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Newsletter

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Our Christian Value of the
Month is:

Friendship

*A friend love at all time— sin-
cere and heart fried not only
loves in prosperity, but also in
adversity .*

Proverbs 17:17

Friendship Prayer

Lord,
Please go before us,
to lead.
Walk beside us,
to befriend,
Be above us,
to protect.
Stay behind us,
to direct.
Be beneath us,
to support.

Amen



Spotlight on Science

At Much Marcle we foster positive attitudes, fascination and excitement of discovery through our teaching and learning of science

We aim for our children to develop a 'can do' attitude, where they recognise themselves as Scientists.

Science lessons provide the opportunity for children to use practical resources to represent explore scientific concepts. This is followed by the challenge of different types of questions to practise and consolidate their understanding. The children's learning is then extended as they carry out challenges and next steps.

In order for our children to become successful in working and thinking scientifically, we focus each lesson around a set of scientific skills. The children can confidently identify the skills they have been using and how it supports our development of scientific concepts.



Class 1

Class 1 have been interested in cars this half term. The children have been exploring how we can make cars go the fastest. We made ramps using various materials to understand which works best.

Class 2

Class 2 have been learning about animals, including humans. We have explored how we grow and how to keep our bodies healthy. We enjoyed learning about how germs spread and what it means to have good hygiene.



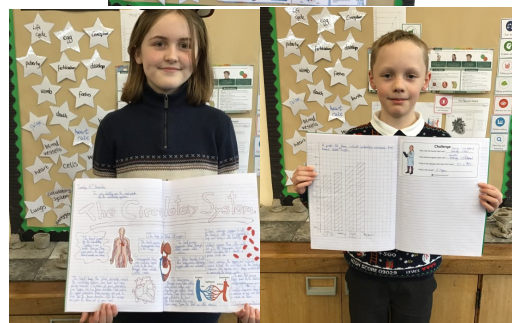
Class 3

Our topic this half term has been 'Light' and last half term we studied 'Rocks'. We have loved testing rocks for permeability, durability and resistance to acidic solutions. We have also learnt about light sources and reflection and investigated how shadows change according to the position of the light source.



Class 4

We have been working really hard as scientists exploring the human life cycle, learning about the different stages of our development and the circulatory system to gain a better understanding of how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported around the body.





Key Dates

9th Children return to school

11th Young Voices – KS2 – Resorts World Birmingham

29th Class 3 Swim (Every afternoon for 2 weeks)

February

**12th – 16th February
HALF TERM**

Class 1

Our topic this half term has been 'Superheroes'. As part of our topic the children have had visits from the local fire-fighters and a local guide dog to gain a better understanding of real life superheroes in our local area.

The children particularly enjoyed using the fire-fighters hose in the playground.



Class 2

Our topic this term has been all about toys. We have explored toys from different time periods and compared the similarities and differences between them.



In Science, we have been exploring our bodies and how to look after them. One of our favourite lessons involved Investigating how germs 'glitter' spreads and how to clean our hands to kill the germs.



Class 3

As part of our topic about the Stone Age to the Iron Age, Class 3 have visited St Fagan's museum in Cardiff. We spent some time learning all about Round houses and how people lived during the Iron Age.

We learnt about the tools they used and food they ate as well



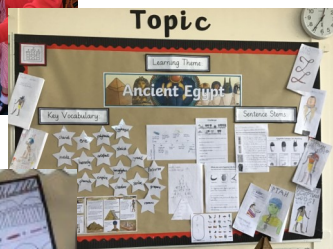
as the clothes they wore.

Check out our fantastic cave paintings.



Class 4

Pyramids, Mummification, Pharaohs, Hieroglyphics....can you guess what we have been learning about? That's right, Ancient Egypt! We have been travelling back in time to the Valley of the Kings, exploring a range of sources and making inferences about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.





Advice

Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Every Little Helps!

