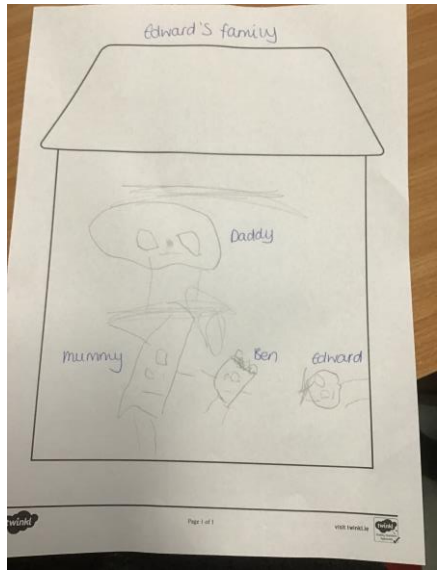
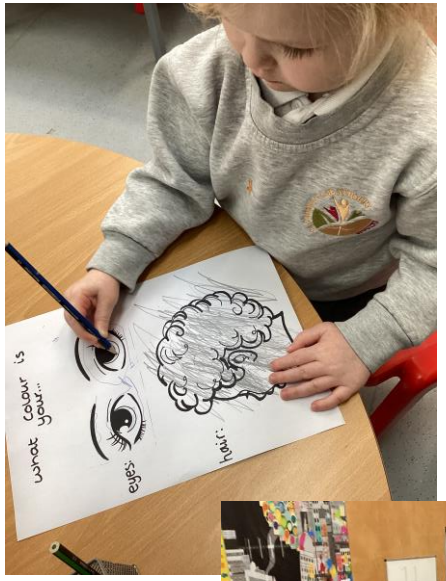
# Learning Update
# 20th December 2024

# Highlights of the Autumn Term

# Nursery


Edward's family
Daddy
Mummy
Ben
Edward


What colour is your hair:

# Reception (King Class and Parks Class)

From all of the Reception team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we are looking forward to seeing you all in January.

We have enjoyed exploring with a range of materials within our Creative Area.

We have explored a range of texts and writing.

Learning about road safety and the Nativity story in the Investigation Area.

# Year 1 (Bell Class and Windsor Class)

Making butterfly sculptures inspired by David Gosling in Design and Technology.

Celebrating the Festival of Light and Peace and Incarnation Day in RE.

Our trip to St. John's House for our Victorian day.

Making Christmas cards! Wishing you a Merry Christmas! From the Year 1 team.

# Year 2 (Braille Class and Kerr Class)

# Year 3 (Malala Class and Anning Class)

# Year 4 (Turing Class and Tagore Class)

Science Investigations: States of Matter and the Digestive System

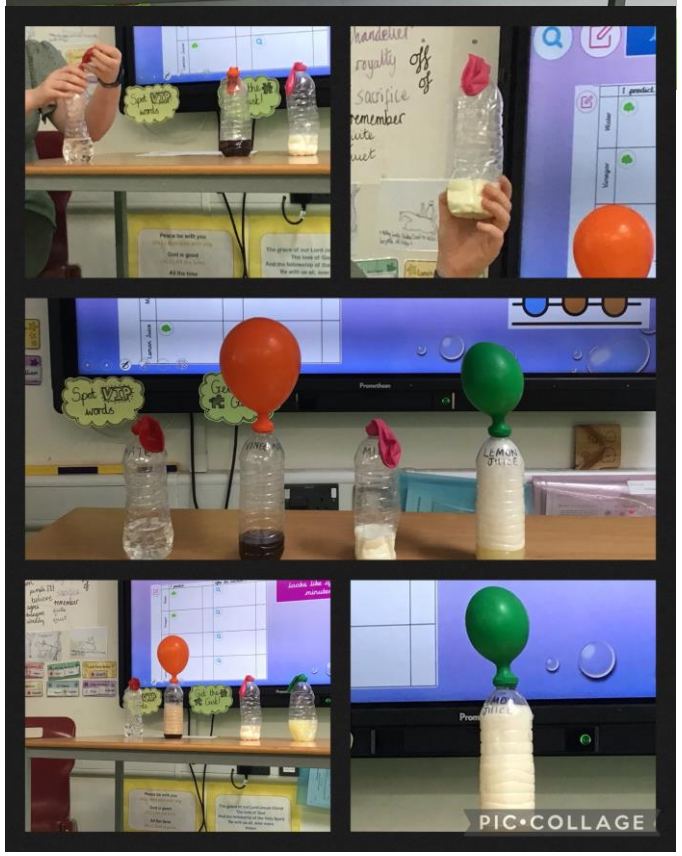
Design and Technology: The Great Bread Bake Off

