

# Class Cherry Christmas Newsletter



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Dear parents/carers,

What a busy and full term we have had! Christmas is only a few days away and we are all ready for a rest and some quality time with our loved ones!



## Design Technology

As part of our Victorian topic we learnt about early moving pictures. The earliest animations were formed by special machines called 'zoetropes'. We worked in small groups at first to make one together. We had to measure a certain measurement (radius) to get the circular base exactly right. Lots of bases didn't fit as the compasses were tricky to use and kept on slipping.

We had to design our animation by creating a picture that changed slightly in each segment.

We stuck a reel on the base for it to spin on. As the zoetrope spins, the images appear to move as they are too fast for the eye to process.

Making zoetropes was good fun and everyone enjoyed the lessons.

By Elodie

## The Victorians

We have been learning about the Victorians in our topic 'Who killed Pip Davenport?'

Through examining the different suspects, linked by incriminating evidence left at or near the scene of the crime, we have learnt about different key Victorian figures such as Charles Dickens and Lord Shaftesbury.

We have debated the Factory Act in the role of working class people and children and explored different art techniques when learning about William Morris.

The whole topic ended with a Victorian Activity Afternoon. We had a session in a Victorian court to find out the the murderer of Pip Davenport. We had to discuss and present our evidence to the judges. After that we enjoyed doing lots of Victorian craft activities such as peg doll dressing, quilling and playing Hopscotch. At the very end of the afternoon the judges announced that the murderer was Lord Shaftesbury.

By Christian

## Charity Games

We have really enjoyed making our charity games. After we made them we needed to test them. My game was called Bourn the Balls in the Holes. The aim of the game was to try and bounce the ball into a hole which was worth points. If you got your ball into a certain hole you won a prize.

Some people's games were really simple which was good because you didn't want it to be too hard for little children so they could win prizes as well.

By Ibrahim



### Stibbington

This half term KS2 had a wonderful day at Stibbington. We explored many areas from the Victorian era like what poor children played with to where they had their lessons.

It was amazing how children lived in Victorian times. At the end of it all we learnt a lot and had fun too.

By Stephanie

At Stibbington we had lots of fun playing with the Victorian toys. My personal favourite was the Hoop and Stick. After playtime we went into the old, real Victorian class room that was almost entirely out of wood. It had wooden desks, a wooden blackboard and wood panelling.

We went for a walk in the village and saw lots of historical building including cottages and the cemetery where we found the graves of the names of the children we were given.

I found the day helpful and fun.

By Matt P

### Play Rehearsals

This half term Year's 3, 4 and 5 have produced a wonderful Christmas play. We have been working really hard all half term to make the best that we could.

The play was set in a huge village hall and the vicar and his wife were setting up stalls for everyone to use. The groups included Vanessa's Keep Fit for Christmas, The Local Luvvies amateur dramatics, The Silver Surfer's internet group and many more.

I hope you enjoyed it!

By Gala & Emilia



Vanessa's Keep Fit for Christmas class

### COMING UP...

Our exciting new topic will be revealed after Christmas.

Literacy and Numeracy master classes for year 5s and 6s will continue.



Thank you for your support over the term.

We are all ready for a break now, and I wish you all very restful holiday.

*Merry  
Christmas*

From

Sarah Wheatman