

ROBSERVER



Autumn 2
Christmas 2024



Shows

Events

Christmas



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

September (20 Days)

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November (20 Days)

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April (11 Days)

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May (16 Days)

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June (15 Days)

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July (23 Days)

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August (1 Day)

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Denotes INSET days

Denotes School Holidays, including Bank Holidays

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for staff

Foreword from the Principal Jon Mount



As we approach the festive season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been another remarkable term. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown! This has been a time of hard work, exciting learning, and, of course, the joy that comes with the many events and celebrations that make this time of year so special.

In this Christmas edition of our school newsletter, you'll find highlights of the wonderful activities that have taken place over the past term and the incredible achievements of our pupils in the classroom and beyond. It's been a busy term, filled with learning, fun and progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all our staff, pupils, and parents for their continued support. Together, we make the Robert Ogden School the vibrant, caring, and dynamic community that it is. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you in 2025 for another year of growth, achievement, and joy.

Warm regards,
Jon Mount
Principal



Mackintosh Class



This term Mackintosh class have enjoyed accessing the outdoors.

We have also been developing our life and living skills whilst continuing to explore healthy foods.



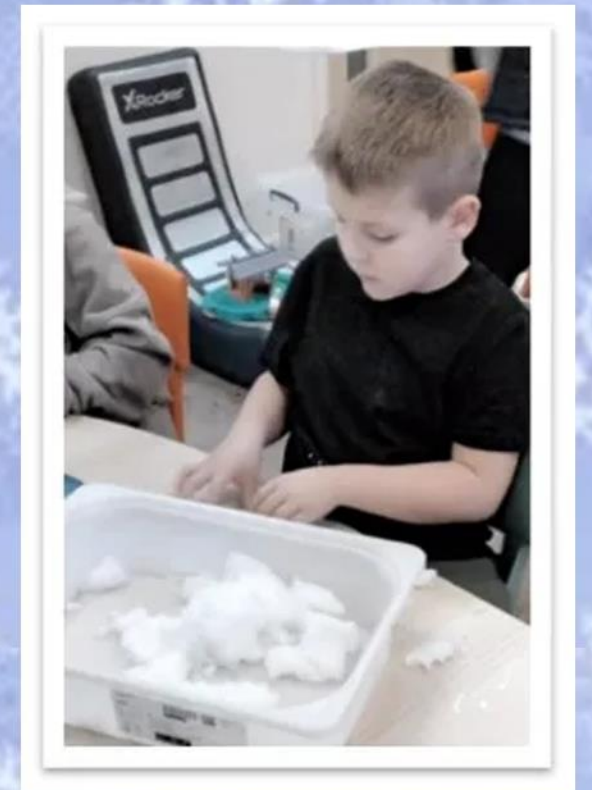
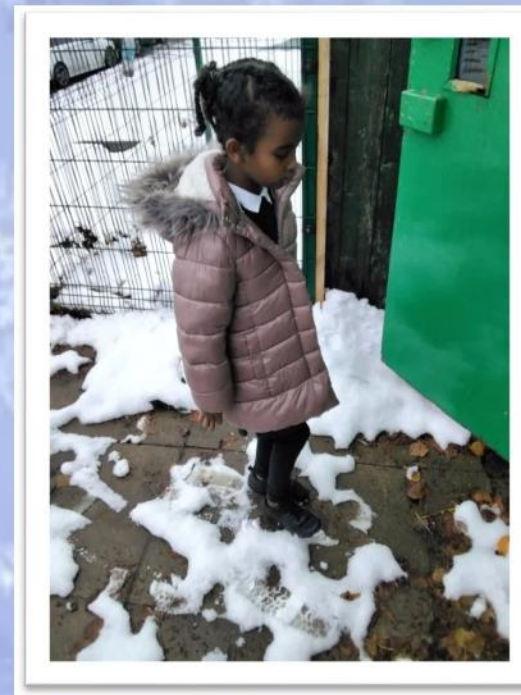
Orton Class



Look what Orton class
have been doing this half
term



Pryor Class



Gascoigne Class



This term we have been learning all about different celebrations. We have enjoyed learning about parties, birthdays and other celebrations that happen at this time of year including Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We have all enjoyed our book "Veg Patch Party" and explored different textures, tastes and smells in Science.



Kay



Class

In Autumn 1, Kay Class looked at how to be healthy by handling, tasting and labelling different healthy foods.



