

# He's Behind You!

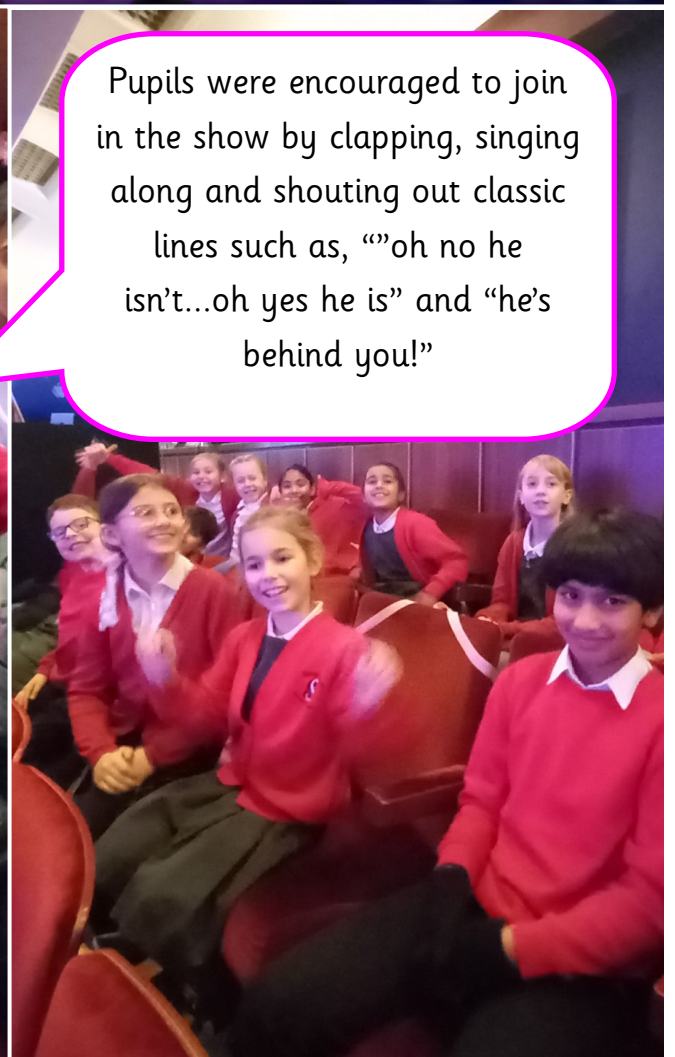
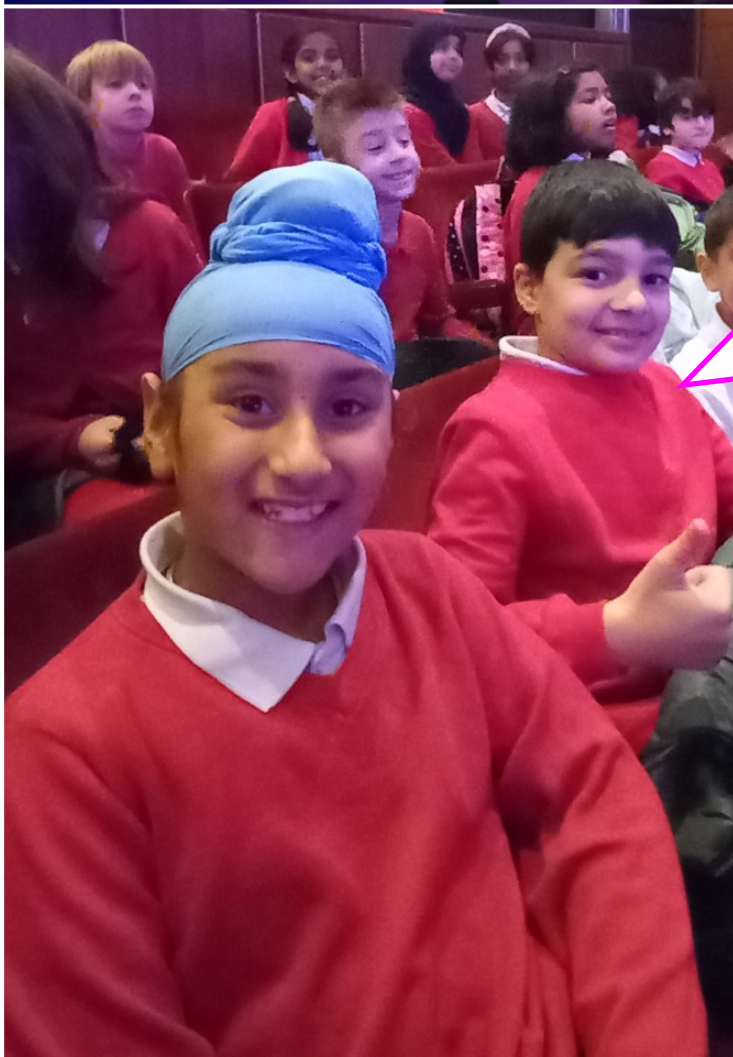


