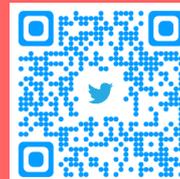




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Hello everyone

We are really proud of **Year 3** for being **excellent ambassadors** for Thornton during their visit to the local church, **Burney Lane Church**. Please read all about it on the next page... (full newsletter is available on the school website [www.thornton.bham.sch.uk/newsletters](http://www.thornton.bham.sch.uk/newsletters) and has also been emailed to you)

**A BIG well done and congratulations to all the children with magnificent attendance who achieved 97% or above this term.** It was great to present 267 children with Bronze Award certificates and stickers this afternoon, they will receive their golden ticket reward on Monday morning!



**Tuesday 19th December — Years 3 and 5 Christmas Dinner**

**Wednesday 20th December — Years 4 and 6 Christmas Dinner**

**Friday 22nd December — 9am Year 3 Nativity (for Year 3 parents/carers) AND class parties in the morning (wear your own party clothes & you can bring some nut-free snacks if you want to!)**



**Monday 8th January 2024 — Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 9th January 2024 — 8.30am ALL children return to school!**

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

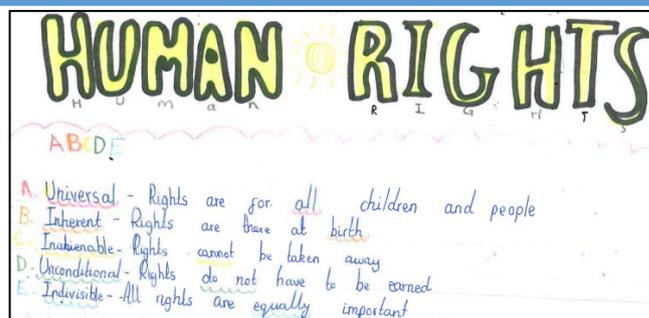
## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

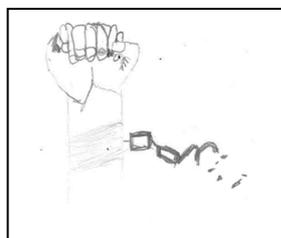
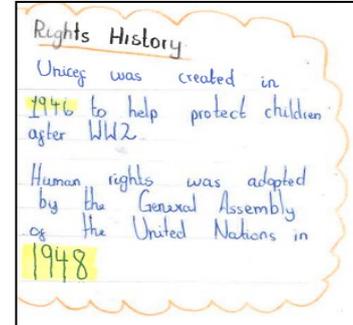
This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day.

All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the additional rights that all children have until the age of 18.

Children's rights are human rights so we can celebrate them alongside the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



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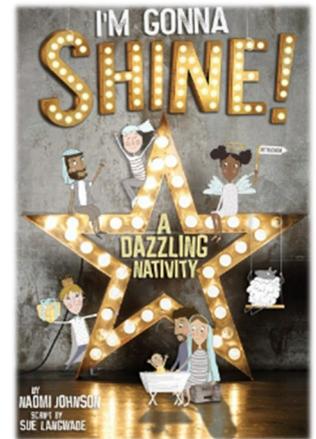
## Year 3



Year 3 are busily preparing to show the school our performance in the final week of 2023. On Monday and Tuesday, we walked through our local area to go and visit Burney Lane Church to find out more about why the **Nativity** is so important to Christians. We completed activities to learn more about the shepherds, angels and consider what we are grateful for as we go into 2024. When you see us in the school hall, give us a smile and join in with the songs you know so we can Shine! Shine! Shine!



Happy Christmas from all the teachers and children in Year 3.



## Year 4

In Year Four, we have been exploring **levers and linkages** in our Design and Technology.

