

What a jam packed half term! The children have loved creating their class pages for the newsletter for you this half term, so please enjoy reading all about the wonderful learning that has taken place.

We hope that all families enjoy their Easter holiday, and look forward to seeing children back in school on **Monday 8th April.**

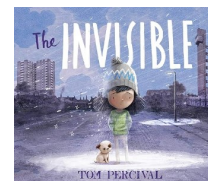
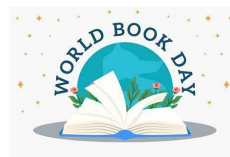
Parent Consultations

Thank you to all families who were able to come into school to meet with class teachers. This is such a valuable time to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements in school. As always, if you have any further questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance. We appreciate the ongoing support.



World Book Day

Children across school enjoyed reading the book *The Invisible* by Tom Percival. They enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters,



including Isabel from the story. Enjoy the story by following the QR code.



We also took the opportunity to launch new initiatives to support and encourage children to read. Children enjoyed 'Starbooks' café in the hall, a visit to the new school library and a 'book blanket' with brand new books for book corners.



Each child was also given a brand new reading diary full of hints and tips to support with reading at home.



Red Nose Day 2024

Wow Bird's Bush! You certainly did turn our school red for Comic Relief this year. We raised over £100 for this fantastic charity and had so much fun doing so, sharing jokes and dressing up. Well done everyone!



Parent Workshops

Thank you to families who attended the Year 4 Multiplication Check workshop and the Year 6 SATS meeting.

All information and resources has been emailed to those who were unable to attend.

Dojo Celebrations

Children from Reception all the way to Year 6 love collecting Dojo points when they show that they are a Bird's Bush CHAMPION!

Congratulations to our Dojo winners for Spring 2. They will be enjoying their 'money can't buy' prize after half term!



Staffing News

As the end of term draws to a close, we say goodbye to three members of our team. Miss Johnson is moving to teach secondary PE, Mrs Pitt will be working in a secondary school, and Miss Lakin will be taking up a post in another primary school. We know that you join us as we thank them all for their hard work during their time with us and wish them all the very best for the future. We will miss you all!



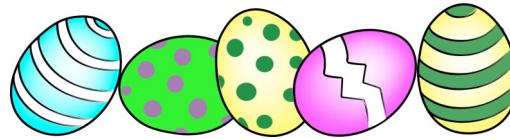
We wish a very warm welcome to our new members of staff joining us in the Summer term: Miss Duffy is with us in Year 4, Miss Finnegan is joining in Year 5 and Mrs Burton in Year 1. We can't wait for you to join our team!





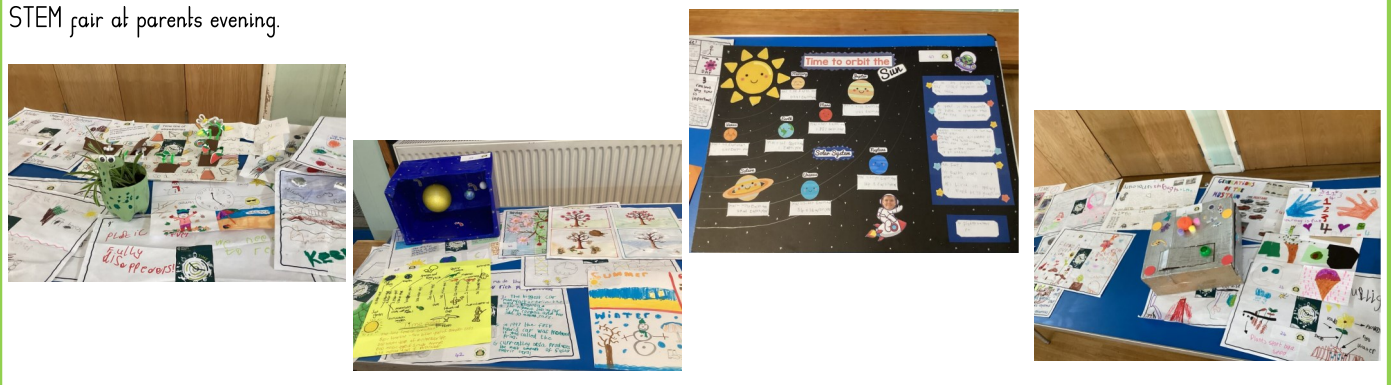
Easter Celebrations

Happy Easter to all of our families celebrating. In school, children have enjoyed a bonnet parade and an egg competition. Well done to all who took part. Check out some of these awesome creations!



Science Week 2024

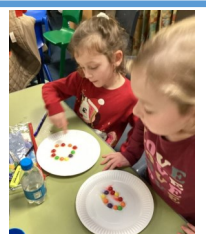
The theme for Science Week this year is TIME. Children were challenged at home to create a homework project reflecting this theme. Some exceptional homework projects were submitted about a wide range of topics: seasons, space, animals, plants, cars, history,... it just goes to show that science really is all around us. Well done to all of our super scientists. We hope that you enjoyed looking at the projects at the STEM fair at parents evening.



