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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We started the week with a special assembly on Monday led by Sharon. The children heard about the significance of the poppy and learnt about Noel Chavasse who was a medic in World War One. We also heard about the work of the military today and in particular, their peace keeping roles around the world and the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth.

Alex Thompson has been busy cataloguing the library with the help of some of our wonderful parents this week. Thank you to Alex and her team of helpers for all their hard work. We are conducting a major overhaul of the library at the moment which we hope to be completed before the end of this term.

On this subject, we are holding a Book Fair here from Monday 29th to Thursday 1st December. You will have received a letter by now with all the details - we hope that you will use the opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done whilst helping the Dunannie library - for every purchase you make from the book fair, you will be enabling the school to receive a selection of new books for both the library and the classrooms through the commission we earn on each item sold.

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Next week, we have the long anticipated launch of Natalie's wonderful book, 'The Wintertide Bear', on Monday 15th November. Please remember that the children are able to bring in one of their own bears from home (please make sure this is named). Natalie will be reading the children her book in assembly and they will be making their own Wintertide Bear biscuits in the afternoon - a fitting celebration of a wonderful achievement by our very own Reception class teacher!

We are planning on buying each of the children a copy of her book for Christmas this year (which we hope she will sign!) but if you would like to purchase it for anyone else on your Christmas list, it is available to purchase through Amazon.

On Tuesday 16th November, a few of the children will be taking part in our Performer's Platform. This is an event for those who play an instrument at school and gives them the chance to showcase what they have learnt so far during the term.

A couple of housekeeping notes...Please note that the deadline for Love in a Box is Monday 15th November. Please bring your filled boxes into school on or before this date if you would like to take part. Also, if you have any unwanted tracksuit bottoms for girls or boys that we can use, we would be very grateful to receive them. We seem to have a huge lack of them at the moment and they're really useful to have in school.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes

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# NURSERY



We have reflected on the sights and sounds of the fireworks and bonfire we saw over the weekend. We painted and printed a large mural on our wall, made fireworks, toast and painted our own pictures too!

# NURSERY



We have cleared our pots and filled them with narcissus, tulips and grape hyacinth bulbs, ready for them to flower in the Spring.

Having made our fireworks toast in the toaster indoors we discovered we could make even more delicious toast on a campfire outside!

