

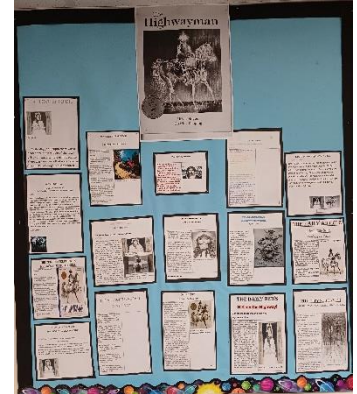
Chameleon Class Newsletter End of Term 2 and looking forward to Term 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is nearly upon us and the children in Chameleon, I'm sure, are gearing themselves up for a well-deserved rest after all their hard work during Term 2. It has been a time of developing the children's learning behaviours further, in terms of independence and perseverance. For example in Maths, we have been working on the children's ability to recall methods and to proactively look back through their calculations and jottings to assist themselves; then ensuring they spend enough time and care on trying different approaches if they get stuck. It has already been good to see some of your children embrace their learning journeys already in this way.

We have really enjoyed the texts we have studied this term. 'Who Let the Gods Out?' has continued to be our class reading book, and our comprehension activities have sprung from this. However, in our English lessons, we began the term by using 'The Highwayman' – a narrative poem written over 100 years ago. This dark and powerful ballad really captured the emotions of the class. In addition to writing descriptive characterisations and settings, the children created news reports about the tragic events using key journalistic features – many of which are now displayed on our classroom walls.



This term, Chameleon Class has been captivated by the magical journey of *The Polar Express*. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the rich text and vibrant illustrations, drawing inspiration from its beautiful language. Using techniques from the story—such as similes, metaphors, and expanded noun phrases—they have created their own incredible journey stories. Their creativity and use of descriptive language have been truly impressive!

Our RE topic has been focused on whether religion can help to build a fair world. As always, the Chameleon children were excellent at expressive their views and showing thoughtful and considered responses in discuss and writing. We learnt about the work of Khalsa Aid, a Sikh charity who provides support across the world following natural and man-made disasters. We also researched Christian Aid, and had the fortune of having an personalised online workshop session with a representative of CA. The children got a lot of information and insight into the organisation and engaged and contributed to the session really positively.

For computing we explored the exciting world of filmmaking! The children learned about different camera angles and how they can create a variety of effects and purposes in storytelling. They also honed their editing skills, using movie-making software to create a short film all about our wonderful school. The results were fantastic, and the children had a lot of fun bringing their creative ideas to life!

In Geography this term, Chameleon Class explored the human and physical features of the UK. The children learned about cities, towns, and landmarks, deepening their understanding of our country's geography. Using Seesaw, they shared their own experiences, writing about the parts of the UK they have visited. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and personal connections to the places they wrote about!

This term in Art, Chameleon Class focused on bringing stories to life through their drawings. Inspired by *The Highwayman*, the children practiced sketching humans and animals, experimenting with different pencil strengths to add depth and detail. They also created vibrant visualisation images based on *The Polar Express*, using color and their understanding of the text to capture the magic and mood of the story. The results were truly stunning and showcased their creativity and growing artistic skills!

This term, Chameleon Class has absolutely loved learning lacrosse! We've been incredibly fortunate to have an expert coach guiding the children, and their progress has been amazing to see. Their skills and confidence have grown immensely over the term, and I know they're already excited to pick up their lacrosse sticks again in the future!

In term 3, our main topic will be Ancient Egypt, and we will be preparing for a KS2 production! We will also have swimming lessons on Wednesdays.

Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Best wishes

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