



# Broad Oak Primary School

Newsletter Friday  
17th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break and that you were not affected by the local flooding.

This term we are focusing on our core value of Courage. Through our assemblies we will be exploring the importance of speaking up when we see injustice and having the courage to share our opinions respectfully.

This week our Y6 pupils have been to Robin Wood near Wrexham on a 3 day residential visit. The children have had an amazing time showing great courage to complete activities and challenges. We will share more of their experiences in the next newsletter.

During the Christmas break we heard of the death of an ex member of Broad Oak staff. I am sure that many of you that attended Broad Oak as children will remember Susan Morris (nee Vost) who was mum to Mr. Paul Vost who has been a member of our team for many years. I would like to extend sincere condolences to Paul and his family.

Since our return to school we have received a couple of complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times. We request that those parents driving to and from school do not park on or over our neighbours drive-ways.

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.  
Headteacher

## Term Dates 2025 –26:

Term	Start Date	End date
Autumn 1	02.09.25	23.10.25
Autumn 2	3.11.25	19.12.25
Spring 1	6.01.26	13.02.26
Spring 2	23.02.26	1.04.26
Summer 1	20.04.26	22.05.26
Summer 2	01.06.26	17.07.26

## Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is **97%**. Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 16.01.25 was **94.4%**

W/E 10.01.25: School attendance was 89%. There were no classes with attendance above our target of 97%

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 16.01.25:

**Oak– 100%, Elm – 99%, Hazel– 97%. Larch -- 99%, Aspen - 98%, Spruce - 98%.**

## Star of the Week:

As last week was the first week of the new term we did not have a Star of the Week assembly.

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week this week:

**Elm** – Liam & Hamza J, **Pine** - Amy & Annais, **Ash** - Amelia & Aisha

**Beech** – Ibraheem & Hasnain **Hazel** – Abi & Eliza, **Larch** - Katie & Zainab.

**Aspen** - Ibrahim & Sophie, **Rowan** - Anaya & Lulu **Spruce** - Harvey &

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Well done to Aspen class who have been awarded our mascot Boris for their excellent work in English this week. Little Boris has been awarded to Pine class for sitting nicely on the carpet and using their listening skills.

## Susan Morris 1947-2024:

Dear Parents,

We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Susan Morris (nee Vost).

She was a dedicated nursery teacher at Broad Oak Primary School from 1990 - 2004 before retiring.

If you remember Susan, the family would like to extend an invitation to you to join them in celebrating her life.

For further information and funeral arrangements, please see the memorial page: [Susan Morris, 1947 - 2024](#)

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In the Nursery (Oak class) the children have been exploring how liquid (water) can turn into solid state (ice) and then melt into water again. The bonus of having snow last week was just a cherry on top towards our experiment. As the children had fun making some 'snow castles'. Scooping snow into cups with warm water and watching the snow melt straight away was magical!



