

# PUPIL POST



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2024



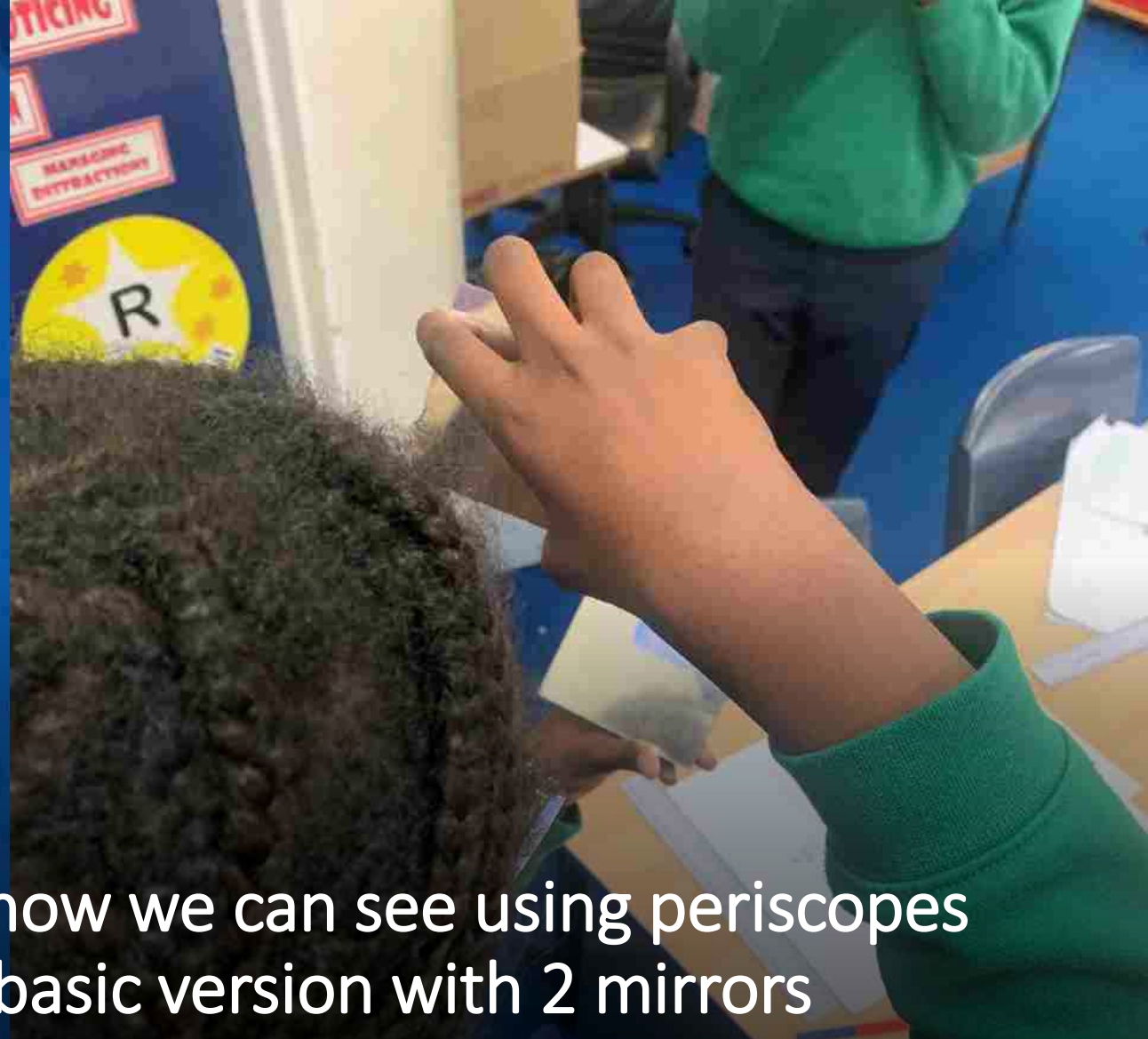




Last Sunday, our school choir performed at a charity event organised by Stevenage Community Trust at Chesfield Downs Golf Club.

They were all 'Walking in the air'.

