



A Message from Mrs Truett:

Dear Parents and Families,

Well, this half term has certainly flown by! Thank you for all the lovely welcome messages and encouragement. I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to lead this wonderful school. I consider it a great privilege and I will endeavour to deliver the best care, provision and enrichment to all the wonderful students here at North Cadbury.

In school, the children have returned after the winter break full of enthusiasm. They have all begun new topics and have thoroughly enjoyed all the enrichment opportunities, so far this term.

Some of these have included, a visit from Carymoor Environmental Trust, SCARF workshops (PSHE) and our incredible KS2 trip to 'We the Curious' and the Planetarium, in Bristol.

As always, we thank you for your tremendous support. We are blessed to have a wonderful family community here at North Cadbury, supported by a superb team of staff, Governors and Trust. We wish you all a restful half-term break, and look forward to welcoming you back on the 24th February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Truett
and the N.C. Team



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Sprites and Pixies



This half term, Pixies and Sprites have been busy exploring traditional tales and immersing themselves in the stories of *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Through these wonderful texts, our continuous provision has been filled with exciting opportunities for storytelling, role play, and hands-on learning. In English, our focus texts have inspired some amazing pieces of writing. The children have been using their phonics skills to retell stories, create alternative endings, and write about their favourite characters. It has been wonderful to see their confidence in mark-making and sentence-building grow. In Maths, we have been developing our number skills by working with numbers to 10, exploring part-whole models, and adding two numbers together. The children have enjoyed using practical resources, number stories, and problem-solving challenges to deepen their understanding. In Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED), we have been focusing on keeping ourselves safe, helping the children understand how to make safe choices and who to turn to for help. In Understanding the World (UW), we explored everyday materials, investigating different textures and properties linked to our storybook houses and bridges. Meanwhile, in Expressive Arts & Design (EAD), the children experimented with different painting techniques, creating beautiful artwork inspired by our *Three Little Pigs* story. As part of our Hygge approach, we have embraced the seasonal changes, talking about winter, darkness, and weather, bringing a sense of warmth and calm to our learning environment.

We are also thrilled to share that the Pixies and Sprites won a display award from the Big Brush Club, for our commitment to oral hygiene! The children have been fantastic at brushing their teeth every day in class as part of this important routine, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm in looking after their smiles.

Well done, Pixies and Sprites – what a fantastic half term of learning and achievement!



Unicorn Class



What a wonderfully busy half term it has been!

We began by diving into the enchanting world of "Tiddler". The children thoroughly enjoyed the imaginative storytelling and vibrant illustrations. During our Tiddler topic they produced some fantastic writing including letters of apology to Miss Skate for being late, an interview with Tiddler and book reviews of the story highlighting their favourite parts.

To celebrate the Lunar New Year, we had a fun session creating paper plate snakes. The children learned about the significance of the snake in the Zodiac Calendar and had a great time personalising their crafts with colours and patterns. Using this practical experience, they wrote fantastic sets of instructions on how to make a paper plate snake.

They have also put their writing skills to good use during our most recent topic: "Saving Mr. Hoot". The children put their persuasive skills to the test by writing letters to the council advocating for the preservation of the beech tree in which Mr. Hoot lives. Their arguments were heartfelt and thoughtful!

In Maths, we've been focusing on counting and ordering numbers up to 100. The children have also been extremely busy practising their addition and subtraction skills including column addition and subtraction, finding the difference and finding the inverse of their addition and subtraction calculations. We also enjoyed practical lessons involving money, where students bought and sold ice creams in a class shop!

The children have been busy making bread as part of our exploration of Bible stories, particularly focusing on the miracles of Jesus. This hands-on activity helped them connect with the stories in a tangible way, and they enjoyed the process of kneading and baking the bread!

Additionally, the class embraced healthy eating during PSHE by making delicious smoothies and planning balanced lunches for their teachers. Everyone had a blast selecting nutritious ingredients and discussing the benefits of a healthy, balanced diet. It was a wonderful way to apply what they've learned about nutrition in a creative and fun manner.

We wrapped up the half term with our Victorian Day. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and particularly enjoyed making their peg dolls.

After all of that, I think Unicorn Class deserves a well-earned holiday! Enjoy the break and we'll look forward to seeing you all next half term!



Phoenix Class

Time flies when you're having fun and that is certainly true in Phoenix Class. This term has whizzed by and the children have worked extremely hard, and shown that they are maturing, as we have covered a very grown up topic, recently. The children have amazed us with their enthusiasm for our 'Titanic' History topic, where they have remembered so many facts, written diary entries as well as newspaper reports, and produced lots of work for a new class display to showcase their knowledge. They demonstrated great empathy when discussing the fate of some passengers and how the class system divided society.

This half term, the children have also enjoyed a musical start to their Wednesdays. Miss Williams teaches the children violin and singing, which is always full of fun and games for all to enjoy. They have beautiful voices and it is really lovely to hear them sing.

