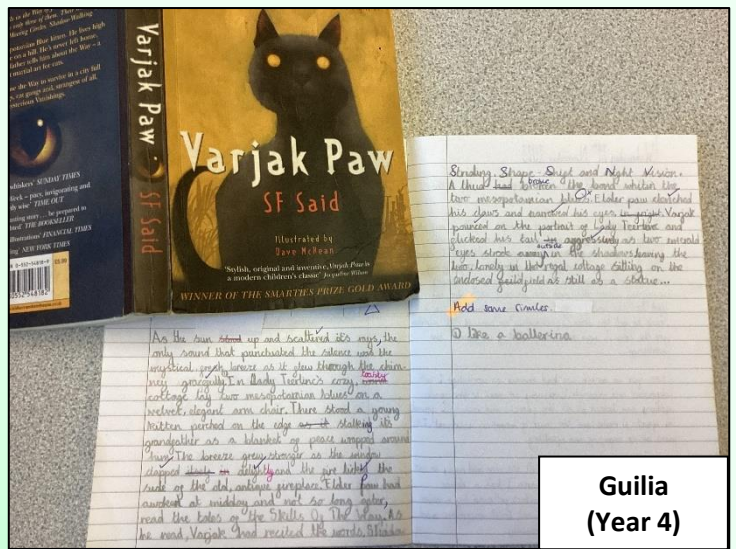
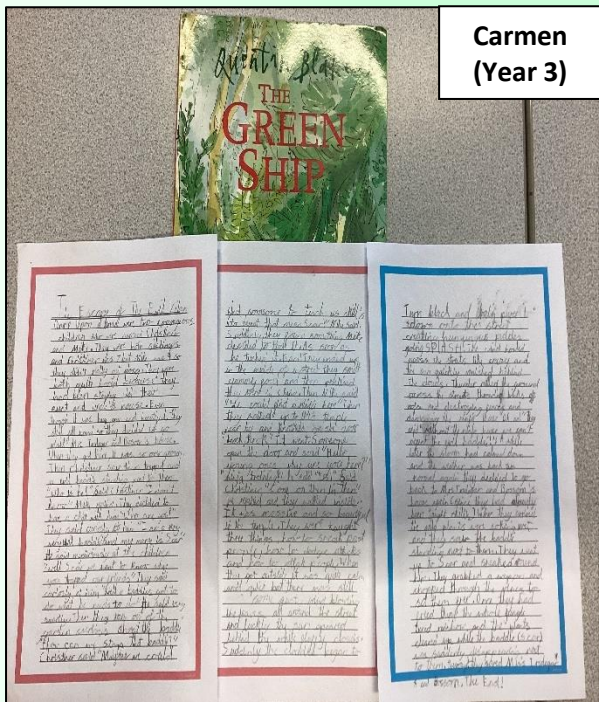