Listen to them here:  
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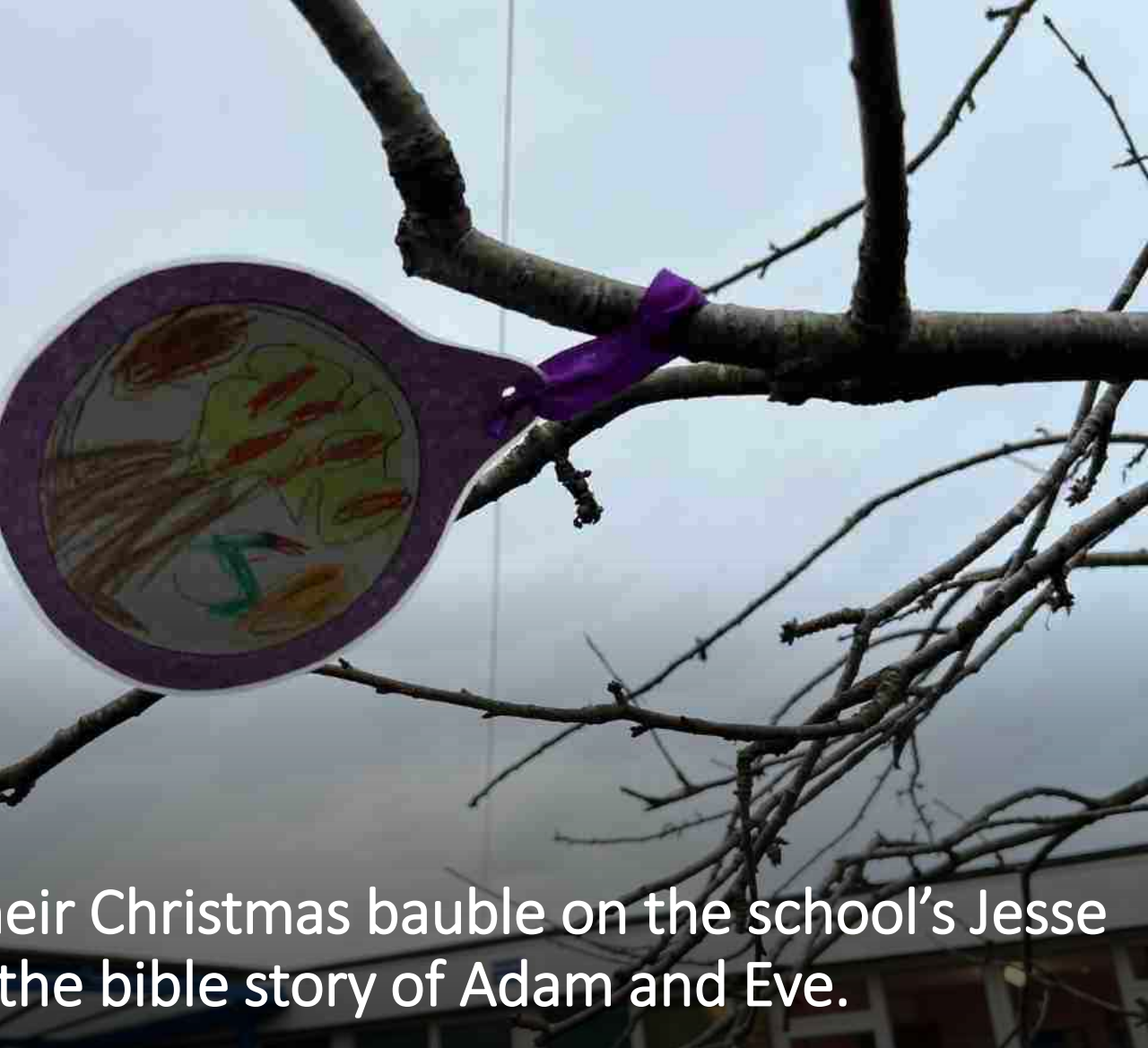
Year 6SC have been exploring how we can see using periscopes and have created a very basic version with 2 mirrors





The Reception O'Connor children were lucky to be the first class to hang a decoration on the Jesse Tree, representing the story of Creation.