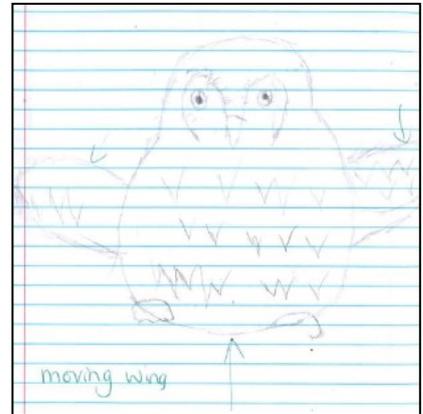
Using cardboard and split pins, we have made a variety of mechanisms that could be used to make moving pictures.

We then had to design a picture inspired by our work on **Groundbreaking Greeks** and choose the mechanism to make our picture move.

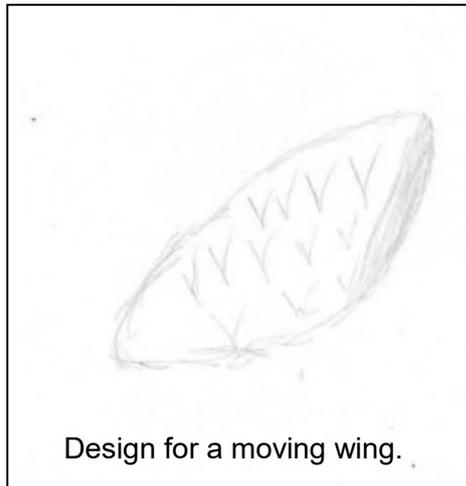
Here we can see the process Samuel has been following.



A mechanism with two outputs.



First design of a Greek owl.



Design for a moving wing.



Final design for the owl.

## Year 5

As part of Year 5's 'Extreme Earth' theme, the children have been learning about the ill-fated maiden voyage of the *Titanic*. The story of the ordinary men, women and children (both survivors and casualties) who were on that disastrous journey really inspired the year group to write some amazing 'faction' loosely based on '*Titanic (I Was There)*' by Margi Mcallister.

*Ruqayah* from *5TR* displayed both her word processing and creative skills. Sit back and be prepared to be impressed.



### The Titanic

I looked around my surroundings as I boarded the ship. The Titanic was massive, filled with lots of people talking away. It was mesmerising to watch all the magnificent lights scattered around. It was like I was in a dream. But I was not paying attention and heard Freddy calling my name.

"Daisy! Ma has gone that way already. Hurry up!"

I hurriedly followed him, not being able to take my eyes off the ship. We came to a halt where we saw one of mum's hats moving in the distance. In the background I heard the melodies of an orchestra being played. We couldn't hear much of it though as there was loads of voices being heard around. I rushed inside, dragging my brothers arm forcibly. "Ow!" he cried "What's the rush?"

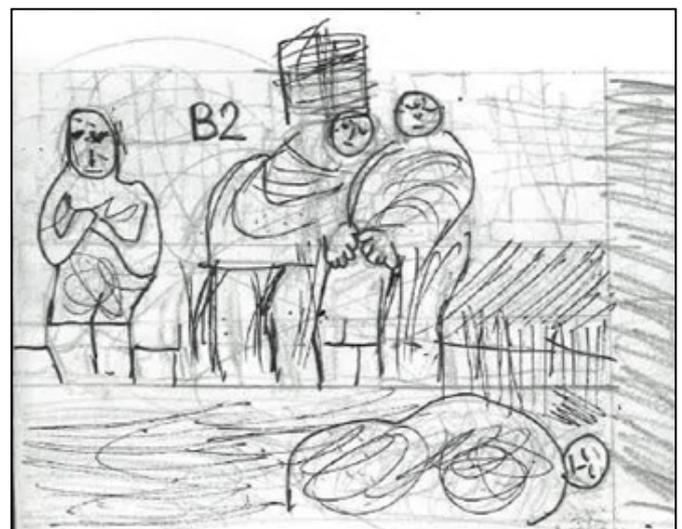
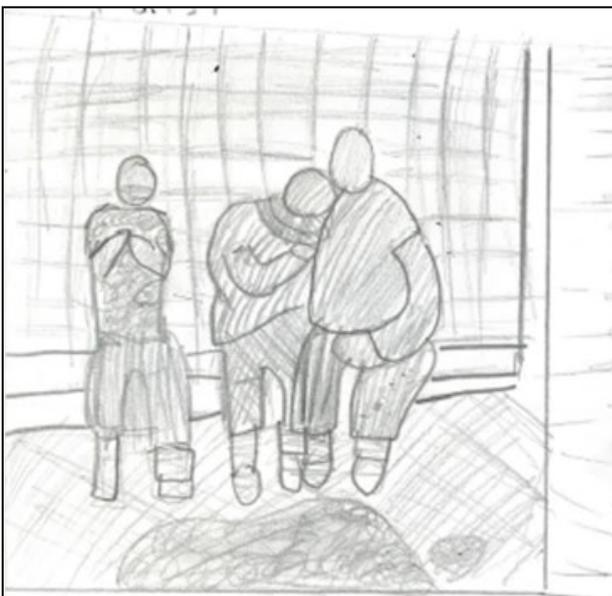
"Just come" I replied, well not like he had a choice.