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(Year 2)**

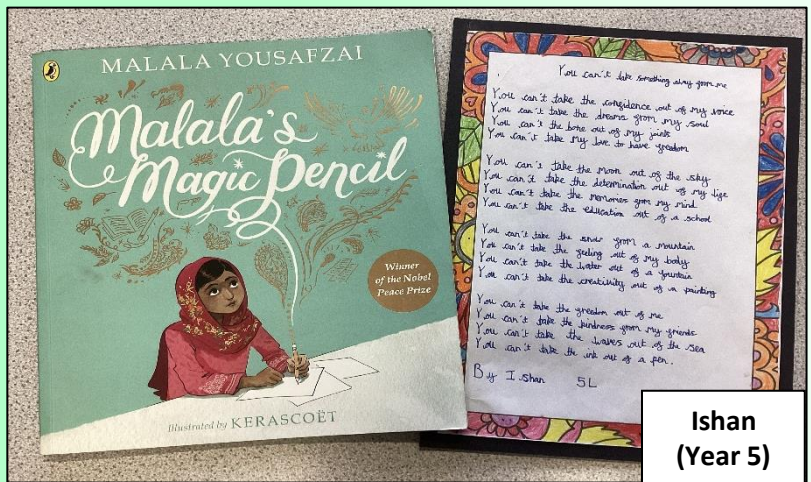


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(Year 4)**

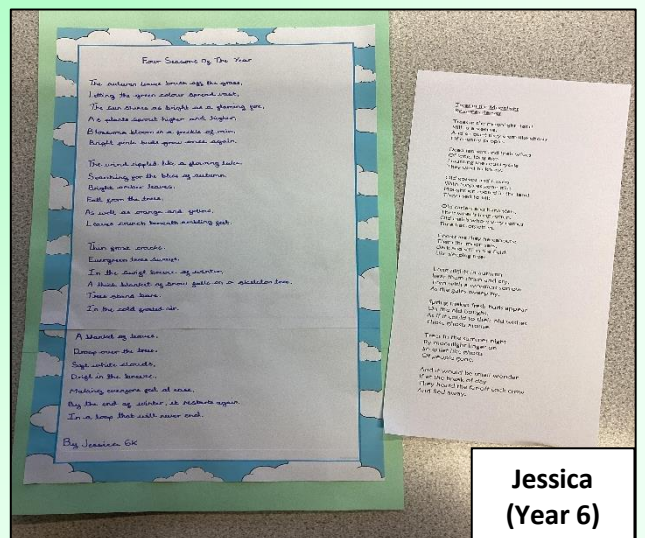


**Carmen
(Year 3)**

Amber, Kian, Mason and Perry (Year 3): Reading adventure stories has been sooo exciting and we have many, many ideas for our own writing! We are working hard on our handwriting too, making sure our letters are smaller and our joining neater-our teachers say we are doing really well.



**Ishan
(Year 5)**



**Jessica
(Year 6)**

(Year 6): Reading takes us to new places and gives us confidence to be imaginative with our own ideas. We enjoy every part of making up a narrative, from role play, discussion, analysing what we have read and planning to engage our readers.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!



YEAR 6 – IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

In the 'UN Convention on the Rights of a Child', Article 38 (war & armed conflicts) says that Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

Year 6 have expanded their learning on a trip to the Imperial War Museum to give them the opportunity to see WW2 artefacts and learn more about what life would have been like at the time!

The children were given the opportunity to crack codes on Enigma machines and also experienced what it would have been like in a WW2 home. They listened to announcements on the radio and then got to try out being inside the Morrison and Anderson shelters.

Ibrahim (6F) – I enjoyed learning about WW2 because I found it engrossing to go in the Anderson and Morrison shelters and see what it was actually like to sleep in there during The Blitz.

Louis (6K) – I enjoyed learning about the tanks and what the women had to do in WW2. I also liked learning about how life was back then!

Safiya (6FC) – I enjoyed learning about the planes, missiles and weapons that they used in war. The missiles and planes were really big. I was really surprised by it!



Idris (6F) – I enjoyed that we could wear some of the clothes and helmets and we could go inside some of the interesting things including trenches, a Morrison shelter and an Anderson shelter!

Hannah (6K) – I enjoyed going inside the two air raid shelters: Anderson and Morrison. I enjoyed this as it made this trip stick out from the rest. I also enjoyed roaming around the trenches of WW1 and looking through the periscopes!

Reece (6FC) – I loved how big things were, like the tanks, missiles and dumped cars. Some of them were extremely broken and some of the cars even had guns on the back!



UNCRC Article 27 (adequate standard of living):

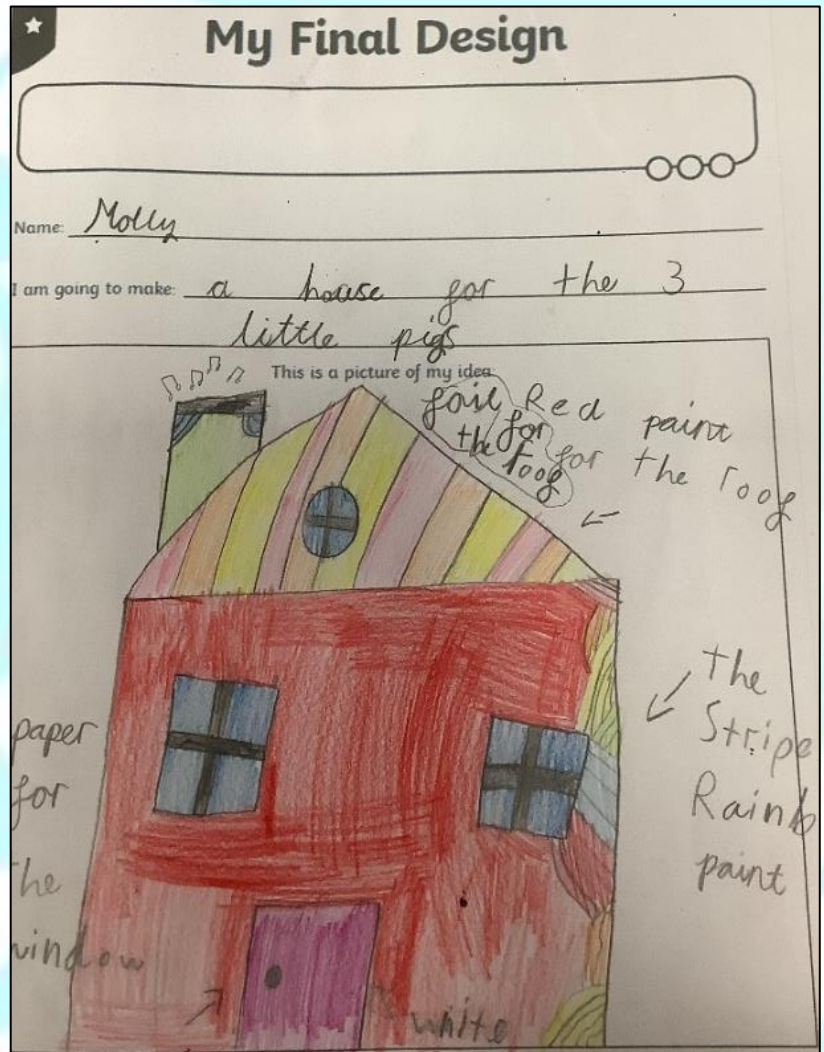
Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to do this.