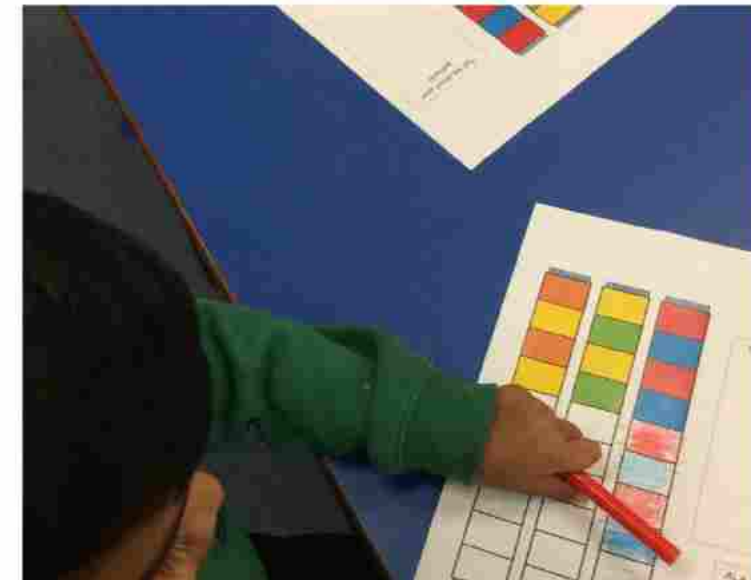
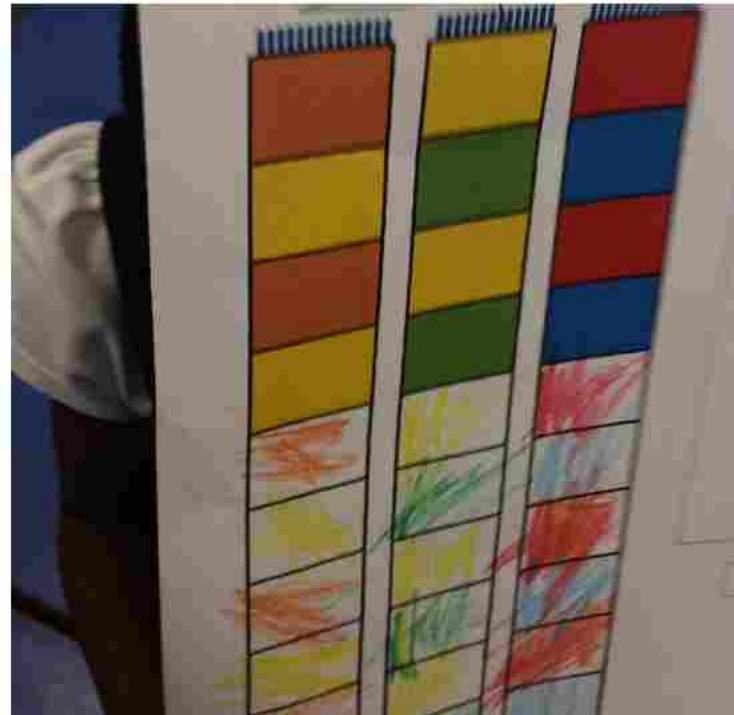
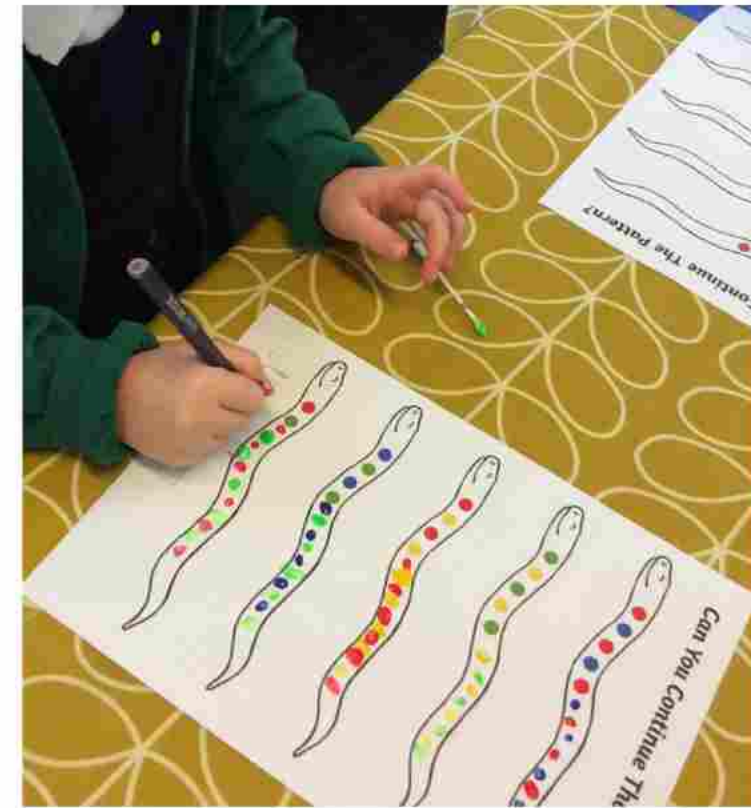