Children in Key Stage Two visited the Belgrade Theatre this week to watch the fun-filled pantomime, "Dick Whittington." The show featured singing, dancing and acting as well as fantastic special effects and over-the-top costumes. There were plenty of jokes and some hilarious slapstick routines that made everyone laugh.

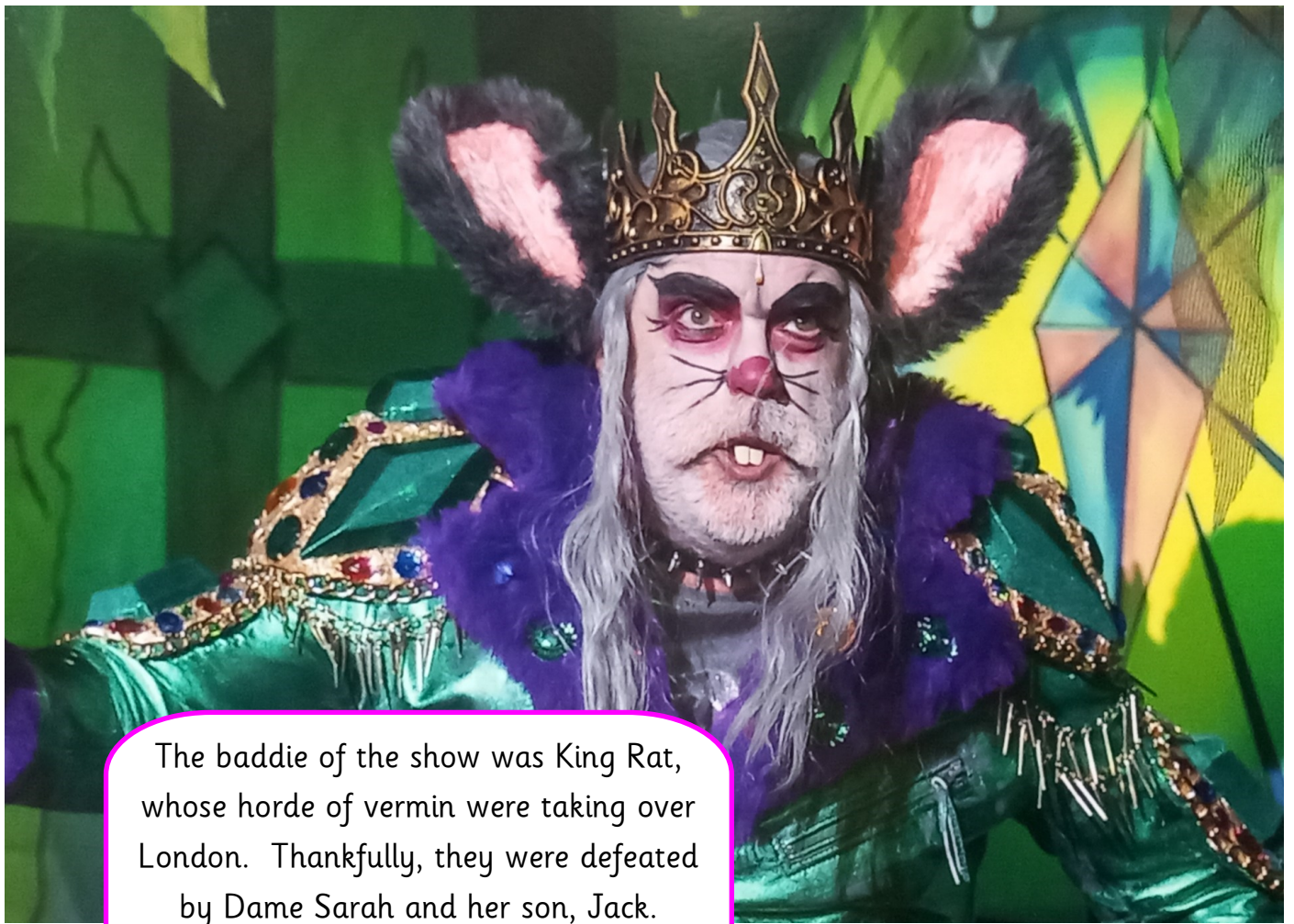


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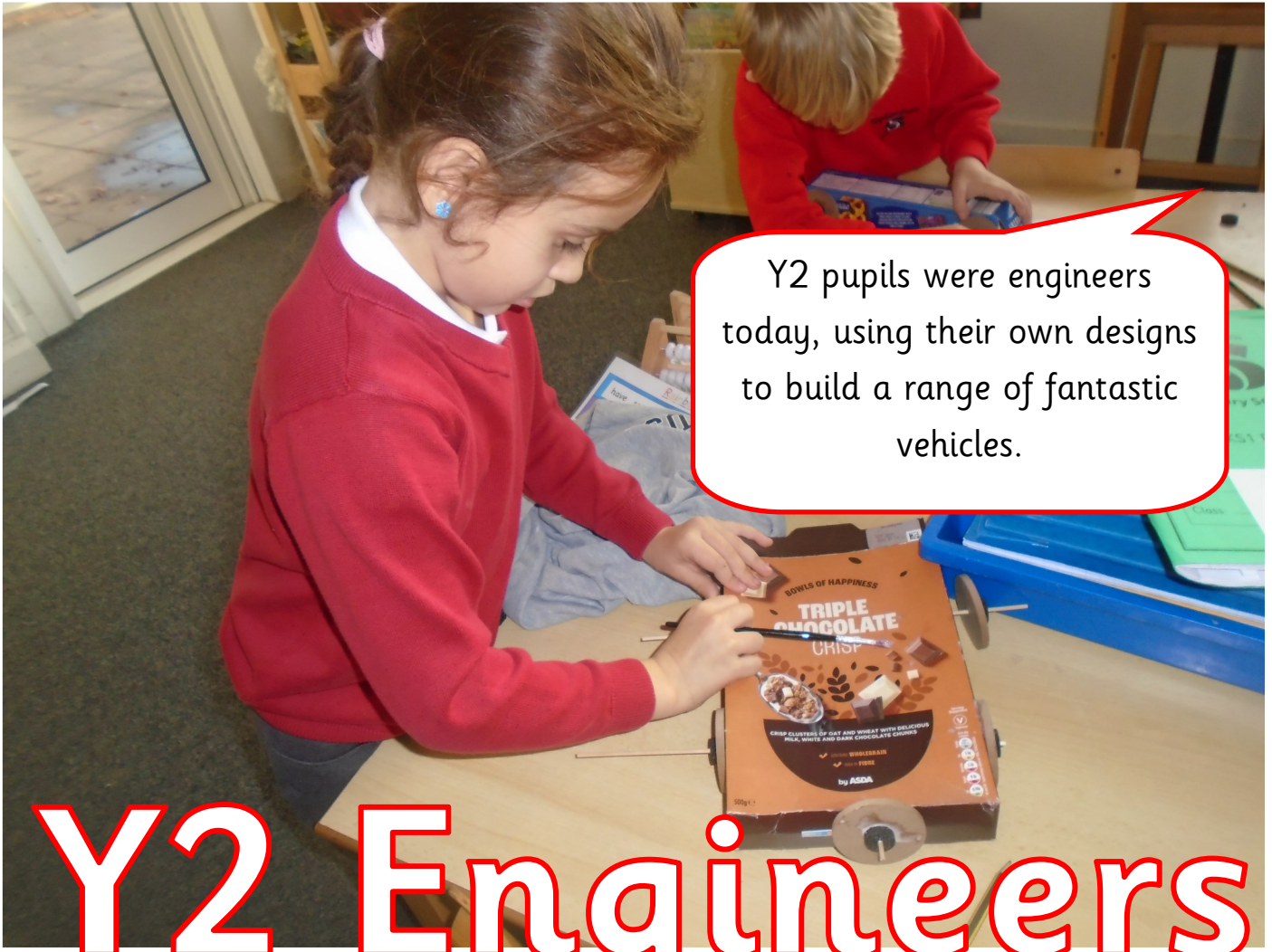
Pupils were encouraged to join in the show by clapping, singing along and shouting out classic lines such as, “oh no he isn't...oh yes he is” and “he's behind you!”