# RECEPTION



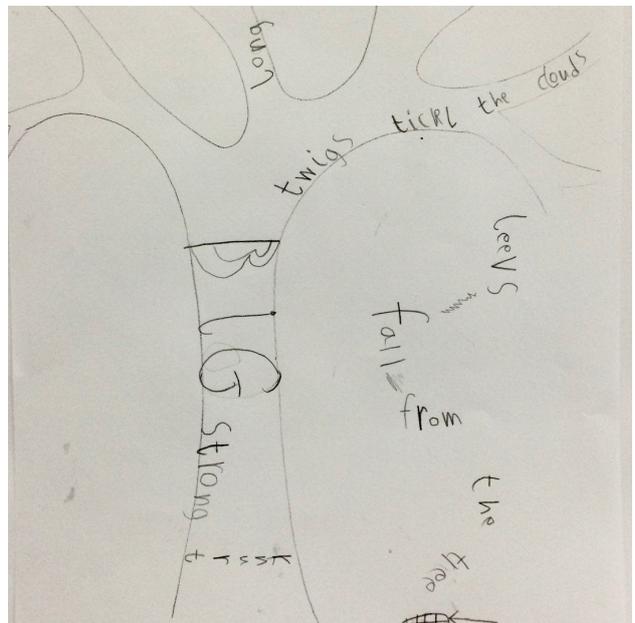
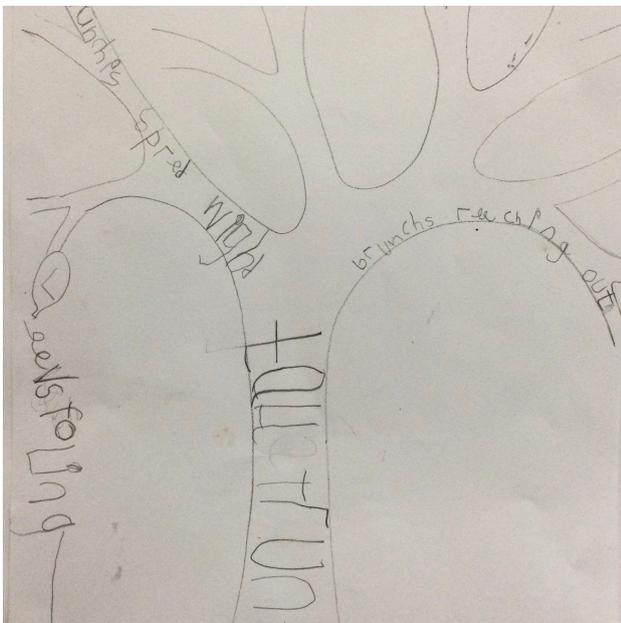
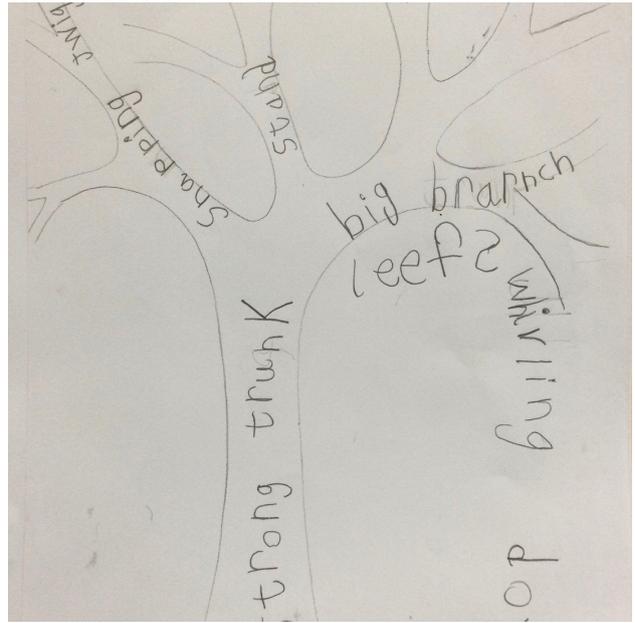
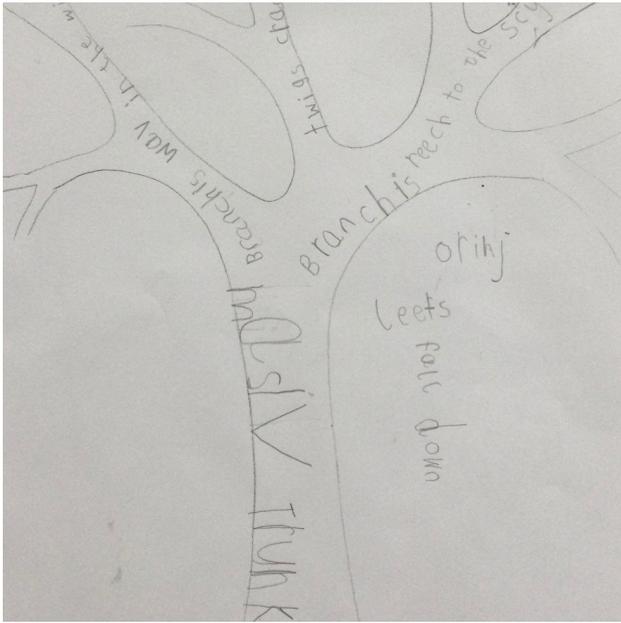
A polar bear arrived in Reception this week as we continued to learn about Immi and explore the Arctic further.  
We have made clay poppies for Remembrance Day and have enjoyed working as a team during the week!



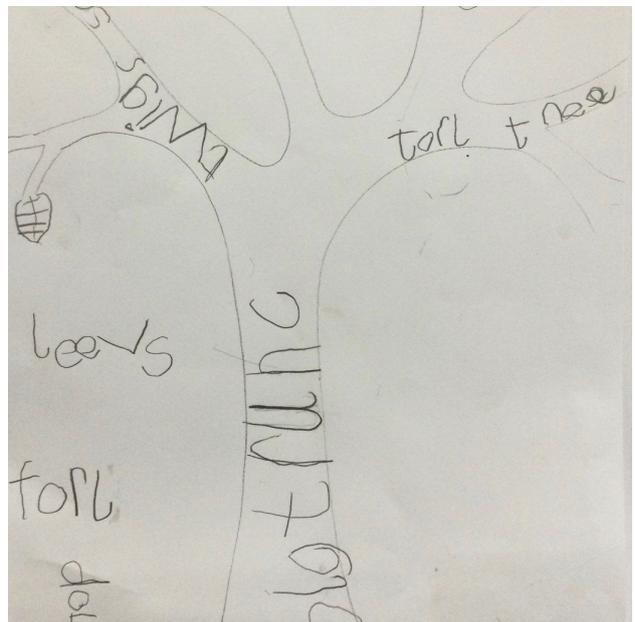
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# YEAR 1