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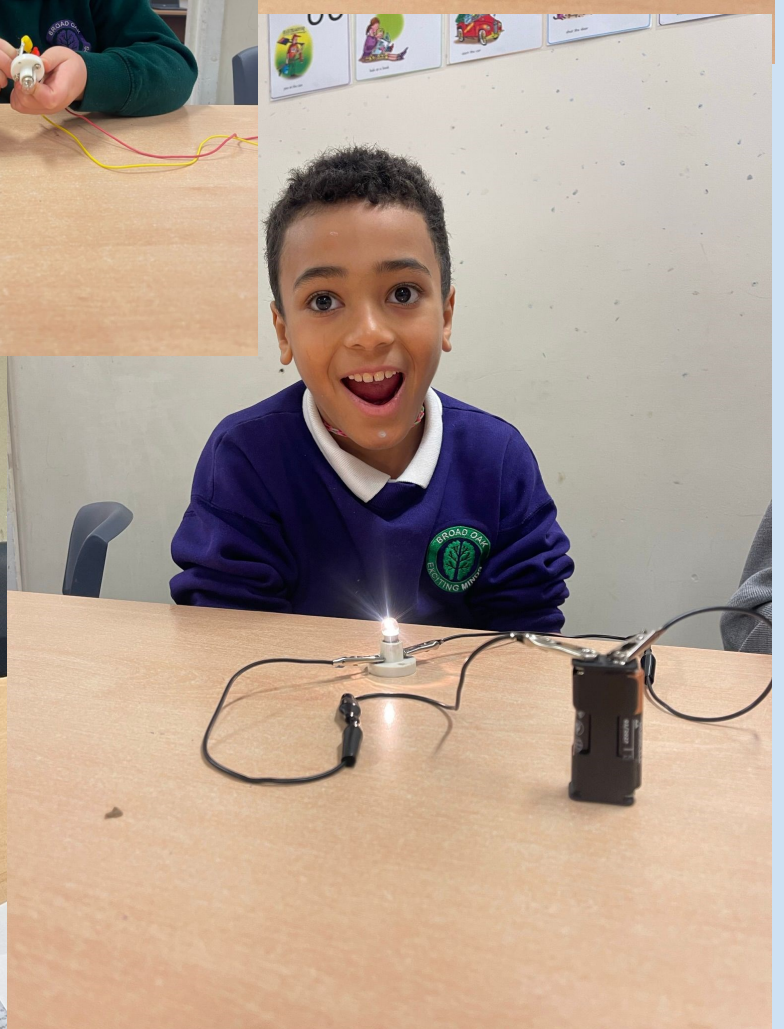
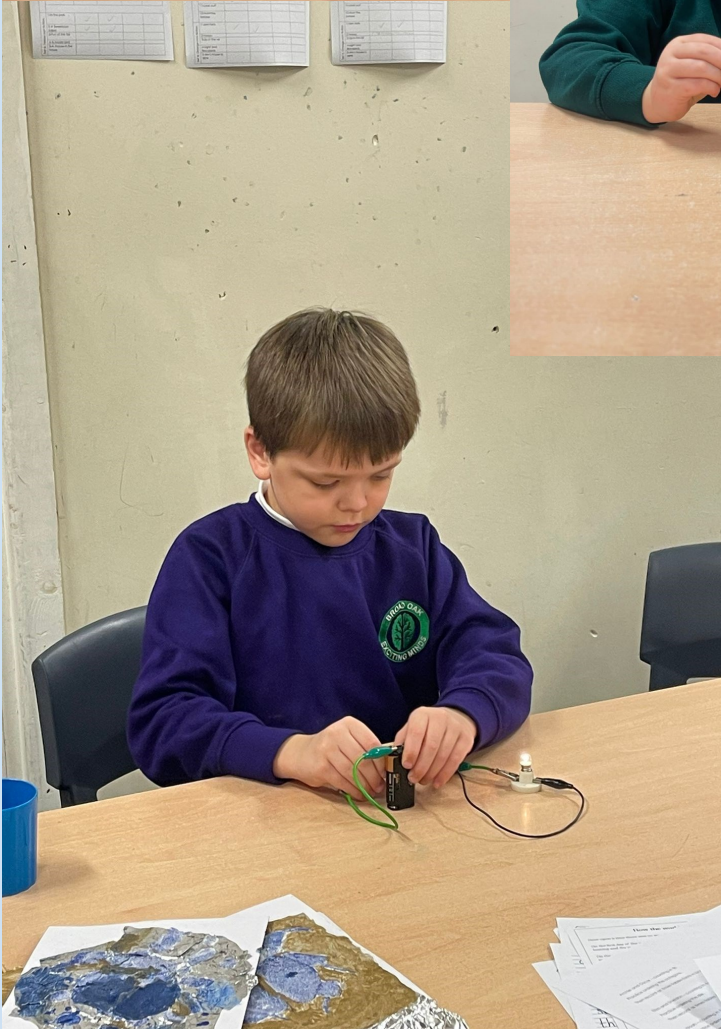
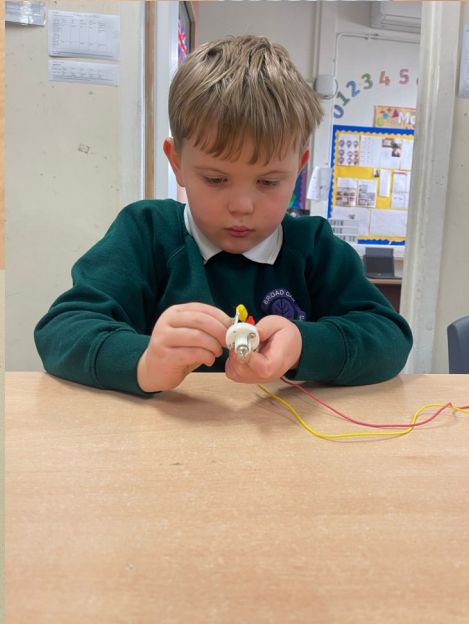