Reception Mozart were happy to place their Christmas bauble on the school's Jesse tree too. The pictures relate to the bible story of Adam and Eve.



In Maths this week, the Reception children were learning about repeating patterns.





# The Reception children also started to prepare for Christmas









# Tuesday in Nursery



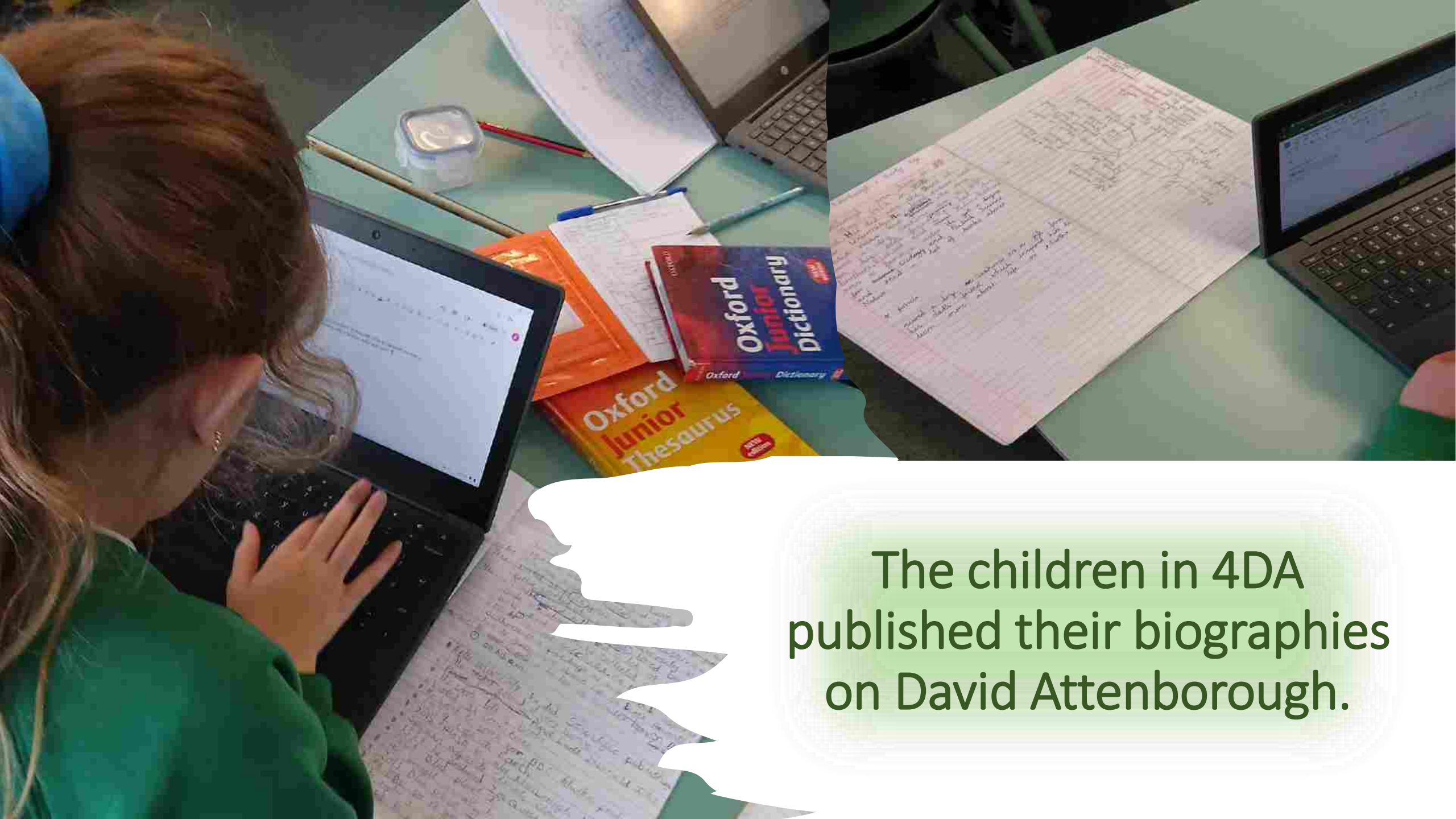




Mrs. Cooper's  
Yr 1 class added  
the story of  
Noah's Ark to our  
Jesse Tree.  
Well done  
Year 1!







The children in 4DA published their biographies on David Attenborough.



4DA also practised their balancing skills on apparatus.



Watch here: <https://x.com/i/status/1863986639191572583>







**The children in Year Five Teresa have come so far in just ten clarinet lessons.**



**Watch and listen here:**

<https://x.com/i/status/1864402839398678814>