Year 1 have spent time studying the changing trees in the orchard. In English, they then created shape poems using descriptive language to express what they saw.



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Following learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated, we went out to find a range of autumnal colours to create leaf rangoli patterns.



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Learning about celebrations in a range of ways! As part of a ceramics project with Eva at Dunhurst, we created Christmas decorations, learning new tool skills and having tremendous fun.



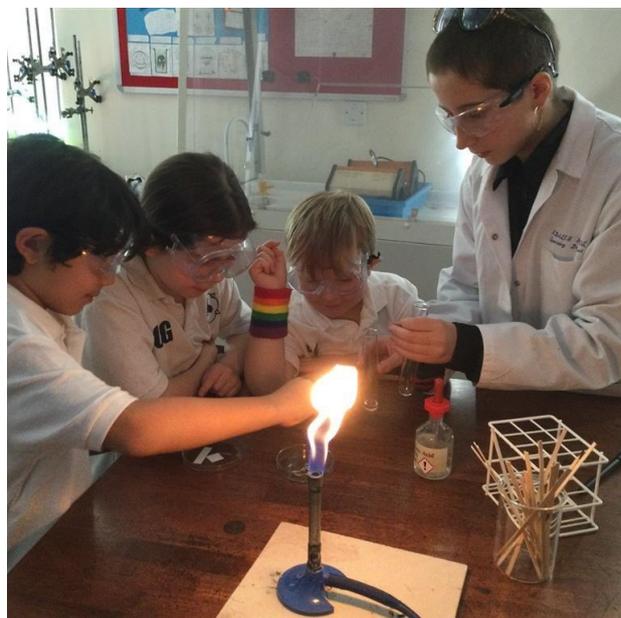
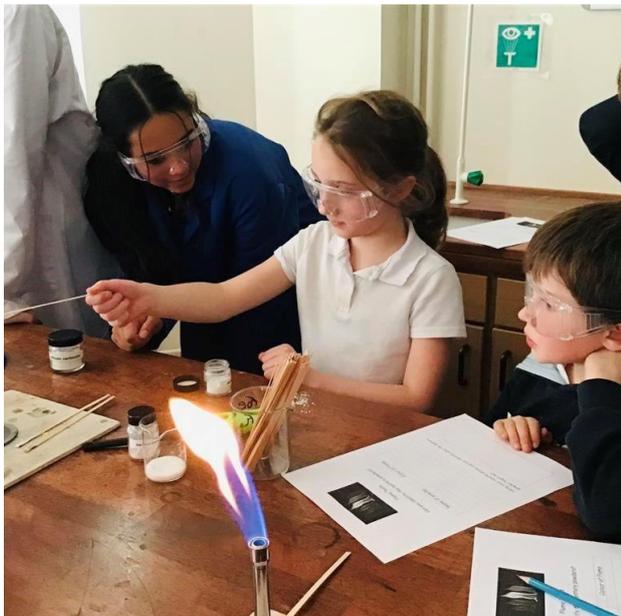
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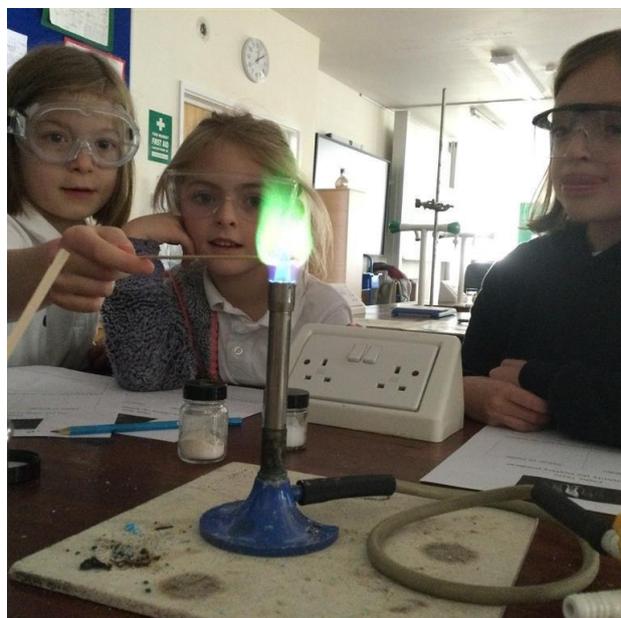
Year 2 have learnt some really useful life learning skills this week. We discussed the purpose of “mindful colouring” and had a go. We all agreed it made us feel very calm, happy and relaxed. We all thought it would be a good thing to do after Orchard. In maths, we have been learning about multiplication, specifically learning our 2s and 10s. We are so impressed with how quickly the children have learnt these tables.



