



# EAGLE PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 51

Friday 20th December 2024

## Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We have just finished an amazing term that has been full of learning and fun too. This week students were looking at different end of year festivals and how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We also had a visit from Father Christmas who delivered a present for each student.

Next term we are looking forward to more exciting trips to the theatre and museums and we will also be receiving some musicians who will be entertaining our young people with a concert onsite.

I want to thank all of our staff for their hard work this term. At Eagle Park we have a dedicated team who work every day to ensure that all our students thrive, learn and enjoy their time at school. Many thanks to all our families who support us and allow us the privilege of working with their wonderful children.

Happy Holidays!

Margaret Carey

Headteacher.



Term start date:	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Term Ends:	Friday 20th December 2024
Half Term:	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
Christmas Break starts:	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025



# Class News

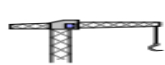
## Crane Class



Winter



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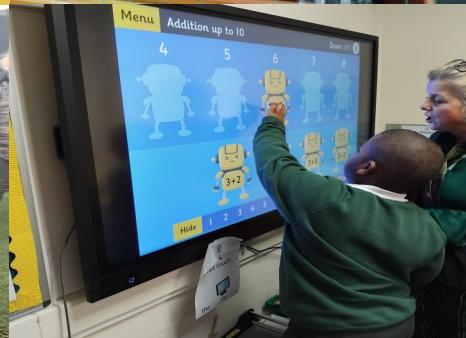
Crane



Class



Activities



What a term! I'm so proud of the Cranes; they've worked so hard and made such great progress! This week we've been learning about Christmas around the world and finding out what traditions exist in other countries. As always, we listened to a song about it as this is a fun way to help us remember. This week in Maths we've started to learn how to add up small numbers, it's a bit tricky to start off with, but we're starting to get the hang of it.

In English we have started thinking about sentences and making short sentences by unjumbling words so they make sense. In art we made a really long paper chain together and it is now decorating our reception area, we're very proud of our work. We've also been making snowman collages with colourful backgrounds and our paintings have been brightening up the classroom.

In PSCH we learned about public and private things and about the things that belong to us and the things that don't.

Finally, in cooking we have finished off our sandwich making skills making a Ploughman's lunch. We can make all sorts of sandwiches now and we're encouraged to give it a go at home!

The most exciting event was a visit from Santa on Thursday - Karvel couldn't help but check if his beard was real, which of course it is, Santa told him it had taken him 400 years to grow it!





# Class News

## Robin Class



Well done, Robin Class! You have worked incredibly hard this term, tackling every challenge with enthusiasm and determination—I am so proud of you all.

This week, we explored *how other countries celebrate Christmas*, from traditions in the USA to those closer to home in England. The children showed great curiosity and appreciation for these different celebrations.

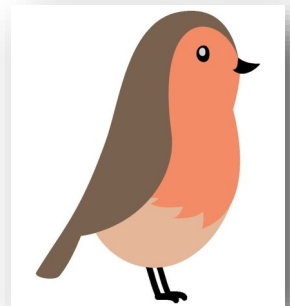
In **English**, we completed *Winter Dance* by Marion Dane Bauer, focusing on descriptive language and conjunctions to enrich our writing. The children have worked hard to bring their ideas to life through creative storytelling.

In **Humanities**, we studied the Tudors, with a special focus on their fascinating clothing. The class was amazed to learn about the many layers people wore! We also enjoyed making *melting snowman biscuits*—a festive and fun treat.

In **Science**, we learned how to plant seeds using recycled materials and transfer them into pots, exploring how plants grow and thrive.

Thank you for your support this term. Wishing you a joyful and restful holiday.

