



Highcliffe News



**Autumn 2
December 2024**

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2024!

It has been another very busy half-term at Highcliffe with many of our Christmas celebrations taking place. Our EYFS children, supported by our wonderful EYFS team, gave two fantastic performances to the parents and carers. It has been great to see the youngest members of our school community grow in confidence over the autumn term. Years 1 to 6 spread a little Christmas joy by singing carols in performances throughout the last fortnight at both school and at St James the Great church.

This week, we've had a visit from Santa who came bearing gifts for pupils. We also had a very exciting trip to De Montfort Hall to see the pantomime Snow White. Oh yes, we did!



We have enjoyed welcoming you into school to watch the children perform in their Rocksteady assemblies. It seems we have quite a few 'Rock stars' in the making!!

We wish to say a special thank you to our school community for supporting the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need, Autumn Disco, Non uniform and for providing food donations for the food bank and for supporting our PTA events. On behalf of all of the staff at Highcliffe I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2025.

See you all after a restful break on Tuesday 7th January.

Mrs Stewart

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Parentmail Reminders

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Dates for your diary

Spring Term			
Thursday 23 rd January	Parent Stay and Learn Years 1-3	9-10am	<u>Elmfield</u>
Friday 24 th January	Parent Stay and Learn years 4 & 6	9-10am	Greengate
	Year 5 Taster Day at Cedars	9am - 12pm	Cedars
	Parent Workshop – Home Learning	2:30pm- 4pm	
Thursday 30 th January	Year 5 trip to The Curve – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe	1:15pm - 5pm	
3 rd -7 th February	<u>Childrens Mental Health Week</u>		
Thursday 13 th February	Heights and Weight for EYFS & Year 6 with School Nurse		Within School
Monday 28 th February	Phonics Screening Parent Meeting	2:30pm – 3:15pm	Greengate
Monday 3 rd February	SEND Coffee Morning	9am – 10:30am	Lionheart Room
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day		
Tuesday 18 th March	Parents Stay and Learn Years 1-3	9-10am	<u>Elmfield</u>
	Parents SATS Meeting	2:30pm – 3:15pm	Greengate
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents Stay and Learn Years 4-6	9-10am	Greengate
Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th March	Parents Evening	3:30pm - 6pm	Greengate Hall
Wednesday 26 th March	World Maths Day		Within School
Monday 31 st March	Year 6 Trip to Warning Zone	9am - 3pm	
31 st March – 8 th April	Autism Awareness/Acceptance Week		

SPRING TERM 2025

Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025 (school closed to students)
Schools Open	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Schools Close	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025 to Friday 21 st February 2025
Schools Open	Monday 24 th February 2025
Schools Close	Friday 11 th April 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 th April 2025 to Friday 25 th April 2025

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Santa Dash

A huge well done to all the children and adults across the school who got involved in some festive races. We will continue our commitment to improving children's fitness through fun activities.



Poppy Appeal



A huge thank you for your donations towards the Poppy Appeal we raised a fantastic £311.30!

Money raised during the Poppy Appeal is used to provide vital life-changing support to the Armed Forces community. Your donations help provide vital support for service families, veterans and those currently serving.

Ambassador assembly



The sports ambassadors welcomed Leicester Rider's player, Connor Washington, to their assembly. It was truly inspirational to hear both Connor Washington and the children speak.

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Governor Award

Dylan won the prestigious Governor Award for the Autumn term for showing great resilience and an excellent approach to his learning. Well done!



House Winners



Congratulations to Watermead house for winning the house trophy for the Autumn Term!
A super joint effort!

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Congratulations

The following pupils were the year group winners of the Christmas Lunch prize draw

EYFS – Aaris

Year 1 – Aashvi

Year 2 – Ivy

Year 3 – Rohit

Year 4 – Diya

Year 5 – Sharna

Year 6 - Reggie

Thank You to Coombs Catering Partnership for providing the Gingerbread Decorating Kit prizes.

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Highcliffe PTA

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A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA 😊



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EYFS

We are so proud of the achievements made by all the children this term.

The children have really displayed their resilience in all aspects of their learning but particularly in their approach to the nativity.

The children have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork as they have worked tirelessly to create their nativity performance.



People who help us

Earlier on this term, the children learnt about different people who help us. They discussed what they do to help others and what occupation they would like as they grew older.

Phonics

We have completed our phase 2 phonics and are excited to begin phase 3 in the new term. Please continue to enjoy sharing books at home.

Barnaby Bear and Eddie the Teddy

Some of our children have welcomed the class mascots into their homes for the weekends. We look forward to seeing more 6R superstars in the new term.

