

What's in the news at Edison?



This week Year 3 took part in an interactive zoom workshop with ZSL (Zoological Science London). The workshop was based on classification. The students investigated the science of classification and how animals can be subdivided into different groups. The session was focused on the five vertebrate groups (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish) and real skulls were used to identify common features of each group. The interactive activity allowed pupils to test their understanding and apply their knowledge to identify and classify an animal from the features of the animal's skull, teeth or beaks.

The pupils also logged on to watch an exciting live presentation, led by Andrew Hanson, MBE and Outreach manager for the National Physics Laboratory, all to do with water! The presentation contained several amazing demonstrations to help pupils think about H₂O. The children looked at: the water molecule, floating and sinking, climate change, energy storage, water clocks, water usage, how nappies work, microwave ovens and minerals in water. We hope this presentation inspired the pupils to try some of these experiments at home!



Message from Mrs Dokal

I think we can all agree that this term/year has tested all our patience and has left everyone exhausted, needing this very much welcomed break. I would like to continue my message by thanking my hard working team that have supported me in keeping our school open, ensuring our children could access learning and have been safe while at school. We have managed virtual trips, lessons and lots of fun learning during this term. I hope you enjoy reading about it! There is no doubt that we will continue to face further challenges in the new year and up to the end of the academic year. We will get through this together! I would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and a healthy prosperous new year.

Poppy Display for Remembrance Day!

To commemorate Remembrance day all the children participated in creating beautiful wreaths made of poppies, around the school and displayed a huge one on the school gates.



Congratulations

Newton – 99.3%	
Bell – 98.9%	Well done Newton Class!!
Watson – 95.1%	
Franklin – 97.1%	
Pasteur – 93.9%	
Fleming – 92.2%	
Curie – 97.5%	
Faraday – 95.8%	
Carson – 93.8%	
Goodall – 92.8%	



Young Writer's Competition

Goodall class took part in a poetry competition and are so proud to have their winning entries get published in a book. Youngwriters is an online portal that runs nationwide competitions in hunt for talent in writing. Goodall class wrote poems on 'Peculiar pets' using various poetic devices and figurative language such as alliteration, hyperbole, similes, metaphors and personification



SCIENCE AMBASSADDORS

It has been a pleasure working with the Science ambassadors this half term. I have enjoyed the zoom meetings with the year 4 pupils, discussing how we can incorporate Science focused games in the playground and preparing the pupils for our first online Science assembly. All the ambassadors worked brilliantly with Mr Scarrott, planting bushes at the front of our school. Due to COVID restrictions our planned meetings were delayed but as the zoom meetings were trialled and successful with year 4, we are prepared to continue this with EYFS and KS1 next term. We will be focusing on promoting our new, whole-school science aims and working together to continue to develop the love of Science in our school. Thank you for all your hard work team! Best wishes, Mrs Juneja!



Reminders

New Term begins **Wednesday 6th January 2021** at your staggered start times as per usual.

Breakfast Club will run as normal at 8am and After School Club at 3.45pm-4:45pm

Absence

You must only keep your child off school if they are really unwell due to high temperature, vomiting and sickness! On the day of any absence, please call the School Office by 8.30am.

Please also follow the COVID Government guidelines and adhere to the school's protocols regarding any illness due to the Coronavirus.

If you or your child develops a high temperature, loss of taste and smell or a continuous cough, please ensure you isolate until you take a COVID test. If anyone in your family is tested positive, you must all isolate for 10 days.

Uniform

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on their PE day. Also can we remind you that your child does not need to bring in a school bag.

This Term's Learning

Reception – Newton Class

With Christmas around the corner, Newton class are well into the swing of all things festive. This term in maths we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. In science we have adopted our very own tree in the playground, which we did an observational drawing of and have named 'the Newton tree'. In literacy we have adventured to the moon, the South Pole and snowy woods with various different characters. We even had a virtual visit from some special giraffes from Whipsnade Zoo! What a blast Newton class have had. We are so proud of their progress and achievements this term. Wishing you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. From Miss Ahmad and Miss Sahota.



Reception – Bell Class

We have had a very exciting half term! In Maths we explored 3D shapes in our environment and went on a 3D shape hunt around our homes. For Science we learnt about floating and sinking and looked at what is happening to the trees. We chose a tree in our playground and looked closely at the colour and texture of the leaves, its shape and noticed how it changed during the season of autumn. This tree will belong to us for the whole year as we watch it change! We also had an amazing experience of a ZSL zoom workshop from Whipsnade Zoo where we saw some giraffes and then got involved in an animal classification activity. We had a fantastic time performing our Christmas songs for our parents. It was a lovely festive feeling and high in Christmas Spirits.