The baddie of the show was King Rat, whose horde of vermin were taking over London. Thankfully, they were defeated by Dame Sarah and her son, Jack. They were helped by Dick Whittington and his cool cat, Tommy.



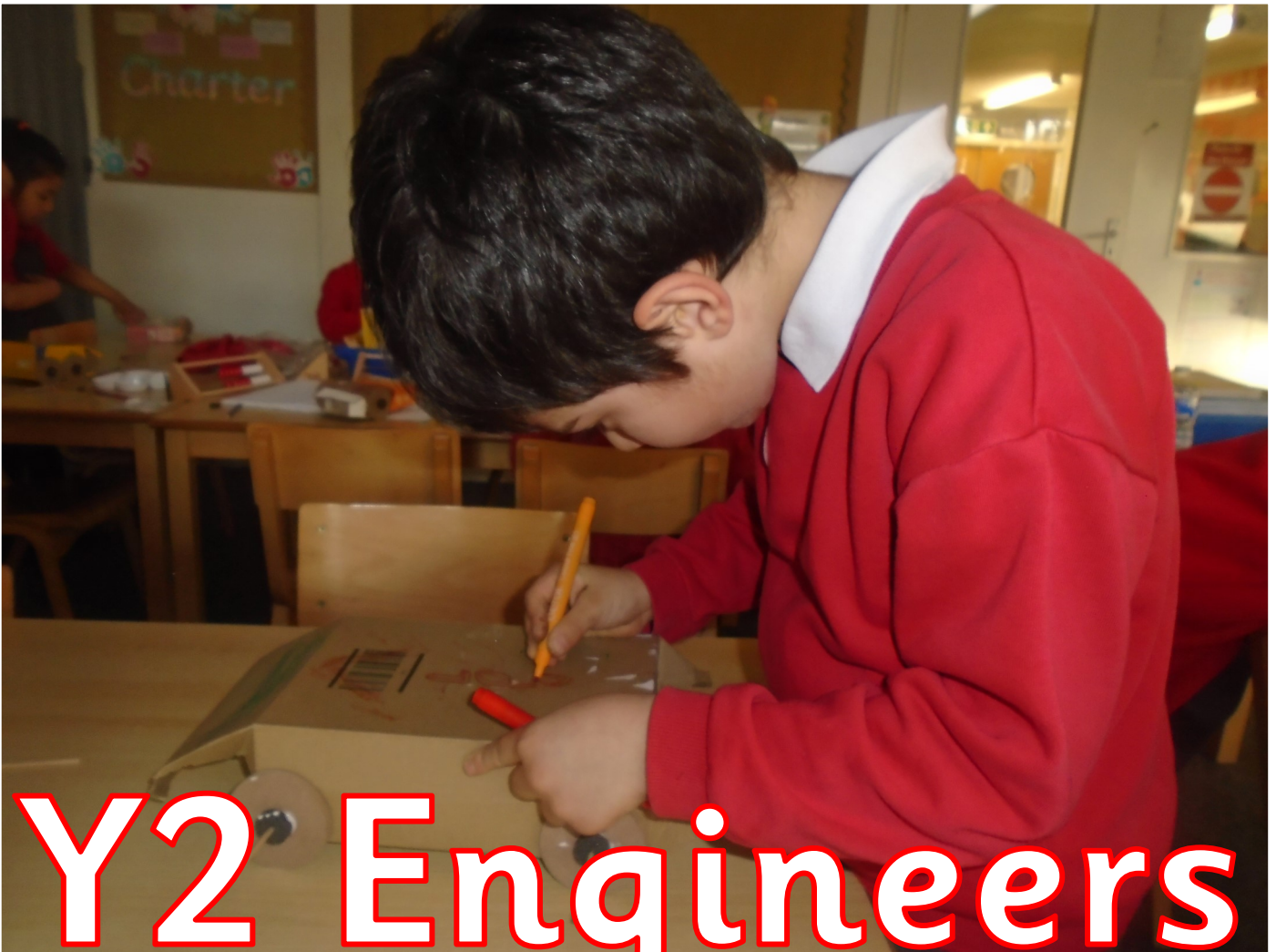
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Y2 pupils were engineers today, using their own designs to build a range of fantastic vehicles.