In the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, Article 27 says that we have the right to food, clothing and a safe home.

This right links to the learning Class 2B have recently been involved in, where they have been designing fantastic houses for the three little pigs to live in which can withstand one huff and one puff!

They thought about the materials they would use to ensure it is strong enough and decided cardboard is a much more suited material than paper. Once they have made them next week, the Big Bad Wolf is going to pay a visit to test their structures.

Fingers crossed!



UNCRC Article 24 (health and health services):

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

We have also been exploring the importance of having a balanced diet, linking to our right to a healthy living. We put our thinking caps on and created a dinner which included food from all the food groups on the 'Eat Well Plate'. We learnt that we need carbohydrates for energy, fruit or vegetable for vitamins, dairy for calcium, protein to help our muscles grow and also included a little sweet treat for some extra energy. We were very adventurous and even discussed which vegetables we might try to improve our balanced diets!



Hadiya (2B) – I used eggs for my protein because I do not eat meat! They still help your muscles to grow!

Theo (2B) – I added lots of peas on my eat well plate because they make you healthy. I added a banana because they give you energy slowly over a long time!

Reminder: End of Autumn Term Activity Clubs / Sports Clubs



Please be reminded that **all after school enrichment clubs have now finished for this term**. With the exception of our Care Club, there will be no other after school clubs taking place in December.

If your child was booked into the After School Care Club until 6pm on any day that they've attended an activity club this half term, please be advised that you will receive the respective credit on your childcare booking account shortly.

We hope the children have enjoyed the activities and look forward to releasing information about our planned Spring term clubs very soon.



Reminder - End of Autumn Term 'Catch-Up' Meetings

You will have received communications this week, informing you that we are offering all parents / carers the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher / keyworker for a 'quick catch-up' before the end of term. **Please note that this is not a pupil progress meeting**, but an opportunity for you to make contact should you feel the need to 'touch base' with them before the Christmas holidays.

Parents and carers of children in **Reception – Year 6** are being offered a **virtual (video call) appointment on Tuesday 12th December (between 3.30pm – 6.30pm)** that can now be booked via our Parents Evening Booking System until next Friday 8th December.

Parents and carers of **children in Nursery** will also be able to book an appointment to meet your child's Keyworker via our Parents Evening Booking System from 9am on Monday 4th December, as communicated in the letter sent home earlier.

If you wish to book an appointment, our 'Parents Evening Booking System' can be accessed directly by [clicking here](#). When logging on, please ensure you input the name of the parent who has Priority 1 on our school system along with the email address we have registered for you, and for these parents and carers, you can also book your appointment directly via the 'Parents Evening' globe on our Weduc app.

If you experience any issues with booking an appointment, please contact the school office via admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies at our school. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, or know someone who has the required skills and availability and would therefore like to nominate them, please complete the 'Parent Governor Election Form' sent out via our communication app earlier today or alternatively accessed via our school website 'Vacancies' page.

Please note that all applications must be received **by no later than 12pm (noon) on Friday 8th December**.

Lost Property and Pre-loved Uniform Sales

There is a large amount of lost property building up in school, especially hats, scarves and gloves needed for the colder weather. If your child has lost any of these items, please remember to **check lost property at the end of the day each Friday (3pm – 3.30pm) and Monday mornings (8.30am – 9am)**.