**Day 4 of our Jesse Tree.**  
Year One has been discovering the story of Abraham. They completed and hung the 4th image. Well done Mrs. Hargrave's class.



## Day 4 Abraham







Excellent balances and bridges in  
Year Five Teresa's PE lesson.





**First Advent  
reflection at 8.30  
Thursday morning.**



Reception enjoyed hearing about adventure and making a wreath.







Reception pupils have made manger scenes this week in their group work. They look great as a whole class display.





The children in Reception O'Connor have been learning about Advent and have been enjoying the Christmas preparations.

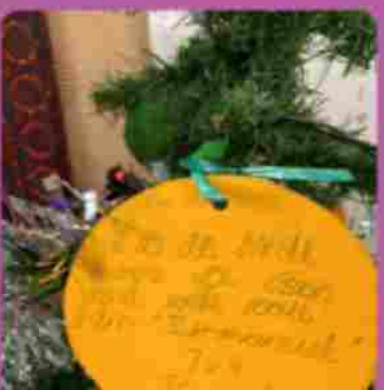
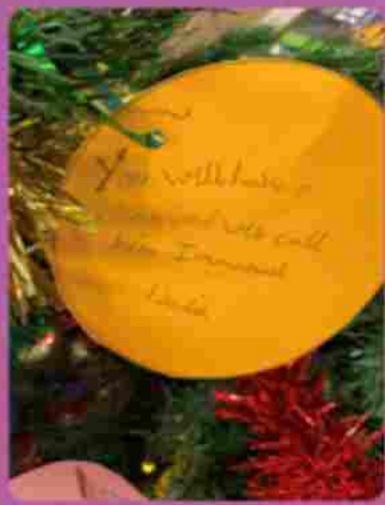






Beautiful Reconciliation on Thursday for Years 4, 5 and 6.  
A great opportunity to reflect on our Advent journey so far this year.





Year 2 have been learning about the prophet Isaiah, when he foretold Jesus' birth in Isaiah 7:4 and the fulfilment of the prophecy - Jesus being born.