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Class 1KM

What an amazing Autumn Term Year 1 has had! We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring new topics and the children's enthusiasm and creativity have been on full display.

The children have made incredible progress this term with their writing. They have shown fantastic resilience when planning, writing and publishing their own wanted posters, letters and stories. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as the term has gone on.



We had lots of fun learning about maps and what the local area looks like from above. The children enjoyed locating the local amenities they are familiar with in Birstall on a map and were able to identify human and physical features too.

I am incredibly proud of the children's hard work in Maths this term. They have worked through addition and subtraction problems showing incredible responsibility and teamwork.

This term, we have designed and made our own moving books in D&T based on the stickman story. The children were extremely proud of the work they have created.

We have ended the term with the most beautiful Christmas Concert, in which the children practiced incredibly hard for.

Well done for another fantastic half term 1KM!

Enjoy your Christmas holidays, I can't wait to hear all about it when your return in the new term

Miss Mac ☺



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Class 1SP

1SP has had an amazing Autumn Term! We absolutely loved learning our topics in particular the D & T projects where the children used their imaginative skills and knowledge to create a moving story book with levers and sliders. The children have shown great enthusiasm in their learning and they have produced fantastic work across the curriculum.

We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children develop their fantastic writing skills this term which has ranged from creating their own adventure story to writing letters to the Jolly Postman!

The children loved exploring the Autumn changes around our school field for our Science learning. Here's our first picture with the autumn leaves.



The children have really impressed me with their computing skills in our Computing lessons. We have worked very hard in using the mouse in the Paint Application having learnt how to draw, fill and colour shapes using a variety of tools.

1SP have shown incredible resilience in Maths in particular with additions and subtractions and are now enjoying spontaneous challenges as part of our retrieval practice. We are super proud of the children's hard work as we have come so far since the start of the year!

Enjoy your well-deserved break and see you next year!

Mrs Patel



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Class 2AW

Wow! What a busy Autumn term we have had in Year 2 and I hope that you have enjoyed it as much as I have. I am so proud of the resilience that you have all shown and how you have stepped up to the challenges that I have given to you. I love to see your smiles and enthusiasm when you are learning new things and the encouragement that you give to one another.

Throughout the term, we have learnt so much about castles and knights and thoroughly enjoyed designing and building our

own models with working drawbridges. It took a lot of hard work but it was well worth it!



In English, we have really enjoyed listening to lots of books about dragons and writing in response to these. You have all really impressed me with the progress you are making with your writing, and I am excited to see this journey continue throughout the rest of the school year.

In Science, we have learnt about the properties of materials and also about animals and their habitats. We have watched videos, played games, completed quizzes and made posters to help us to understand the biodiversity present in many habitats.



We have also learnt some interesting facts about plants and animals and looked at how they have adapted to suit their environment.

All that is left to say is thank you 2AW for all of your hard work this term and I hope you all have a great Christmas.

Mrs. Wilby



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Class 3NP

3NP have been absolutely amazing this term! I am incredibly proud of everyone! It has been lovely to see you all start to shine and find your feet, and your voices, in the classroom.

In English, it has been fantastic to see the classes creative flow, especially in our latest write based on the John Lewis advert 'The Hare and the Bear'. The children have challenged themselves to include amazing vocabulary in their writing!



In Science, the class have been engrossed in our latest topic of states of matter. They have carried out countless experiments and made fantastic predications and observations! The children have shown reciprocity by working on their own and in groups.

The class have loved our topics in D&T with sewing and then cooking our seasonal tarts. The class showed great responsibility with learning the different knife holds as well as trying different fruit and vegetables, even those sour cranberries. The children successfully made some delicious seasonal tarts!



Well done for working extremely hard this term! I am looking forward to seeing you in the new year! I hope you all have a great Christmas!

Mr Patel



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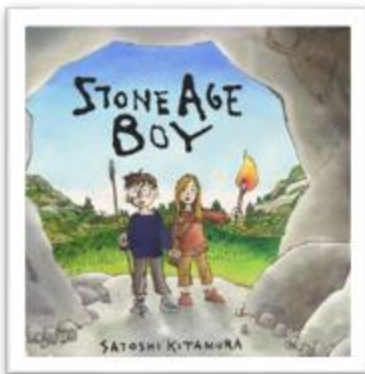
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Class 3EM

What a fantastic term we have had in 3EM. I feel so lucky to get to teach such a hardworking and kind group of children. We have had a busy but exciting half term, and you have been so resilient and motivated throughout.