Trips : Local area walk and Cadbury World

Art: Creations inspired by Albrecht Dürer

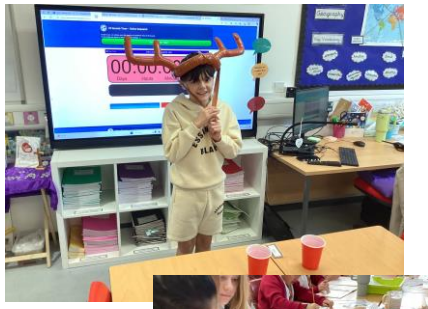
Geography: Water usage investigation and using Digimaps

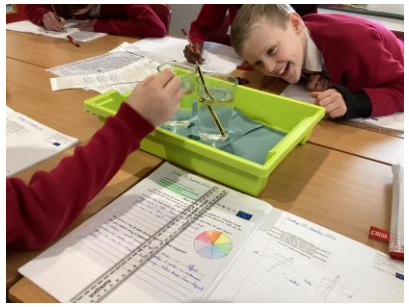
# Year 5 (Attenborough Class and Gandhi Class)

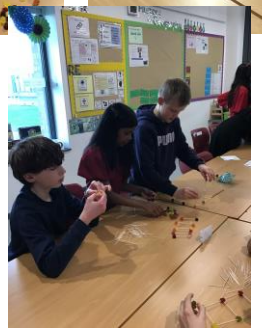


# Year 6 (Pogson Class and Ahmad Class)

It has been such a wonderful term! Wishing everyone a happy holiday! Can't wait to see you next year!

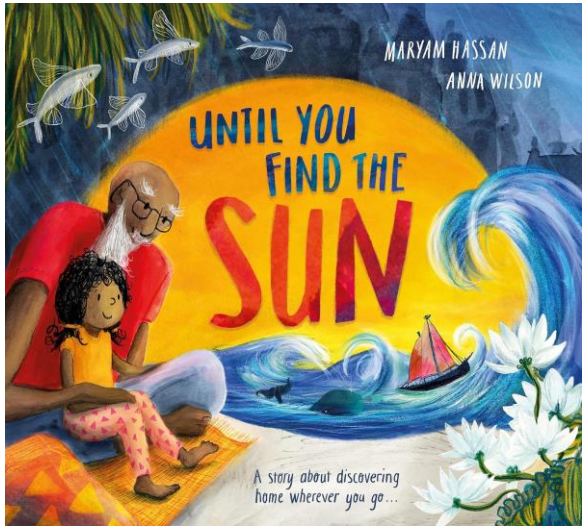






# Recommended Read

'**Until You Find the Sun**' by *Maryam Hassan*




Aminah's life is full of warmth and joy, from days spent in the golden sunshine eating juicy mangoes, to evenings curled up reading adventure stories with her grandfather, Da.

But one day, Aminah's told she'll be leaving with her parents for their very own adventure, one that will take her away from Da and the sunny comforts of the life she's known.

Though change can be scary and her new home is *much* colder, Aminah soon begins to realise that no matter how far she is from Da, she'll always be able to feel his warmth in her heart.

# Other News

The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers last Friday. Thank you so much for all your donations; we raised a total of £179 for Save the Children.

A huge well done to the children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 for their fantastic Christmas singing and performances this week; we are so proud of you all!

# PTFA

# PTFA NEWSLETTER

Friends of St Gabriel's C of E Academy

w/e 19th December 2024 | PTA@stgabrielscofeacademy.org

Last weekend many of the PTFA team were involved in the Santa at the Barn event with the Rugby Heritage Lions.

We welcomed 150 children over the weekend and it was great to see so many excited children getting into the Christmas spirit.

A big thank you to those that attended for supporting us it is so appreciated.

We are still waiting for some of the money to hit our bank account but initial numbers look like we have raised **another £500** for the PTFA.

THANK YOU!

## Outgrown Schoool Uniform

If you are having a clear out of outgrown school uniform over half term please consider donating good quality items to the PTFA ready for our next second hand uniform sale.

## Costume donations

The PTFA are looking to start a preloved dress up shop in a bid to help with the cost of living crisis and also encourage a more eco friendly option for parents.

If you have any unwanted dressing up costumes at home that were used as part of the school dress up days such as Victorian Day, Caveman Day, Roman Day, World Book Day etc the PTFA would love them!

Donations can be brought into the school office when they reopen in January or you can drop us an email and we can arrange collection.

## EVENTS

We will be meeting up in the new year to put together a schedule of events for the Spring term. If you would like to get involved please email PTA@stgabrielscofeacademy.org

# Family Support

**Mental Health Support over the Festive Season**

For many, the festive season is a time of joy and spending time with family and friends, but for others, it can be an overwhelming and lonely period. Whether Christmas is part of someone's life or is simply happening around them, feelings of stress, anxiety or isolation can make it harder to manage mental health.

Wellbeing for Warwickshire is here for you 24/7, 365 days a year for connection, advice, information and signposting.

If you're an adult living in Coventry or Warwickshire, struggling with your mental health and not sure where to go for support, you can call them on 0800 616171 and they'll help you with the next steps.

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