Year 1 – Watson Class

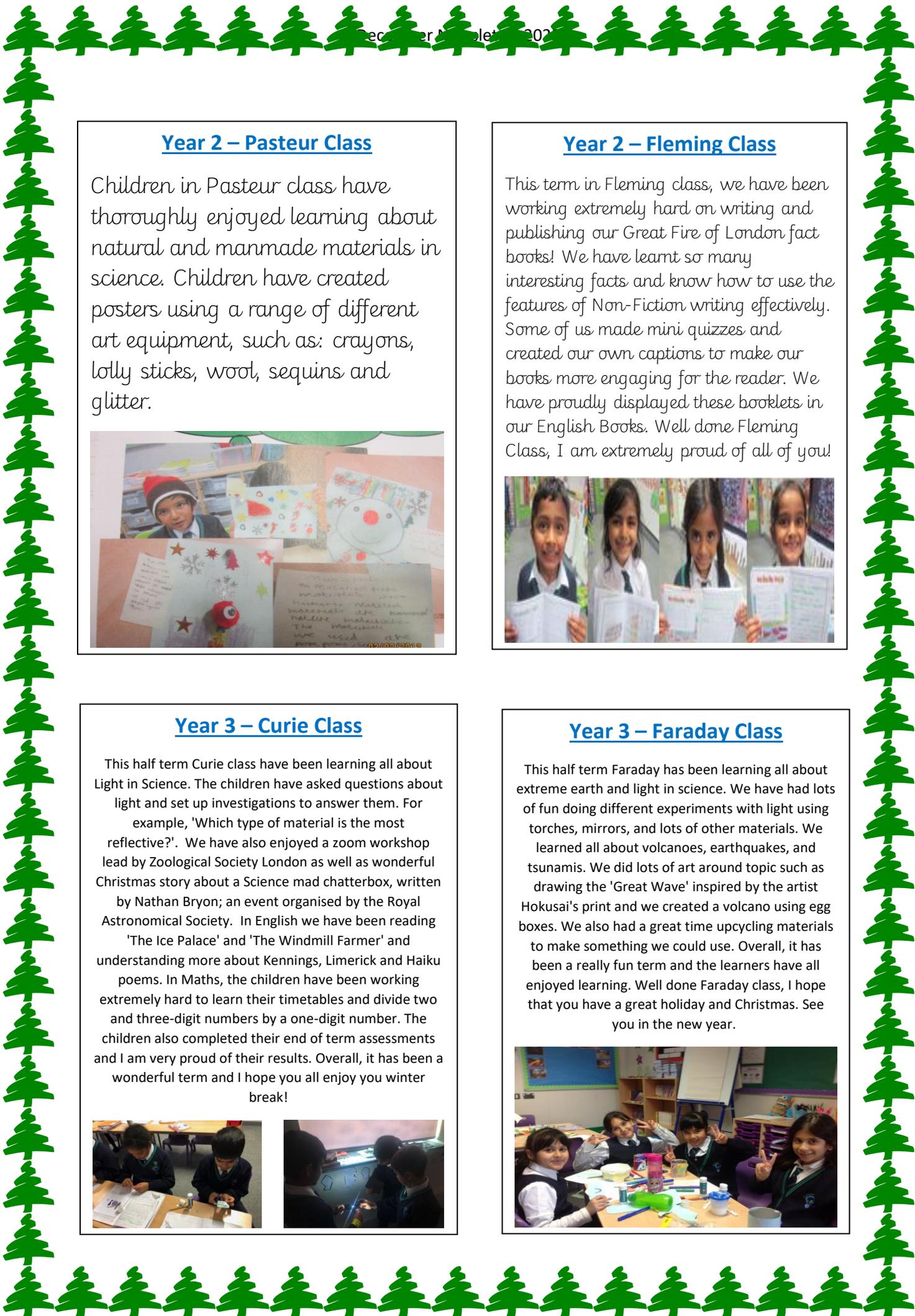
This half term in English Year 1 Watson have been reading Funny bones, this is connected to science topic of this term which is animals including humans. We also have been doing workshops with ZSL (Zoological Society of London) about different animal groups, which has intended our children's understanding on the topic.