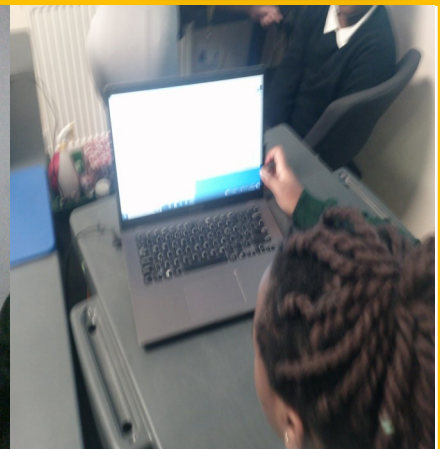
*“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” – B.B. King*





# Class News

## Dove Class



This week in Dove class, we have been focusing on consolidating our learning and preparing for Christmas. We baked Christmas treats in cooking class, met Santa, created Christmas cards during our writing sessions, and performed a Christmas story in English. Additionally, we explored different decorations from around the world.





# Class News

## Goldfinch Class



What a busy week to end the Autumn Term for Goldfinch! We travelled in Italy, exploring food, decorations, nativity and "La Befana" story. Our class had also decorated gingerbread houses and cookies as our treat.

In Maths, we had a recap of addition and subtraction using counters. In Art class, we created our own beautiful Christmas Baubles using bright colours and sparkly decorations. In Science, we learned about Christmas animals like reindeer, partridge, sheep, camel and many more. To wrap up our week, We had a mini Christmas party in the classroom! We sang festive songs, played Christmas bingo, opened Christmas crackers, enjoyed delicious food and received gifts from our teacher and Santa.

It's been a wonderful festive week of learning and celebrating. Happy Holidays Everyone!





# Class News

## Phoenix Class



We have had a great final week of term. Whilst winter and Christmas have remained a major theme, we have also continued to work on our other topics.

In Food Technology we made mince pies as a traditional seasonal treat. Not everyone was a fan of the sweet, fruity mincemeat but the baking was a great success!

In Art we produced some beautiful winter landscapes which pulled together the skills we have focused on over the past few weeks.

In English, we planned and wrote stories that had a Christmas theme with the students coming up with a wide variety of ideas for their own Christmas tales.



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Students are nominated weekly for a  
class award.

**This week's EPS Eagle**  
**Class Award goes to:**



**Crane:** Karvel

“For his never ending supply of energy!.”

**Robin:** Hugo

“For his amazing work creating a melting snowman  
biscuit using marzipan and icing sugar.”

**Dove:** Alan

“For engaging in his work for longer periods!.”

**Goldfinch:** All Goldfinch students

“For doing their very best during Autumn Term.”

**Phoenix:** Kyrylo

“For seizing every opportunity to sell cards  
for the enterprise project.”



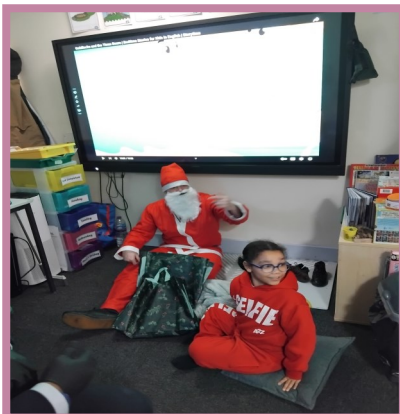
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Everyone was so excited!!



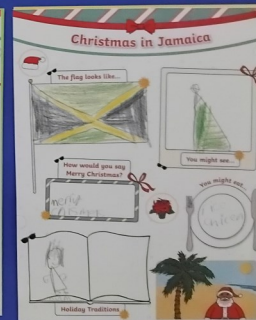
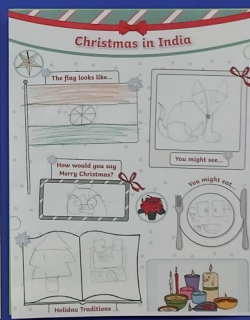
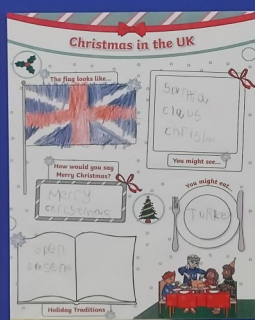
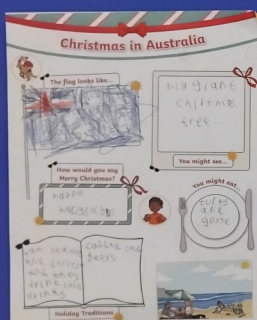


