Castle Newsletter
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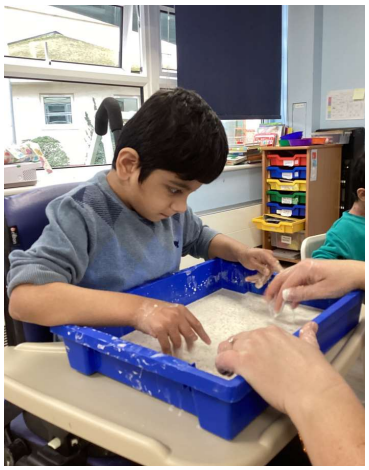
Dear Families,
The week has flown by, and we have been slightly hampered by the weather.
As usual at this time of year we have seen a range of seasonal illnesses impacting on both our pupils and staff. We continue to encourage good hygiene practices in school to counteract the spread.
Please let us know via the school answerphone system if your child will be absent due to illness as soon as you are able to. If your child is absent due to illness without notification, we may mark their absence as unauthorised and may contact you for a welfare check. So please help us by calling before the start of the school day.

Bees Class News

This term in Bee's we will be reading the book "We're going on a bear hunt" by Micheal Rosen. We have been enjoying exploring the story through our senses.
At the beginning of the story the family walks through the long wavy grass. We use the pompoms and smell essential oils to help us imagine we are walking through the swishy swashy grass.

When we get to the part of the story where the family walks through the mud we stop to enjoy some messy play. We use cornflour to create our own squelch squerch sounds.

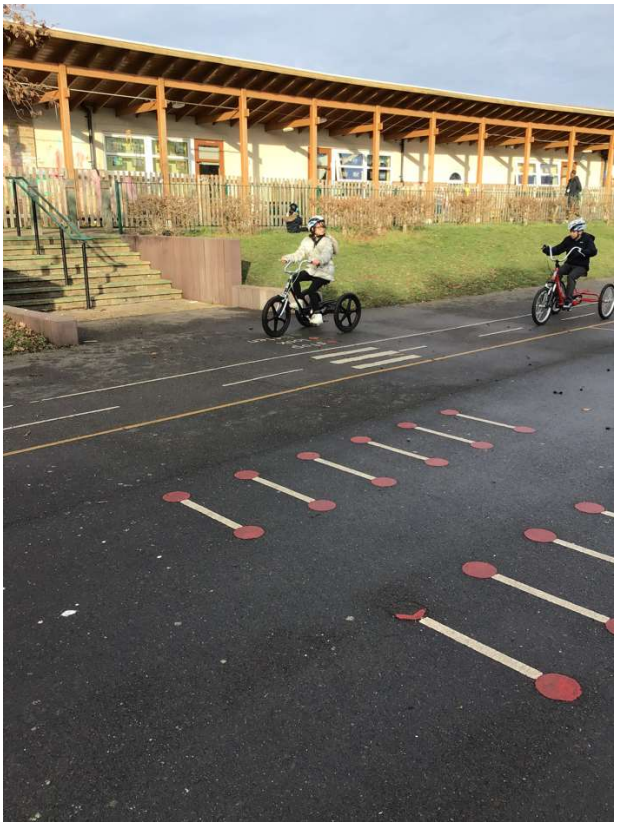


We use our switch adapted bubble machine to create a swirling whirling snowstorm with bubbles.

During the story we use recordable buttons and the drum to encourage the children to join in with the repeated refrains in the story.

Balmoral Class News

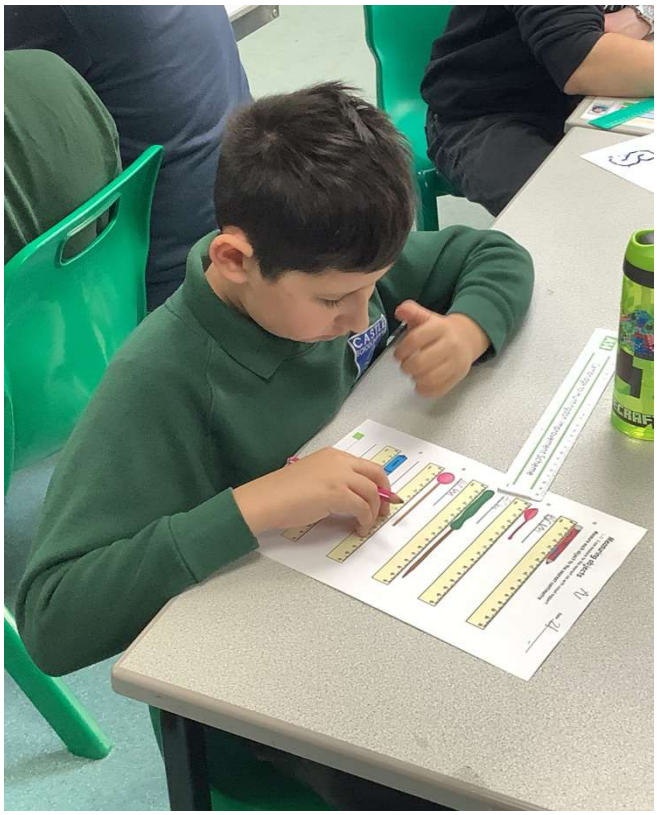
This week balmoral has been learning so much in so many different areas. We enjoyed learning and making “Pop art” with our art teacher. We practiced our cycling skills in the school before going out school for bike ability.



On PSHE we show and tell our strength to our classmates.

We learnt how to use dictionaries (paper and online) and found words that we did not understand from our topic book “Matilda”.

Also, we are using rulers to measure distances and length in class. To finish our academic lessons, we have been talking about rainforest, what is, where they are, what animals live there and main characteristics of them.



Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings

Dimensions works with cinemas to provide autism friendly training and advice.

Autism friendly screenings are where adjustments are made to reduce stress and sensory input, such

as low lighting and sound, freedom to move and staff trained in autism awareness.

Anyone who feels they can benefit from the adjustments is welcome and no proof of diagnosis is needed. Your loved ones or support staff are welcome too - if you have a **CEA Card** they can go with you for free!

At least once a month some cinemas show popular films in an autism friendly environment.
Find out about autism friendly screenings at:
ODEON
Cineworld
Vue
Showcase
Picturehouse
The Light

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East Anglia's Children's Hospices

Churchill d of e group -volunteering section raising money and collecting donations for:

EACH- East Anglian children's hospice

Their charity shops sell:

- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Clothes and accessories
- Electrical
- Furniture
- Homewares
- Music

Please bag and label your donations

For each for the attention of Churchill class.

Best wishes

Charlotte

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