Friday Club Fun!



To carry on the science theme in Friday Club, the children loved joining in with a skittles experiment. They put a circle of skittles on a plate and then added water. After a while the coating on the skittles ran, making a rainbow in the water. The children enjoyed thinking about why this happened. This would be great fun to try at home over the holiday!



Reception- Robins Class

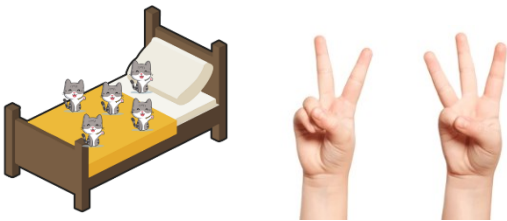


This term we have explored the topic seasons and changes. We learnt about the four seasons and the changes in weather. We also planted our very own cress seeds and watched them grow!



In Maths we have been learning about the composition of numbers up to five.

We enjoyed singing the 5 little kittens song and showing different ways of making five using counters, fingers, and objects on a ten frame.

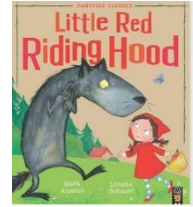


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Little Red Riding Hood has been our story this term. We learnt how to retell the story using our Talk for Writing actions and then innovate the story ourselves. We also had a crime scene in Reception, where the Big Bad Wolf broke into our classroom and took our biscuits! How rude! We created wanted posters, wrote down notes about the crime scene and set traps to catch him.



Reception have really enjoyed their PE sessions with Chris. We have been moving in lots of different ways and becoming more aware of our space. We have learnt new techniques when handling cones and balls too. We played games such as tidying up the bedroom with the Toy Story characters.



We love PE!



Year 1 – Woodpeckers



This term we have really enjoyed our Science topic of the weather and seasonal changes.

We explored what weather and climate it is and even made our own rain gauges to measure the weather.

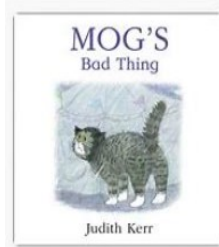
'I loved being a scientist and doing the weather experiment.' Bradley.



We loved the story Mog's Bad Thing.



It was a funny story and we all laughed when we found out what Mog had done on dad's chair.



We have learnt lots of new skills in our invasion games PE unit.

We even got the opportunity to practice using hockey sticks and defending the ball from our partners.



A note from Mrs Pitt

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a delight it has been working with Year 1.

We have had some wonderful experiences together and the progress the children have made has amazing.

I will miss their kind smiles each morning but know they will continue to be fantastic with Mrs Burton.

In English we were fantastic at writing instructions for how to make a sandwich.

Mrs Pitt was so impressed she even let us have a go at following our instructions to make the sandwiches.

We made jam sandwiches.



Year 2

Kingfishers



Curriculum learning – Art

We have been learning about landscapes and seascapes this half term. Turner is a good artist and he painted seascapes. We have painted our own!

Photos



Our favourite book this term- here is what we thought of our book!

Fantastic Mr Fox is funny and fantastic!

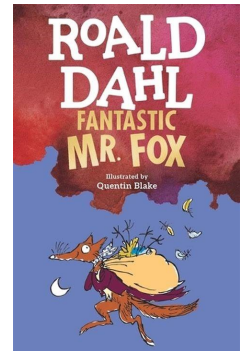
I loved it when Mrs Fox and Mr Fox dug and dug and dug!!

Mr Fox is sneaky – we thought it was great fun!!

We do not like Boggis, Bunce or Bean – they were just mean!

The characters are brave and I could imagine them in real life.

I really liked it because I am glad it turned out well in the end.



Curriculum learning

World book day was great this year. We spent time in our new library, getting a book and taking part in a reading café.

Curriculum learning - History

Henry VIII was very mean because he chopped off people's heads!

We also don't like Mary I because she killed people because they were not Catholics – she was known as Bloody Mary. We liked her name!



These are our fab new books from the library.

Year 3 Kestrels



We love Maths!

We have loved using place value counters in Maths to help with our division learning. We have also been practising our times tables lots to help us in our maths lessons.



Super Science

We have been learning about plants in Science. We have dissected plants to see the different parts, investigated how plants take up nutrients from soil and found out about seed dispersal.



Red Nose Day!

We loved telling jokes with our friends. Here are a couple of our favourites.

"Why did the scarecrow win a prize? He was outstanding in his field!" Noah

"Knock knock. Who's there? Boo. Boo Who? Sorry I didn't meant to make you cry!" Logan



Our favourite book this term

"I love How to Train Your Dragon because it was exciting when they went into the cave."

