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### Caring For Precious and Unique Learners



### Mickey Mouse Visits Year R!

#### A message from Miss Porter

This term has been all about maps. Year R have thoroughly enjoyed designing different types of maps relating to 'Our Map' book. We have created maps using Lego, paper and collages. We have made maps of our bedrooms, classroom, hearts and lots of others too.

As part of our end of learning theme presentation, we were set the challenge of creating a map book for Mickey Mouse Pre-school. We thought about the maps they might want to see. After we had designed our maps children looked at how they could improve. They then redrafted their maps to make it the best it could be. We decided on space maps, superhero maps, Disney character maps, animal, hearts and holiday maps (to name a few).

Mickey Mouse joined us on Monday 1st December and were very impressed with our book (and our classroom).



## Looking Forward

As I sit and write this edition of Wonderful Worlebury, my thoughts are drawn to the key message in our Collective Worships this week; Looking Forward.



Life was meant to be lived looking forward, to where you are going, not looking back on what has already happened.

We have talked about hopes and dreams and the endless possibilities the future holds. Children never cease to amaze me with their very clear way of looking at the world. They spoke to me about happiness, feeling safe, having friends and being loved. You would have thought I had scripted it! Yet actually our children know what's important and it was very reassuring to listen to our next generation talk with such care, compassion and thought.

As we look towards another new year I wish you love, laughter, health and happiness. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Warmest wishes

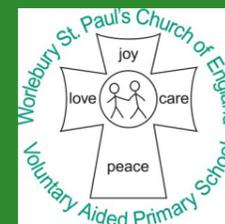
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## Remembrance week

We commemorated the centenary of World War I with the whole school taking part in a range of activities to bring the past to life. One of the highlights was a workshop where children learnt about what it was like as a soldier in World War I. The children were fascinated to learn all about life in the trenches, weaponry and how soldiers spent their days. There was even an opportunity to practise marching! A whole school artwork day produced some stunning pieces of work such as stained glass poppy paintings, miniature poppies and remembrance crosses, and it was a great opportunity for children of different ages to work together. Year 3 and 4 led a special Family Worship where they shared their poetry and prayers. The week culminated in a Year 5 and 6 performance of the play 'Archie and Annie's War' which told the story of the impact of war through the eyes of two young children. The play showcased superb acting and singing and received excellent reviews from staff, children and parents. Poppies and poppy memorabilia were sold throughout the week by children, and the school is proud to have raised money for the British Legion.



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# Wonderful Worlebury

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New play-ground
- Curriculum updates
- Worlebury out and about!
- Christmas at Worlebury
- WOW events

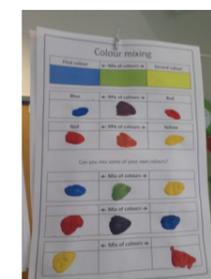
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## Worlebury Induction: Making our mark: striving for excellence

We spent the first two weeks of term one setting expectations and building class communities. The curriculum was suspended and the whole school engaged in rich poetry, mark making, SEAL (social and emotional aspects of learning) and community building activities. From setting out our basic skills such as; colour mixing, basic presentational skills and classroom contracts to producing some exquisite artwork and poetry, the induction fortnight was a great success. These are some of the moments I managed to capture!

### Colour Mixing



### Whole class artwork



The children celebrated their fortnight of induction by coming together as a whole school in a sharing circle. The children, as

## New Play Area is declared open!

After lots of watching, waiting and anticipation we were all very excited to see the Mayor cutting the ribbon and declaring our new play area open!



The weather was not kind to us on our opening day but the children have been enjoying it immensely ever since.



### Curriculum updates

Having such creative and innovative staff you will not be surprised to hear that the titles of the learning themes have already been revamped! As you would expect the coverage is kept constant but the way it is delivered is changeable to suit the needs of the children and adults.

Year R — S is for Stories  
Year 1 and 2 — Where in the world are we?  
Year 3 and 4 — How powerful is nature?  
Year 5 and 6 — Adventure to be revealed!



They really did set the bar high for the rest of the academic year!

## SS Great Britain—the spiral of progression

We are committed to achieving more than we thought possible!



Year 1 and 2 went on to hold an 'exhibition of learning', which is being used as a model of excellence in the professional development of educators in the local authority.



It was wonderful to see both our youngest and oldest children take trips to the SS Great Britain in term 1!

From Brunel to Queen Victoria the children all engaged in life from this period.

Year 1 and 2 visited the SS Great Britain as part of their learning theme 'Can You Make a Difference?'

The children had opportunities to have first hand experiences of real artefacts in an amazing workshop and even took part in a re-enactment of the launch of the SS Great Britain!

These experiences really enabled the children to relate to life on board and they went on to become amazing experts!

Year 5 and 6 children visited the SS Great Britain in Bristol as part of their Learning Theme 'Whose Footsteps do we Follow?'

The children were amazed by the detail inside the great ship as history was brought to life by an excellent tour guide and mannequins dressed as Victorian passengers and crew. They were eager to learn all the fascinating details about the building, launch and voyaging of the great ship and were a credit to our school. The children also took part in a workshop where they were transported back to 1842 to become part of the team that built the ship and then to 1843 along with costumes for the launch!



## Year 3 and 4 stepped back in time!

### Trip to Caerleon

What a fantastic trip! The children were able to really step back in time and experience life as a Roman child. Their reactions were fantastic, as they realised that the boys were the most important and the girls were not expected to achieve much at all!



## Singing at the Christmas Lights

Worlebury St. Paul's was chosen as the 'Mayor's School' to perform at the Christmas Lights Switch On event in the town square on Thursday 27th November. Children from Years 5 and 6 performed brilliantly on the stage, they really were a credit to our school. Well done everyone!



# Christmas at Worlebury

### Angel Express



It was a very special song for the baby Jesus! Well after a very shaky start the wonderful Angel Choir finally managed to sing beautifully for the baby Jesus! Well done to Year 1 and 2 who performed their special nativity production, there were some fantastic performances and the singing brought a tear to one or two eyes...



### Nativity

Well didn't they do well? It never ceases to amaze me how our youngest children perform with such confidence.



I don't know about you but I feel truly ready for Christmas!

### Year 2 Family Worship—The meaning of Advent

Thank you to Year 2 who reminded us of the meaning of advent.



### The Christingle at St Paul's Church

What a beautiful service. Well done to those children who sang beautifully; your voices filled the church and created a very proud, special moment.

Let us keep those children living in poverty at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers this Christmas. The very clear message from the service was that we can all make a small difference and if we all do something we could change the world. What a wonderful thought.



## A Victorian Christmas

As so many of our current Christmas traditions were started by the Victorians, it seemed entirely appropriate to continue with our learning theme! As well as researching Victorian Christmas traditions, children designed a traditional Victorian Christmas card, made Christmas crackers and improved their pastry skills by baking mince pies. However, the highlight has to have been learning about the classic Charles Dickens book, 'A Christmas Carol' and becoming familiar with the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. The children were eager to discuss the character of Scrooge, learn about the language used by Dickens to create atmosphere and, most importantly, use their persuasive skills to write to Scrooge and convince him about the magic of Christmas. There was no room for 'Bah Humbug' in Year 5 and 6!

In addition the whole school watched a production of 'Scrooge', which was excellent!