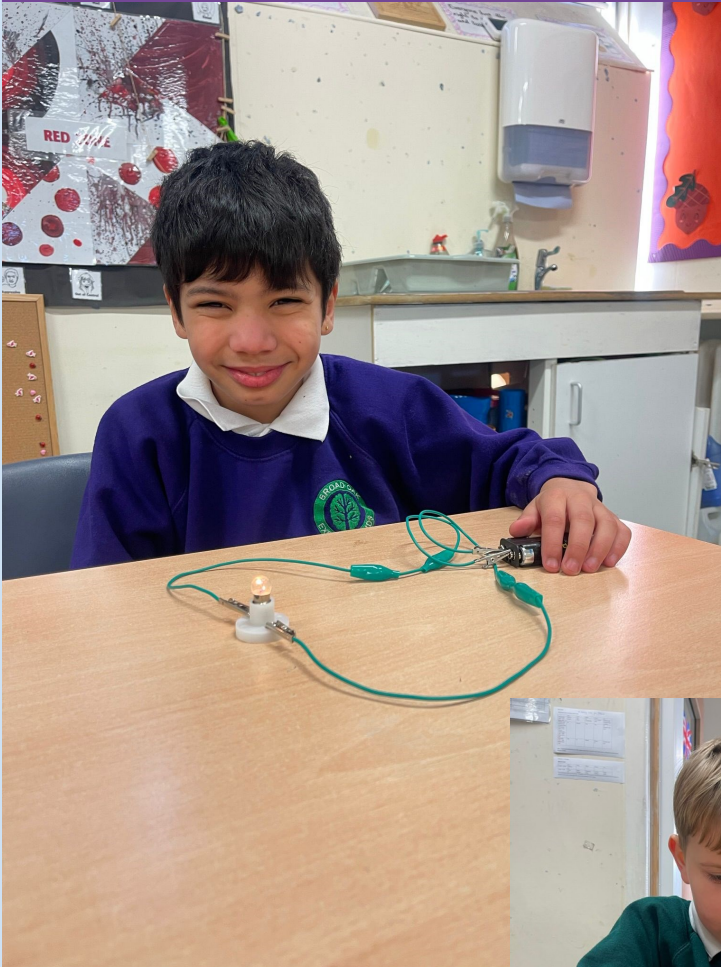
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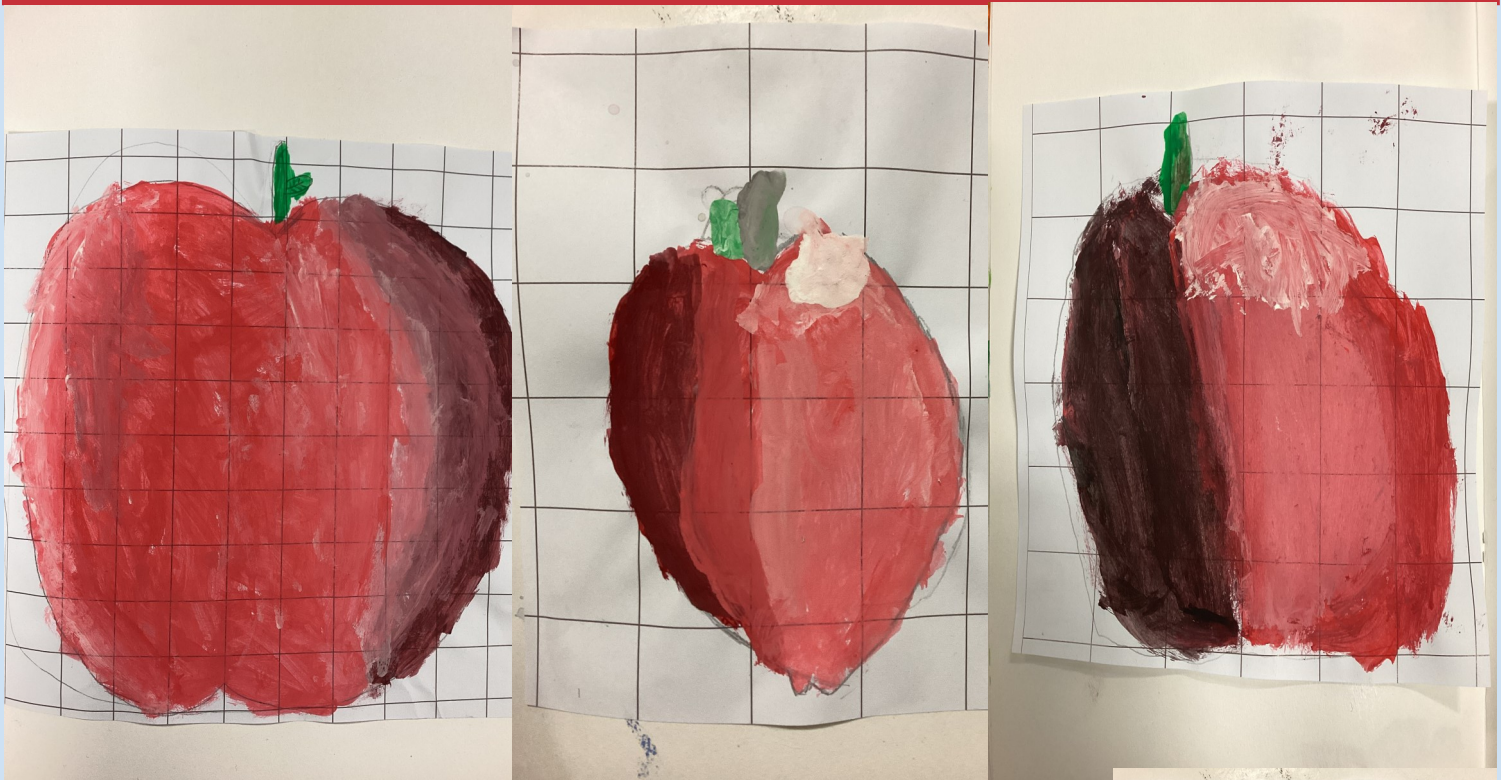
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This week in Science Acorns have been building electrical circuits. The children were extremely focused and determined to light the bulb!