We have written a range of texts this half term, including a diary entry written from the perspective of Om from 'The Stone Age Boy' and an explanation text all about life in the Stone Age. Our final piece of writing for this term was to write a festive story based off the John Lewis Christmas advert 'The Bear and the Hare'.



We have had so much fun in Design and Technology while learning some important skills. Firstly, we practised our sewing skills when we designed and created our own

nature themed patchwork quilt squares. This required a lot of patience so well done for being so resilient!



Following this, we moved onto our Eating Seasonably unit. We practiced cutting seasonal fruits and vegetables safely and then tasted them. We then designed, made and tasted our own seasonal tarts!

In computing, we have enjoyed learning all about animations. To begin with, we created flip book animations and then we progressed onto using an app called iMotion on the iPads.

I am so proud of you all and you all should be too. I can't wait to see you all in the Spring term. Have a magical Christmas and a happy New Year!

Miss Miles

Merry
Christmas

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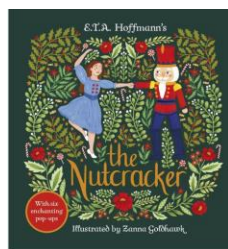
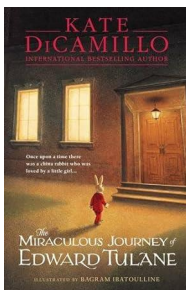
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Class 4DS

What an amazing first term we have had in 4DS. I have enjoyed my first term at the school, and it has been incredible to see everyone demonstrate the 6Rs and start to become great role models for one another. Although it has been a busy half term, they have been motivated and enthusiastic throughout. 4DS have challenged themselves in all their learning and have produced some fantastic work across the curriculum.

In English lessons, they have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and explored diary writing. They also produced some great letters based on the pop-up book 'The Nutcracker'. They really enjoyed the illustrations in the book.



We have also had lots of fun this half term in completing our DT project which was to make a fairground ride. Everyone put so much thought and effort into the planning stage and picked their very own themes for their ride.

I was so proud of the worth ethic and teamwork they all showed during our making stage of the DT Project. They spoke with kindness to one another and made fantastic contributions as a team to ensure that their final product was like they planned.



In computing lessons this half term, I have been blown away by their enthusiasm and creativity when creating their very own podcast on the topic of biomes. They used their knowledge from geography lessons to produce an informative podcast and have included their own sounds.

We have had a lot to fit in this half term but 4DS have turned up everyday, with a big smile on their faces, ready to seize the day. It has been a lovely start to the academic year, and I am excited to watch them flourish and grow!

Well done 4DS, I hope you have a well-rested break and wonderful Christmas.

Mrs Sharma



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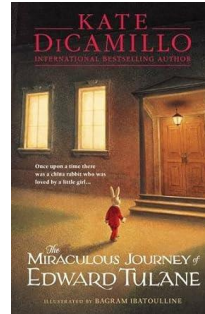
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Class 4KC



← This is one of my favourite books ever! Please feel free to re-read it as your child's bedtime story 😊



It has been busy Autumn but I have absolutely loved my first term with you all! I have really pushed you this term, and I know it has not been easy, but you have all worked **so** hard and have made me very proud. I can already see the progress you have started to make, and I am excited to see where you will be by the end of the year.

Alongside our hard work, we have found time to have fun this term. In science, we have studied forces and magnets before moving on to study electricity where we create our own electrical circuits. The children conducted various scientific investigations which they thoroughly enjoyed.

In English, we were lucky enough to study a beautiful picture book called 'The Midnight Fair'. The children were moved by the images and tasked to write a narrative, adding the words to the picture book. They absolutely loved this task, and really impressed me with their hard work and resilience to produce a beautifully written story.

Following this, we read 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We all thoroughly enjoyed the story and the children produced some wonderful writing off the back of it.

Other books we have enjoyed as part of our reading lessons this term are:



The BFG



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

We also had a great DT topic this term. We were tasked with designing and making a fairground ride model. I was blown away with the team work and responsibility the children all showed. Creating the ride was really tricky, but they all persevered and we had a great day.

Everyone has worked so hard this term. Some days we have to squeeze an awful lot into our timetable but the children just get on with it and try their very best.

Well done 4KM, you make me proud every day.!



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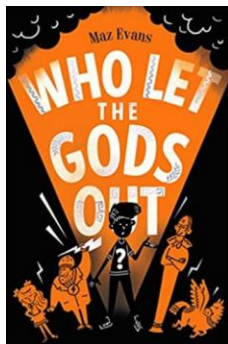
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Class 5EC

What a busy and exciting term in 5EC! It's been fantastic to see everyone demonstrating the 6Rs and trying their best in all our new topics. We've been learning about some challenging new concepts in Maths and English, but I've been so impressed by the resilience and resourcefulness demonstrated by all of the children.

