



# THORNTON IN CRAVEN

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 17/12/18** - Presents for family on sale - £3

**Monday 17/12/18** – Rec/Y1 Nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

**Wednesday 19/12/18** – Non-uniform day

**Wednesday 19/12/18** – School Disco

**Friday 21/12/18** – Toy day

**Friday 21/12/18** – Christmas Concert for Y2 upwards at school – 1.30pm

### Awards

The next Good News Assembly will be after Christmas.

### Presents for parents/siblings

The PTA will be selling presents next week during the school day. There will be presents suitable for Mums, Dads and siblings for sale at £3 each. These will be wrapped and the children will be able to make a gift tag to attach. Children can bring the money into school with them if they would like to take part and they will be for sale every day. Thank you for your support.

### Headteacher's Message

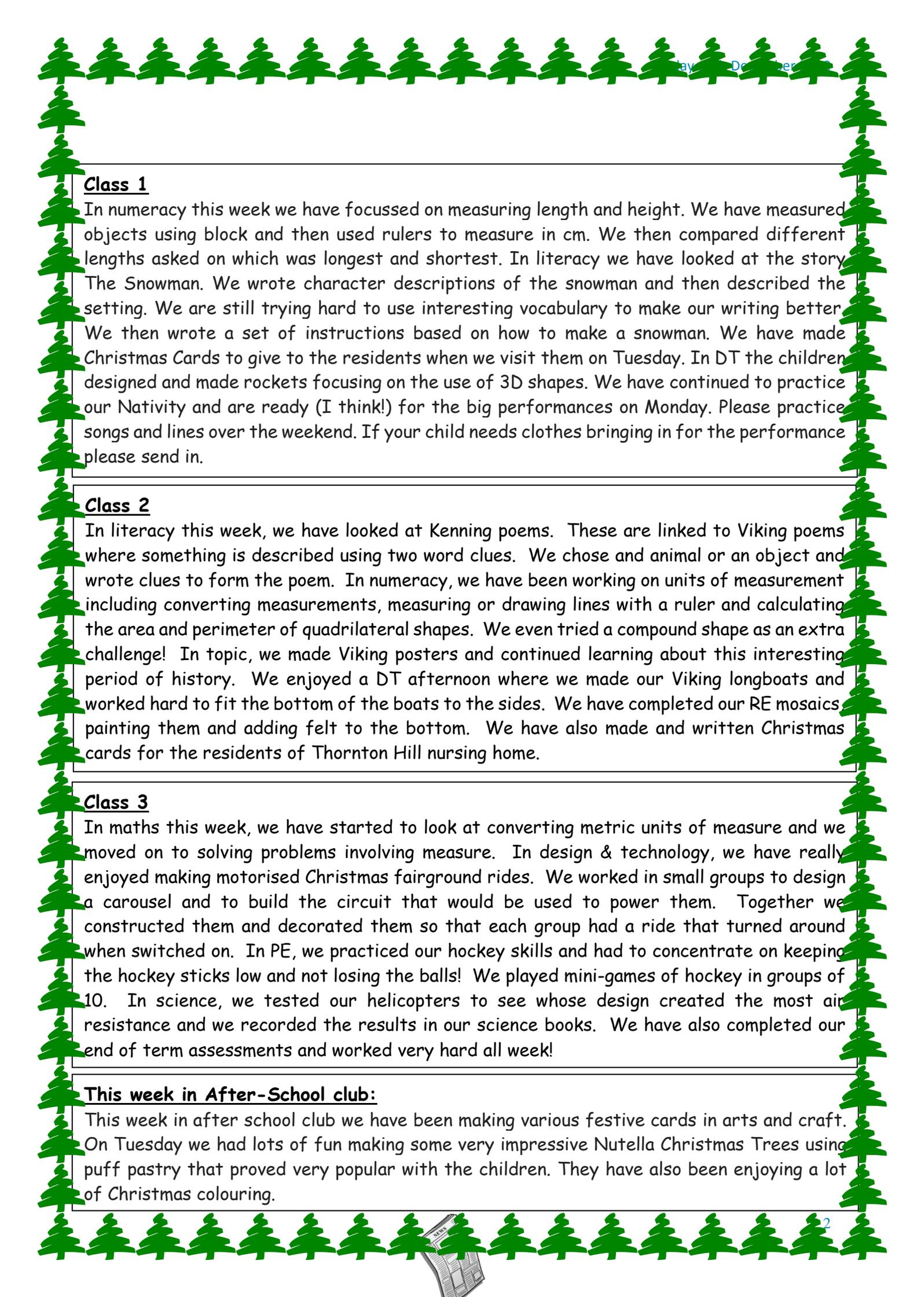
We had a fantastic trip to London last Friday with year 5/6. The children were outstanding representatives of our school and despite a slight delay at the beginning, the whole day was a fantastic experience. We all enjoyed a very informative tour of the Houses of Parliament and everyone had their picture taken in front of 10 Downing Street. We also met the BBC political journalist Nick Robinson who spent time talking to us in between filming. Thank you very much to Jaki Fraser who accompanied us at short notice due to some staff shortages. She gave up her one day off from her own school for us so we really appreciate it. Thank you also to our staff who got up very early and gave up some of their Friday night to go with the children.