Year 1 – Franklin Class

For this half term in RE Year 1 Franklin children have been learning about Langar. Franklin had the opportunity to know and learn about the meaning of Langar. They also learnt about the special ingredients which were used to make roti.





Year 2 – Pasteur Class

Children in Pasteur class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about natural and manmade materials in science. Children have created posters using a range of different art equipment, such as: crayons, lolly sticks, wool, sequins and glitter.



Year 2 – Fleming Class

This term in Fleming class, we have been working extremely hard on writing and publishing our Great Fire of London fact books! We have learnt so many interesting facts and know how to use the features of Non-Fiction writing effectively. Some of us made mini quizzes and created our own captions to make our books more engaging for the reader. We have proudly displayed these booklets in our English Books. Well done Fleming Class, I am extremely proud of all of you!



Year 3 – Curie Class

This half term Curie class have been learning all about Light in Science. The children have asked questions about light and set up investigations to answer them. For example, 'Which type of material is the most reflective?'. We have also enjoyed a zoom workshop lead by Zoological Society London as well as wonderful Christmas story about a Science mad chatterbox, written by Nathan Bryon; an event organised by the Royal Astronomical Society. In English we have been reading 'The Ice Palace' and 'The Windmill Farmer' and understanding more about Kennings, Limerick and Haiku poems. In Maths, the children have been working extremely hard to learn their timetables and divide two and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number. The children also completed their end of term assessments and I am very proud of their results. Overall, it has been a wonderful term and I hope you all enjoy your winter break!



Year 3 – Faraday Class

This half term Faraday has been learning all about extreme earth and light in science. We have had lots of fun doing different experiments with light using torches, mirrors, and lots of other materials. We learned all about volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. We did lots of art around topic such as drawing the 'Great Wave' inspired by the artist Hokusai's print and we created a volcano using egg boxes. We also had a great time upcycling materials to make something we could use. Overall, it has been a really fun term and the learners have all enjoyed learning. Well done Faraday class, I hope that you have a great holiday and Christmas. See you in the new year.





Year 4 – Goodall Class

Goodall class has been remarkably busy this half term. We have had lots of virtual visits: Mulberry tree author workshop, dentist visit, ZSL workshop and water experiments virtual workshop. In English, children have been creating persuasive adverts and learning fiction writing. Additionally, we have had some talented writers who have been selected to have their writing published in a book. This has inspired us to improve our writing further. In R.E., we have been learning about the importance of the nativity story and made smelltastic Christingles to get us in the festive mood. Pupils have also sculpted beautiful clay tiles based on our learning in topic on Benin Kingdom.

Our Talent Show was a super hit and it was amazing to see such a talented bunch with aptitude outside of the curriculum too. Lastly, we have also been polishing our handwriting to earn 'first ever' batch of pen license at Edison.



Year 4 – Carson Class

Carson have had a fantastic term with a range of enjoyable activities both inside the classroom and outside. In Science, we have been learning about teeth and our digestive systems; we were lucky enough to have a zoom call with a dentist where the children were able to ask a variety of questions. The children also took part in an interactive workshop by ZSL zoo in which they were able to see real-life skulls, identifying which were omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. In Art, they created some fantastic Benin inspired artwork from clay and also created their own canvas by using the 'paint pouring' technique. We also took part in a workshop which the children explored the school site to find the oldest tree. Once found, the children created their own tree character which they explained during the online workshop for 'The Story of the Mulberry Tree'. It has been both a very exciting and busy term for Carson.



COVID Update

Please continue to follow our one-way entry and exit points in the new year, which are either side of the school. The main office gate entrance should only be used for visiting the office or late children.

Can you also ensure that only one parent per child comes for drop off and pick up, this is to minimise foot flow and to prevent overcrowding.

Gentle Reminders

As you may have seen in the news that cases are dramatically rising again. We would like to remind you of the social distancing measures that we are taking at the school to prevent infection spread. Please could you ensure that you maintain a 1 metre plus distance when entering the school site. Kindly arrive promptly at the staggered start and finish times of your child's class, to avoid any congestion. Please also leave the site swiftly.

Face coverings will be **mandatory** when entering the school site, especially if you visit the school office.

Please appreciate that due to the numbers rising we would like to also protect the staff at Edison, going forward only telephone meetings will take place as mentioned before.

We are grateful for your continued support with this! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

