

# King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families,

Thank you all for making the Autumn Term Thinker's Project Exhibition such a huge success. We had over 120 contributions from KS1 and KS2. Congratulations to Dali Class who were awarded a £20 Amazon voucher for the most contributions to the exhibition! They brought in 18 pieces of work.

The variety of exhibits was outstanding. In KS1 we saw robots, counting games and a variety of models. In KS2 we saw UFOs, Stone Age and Viking settlements, pyramids and even a mummified Barbie!

Several children also contributed audio and video pieces featuring drumming, travel reports, a retrospective of music in black history and an opportunity to go back in time.

You can see photographs of some of our most recent exhibits on our website page:  
(<https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning/>).

In assembly this week we reminded the children of how each and every one of them can get involved in this term's Thinker's Project. We shared ideas and looked back at some of the amazing work produced last term. We also announced that once again the class with the most contributions will receive a voucher to spend on books or games for their classroom.

For those of you who are new to Years 1-6, and anybody who needs a refresher, here is a brief summary of the Thinker's Project:

- It was created to encourage children to widen their thinking around their termly topic and to give them the opportunity to express their learning in different contexts.
- It is **optional** homework. At King Athelstan we understand the difficulties that homework can cause and do not want the Thinker's Project work to be a burden to the family. Children are encouraged to complete two pieces of Thinker's Project homework per term if possible. For those wanting to do additional homework - complete as much as you like!
- Children can choose any task/s from the provided grid for each year group.
- Work can be presented in a variety of ways. In the past we have had video and audio clips as well as items on paper and 3D models.

**Please note that all video or audio clips need to be uploaded to Google Classroom.**

- Each piece of work will receive recognition from the class teacher.
- End of term "Thinker's Project" exhibition: This will be held at the end of every term and is an opportunity to celebrate the work that has been completed. At least one piece of completed "Thinker's Project" work from every child will be on show at the exhibition.

This term, the exhibition will take place in the large hall on **Wednesday 27th March** from **3:20pm to 3:50pm** and again from **5:30pm to 6:00pm**. Please come along and help us celebrate your child's amazing contributions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Bennett".

Mrs Jane Bennett, Inclusion Teacher