In Autumn 2, Kay Class took part in different celebrations and events such as a birthday party, Bonfire Night and Advent.



Clay Class



In Clay class we have been exploring the local areas with our friends.

We enjoyed visiting a museum with lots of old things and feeding the ducks at our local lake.

We also spent time decorating our classroom with Christmas decorations, we all helped to put baubles on the classroom Christmas tree.



Bell Class

AUTUMN 2

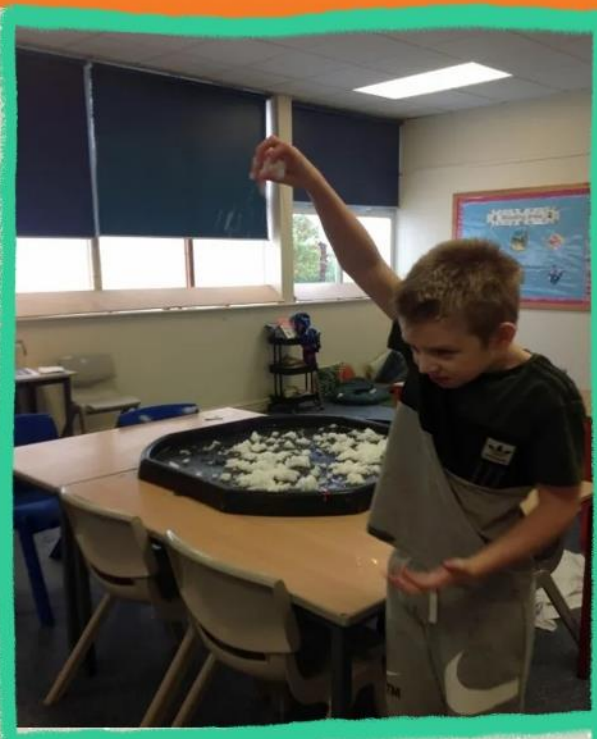


Bell Class has had a fantastic Autumn 2 term! Our topic this term has been 'Memories.' The students have enjoyed sharing their favourite memories, looking at old photos, and talking about special moments from their time at Robert Ogden School. We even visited a museum to explore old artefacts!

In Science, we've been learning about rocks and soils, and the students had fun with hands-on experiments. In Maths, we focused on addition and position, and the students loved using Beebots to practice programming directional instructions.

We also supported our learning with two wonderful books: *Memory Jars* and *The Jolly Christmas Postman*. And have celebrate Remembrance Day and the lead up to Christmas, It's been a busy and enjoyable term for Bell Class!

Cumming Class



This half term Cumming class have experienced the feel of snow and made snow related pictures.



Bates Class



Visiting local shops and we spotted 'the grinch'



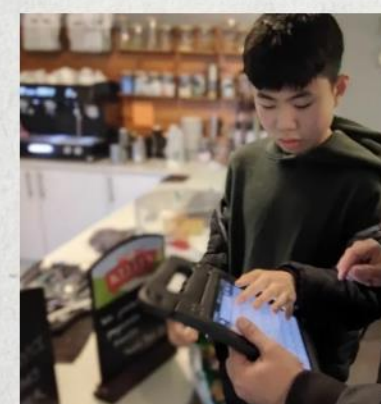
We are learning to share equipment in the park



Practicing our fine motor skills



We visited Elsecar café and ordered a snack as part of our life skills learning.



We made 'spotty' buns to celebrate Children in Need day.



STEELE CLASS

This half term Steele class have,

Visited a cenotaph and made wreaths for Remembrance Day.



Practised how we keep safe when crossing the road.



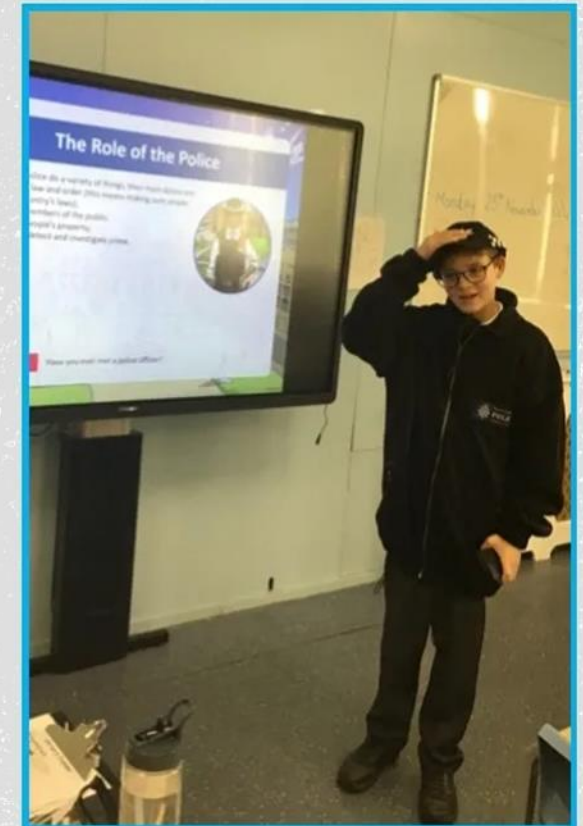
Worked on our cookery skills.