# Y2 Engineers





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The children used materials such as cardboard, balsa wood and tape to create their vehicles. They had to include a chassis, axles, wheels and axle holders to make their prototypes before taking them for a drive on the test pad. Future JLR employees, perhaps!



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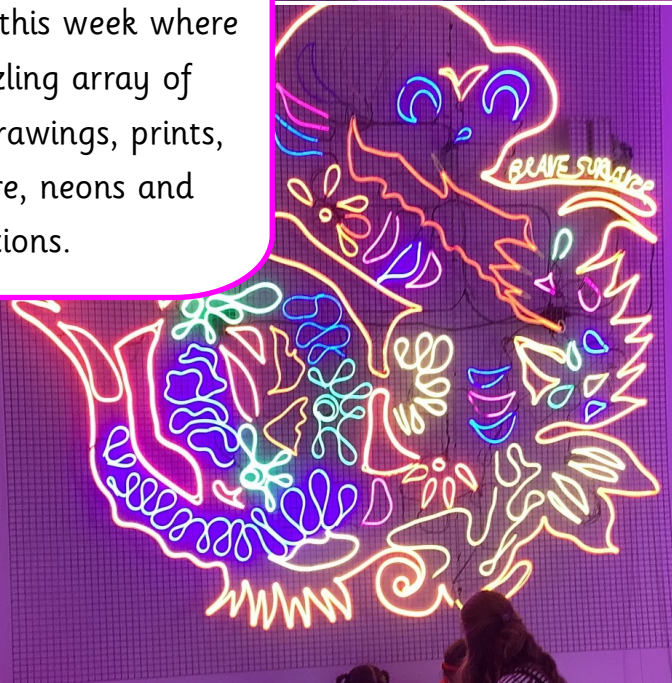
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Look at you through their eyes  
and wonder what you see



COMPTON  
VERNEY

Reception visited Compton Verney art gallery this week where they saw a dazzling array of works including drawings, prints, collage, sculpture, neons and installations.

