



Christmas in school: a time of excitement, *glitter*, joy, chaos, tears... then general exhaustion! (In that order!) However, it has indeed been an exciting half term with so much packed in – here is a little taster of what we have been getting up to in Class 5...

Firstly, the **owls** deserve a mention - what a day! Visited by Steve and four of his beautiful birds, the class got to observe, discuss, handle, and fly these magnificent creatures. They were literally flying around the room (see picture on right!), and hopping around on our desks – amazing. Tike, the smallest of them (a burrowing owl), was unbelievably noisy and demanding for such a little person! It was a fabulous opportunity to reinforce some of their learning about nocturnal animals and their habitats that took place in Autumn 1. In **geography**, the class have been learning how to read OS maps, navigate accurate six figure grid references, and use compass directions. (Though I was asked, 'But what's the point? We've got Satnav?' Sigh.) We have been learning about electrical circuits in *science*, building them, and solving problems with them; this linked perfectly to **DT** where children had to design and build steady hand games, operating with simple circuits. Alongside the usual frenzy of daily lessons, they have been rehearsing diligently for the **Christmas performance**, hopefully many of you managed to come and enjoy it!