Alvey



Class

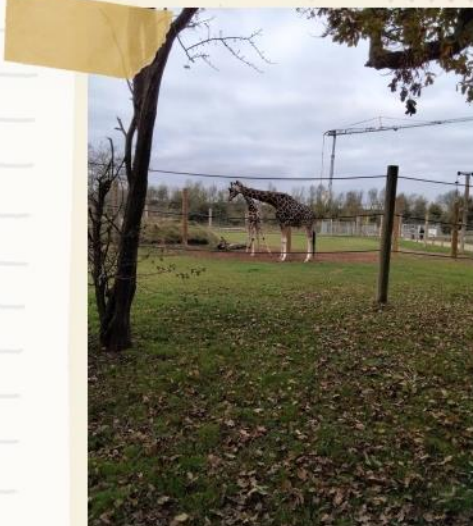


Pupils in Alvey Class have been learning about the emergency services in their PSHE lessons. We have learned about staying safe and what we should do in emergency. As part of one of our lessons, we had opportunities to talk to a real police officer and ask him some questions. Some pupils chose to try on a police uniform, too.

We also took part in Road Safety week and practised crossing roads safely in the community.

Dyson Class

This half term, we got to recap Dinosaurs, and went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, looking at classifications of different animals, and the different electronic dinosaur section they had. Pupils had a fantastic day!



Buttery Class

York Army Museum



This half term in Topic, Buttery class have been learning about World War 1. As part of our lessons we visited the army museum in York where we enjoyed looking at different artefacts from the war, learning about different soldiers from the Yorkshire regiment that served in the war and dressing up in different army uniforms.



Smith Class

Hanu Is enjoying working towards his ASDAN Horticulture qualification. Hanu has participated in various activities to achieve this. He has taken part in some gardening activities and also made his own pickled cucumber and onions, using ingredients that can be grown in the garden.



Reilly Class

In Reilly class, we have been following written and verbal instructions and following staff models to bake cupcakes to celebrate the little girl's birthday in our class story, 'It's my birthday'.



We have even practiced our sharing skills when Harrison volunteered to hand out the bun cases to everyone!



We have also been engaging with the story by learning to turn pages when prompted or follow along by using our finger. After we have read the story, we have been learning to match and sequence the characters and events, and some of us have even been writing key words about it! Great work, Reilly class!

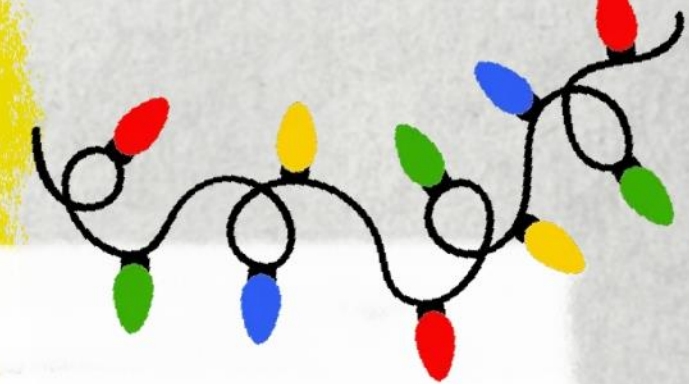
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This term is always a busy exciting one. As well as working hard in lessons, work experience and building on life and living skills, students have also enjoyed Christmas crafts, creating items for our Christmas Fayre, decorating the classroom and making festive treats.



McKinley Class



McKinley class have been in a festive mood this last half term of the year.

Darwin has been to Doncaster Central Library to practice travel training and enjoyed the festive decorations.

Jake, Dylan, Darwin and Georgia all went out to Meadowhall where they were using their navigation skills to get around the different shops.