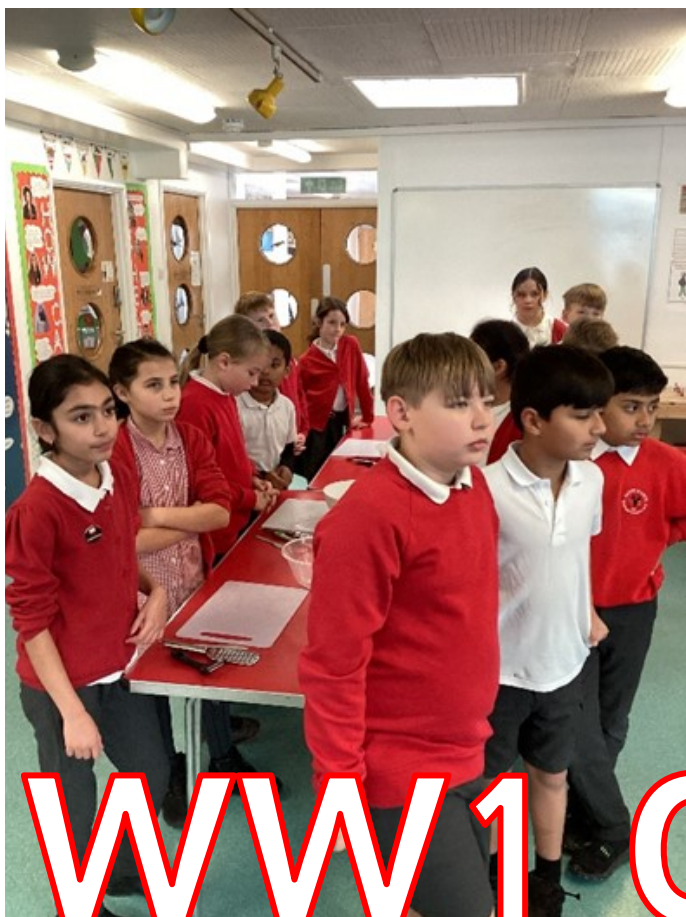


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Pupils began their visit by exploring the portrait gallery. They looked at court paintings of Henry VIII and Elizabeth 1 and had the chance to dress up! Afterwards, the children visited an exhibition by Chila Kumari Singh Burman which featured neon Hindu deities, mythological creatures, animals and even ice creams. The children then had a chance to create their own artworks which they lit up with UV torches. Some children had never been to a gallery before and this was a wonderful introduction to the world of art.