## YEAR 3SR



Last Friday, Year 3 had their turn to go to the Chemistry Lab at Bedales for a Fireworks Workshop. The children were fascinated to experiment with making the different coloured fireworks with different chemicals. Thank you to the sixth formers who helped us.



# YEAR 3SR



Making wool winding poppies.



## YEAR 3CC



### Wagons Roll!

This week Year 3C have been on the Oregon Trail and finding out about life for the pioneers on the long journey from the town of Independence to Portland, Oregon nearly 200 years ago. We heard real stories and wrote our own diary days, wrote letters trying to persuade our families to join us and took part in our own Land Rush, staking our claim.



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Making and doing is such a key part of learning at Dunannie, and we have been busy weaving, sewing patchwork, grinding corn and mixing batter for our own cornmeal pioneer pancakes. The children have made their model wagons and are now busy working out which belongings are worth taking.



YEAR 3CC



## PE, GAMES & SWIMMING



Nursery focused so hard when practising their balancing and jumping in PE this week.



Year 3 got off to a great start in football. Reception and Year 1 continued to work on their passing and receiving in games. Year 2 are playing and learning the rules of simple invasion games.

## BUSHCRAFT



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Reception through to year two have been working on an exciting project this week, helping to clear a woodland of brambles and nettles and make a new home for our bushcraft sessions. Set in the wilderness of the woodland, children can explore natural habitats and a range of flora and fauna. I look forward to updating you with progress over the coming weeks..

# ACHIEVEMENTS



**GOLD**

**SILVER**

**BRONZE**

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# CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
15-Nov-21			Dunannie Harmony Week	
15-Nov-21			Dunannie: The Wintertide Bear Book Launch	
16-Nov-21	15:45	16:15	Dunannie Performers' Platform *Parents invited	Library (DUE)
18-Nov-21	10:30	14:00	Dunannie Y2 Trip to Milestones Museum	
19-Nov-21	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend starts (no Late	
19-Nov-21			Children In Need	
29-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
30-Nov-21	16:30	17:00	Dunannie Christmas Lights Switch on	Dunannie
30-Nov-21	10:00	10:30	Dunannie Nativity Dress Rehearsal (N/Rec)	
30-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
01-Dec-21	09:30	10:00	Dunannie Nativity (N/Rec) *Parents Invited	Dunannie
01-Dec-21	09:00	16:00	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Flu Immunisations	Sam Banks
02-Dec-21	14:00	14:15	Virtual Open Day	Dunannie
02-Dec-21	19:30	20:00	Virtual Open Day	Dunannie
02-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
08-Dec-21	09:30	11:00	Dunannie Christmas Carols Rehearsals	Lupton Hall
09-Dec-21	14:15	15:30	Dunannie Christmas Carols *Parents Invited	Lupton Hall
09-Dec-21	19:00	23:00	London Christmas Party for Parents	
09-Dec-21	08:45	09:30	Year 1 Class Assembly for parents	Dunannie
10-Dec-21	10:30	12:30	Dunannie Open Morning	
10-Dec-21			Dunannie Christmas Jumper Day	
14-Dec-21	12:00	12:30	Dunannie Christmas Lunch	
15-Dec-21	13:30		Dunannie Term Ends	