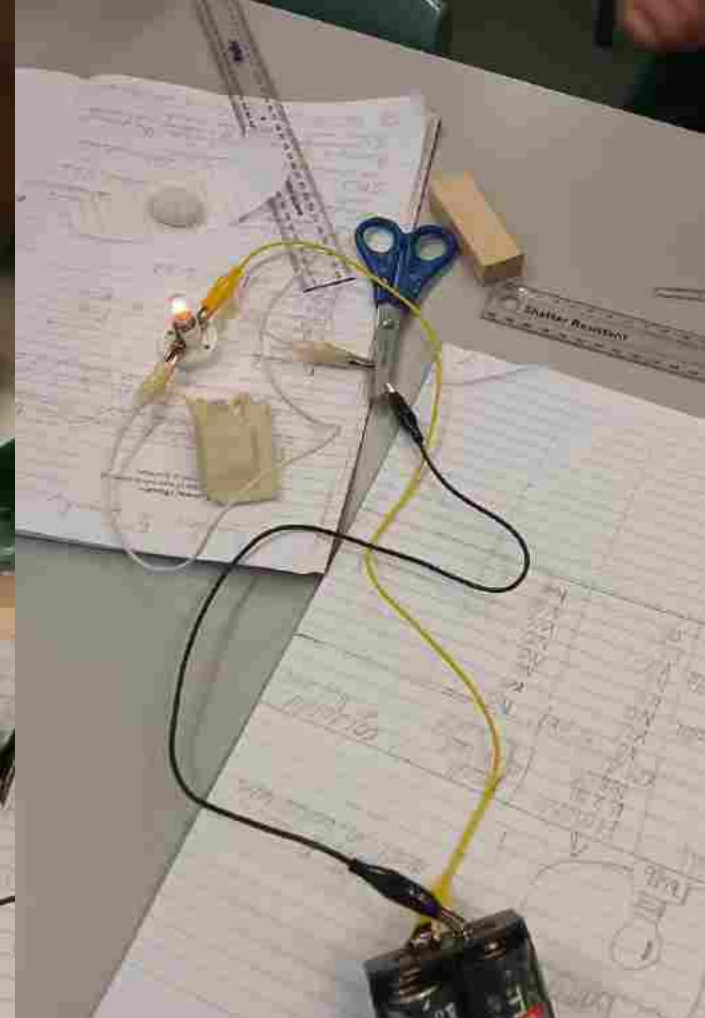
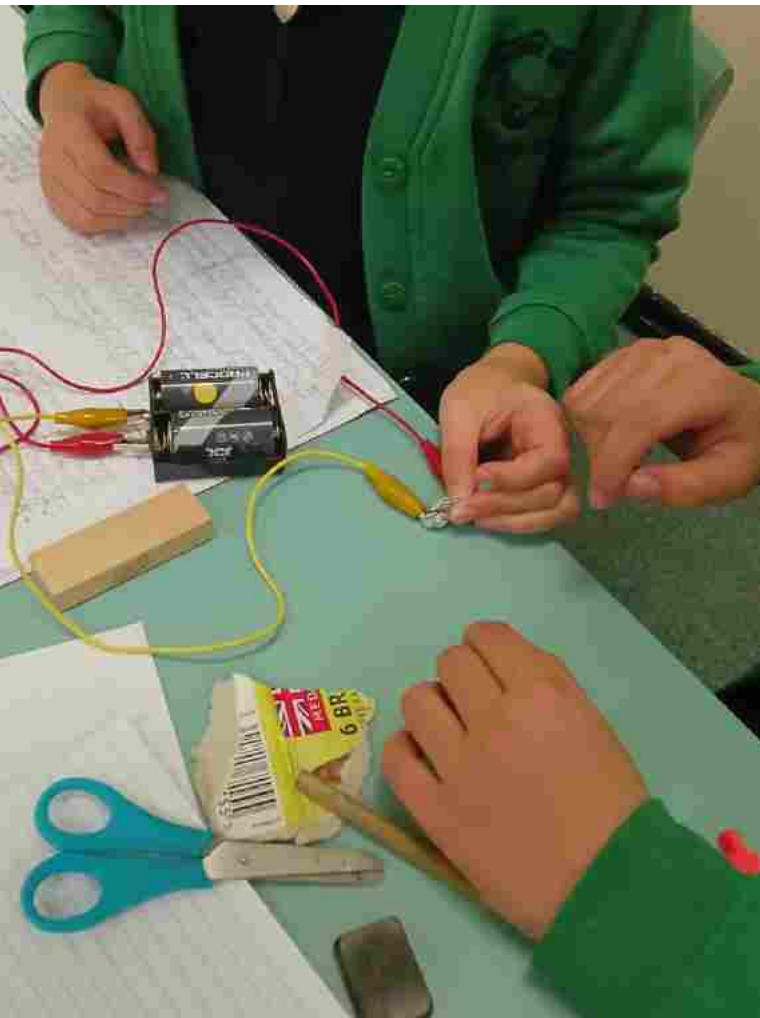
Year 3 learnt about Jacob and Joseph as part of our Jesse tree learning. We made our tree decorations based on what we heard and hung them on our school Jesse tree



On Thursday  
afternoon Year 2  
explored  
**'The Christmas  
Journey'**  
at St Hugh's and  
St John's Church.







