



## Spotlight on Year 1

### Design & Technology – Zoo Enclosures

Last term, Year 1 worked hard in Design and Technology, creating zoo enclosures for a chosen animal. They thought carefully about what animals need for enrichment and how to keep animals, visitors and keepers safe.

The children explored animals using small world role play before choosing an animal to design for. They sketched their ideas, including features such as shelter, water or mud pools, trees for shade, rocks and safe walls or windows for viewing.

With support from Steph O'Donnell, the children bent and shaped card to make their enclosures, carefully joining pieces to ensure their models were strong and stable. They then painted their finished designs, took them home and evaluated what they liked and what they might change next time.

Finally, the children evaluated their own models and those of their friends, thinking about what worked well and what they might change if they were to design them again. They had a fabulous time, and it's clear we have some fantastic young designers in our midst!

**Whole School Attendance  
15th to 19th December  
2025**

**92%** ←



### What's on Next Week:

**Tuesday 13 January**

**Year 5 and 6 Class Mass  
9.30am in Church – Parents welcome**

**Wednesday 14 January**

**F2 Gymnastics**

**Stronger Starts** **TESCO**  
Every little helps

We are delighted to have been chosen for Tesco Stronger Starts to help support a new family cookery club.

Voting will open mid January

Keep an eye out in your local Tesco's and pop a blue token into our slot!

### Winter Illness Guidance

It is the time of year when winter bugs are spreading within our local community. We would like to share with our families the NHS guidance for gastroenteritis.

#### Diarrhoea and vomiting (gastroenteritis)

Diarrhoea and vomiting may be due to a variety of causes including bacteria, viruses, parasites, toxins or non-infectious diseases. Gastrointestinal infections are spread when the germs enter the gut by the mouth or when contaminated hands or objects are put in the mouth or after eating or drinking contaminated food or drinks.

People affected by infectious gastrointestinal diseases may have diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

#### Diarrhoea and vomiting: what you need to do

Exclude the infected individual until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return.

If medication is prescribed, ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea and/or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.