LKS2 are working on a unit in Art called Painting and Mixed Media: Light and Dark.

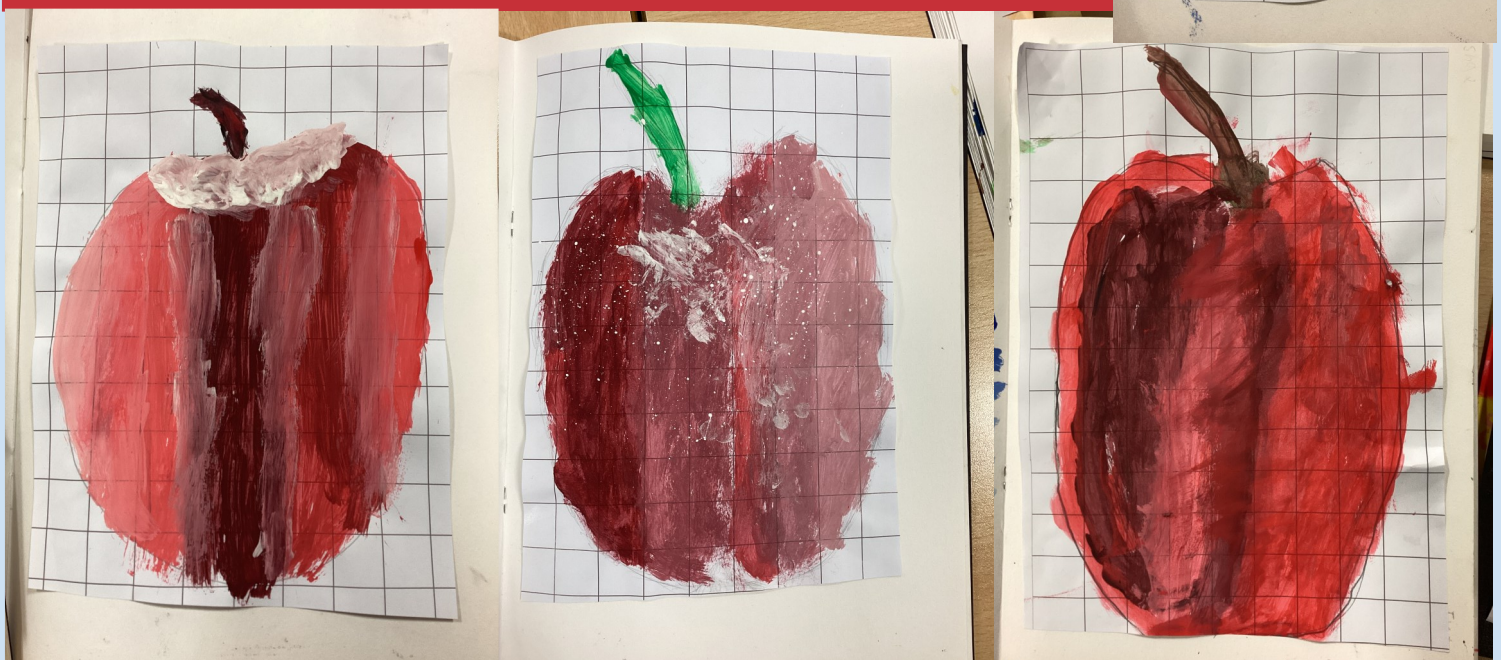
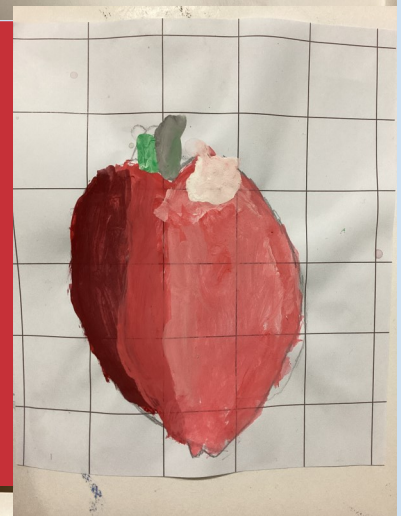
This week the children have been using tints (adding white) and shades (adding black) to give a three-dimensional effect when painting.



