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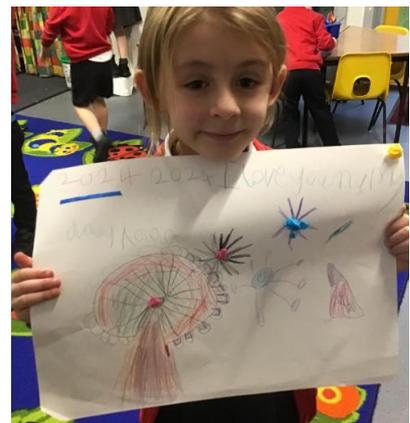
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Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Yealmpton family,

I hope this letter finds you well - a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful festive break, having special times with family and friends. How great it is to be back in school and immersed in learning. The children have all come back so positive and ready to learn. For our assembly back, we saw the wonderful fireworks display from London, to celebrate the end of 2023 and welcome in 2024! We also learned about the Roman God of beginnings and endings, 'Janus', which is where the month of January originates from. Janus had 2 faces – one to look back to the past and one to look forward into the future. The beginning of January is a time to look back at the past year and look forward to the new one.

The children have been learning about New Year and developing their own resolutions, to be the very best they can be! We've focused on our 'be positive' school value to think about goals that add and enrich our lives, rather than not doing or taking something away.



This week we have held Dodgeball taster sessions for the children, run by the team at Sporty Stars. The children competed in their Hives and had great fun developing their skills and teamwork!



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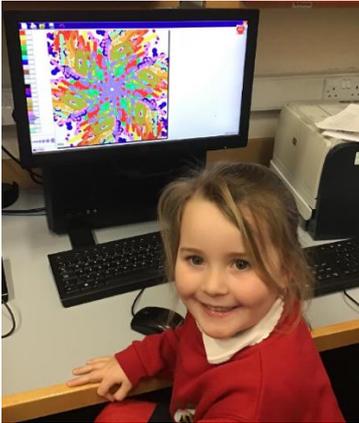
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Despite the brevity of the week, in class, the children have been busy kick-starting their new learning. In Key Stage 1 the children have been exploring painting apps to represent snowflakes, designing New Years fireworks displays and developing descriptions of mystery objects in socks!



In Key Stage 2, our academics have been immersing themselves in their new writing texts, developing story maps, representing the planets and building partner balance gymnastics sequences.



We look forward to welcoming you all back into school for our Friday celebration assemblies. Parent forum will be held on Friday 26th January and FYVS meets will run on Friday 12th January and Friday 9th February. Our FYVS team will also be hosting a Ceilidh on Saturday 3rd February. One final note - at the end of this half term, as per last year, you will receive a brief summary of your child's progress in learning as we approach the half way point of the school year. We look forward to a happy and successful 2024!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
'Be the best you can be' – the BEST version of you!

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