### Just to say....

A round up of Christmas festivities has been sent this week as a separate newsletter so you can keep track of what is happening and when.

Well done to everyone who completed the reading challenge. I have had some really positive feedback with parents noticing how their child's reading fluency and understanding has improved just by listening regularly to a story being read. We have handed out 48 certificates which means 60% of the school took part. By completing this, you have had a very positive impact on your child's education. Let's all try to keep it up next term. A new challenge will be launched next half term.



### Class 1

In numeracy this week we have focussed on measuring length and height. We have measured objects using block and then used rulers to measure in cm. We then compared different lengths asked on which was longest and shortest. In literacy we have looked at the story The Snowman. We wrote character descriptions of the snowman and then described the setting. We are still trying hard to use interesting vocabulary to make our writing better. We then wrote a set of instructions based on how to make a snowman. We have made Christmas Cards to give to the residents when we visit them on Tuesday. In DT the children designed and made rockets focusing on the use of 3D shapes. We have continued to practice our Nativity and are ready (I think!) for the big performances on Monday. Please practice songs and lines over the weekend. If your child needs clothes bringing in for the performance please send in.

### Class 2

In literacy this week, we have looked at Kenning poems. These are linked to Viking poems where something is described using two word clues. We chose an animal or an object and wrote clues to form the poem. In numeracy, we have been working on units of measurement including converting measurements, measuring or drawing lines with a ruler and calculating the area and perimeter of quadrilateral shapes. We even tried a compound shape as an extra challenge! In topic, we made Viking posters and continued learning about this interesting period of history. We enjoyed a DT afternoon where we made our Viking longboats and worked hard to fit the bottom of the boats to the sides. We have completed our RE mosaics painting them and adding felt to the bottom. We have also made and written Christmas cards for the residents of Thornton Hill nursing home.

### Class 3

In maths this week, we have started to look at converting metric units of measure and we moved on to solving problems involving measure. In design & technology, we have really enjoyed making motorised Christmas fairground rides. We worked in small groups to design a carousel and to build the circuit that would be used to power them. Together we constructed them and decorated them so that each group had a ride that turned around when switched on. In PE, we practiced our hockey skills and had to concentrate on keeping the hockey sticks low and not losing the balls! We played mini-games of hockey in groups of 10. In science, we tested our helicopters to see whose design created the most air resistance and we recorded the results in our science books. We have also completed our end of term assessments and worked very hard all week!

### This week in After-School club:

This week in after school club we have been making various festive cards in arts and craft. On Tuesday we had lots of fun making some very impressive Nutella Christmas Trees using puff pastry that proved very popular with the children. They have also been enjoying a lot of Christmas colouring.