Porcha has been helping new members at the British Heart Foundation, where she has been using her knowledge and skills to support new volunteers who have just started.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



HUB 1



Eddie has been enjoying his guitar sessions with the guitar tutor. Eddie is working on performing his own version of Teenage Dirtbag called "Christmas Dirtbag" by Wheatus at the Christmas concert. He has also written his own music too. Keep up the good work, Eddie.

Hub 2



Hub 2 students have enjoyed having time playing in the snow. They made snowmen, had snowball fights and made snow angels



Remembrance Day



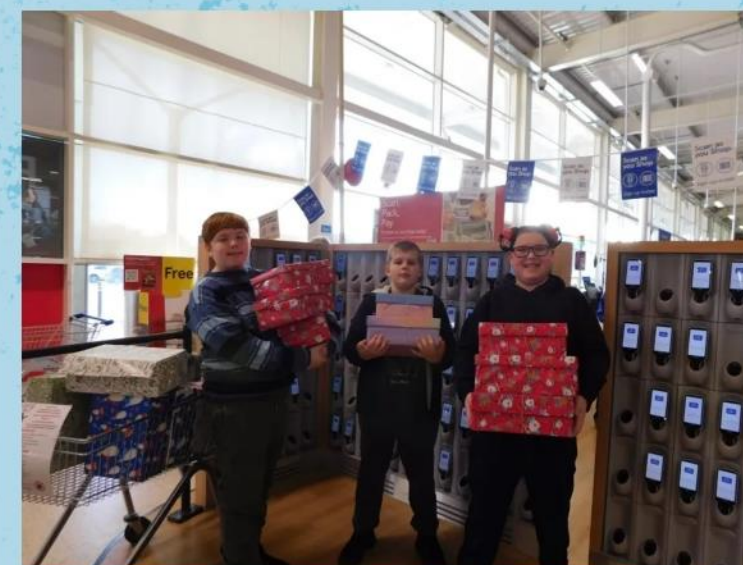
On Monday 11th November at Robert Ogden School we held a Remembrance assembly. Students made poppy wreaths and a Lest We Forget cross with poppies. Students and staff observed a minutes silence to remember the Service Men and Women who died in WW1 and subsequent wars.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

On Thursday 15th November 2024 pupils from Robert Ogden school went to our local Tesco and donated filled shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. This is a way to give gifts to children around the world at Christmas.

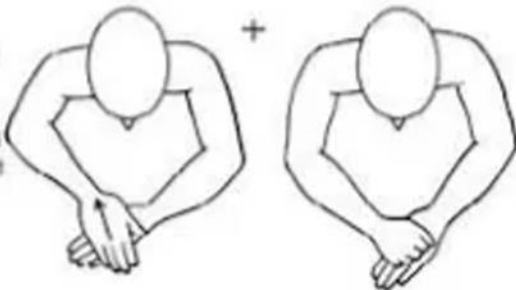







Since the Shoe Box appeal started in 1993 Samaritan's Purse have sent more than 2.6 million boxes. Each one is different, filled with toys, teddies, crayons, stationery and toiletries. Thank you



Makaton

Here are some festive signs for you to try over the holidays



<p>Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand</p> 	 <p>Movement of hands show antler size</p>
<p>Christmas</p>	<p>Reindeer</p>
<p>Stroke long beard</p>  <p>+</p> 	
<p>Santa</p>	<p>Snow</p>
	
<p>Cold</p>	<p>Happy</p>
	
	<p>Thank you</p>



Christmas For Kids



EMBRACING ARTS

The Robert Ogden School were very lucky to have a special visit from the Embracing Arts Company who put on an amazing "Chrimblesense" Christmas show. The students loved taking part with the interactive multi- sensory exploration of Christmas. The two friendly characters Frosty and Joy, guided the students through the joys of 'Chrimble' using music, textiles, light stimuli & instruments.

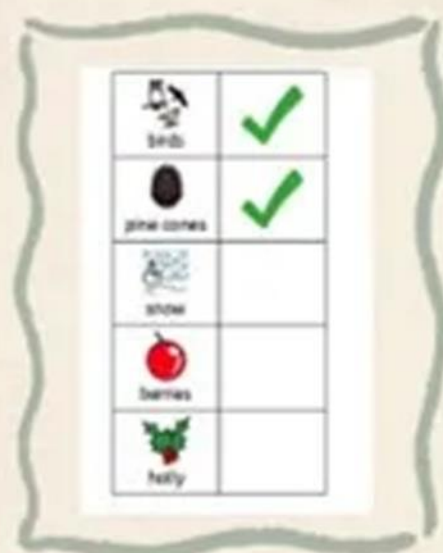


CHRISTMAS NATURE WALK

This is a Christmas-themed activity which gives individuals opportunity to engage in conversation skills and vocabulary building.