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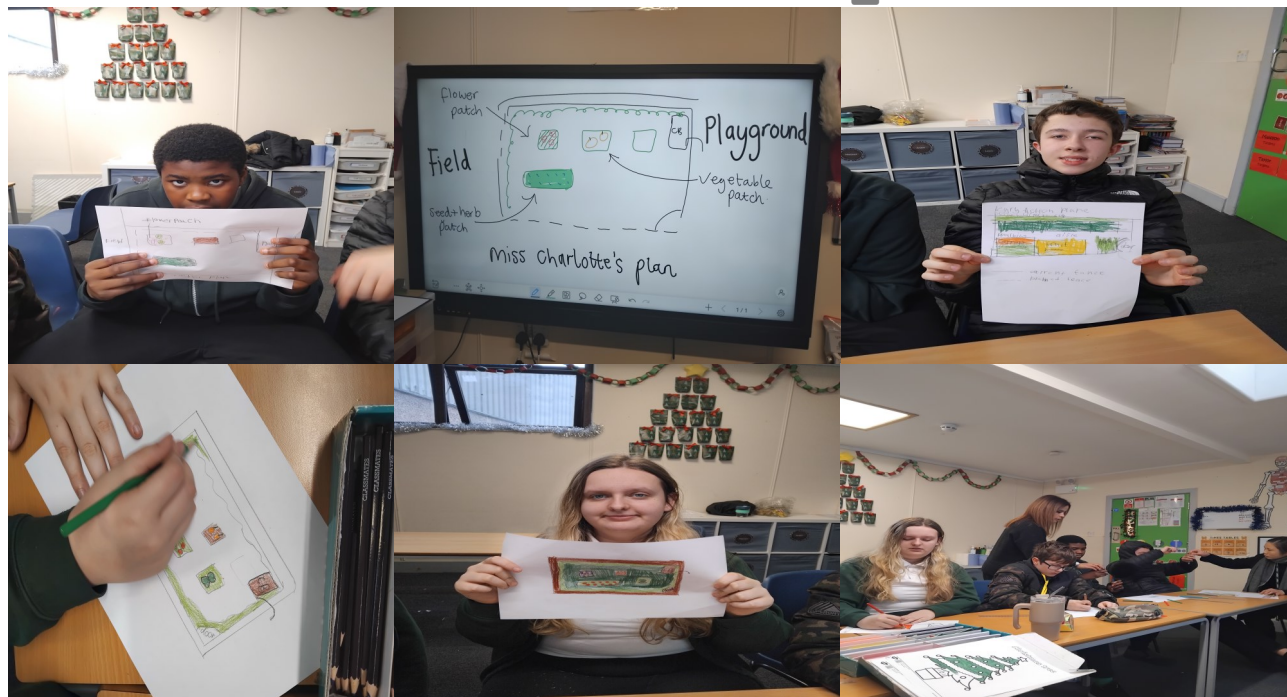
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## Climate Cops



Here at Eagle park School we have started an exciting new project. We are a part of Eco-Schools umbrella, who provide guidance on how to be a more environmentally friendly school for our students and our planet. They provide a simple seven-step framework that we will be following, and as a school we will also be aiming to achieve their prestigious green flag award in 2025! So, this week, we made a start on our 7 step program.

During our first eco-lesson we completed step 1 out of 7; creating our eco-committee. The students of Phoenix class stepped up to the plate and became our first eco-committee members! We brainstormed different environmentally themed names to call ourselves, and cast our votes with ballot papers. Our eco-committee is officially called the Climate Cops!

Next on the agenda for the Climate Cops was designing our garden, which will be next to the playground. We plan to grow and nurture vegetables, flowers and herbs; and maybe even a minibeast hotel one day! The Climate Cops all designed beautiful plans for the garden which we will put into action in the new year. We have lots of exciting ideas we wish to carry out next year such as a sunflower growing competition in the summer term and growing vegetables and herbs which are to be used school-wide in cookery classes. The Climate Cops have taken on the leadership of the school in striving for the Green flag award, but all classes across the school will have eco-lessons and horticulture lessons. Everyone will be getting involved in tending to the garden and helping Eagle Park become greener.





