had Viking Day. We learnt interesting facts and went through fun games. A Viking expert named Mike led us through where the Vikings came from and much more. We learnt a Viking game called Taefel which included thirteen geese and one fox. Furthermore, we looked at some artefacts — some were from the Viking era and some were replicas of what was a thousand years ago! To test Y5's knowledge of the Vikings, they were given a test. They had a spear wrestling test for strength and finally, they were told a magnificent story of Ragnarok!  
By Shirin 5P



### Nativity

This year the whole school took part in a Nativity play called 'The Jigsaw.' We really enjoyed this. Our class had the scene where the Three Wise Men meet King Herod. Everyone learnt their lines and song words. We practiced until we all knew our part. Our song was 'Three kings From the East'. We learnt actions for this and it was such fun.— Molly 5J.

I was playing the part of King Herod, along with four others - we had to swap cloaks and crowns which was funny. I really got into character and showed my anger at there being a new king—Cameron 5J  
Some of us got to paint our piece of jigsaw with the scene. This was then put up as the backdrop. I drew and painted one of the kings. I was proud to see it—Elio 5J.

### Together again...

Coming back to school was very strange as we had experienced a whole period of lockdown. The best bit was meeting our friends and having new talking partners.

There was a variety of new features to protect us from the virus, such as having row tables. After greeting our friends, we met our new class teachers.

This term we had a lot of fun because we did our class assembly, an Oreo science experiment, Viking day and Ancient Greek day. Recently we did our nativity show and it was a great pleasure to act in it. Returning back to school was a bit hard for some people especially after a 5-month lockdown but we are glad to be back!

By Jansen and Abdumalik 5P

### Ancient Greece Day

On Ancient Greece Day, we came to school wearing togas and wreaths. At 9 am, we went down to the hall to discuss which team we were in for the Mini Olympics. One of the harder events was armour racing since there were heavy books, such as dictionaries, on our back which made us feel like we were wearing armour. The easiest game was thumb war because it didn't involve any physical movement. Later on, we found out who won the mini Olympics: The Megarians! After break, we painted paper plates for the afternoon. Afterwards, we made pots out of clay! First, we had to soften it up and knead it. Then, we moulded and shaped it to look like a pot! We thought this was a fun way for us to learn more about the Ancient Greeks and really enjoyed ourselves.

By Edie, William and Sophia, 5S



### AWESOME ASSEMBLY

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 5P performed an assembly all about reading. 5P were the first class to put on an assembly this year. It involved lots of practice from all of the pupils in difficult circumstances. It was also the first time they had been able to sing all term! It was streamed live via Google Meet to the parents at home. Dara (a pupil in 5P) said, 'It was a little bit weird because normally the parents come into school to watch us perform. But this year, due to Covid, they couldn't.' With confident acting, Jansen Lim as Charlie, a character who doesn't like reading, navigated us through a feast of wonderful books by authors including Charles Dickens, Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl and Anthony Horowitz. All children spoke their lines loudly and the acting and singing was out of this world! Mrs Lamy (head teacher) thanked 5P for such a wonderful show and she really enjoyed listening to the song 'Books, Glorious Books' as it was to the tune of her favourite song.

5P gave a very important message about reading.



### Super Science!

During our Earth and Space topic, we learnt about phases of the moon. To do this, we experimented with Oreos. We all worked in groups and got given 2 each. We separated the two biscuits stuck together with cream and chose a moon phase, so that we could make that moon phase with the cream. We scraped some cream with a plastic spoon until there was a moon phase moulded on the Oreo. We then put all of the moon phases in order. Doing that experiment really helped us to learn the phases of the moon! Later on this term we did another experiment based on gravity, a type of force that pulls objects to the ground. To do this, we made parachutes by cutting pieces of paper in different shapes and sizes to attach to a piece of string. Then we attached a lump of Plasticine to the end of the string, Finally we dropped the parachute and timed how long it. It was fun!



By Alicia & Hafsa, 5J

### Charity Challenge



Year 5 joined Joe Wicks for the final twenty minutes of his Children in Need 24-hour charity workout challenge. He looked really tired, but he kept on going. We joined in at the end of the session and we were all puffing and very hot. It was such good fun. It

was brilliant when we found out he had raised more than £1m for Children in Need.

By Finn and Aurelius 5J

### Alien Invasion

On Wednesday 18th November, SPJS was invaded by aliens. The first we knew was Mrs Lamy coming out to the playground to tell us. What did they want? Where did they come from? Why had they returned? Why did they leave things behind? These were some of the questions we tried to answer. We were reporters and interviewed eye witnesses of this sensational event. We took notes just like real reporters. It helped us and we wrote some amazing newspaper reports.

By Morewa and Ronnie 5J



### Christmas Festivities!

To make the school look festive, each class chose a book as a theme to decorate their door. In 5J we chose 'One Snowy Night'. We each made an animal from the story and Percy the park keeper. Our door looks amazing. We also looked at Christmas scenes for ideas, then we designed a scene to go on a pot to decorate the windowsills around the school. It was such fun—Alfie 5J.



We made Christmas cards. I made one with Rudolph on - he had a spring nose. Some other people made a pop up Christmas Tree card.—Kevin 5J.

Our class designed a snowy scene. We could choose night or day as a background. I chose night. I then used a collage of paper and felt to make my scene.—Hera 5J



### A Festive Message from the Teachers



This school year started in its own, unique way... However, we are incredibly proud of how Year 5 have continued to settle back into school life. We have experienced many fun learning opportunities together and have been impressed by their hard work and enthusiasm. We wish all the children and their families a merry time over the festive period!

Have fun, smile lots and relax!  
The Y5 Team