On Thursdays, the children have been working hard during DT lessons to design and make unsinkable ships. They have also loved using junk modelling and modroc to make robots, inspired by our class text 'The Wild Robot' that we will delve into after half term.

Finally, we all had a great day out at 'We The Curious' recently. It was brilliant for the children to have the opportunity for hands on learning. There was so much to explore and covered so many different areas from the science curriculum. We loved our space workshop and visit to the planetarium.

Well done, Phoenix! Enjoy your half term break.



Dragon Class

The children have come back from their Christmas break and have continued to blow me away with their efforts. We have been incredibly busy with PSHE workshops, guest-led assemblies and a school trip.

This term, the children in Dragon class have flown back in time and began studying the Maya civilisation. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have looked at many aspects, such as the Mayan timeline, solar calendars, the number system, the Maya Gods and an artefact enquiry. The children have loved this topic and get incredibly excited with our weekly Mayan quizzes!

Our English this half term has focused on our class text, which is Middleworld. As the book unfolds, not everything is as it seems. The children have used this text to create a set of instructions, a playscript, setting description and a narrative. The children have also written a recount about their Christmas break.

Our school trip to 'We The Curious' was simply brilliant. The children had an in-depth workshop, experienced the Planetarium and got to get their hands on hundreds of activities, from creating animations to trying to walk in a wonky house!

During our last week before half term, the children took part in Internet Safety Day. Our whole school focus was to ensure that children tell their parents when and what they are looking at online; online gaming and keeping safe, how to be respectful and kind when online and what information they should and should not share with others.



Music Maestros

Our music lessons continue to prove popular with children across the school learning a mixture of guitar, piano and violin in private or small group sessions.

Our Phoenix class have also enjoyed whole class violin and singing sessions, on a weekly basis, this half term. This will continue on until Easter. They are doing brilliantly!



Hygge this half term

The children were all keen to start Hygge again this term. Our topics have mostly complimented our class texts by learning about Fish (Tiddler), Winter Trees, The Moon, Birds (Saving Mr Hoot) and Recycling (Fiery Fox learns; recycle, reuse, and take rubbish home). In addition we have also learned about moss, lichen and reindeer (Mossy).

It has been fantastic to see such concentration and interest from Unicorn Class. They have produced some excellent Winter Tree art using acrylic paints and crafted Robins from recycled fruit packing. More highlights from this half term have been science based, as we explored real fish, reindeer antlers and moss.

To round off this half term, during our last week, we will be discussing environmental issues including recycling and conservation, overfishing, pollution and climate change and what we can do to make positive changes.

Mrs Hawker



Victorian Day in Unicorn Class

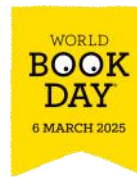
Our Unicorn students, have been studying the Victorians this half term. They held a Victorian Day, where the class were encouraged to attend school dressed as traditional Victorian characters and experience some of the elements of Victorian School life, featuring a very special visit from Queen Victoria herself! They loved the experience, although I think they are glad to have been born in the 21st Century.



In other news...

Caught Reading Competition!

Where might you be snapped reading? Ask an adult to help take a photo of you reading somewhere unusual, for your chance to win a prize! Entries close on Wednesday 5th March. Please send your photos to office@northcadbury.ppat365.org



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Our Pixies and Sprites have won an award!

Their display for oral hygiene has won the Big Brush Club Display award. Well done, team!

Remember Friday 14th February is MUFTI for a Mother's Day donation

Sprites & Pixies - baking with Mum (cake ingredients, apron, cookie cutters, sprinkles, cupcake cases etc)

Unicorns - Luxury food & drink hamper - (biscuits, chocolates, chutneys, jams, drinks, coffee, mug, wine glasses)

Phoenix - Gardening Hamper (seeds, bulbs, gardening gloves, soap, hand cream, small garden tools)

Dragons - Pamper Hamper - (candles, bath salts, face masks, moisturiser, fluffy socks)

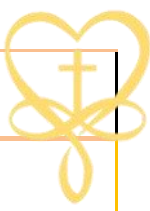


Do keep an eye on the diary dates for PTAFA fundraising events.

We have lots planned!

If you would like information on joining our fabulous PTAFA pop into the office, we'd be happy to help.

Christian Values - Ambition



This half term, we have been exploring the Christian Value of **Ambition**, which is also intrinsically linked to our school moto - **'To be the best we can be'**.

During our assemblies, we have discussed what it means to be ambitious and how that might translate in our lives at school and away from school.

We see many children pushing themselves to be the best they can be, academically, athletically, spiritually and on humanistic level.

It was heartwarming to hear how many of them thought that improving how kind, helpful and patient they are was an ambition they held. They had some fantastic ideas for how they may act on that ambition.

What a lovely bunch they are!