We've studied several different pieces of writing during English this term. We started off the term writing a formal letter of complaint based on the book 'Who Let the Gods Out', which the children had great fun with! We've also considered how to write a character description and an explanation report.



We've also had tremendous fun studying Design and Technology this term, with the children getting the opportunity to make their very own Greek bread!

A big well done to everyone for showing such enthusiasm and resilience!



In Maths we've been studying some more challenging concepts, including adding and subtracting fractions, as well as square, cube and prime numbers.

In Geography, we've been expanding our knowledge of Greece! We've learnt about how the location of Greece affects its climate, as well as how its mountainous terrain affects where people can live.

I am so proud of the progress you've all made and I hope you'll keep it up for the rest of the year. Have an amazing Christmas and a happy New Year!

Miss Clayton

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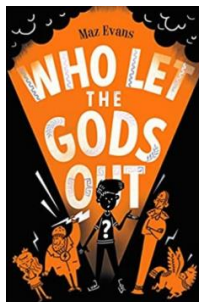
We have had another exciting term in 5SJ, jam-packed with learning, achievements and even a lovely Christmas Performance in the church, which I am sure we can all agree was a real highlight!

In our lessons, we have continued to expand our knowledge and our learning with important new concepts in Maths and English. I've been so impressed by the resilience resourcefulness and enthusiasm demonstrated by all of the children!

We've studied several different pieces of writing during English this term, including writing a formal letter of complaint based on the book 'Who Let the Gods Out', which the children really enjoyed! We have also created and described our own evil characters to fit into the same book, as well as writing an explanation report for why Virgo should lose her powers.



In Maths we've been studying some more challenging concepts, including adding and subtracting fractions and exploring mixed and numbers and improper fractions as well as looking at square, cube and prime numbers.



Class 5SJ

In the wider curriculum, we have continued to expand our knowledge of Greece, this time by learning more about modern Greece. In our Geography lessons, we've learnt about the human and physical features of Greek Geography, including how the location of Greece affects its climate, as well as how its mountainous terrain affects where people can live.



In keeping with our Greek theme for the term, we've also had tremendous fun studying Design and Technology this term, with the children getting the opportunity to design and follow their own recipes for traditional Greek bread. Although they managed to create quite the mess, they also baked some delicious loaves!

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching 5SJ this term and I am very proud of the progress you have all made! I wish you all a lovely and restful Christmas break and a happy New Year!

Mr Jenkins

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Class 6AG

6AG have had the most incredible half term and we are so proud of all they have achieved, both inside and outside of the classroom. They have continued to demonstrate all of the 6R's throughout which has led to them getting the most out of every moment.



A definite highlight of this term has been the Year 6 residential! All of the children threw themselves into all that was asked of them, challenging themselves and supporting those around them. The children made us so unbelievably proud all week, and we are sure they have all made memories to last a lifetime!



Back at school, we have been continuing with our war topic, which the children have remained fantastically engrossed in. We have been reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' in English, from which the children have produced some brilliant pieces of writing. In design and technology, we have combined our knowledge of the Blitz and design skills to build our very own model Anderson Shelters.



In maths, we have been working hard learning how to apply the four operations to fractions, throughout which the children have shown brilliant resilience and reciprocity.

Thank you for a fab term 6AG! Have a well-deserved rest, enjoy your time with your loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Watts and Miss Peel ☺

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Class 6RP

What a busy and fun-filled term 6RP have had! They have shown huge amounts of respect, resilience and responsibility over the last few weeks and I am super proud of every single member of the class. Keep up the great work!

This term, we have been extremely lucky to have some fantastic opportunities outside of the classroom, the best of these being our Y6 residential! It was fantastic to see the children demonstrating the 6R's outside of the classroom, challenging themselves and making both the adults and themselves proud!



We have thoroughly enjoyed reading our English text 'A Christmas Carol' where children have produced some great writing such as character descriptions of Scrooge and persuasive letters.

To complete our WW2 topic; we have used our knowledge of the Blitz and our growing understanding and skill in design and technology to build our very own model Anderson Shelters. The children worked well in designing, making and evaluating.