I met a boy name Jimmy. His family were pretty rich. We were becoming good friends and started to explore the rest of the ship together. We were having lots of fun and still heard the orchestra being played. I still couldn't believe how big the ship was. It was also my first time on a ship. Jimmy was from first class and had blonde hair. Although we were having a lot of fun, I didn't know that everything was about to change... As we were talking, we suddenly heard a thunderous crash. We got scared and rushed to look out the window. We saw a miserable sight as an ice burg has collided with the ship. Most of the passengers were still asleep, so they were unaware of what was happening.

We spotted a life boat in the distance and ran to it as fast as we could. But there was a problem. It was full! We were panicking as the boat would set sail very soon. But then, an old man kindly helped us and pulled us into the boat in time and there was only a little bit of space there and we squeezed inside. The boat set sail and we looked behind us. The people who weren't so lucky and have been left behind were going to drown in the sinking ship. I felt bad for them as they didn't get in a life boat in time. It was a sight and journey I knew I could never forget. I could see that Jimmy felt the same.

## Year 6

In Year 6 we are exploring **Henry Moore's artwork**. In 1940, Moore began drawing people sheltering in the London Underground during the Blitz. Moore's 'Shelter Drawings' captured the sensitive yet powerful images of civilians during WW2. Moore was asked to make further drawings, and became an official war artist. The children used Henry Moore's drawing as an inspiration and created drawings using pen and pencil lines and shading techniques.



## School Attendance

### Class Attendance

Congratulations! Well done to class

**4SH** and **5BA** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.



### Attendance Celebration Assembly

On Friday 15th December, we celebrated our Autumn term attendance. The pupils who achieved the Golden Ticket Bronze Award and the pupils who completed the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality successfully were invited to the attendance celebrations assembly.

### Golden Ticket Bronze Award

**Wow!** 267 children won a Golden Ticket Bronze Award by achieving 97% and above attendance for the Autumn term! The children who won a **Golden Ticket winners will have the opportunity to watch a pantomime performance live in school** on Monday morning.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have worked in partnership with the school to ensure their child is in school everyday and on time.

During the Spring term we will be introducing the Golden Ticket Silver Award initiative. Every pupil will get an opportunity to win a golden ticket. (More details to follow soon).

Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify.

**Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify.** Pupils who achieve 100% will be rewarded with a trip (more details to follow in the summer).

**Our school attendance last week was 93.0%**

## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 18th December

Year 6

Tuesday 19th December

Year 4

Wednesday 20th December

Year 3

Thursday 21st December

Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 22nd December

Swimming for class 4SH

### Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support.

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**

**Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.**

**Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.**

**After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.**

**A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.**



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