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## THERAPY PAGE (1)

All students have been working hard and making great progress in their weekly sessions, as could be seen in the 'Speech and Language Therapy in Action' pages over the last few weeks! To round this term off, here are some gift ideas and/or fun activities that you do over the festive period to further facilitate the development of your child's speech, language, and communication skills!

**Words First gift list to develop Speech, Language and Communication skills**

**for younger children**

**Pop up pirate** – great for waiting and taking turns, anticipation

**Nursery rhyme book** – developing rhythm, vocabulary anticipation and awareness of sounds

**Puppets** – seeing another perspective, talking, waiting

**Small animal set** – animal noises and exploring sounds

**Role play set** – tea party, doctor, seeing another perspective

**Matching games** – memory, waiting, vocabulary

**Talking flashcards** – great for building vocabulary

**A microphone** – exploring different voices

**Books** – with words or without words, listening, attention, understanding, pre-literacy skills

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### Words First gift list to develop Speech, Language and Communication skills

for older children

Slapzi game – vocabulary, looking at smaller detail, finding similarities and getting ready to categorise



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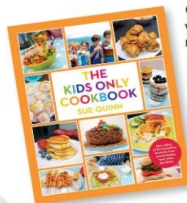
Don't Panic – expressive language, vocabulary and categorising



Scattergories – categorising, motivating, using vocabulary, connecting language to real life experiences



5 second rule – descriptive language and comprehension

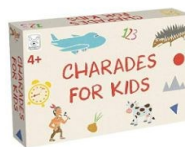


Cook book and baking utensils – vocabulary, maths concepts, reading, following instructions



Guess Who – describing, language and vocabulary

Charades – reading, vocabulary and comprehension



Hedbanz – vocabulary, descriptive language

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## Labelling items



Please ensure every item of your child's clothing - including gloves and hats - is labelled with their name. This ensures items can be returned to their owner and saves time when getting ready to go outside. We have some items of clothing that can never be returned to their rightful owner because they are not labelled.

### Reporting pupil absence



In line with our Attendance Policy, parents/carers must telephone the school (0203 8765076) or sent an email to [admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk) to inform us of the specific reason for their child's absence on each day of absence

(unless the illness is prolonged, e.g. chicken pox). Symptoms must be provided; advising that children are 'sick' or 'unwell' does not give enough information. In accordance with Government recommendations, a pupil suffering from diarrhoea and/or vomiting must remain off school for 48 hours before returning. For example, if they are sent home from school on a Tuesday after being sick, they can return on Friday, provided there are no further episodes of vomiting on Wednesday or Thursday.

# EAGLE PARK SCHOOL

## PARENT LIAISON NEWS



### Eagle Park School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024-2025



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Autumn Term:	Starts: Monday 2 September 2024 Ends: Friday 20 December 2024 Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November Christmas break starts Monday 23 December 2024 and ends Friday 3 January 2025	75 days	Public holidays during 2024 – 2025 Christmas day Boxing day New Years day Good Friday Easter Monday Early May bank Holiday Spring bank holiday Summer Bank holiday	Wednesday 25 December Thursday 26 December Wednesday 1 January Friday 18 March Monday 21 April Monday 5 May Monday 25 August
	Starts: Monday 6 January 2025 Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025 Ends: Friday 4 April 2025 Easter Break starts Monday 7 April and ends Monday 21 April 2025	60 days		
Spring Term:	Starts: Tuesday 22 April 2025 Half Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 Ends: Tuesday 22 July 2025 Summer Break starts Wednesday 23 July 2025	60 days		
Summer Term:		195 days		

= School day
  = School holidays
  = Staff inset day
  = Bank holidays
  = Weekends

Eagle Park allocates five non-pupil days.



# EAGLE PARK SCHOOL PARENT LIAISON NEWS



Wishing you all a Merry

*Christmas*

and a prosperous New Year

From all of us at  
Eagle Park School