Additional benefits of this activity include opportunities for sensory exploration, understanding different textures, colours and smells.

This activity may also work as a movement break opportunity to support self-regulation in the busy holiday period.



1. Create a checklist of things you might see, touch or smell outside, such as birds, snow, trees, pinecones, leaves etc. This may also be in symbol/picture format.



2. Identify an area you could go on the nature walk, this could be in the garden, a park, or anywhere with nature around.



you will need:

- A small bag or basket for collecting items
- A visual checklist of item to find (e.g. pinecones, leaves, holly, berries).
- Optional: A camera or phone for taking photos



3. Introduce the checklist and activity - "Today we're going on a nature walk! Let's see what we can see." or show a correlating symbol/picture and label 'Nature walk'.

3. DURING THE WALK:



Encourage observation

- o "Can you hear the birds? (Show bird symbol) What do they sound like?"
- o "Look at the trees! (Show tree symbol) Do you see any Christmas colours?"

Label/Talk about the environment

As you find items, model language related to them:

- o "This is a pinecone! (Show pinecone symbol or photo) It's brown and crunchy."
- o "Wow, look at this holly! (Show holly symbol or photo) It's shiny and green."

Talk about plants and animals you see.

- "These leaves are falling! (Show leaf symbol) Why do you think that happens?"
- o "What animals live here? (Show animal symbol) Can you see any?"
 - o Symbols: Images of falling leaves and local wildlife.

Sensory exploration: touch and smell

- o "How does this pinecone feel? (Show hand symbol) Is it rough or smooth?"
- o "Let's smell these leaves! (Show nose symbol) What do they smell like?"
- o Symbols: Icons for hands, noses, and textures.



Meg the dog

Certificate of Completion

This certificate has been awarded to
Craig Ferrier and Meg

For successful completion of
TDT UK - Visiting Therapy Dog 60 CPD hrs

Dog assessment ☒

Date: 18/11/2024

Signature: *Carol Lincoln*
Course Development Director
Sarah Ellis
Dog Training Director

Trained by
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by Amanda
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Pupils in Alvey Class made individual poppies in their Art lesson. Then we assembled a poppy cross together to commemorate soldiers who fought in WW1, WW2 and other wars.

Our red poppy cross is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Pupils went to Hatfield Moors plane crash site where they placed their handmade poppies to commemorate Polish soldiers who died there during World War 2.

Oakfield vs ROS FC

Date: 02/12/2024

Venue: Oakfield school, Ackworth



Good performance from the team, on a wet and sludgy pitch. Some good team play and communication shown by the lads throughout the match and more importantly respectful behaviour conducted by all.

Also MASSIVE respect to the lads for the sportsmanship shown towards the opponents and empathy throughout the match, but especially at the end giving Oakfield a penalty so they could get a goal.

Sadly they missed the resulting penalty, but the sportsmanship was the winner!

Well played lads!

Gaz



Alvey



Class

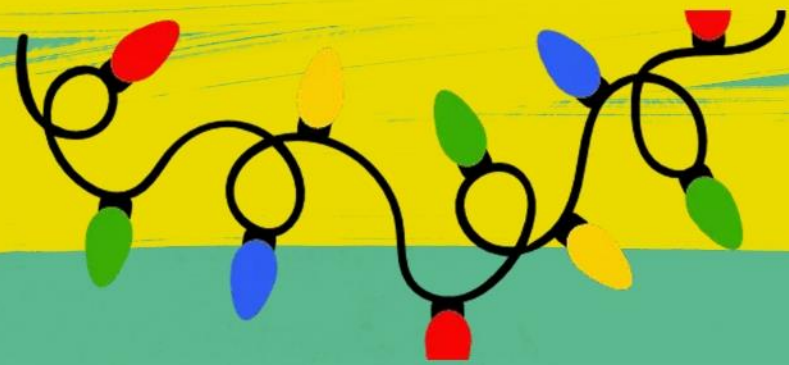


We have been learning about World War One in their English and Humanities lessons. We have been reading books titled "Stubby" and "War Horse" in English and "Inside The First World War" in Humanities.