With the cost of living increases we are all experiencing, free school meals could make a significant difference to a family. To apply online use this link:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals>

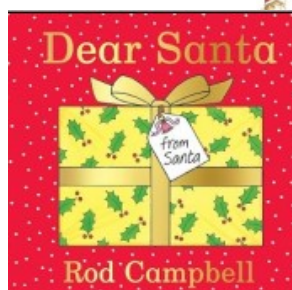
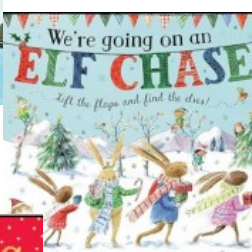
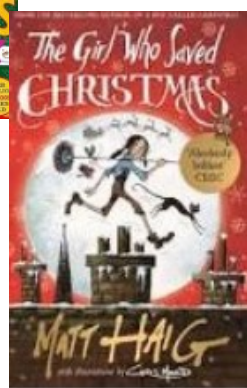
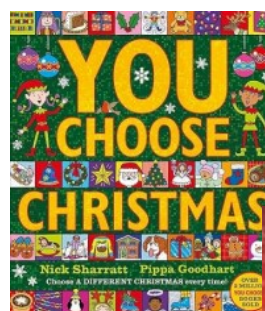


We are extremely proud of all the children who have been reading weekly. They were rewarded with hot chocolate and marshmallows during our film afternoon. Their names were also put into a draw to win a Christmas book. Congratulations to our winners: Layla, Jesse, Annie and Joseph.



Christmas Reading

There are so many brilliant, festive, factual and funny books to be enjoyed this Christmas. Here is a selection of some of the best!



Hellens Christmas Music Project

Wow! What a beautiful whole school performance—it was a real festive treat and a celebration of Christmas. We are so proud of our children and their amazing singing. We would like to thank Daniela Hathaway for all of her wonderful work with the children, Simon Peberdy for accompanying the children on the piano and Adam Munthe for organising and funding such a wonderful music project! Thank you to our Friends of Much Marcle for holding a raffle and for providing mulled wine and mince pies.



Planting Trees at Homme House

On Friday 15th, the whole school gathered together to plant trees which represent each of their houses: Pearmain, Pippin, Pomeroy and Russet. Our wonderful house captains - Bob, Phoebe, Bella and Joseph - first prepared the ground by digging holes, then in their houses the children made circles around the holes as the trees were placed in the ground. Shovel by shovel they back filled each hole and then read poems to wish the tree well. We would like to thank our Chair of Governors, Mr B Robbins for sourcing each of the trees, The Big Apple for funding them and Jocelyn and Charlie for allowing us to plant the trees on Homme House land.



Church Dates

Sunday 24th December Yatton 1830	Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight
Monday 25th December Much Marcle 0930	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Sunday 31st December Much Marcle 1030	First Sunday of Christmas Songs of Praise Carol Service
Sunday 7th January Yatton 0930	Second Sunday of Christmas Holy Communion (BCP)

Reminders

Tesco Tokens

A quick reminder that if you are shopping in Tesco Ledbury over December, please pop your tokens into the collection to vote for Much Marcle Primary School. Every shopper will receive one token (no matter how big or small their shop is). If you are not offered a token by store staff please ask for one. Thank you for your support.

Pantomime



We thoroughly enjoyed our whole school trip to see Dick Whittington at the Courtyard in Hereford. It was an amazing show with lots of singing and giggles. We were extremely proud of the children's impeccable behaviour. A big thank you to all of the staff for making sure that this trip went ahead safely and successfully.

Online Safety

Get to know age ratings:

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?

Whether your child is viewing films,



accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls?

Further information Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter:
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Friends of Much Marcle

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful friends of Much Marcle who have been very busy organising lots of different events to raise money for our school. So far this year they have had cake raffles, hot chocolate after school raised funds at Hellens Produce Market and held a Christmas raffle. Thank you for supporting these events and helping to raise a fantastic amount of **£1368.94**. We are one step closer to our goal!

GOAL
£8000
£7000
£6000
£5000
£4000
£3000
£2000
£1000
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START

ATTENDANCE

Class 1	95%
Class 2	94.0%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	95%

Our target is 96%

Red = Below Target
Green = Achieved Target
Blue = Above Target

Well done to Class 3 who have won the

Pearmain 782	Pippin 781
Pomeroy 513	Russet 750

attendance cup for best attendance in Autumn Term 2.

House Points Update

The children have earned their House Points through consistent and sustained effort in their class, producing good quality work, being polite and courteous, helping each other and by setting a good example. We also held special 'House



Nativity

As always St Bartholomew's provided the perfect setting for our annual Nativity. The children told The Christmas Story and filled the church with their beautiful voices. We hope you enjoyed listening to their wonderful singing and acting.



Christmas Cheer



Have a wonderful Christmas!