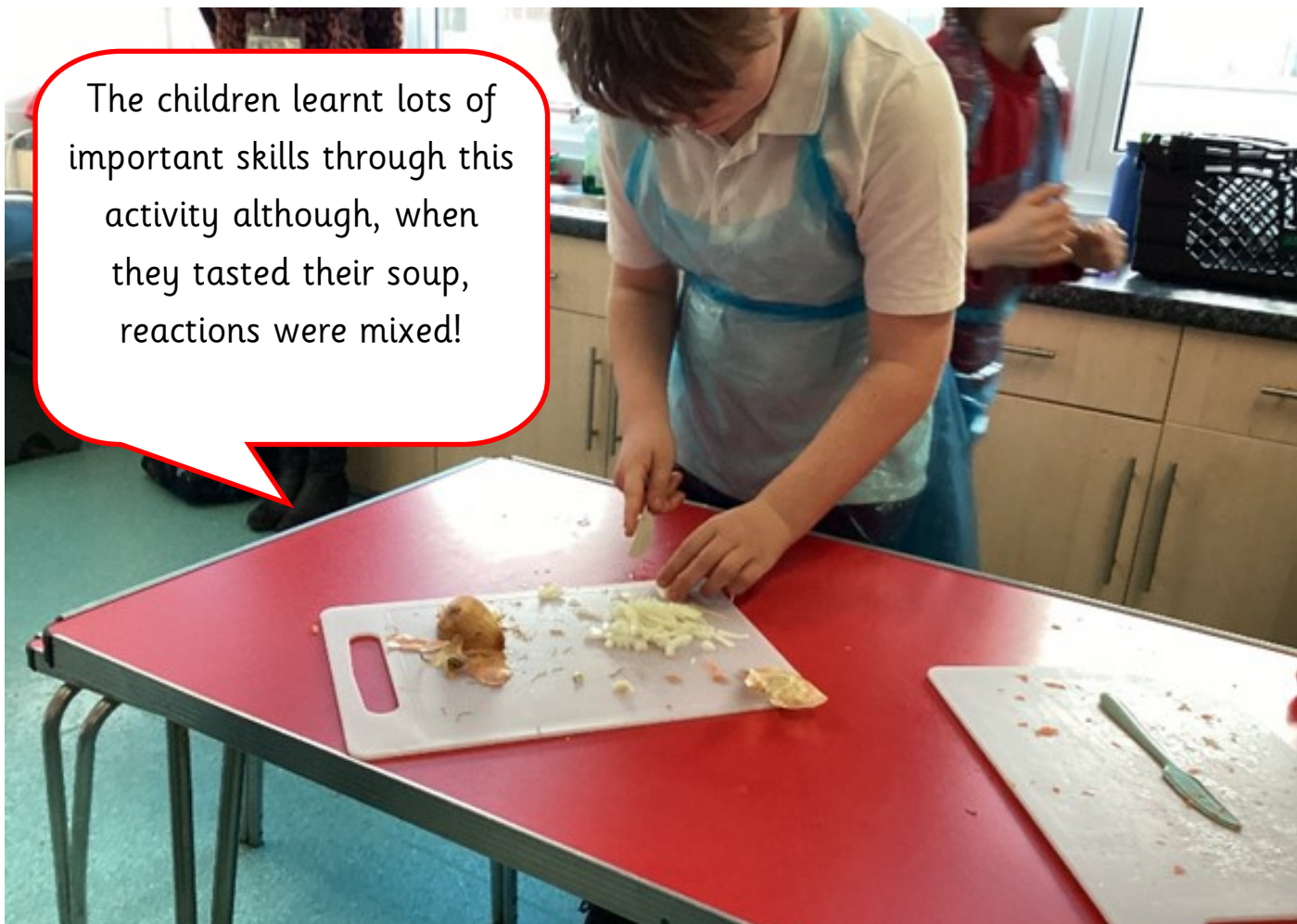
# WW1 Cookery



Year Five have been researching rationing and what sort of foods people used to eat during WW1. Pupils prepared a simple carrot, potato and onion soup. They worked as a team cutting, grating, slicing and peeling the vegetables. The result was a nutritious and affordable family meal.



The children learnt lots of important skills through this activity although, when they tasted their soup, reactions were mixed!



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This week in forest school one of the many groups was making decorative pieces for the forest school Christmas hoop. The group used their knot tying skills to weave their own 'God's eye's' which will be hanging in the hall. For anyone who has tried this it can be very fiddly work, and is a great way to develop fine motor skills. Pupils then put their whittling skills to practice. The group talked at length about how important it was to be safe, highlighting the need for a buffer zone, a specific way of sitting with elbows on knees and careful strokes. The children then whittled a stick to a point in order to make a Santa hat, before drawing a face and sticking a cotton beard to complete the look.



**Forest School**



# Arts Ambassadors

Our Arts Ambassadors have been busy helping Miss Glenny to raise money for the next SPLAT! Children's Arts Festival. They met this week to discuss funding bids and to think of ways to persuade charities to give us the money we need to employ artists to work in school. Some of the reasons they shared were:

“More and more children are just going on their phones or the internet and we want to inspire them to do more of the arts.”

“The arts make you less boring and bland. They help you to be creative and express who you are.”

“The arts make you less lonely. They connect you to what you want to be and what you like doing.”

“We're a Rights Respecting School and we want children to level up so they have the opportunity to thrive and learn new things.”

“The arts build confidence and help children to realise they're capable and can do things in the future.”