In Science, 4DA were testing materials and objects to see if they were conductors or insulators.



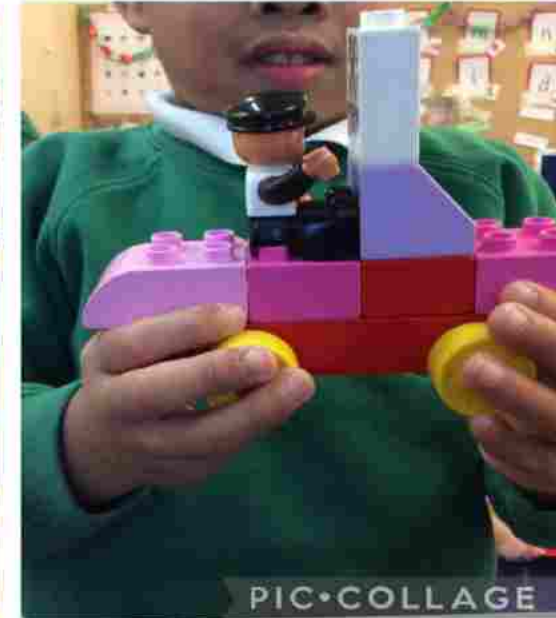


Year 6MF  
carrying out a  
wonderful Act  
of Worship.  
Well done,  
children!





After re-listening to **Jabari Tries**, our Reception children became budding engineers and scientists! They experimented with vinegar and bicarbonate rockets, built bridges, seesaw catapults, and crafted amazing creations using various materials. Brilliant engineering, everyone! 🛠️



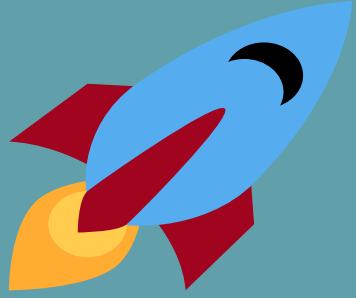


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Look at our  
wonderful engineers  
in Reception.  
They have designed  
and made jet packs!!







The children in the Nursery are responding well to open-ended activities which they choose. Sometimes, they are supported with structure established by an adult, as a bingo game.



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Year 6SC working on headstand skills.  
Pupils have worked in small steps and built confidence to fully extend their legs!





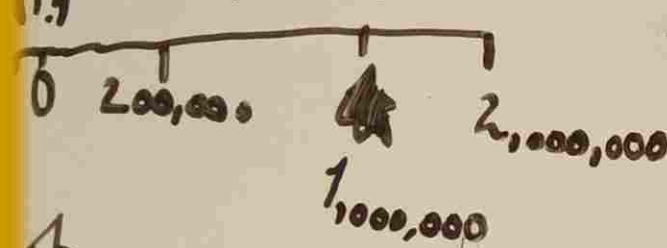
Year 3 added their art work to the Jesse Tree on Friday afternoon. We have created images to represent Miriam and Moses.



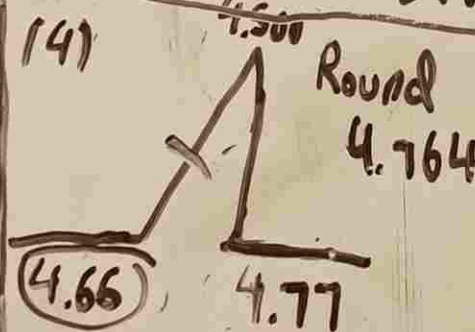
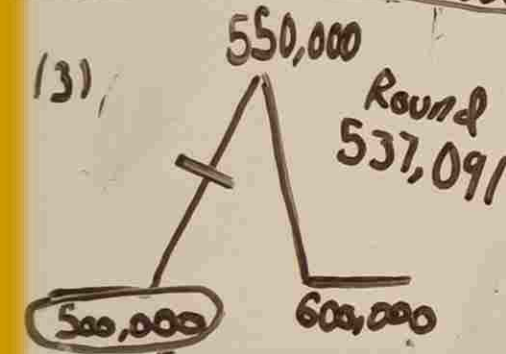


Some amazing  
 maths fluency in  
 Year 5TB this  
 week!

