

## Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #013

## Friday 8 December

It has been an enjoyable week as we gather pace towards Christmas and our in-school celebrations. KS1 have been rehearsing up at the Chaplaincy, FS have recreated Bethlehem ready for the Wriggly Nativity and in KS2, it would appear that some industrious elves have been flat out in the workshops ready for their Christmas market (with carols!). Similarly, in the classes, a Christmas explosion has occurred it seems — not content with a single Christmas tree, some classes are like walking into a tinsel forest, Mrs Kemble!

Exploring learning during PPA sessions in Y1 was enjoyable earlier in the week – we were able to see the children's impressive PE skills and their progress towards dribbling a ball with a hockey stick and passing to team members. Their computing skills were equally well honed after significant mouse control progress since September. They were putting their skills to good use by designing Christmas cards using art software. Children could talk through the process and explain what the tools did.

Y2 were getting their steps in with a visit to the dog section as part of their science unit on how animals and humans live healthy lives. They were able to observe the dogs exercising and being put to work with impressive results. The first-hand experience will help to cement the learning and also broaden their appreciation and knowledge of the jobs that happen on the station. Thank you to the dog section for making this an enjoyable and informative visit.

Finally, please find attached some additional information from DCS HQ Upavon regarding apps and software subscriptions and from the station library. We are getting closer to a new communication package which I hope will be ready soon in the new year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner Headteacher