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Dear Parents/Carers

Wishing you a Happy New Year!
Hope you and your families have had a lovely Christmas.

Our autumn term 2 was a busy one.....

The children enjoyed spotting Halloween inspired pictures around the garden, ticking them off on their charts and making potions, by mixing coloured water and bugs. We also looked at the importance of keeping our teeth clean and practiced on a large set!

To celebrate **Bonfire Night** the children made chocolate apples and created their own fireworks rolling marbles in paint and using bingo dabbers and toilet roll tubes. The children worked together to make a large scale outdoor fireworks picture, made marks in black paint on foil



For **Remembrance Day** the children created poppies using loose parts, fingerprints and stickers. We watched the cbeebies short **Poppies**, to help the children understand the importance of this special time.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>



The children have celebrated **Nursery Rhyme week** -where we focused on a different rhyme each day- engaging in activities and crafts linked to each rhyme. The children learnt about **Harvest**, sang Harvest songs and talked about the food bank and how their donations would help others

We dressed up for **Children in Need** and got invited by Class 1 and 2 to join in with their Fire Engine visit. We have also engaged in **Helicopter stories**, where the children take turns to tell their own story and then act it out with their friends.



To get Christmas started in the setting the children relished in decorating the Christmas tree and outdoor area.

We have read lots of **Christmas** themed stories over the past few weeks and shared our own experiences and knowledge of the Christmas season.

The children have learnt all about The Nativity story and that very special first Christmas. They have used pictures to sequence the story- finding a beginning middle and end, watched the story told through sand art and busily practised for our part in the Christmas performance. Thank you for supplying such lovely star costumes for all of our little stars!! We hope you enjoyed the show.

There has been lots of crafts- Cards, Christmas trees, Calendars and presents....
And we had great fun creating our Baubles- posing for the photos with all of the festive props!

The children have also enjoyed Christmas lunch, carol singing in assembly, party games and making Christingles

Many hours were spent in the playhouse- as it transformed into Santa's workshop- providing lots of opportunities for wrapping presents and mark making- writing cards, lists to Santa and noting down jobs for elves!!



Autumn 2 photos will be uploaded to each child's Tapestry account this week, please let me know if you have any issues logging on to your child's account.

We are still after your **Family photos** please. (Photos can be emailed to me if easier)

They take pride of place in our home corner for the entire time that your child is with us. Myself and Laura's family photos are up too. The children love having them in setting and they are great for activities and lovely conversation starters.

Any questions or queries please email kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk

Important dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd January – Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January- Return to Preschool for Spring Term 3

Monday 25th January- Rags to Riches- more information to follow

Friday 17th February- End of Term 3

Many thanks.
Kelly and Laura