They have used apples as their still life objects to draw and then paint. pieces.

They have looked at how some parts are lighter and others darker when deciding how to paint their artwork.

The children will then be looking at different painting techniques and about composition as they build up to their final Still Life outcome pieces.



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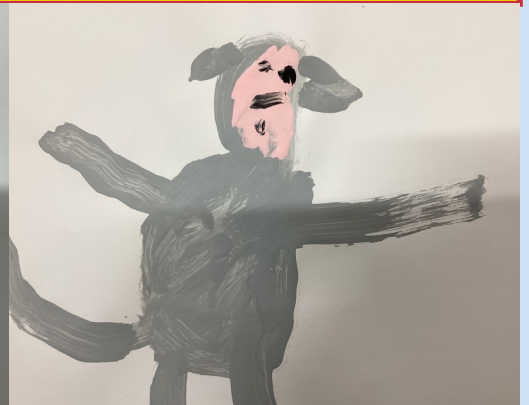
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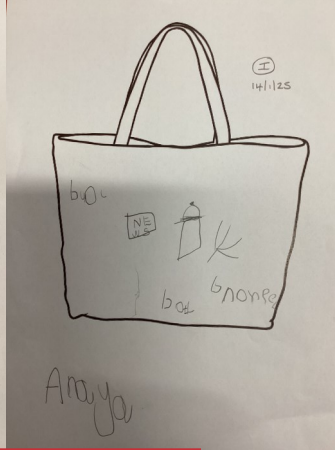
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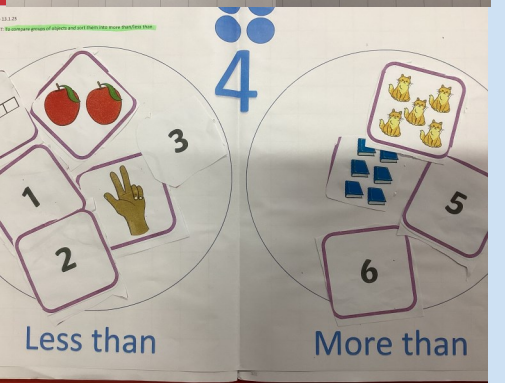
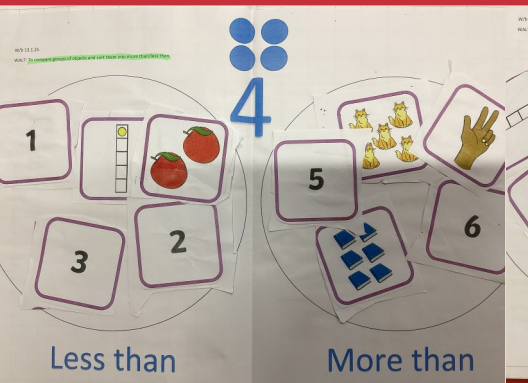
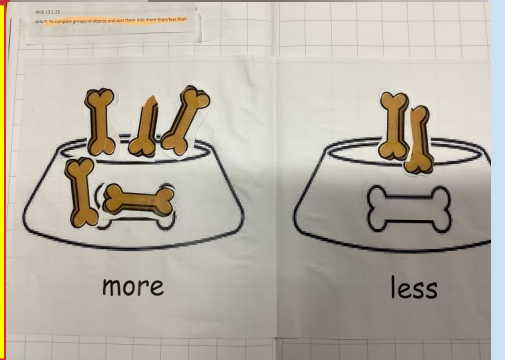


After the story "The Robber Raccoon", the Reception children have been writing about what junk they would collect to recycle. They had some great ideas and independently sounded out the words they wanted to write.



In Reception, as part of our Christmas Activities, we had a visit from the Christmas Elf and we learnt about all the jobs the elves do to help Father Christmas.

In Maths, the Reception children have been working on the concepts of more and less. They have also been practising their cutting skills in order to sort the numerals and pictures.



Next Time.....  
In our next newsletter we will be finding out what Saplings, Y1 & Y2 and Y5 & Y6 have been learning about

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