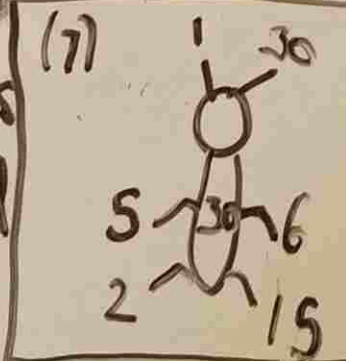
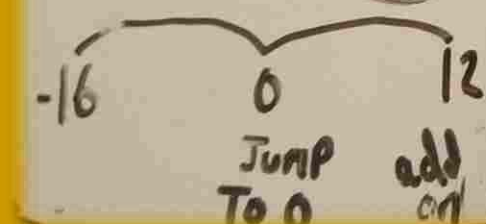
Maths fluency: Friday!!



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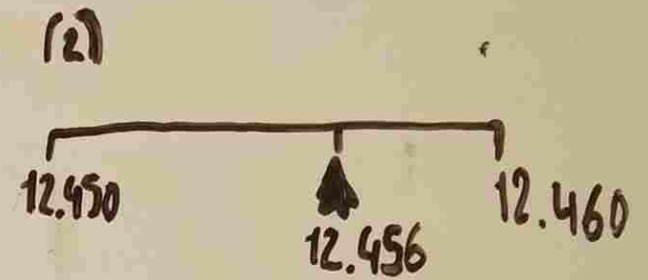


(6) Find the difference between -16 and 12

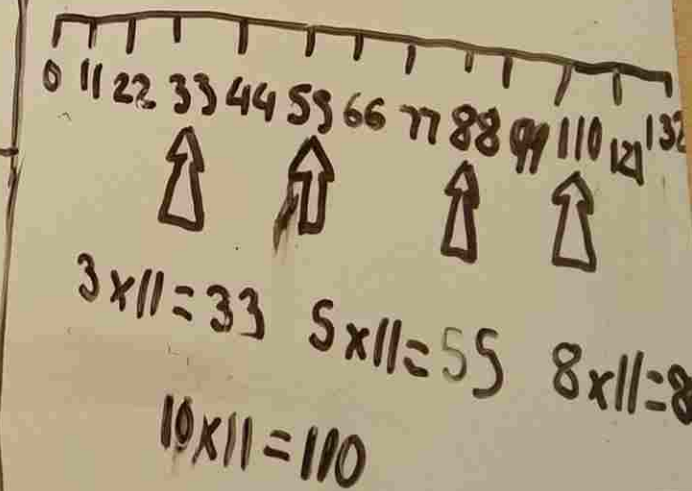


(8)  $871.3 \times 10 = 8713$

Ruby



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(9)  $1.4 - 0.5 = 0.9$





Some cross curricular work in RE as Year 5TB made Jewish Sukkah tents to reflect on the Jewish Harvest festival Sukkot. They collected resources and had great fun making the tents!







The choir participated in the Christmas Tree festival, on Saturday night, with the Stevenage Singers at St Nicholas Church.

Some beautiful singing and readings!

Watch here: <https://x.com/i/status/1865690453384798519>





A Word from  
Pope Francis

"In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas."



At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'

Adapted from Luke 3:1-6  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C

John the Baptist encouraged people to change their hearts. His message is for us too. Good preparation is always important in everything we do. Preparing ourselves well for Christmas will help us to draw closer to Jesus, and so experience and share more of God's love.

Please read and reflect together upon this week's gospel.

The theme is

**PREPARATION**

"Whoever has peace in his heart 'prepares a place' for the Lord." *St Theoliptos of Philadelphia*

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to **prepare** our hearts to receive and to share more of your love as Christmas approaches. Amen. ✦