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# **CHRISTMAS JUMPER COLLECTION**

**Do you have any outgrown or unwanted  
Seasonal or Christmas jumpers?**

**Drop them at the collection box in the school office!  
Children's & Adults sizes are welcomed.**



**We will hold a jumper sale before the holidays, all  
proceeds go to the PTA to help fund new resources  
for school.**

**Festive drinks & snacks will also be available,  
more details to come!**

**Grab a bargain & help reduce clothing waste !**



**Please donate clean, re-sellable items**



# Christmas Performances



**You are warmly invited to attend your child's  
Christmas performance in the main school hall:**

**Reception Nativity, Wednesday 4th December at 9.30am.**

**Refreshments available after the show.**

**Y1/2 carol concert, Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am.**

**Y3/4 carol concert, Thursday 12th December at 2.15pm.**

**Y5/6 carol concert, Friday 13th December at 2.15pm.**

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OF OUR:

# Present Wrap Room

**13th, 16th & 17th of December**



During school hours your child will be taken to choose their grown up a surprise gift which they will wrap and decorate!



**£3 per gift - max 2 gifts per child**

Available on Parent Pay from Monday

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you are able to help with either a morning or afternoon slot

9:00-12:30 or 1:00-3:20

**please let us know**

[sydenhampta@welearn365.com](mailto:sydenhampta@welearn365.com)

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS

*In the run up to Christmas, we are holding some free simple craft sessions to get you in the festive spirit.*

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

3.30 - 5.30pm

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

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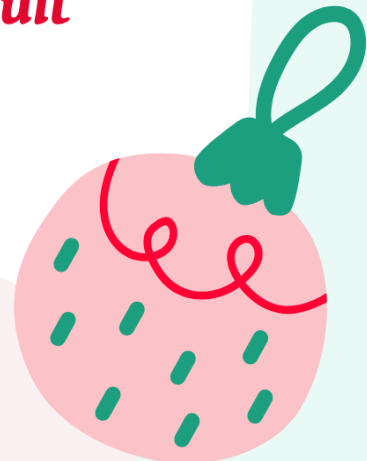
**Free refreshments included!**

**All ages welcome - children should have an accompanying adult**

**For more information or to book a place at one of the sessions, please call us on 01926 422123**



Brunswick Hub,  
98-100 Shrubland St, Leamington Spa, CV31 3BD



Brunswick Hub's

# CHRISTMAS APPEAL

*Every Christmas, we try to help those that need it in any way we can by providing gifts and food to families struggling to make ends meet. We also raise money at our Christmas event for the Chilled foodbank and Hardship fund that helps hundreds of people throughout the year.*

*The generosity of the community is invaluable when providing these services and this Christmas we are appealing for donations of the following:*



**NEW TOYS & GIFTS**



**ADVENT CALENDARS & SELECTION BOXES**

**NEARLY NEW TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS,  
ETC FOR CHILDREN**



**TOMBOLA PRIZES & FILLED MUGS**

**CHRISTMAS FOOD ITEMS & GENERAL  
FOOD/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**



***Donations can be received at the  
Hub from Monday 11th November.  
Please get in touch with us if you  
have any queries.***



**BHLC**

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# Diary Dates

<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	<b>School closed for INSET (In-Service training.)</b> Children back at school on Tuesday 3rd December.
Wednesday 4th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am. Families are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 9th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch "The Smeds and The Smoos."
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Thursday 12th December	Y6 visit to St Mary's church.
Friday 13th December	Y5/6 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Friday 13th December	PTA Wrap Room.
Monday 16th December	PTA Wrap Room
Tuesday 17th December	PTA Wrap Room.
Monday 16th December	Rock Steady concert at 2.15pm.
Monday December 16th	Re-scheduled date for Y1 pop-up planetarium.
Tuesday 17th December	Winter Craft session—fully booked.
Friday 20th December	Christmas MUFTI—come to school in a festive jumper or outfit. If your child wears their own choice of clothes, <b>please donate</b> at least 50p via ParentPay. All money raised will support the local charity, Parenting Project.
<b>Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January, school closed for the Christmas holiday.</b>	
<b>Monday January 6th 2025, School closed for INSET (In Service Training.)</b>	
<b>Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025</b>	