To avoid losing items, please remember to **label all items of your children's clothing** with their name and class so that these can be returned to them during the school day.

All unclaimed items will either be disposed of or moved to our pre-loved uniform stock when we return on Monday 8th January, so please ensure you check for any items before then.

Our upcoming **'Pre-loved Uniform Sales'** are scheduled to take place at the end of the school **day on Thursday 14th December 2023 and Wednesday 10th January 2024** (further details to follow).

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 20th December
 (in collaboration with St. Gregory’s Church Foodbank – Helping Local People in Crisis)

On Wednesday, 20th December (the same day as our Christmas Lunch and Class Christmas Parties), children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their own clothes.

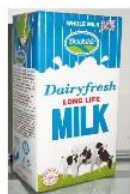
If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please don't feel any expectation or pressure to buy one especially for this occasion. Children can decorate one of their own jumpers to make it look festive and 'Christmassy'!



In return, we are asking for children to bring in an item (or more) to be donated in support of our local foodbank at St. Gregory’s Church, helping people whose needs are greater than ours over the upcoming festive period.

All non-perishable items are welcomed as donations and will be gratefully received. Please give generously if you can, to help families in need have a happy Christmas.

Generally, as fewer donations of the following are received, they will be especially welcomed:



- tins of tuna / meat
- tinned fruit and vegetables
- lentils / chickpeas / kidney beans
- custard / rice pudding
- tea / coffee / hot chocolate
- UHT (long life) milk
- Squash / long life juice
- sugar
- cereal
- jam / marmalade / peanut butter
- chocolates / biscuits /crackers
- Christmas treats for children
- rice
- pasta / noodles
- pasta / cooking sauces
- dried herbs
- spice / seasoning jars
- cooking oil
- toothpaste
- shower gel / soap
- shampoo
- deodorant
- detergent
- nappies (size 5 & 6)



We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Reminder – Christmas Events Goodwill Contributions

Thank you to all those who have already logged into ParentPay to make a contribution to our forthcoming Christmas Events, and a special thanks to those who have donated more than the suggested to help support funding towards all the children in the school and making it a memorable Christmas for them.

If you haven't yet done so, **please can we encourage you to contribute if you can.** No child will miss out as previously stated, but overtime, significant shortfalls in events will impact on what celebratory opportunities we can offer our children in future.

Class Christmas Cards – w/c 18th December

This year, we are pleased to inform you that children will have the opportunity to distribute Christmas cards to their class friends during week commencing 18th December.

Please may we kindly request that you do not send children in with cards before then.



Upcoming / Christmas Events

11 th – 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Winter Arts Week
Monday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery (Miss Harte) – Catch-up Meetings
Tuesday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Christmas Assemblies – <i>Individual Class performances as communicated – Class 2K @ 10.00am, Class 2W @ 11.15am, Class 2B @ 2.30pm</i> (maximum of 2 seats allocated per family – no children under the age of 12) • Reception – Year 6 - Virtual Care Calls (3.30pm – 6.30pm) (booked video appointments only) • Nursery (Miss Wetton) – Catch-up Meetings
Wednesday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes 2B, 2K, 2W, 5L & 6F – Pantomime trip to The Compass Theatre
Thursday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery (Mrs Daly) – Catch-up Meetings • Pre-loved Uniform Sale – <i>Assembly hall @ 3pm – 3.30pm</i>
Monday 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Cards – <i>distribution in class throughout the week</i> • Classes 4EV, 4W, 5R, 5T & 6K – Pantomime trip to The Compass Theatre
Tuesday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – Visiting Pantomime (in School) • Classes 3B, 3H, 3KB, 4F & 6FC – Pantomime trip to The Compass Theatre • Year 5 ‘The Gift’ Christmas assemblies (<i>Individual Class performances as communicated – Class 5R @ 10.00am, Class 5T @ 11.30am, Class 5L @ 2.30pm</i>) (maximum of 2 seats allocated per family – no children under the age of 12)
Wednesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Wear your Christmas Jumper Day’ for St. Gregory’s Local Food Bank (please donate an item for our local food bank – detailed in notices above) • Festive Christmas Lunch 2023 (Christmas lunch for all children in Nursery to Year 6 without a packed lunch) • Christmas Parties for Nursery to Year 6 • Nursery (Mrs Harries) – Catch-up Meetings • Last day of term for all Nursery pupils
Thursday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NURSERY CLOSED • Grab & Go Lunch – <i>details to follow</i> • Autumn Term ends at 1.00pm for all pupils.