A huge thank you to Mrs Farquett for providing us with the astro turf ☺

Thank you for a fab term 6RP! Have a well-deserved rest now and enjoy all the festivities. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Pabla



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY BINGO

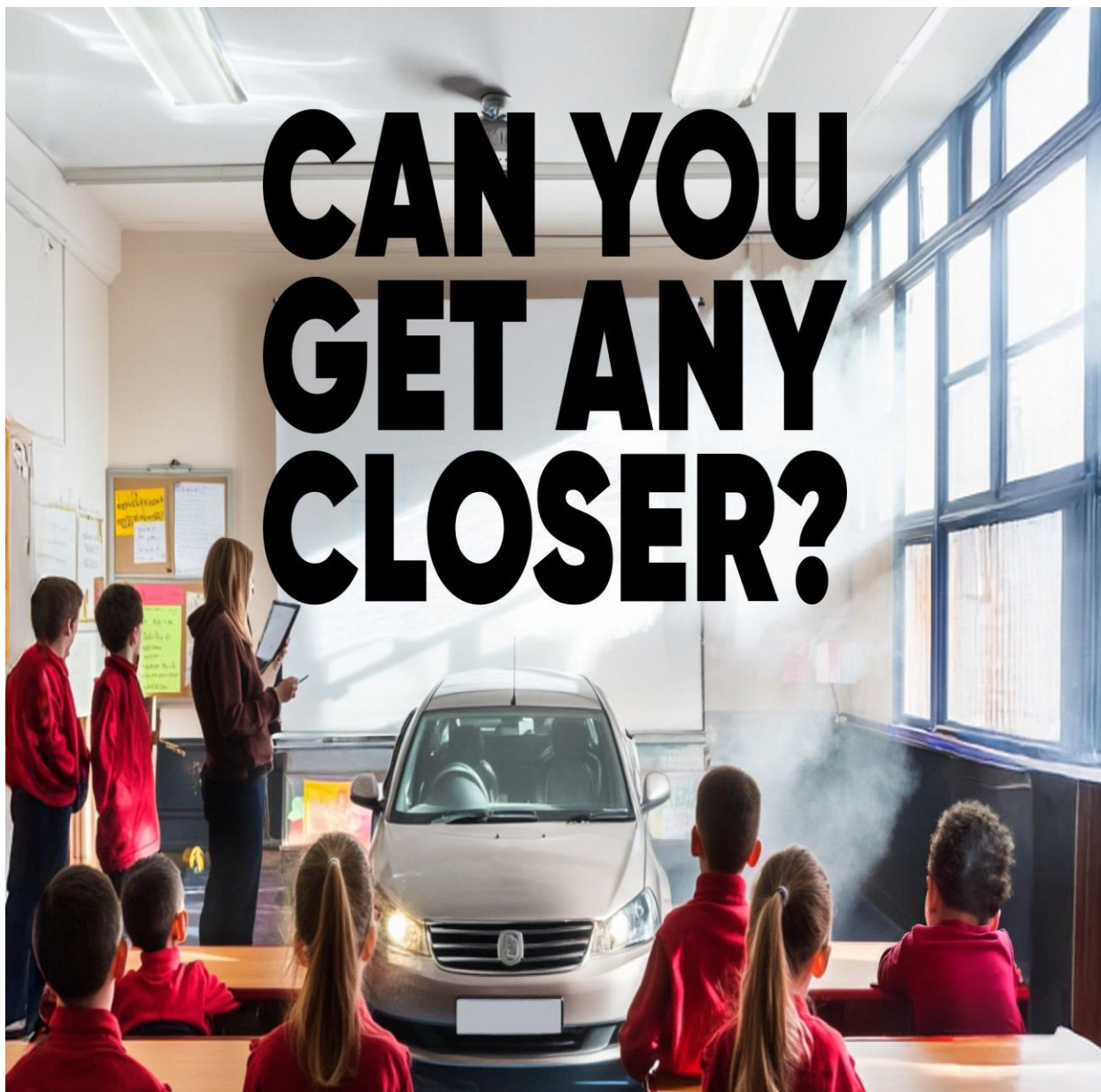
Complete 5 activities either vertically, horizontally or diagonally.
Complete as many rows as you can throughout the holidays.

A blank space is an activity of your choosing - simply nominate the activity and write it in the space

Write a poem or design a picture book	Sing or dance to your favourite songs for 30 minutes	Make a bookmark to give to someone	Write or draw what you appreciate most about your school	
Cook a healthy meal with a vegetable you have never used		Go for a walk with someone for 30 minutes	Perform a random act of kindness	Make something with things you find around the home
Read a book	Write a poem or design a picture book	Play a board game		Bake a cake, biscuits or a yummy treat
Play at the park or in the backyard for 30 minutes		Eat a piece of fruit	Go a full day without any screen time	Play an electronic device for 20 minutes
Clean your bedroom	Learn to count to 10 in another language		Spend 20 minutes in the garden planting or weeding	Make a card for someone special and post it

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