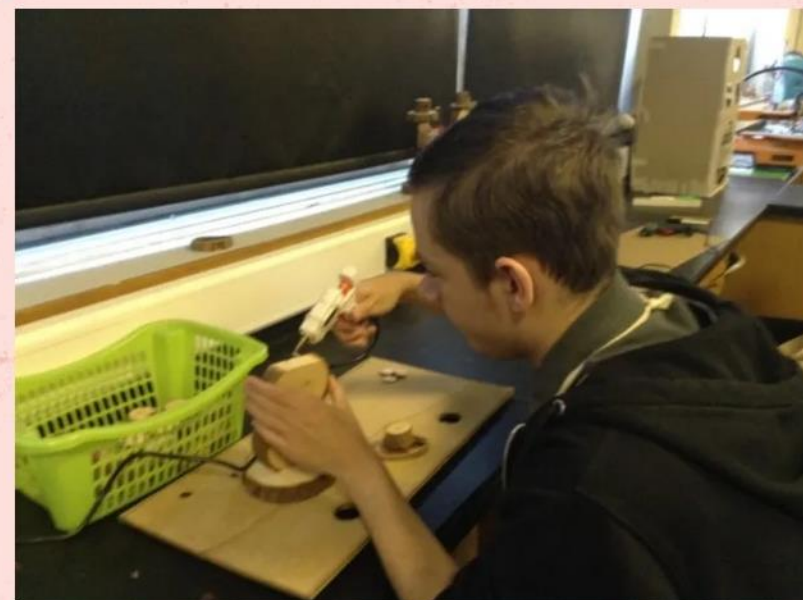
We visited South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum in Doncaster where we saw a model of WW1 airfield and some war aircrafts. We had opportunities to get dressed up as soldiers and go inside cockpits and a real war bunker where people would have to hide during the war during air raids.

We have learned lots of new facts about World War One.

Smith Class



Students in Smith class have enjoyed making items for the School Christmas Stall in their Design Technology lesson. Students have been using electric saws to cut out the shapes, following health and safety rules. Students then enjoyed putting them together to make various Christmas items and decorations.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



On Saturday 7th December we held our annual Christmas Fayre at Robert Ogden school, despite the bad weather parents, staff and people from our local community turned up to savour the festive spirit, purchase that little gift that is different from what is available in the shops and to play many of the Christmas games that were available. Lets not forget the pie, mushy peas, gravy or the chocolate cake with cream mmmmmmm and of course meet Santa and his Elf



CREATIVITY LESSONS - PAINTING

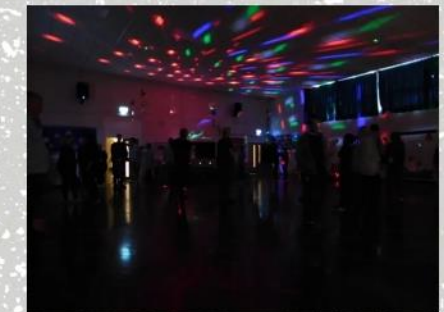
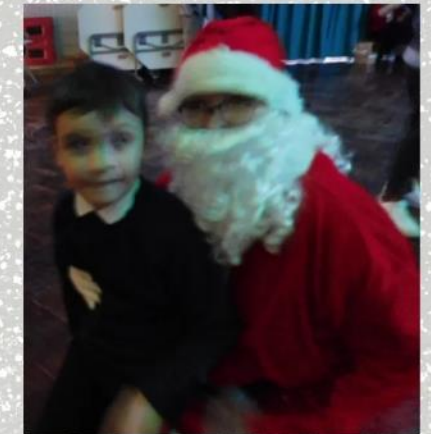
Paintings by pupils on the theme 'Memories of Autumn'

Using mixed media, paint and collage.



Using sponges to create a silhouette effect.

Christmas Disco
We held our Christmas
Disco on 11.12.2024,
Students had a great time.
Even Santa managed to take
time out of his busy
schedule to visit and say
hello.
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year



Snow White
The West Midlands
Children's Theatre group
performed Snow White
On Monday 9th December at
Robert Ogden school.
Our students really
enjoyed the performance
joining in with the songs
and actions.
The scenery and costumes
were amazing, I cannot
wait to book them to come
back to our school next
year



Painting with wooden sticks to create an abstract image.