Oliver

"Atlas of Adventures is great because it tells you facts." Chase
Isaac and Harrison have both loved visiting the new library.



PE Fun!

We have been practising our hockey skills in outdoor PE. Dakota has enjoyed working hard to develop her ball control by dribbling around cones. Aria has loved gymnastics, in particular learning how to do a teddy bear roll.



Music Appreciation

We have been listening to different composers during our day. "A composer is someone who creates a piece of music." Chloe.

"Did you know that Mozart was only 5 years old when he started composing?" Zachary J

We have enjoyed listening to Vivaldi's Four Seasons too. Mylo's favourite season to listen to is Winter as it sounds like snow falling. Lucy prefers Mozart as she can listen to it on her tablet at home before she goes to sleep.



Geography – The South West

We have enjoyed learning about part of the UK called the South West. Some of us have even been there on holiday! Learning about the famous food was really interesting and it all sounded delicious (especially clotted cream ice cream and the English muffin).

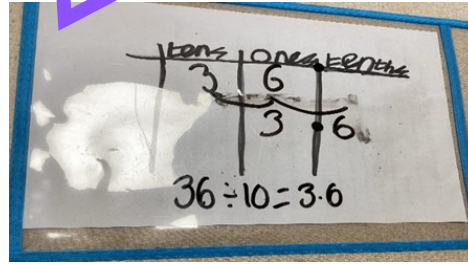
Year 4 Owls



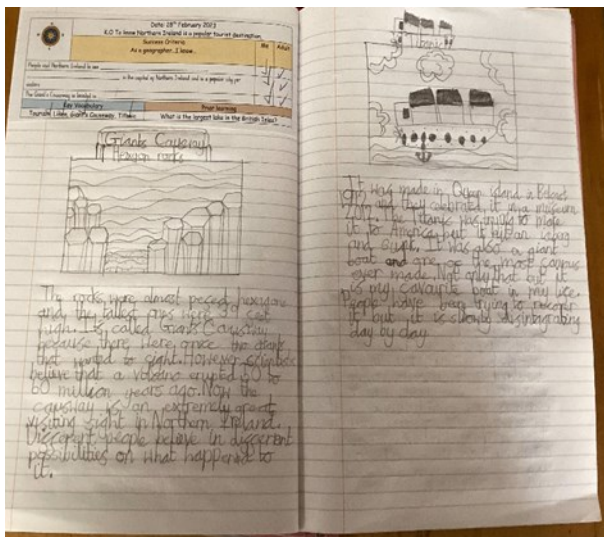
I enjoyed multiplying and dividing the decimals.
Henry

Ancient Rome is my favourite thing I've learnt about!

I liked reading about the pirate adventures. Savannah



In Maths we have been learning about fractions and decimals. Some of us found this tricky at first, but we showed our champion value of NEVER GIVE UP and persevered! Lots of us have moved up our masters of multiplication board as we have been practising our times tables a lot. In English we have been looking at all things islands! First, we wrote our very own journey story based on Treasure Island and now we are writing a persuasive holiday advertisement.



In History we have carried on with our Ancient Rome topic looking at how it collapsed in the end. We have been learning how to keep safe in different places including online in PSHE and have been able to share tips. Lots of us know we have Irish in our blood so learning about Northern Ireland in Geography was fun!

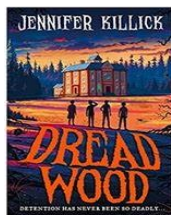


We got to try out our dribbling skills in outdoor PE as we learnt all out about basketball and then inside, we were showing off our moves in gymnastics.

Year 5 – Eagles



Excitement is brewing among Year 5 as they delve into the thrilling pages of "Dread Wood" by Jennifer Killick! The class eagerly await the chance to unravel the secrets of Dread Wood, and reflect on the valuable lessons embedded within its pages. Stay tuned for some reviews coming soon! "It looks scary, but it is such a funny book!" Logan. "My favourite character is Gustav as he is hilarious!" Lexi-Leigh



Year 5 loved the Easter egg competition. Some eggs were adorned with glittering sequins and feathers, while others featured miniature scenes depicting characters from movies like minions or favourite music artists such as Olivia egg-driego.



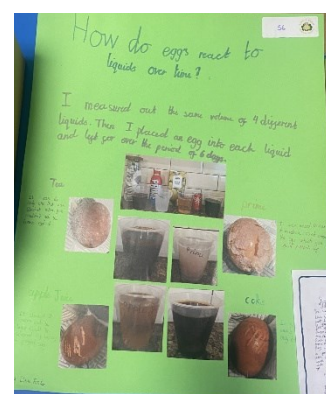
In year 5, the children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! They embarked on literary adventures by exploring our brand-new library. At the Book Cafe, they savoured the joy of reading while enjoying delightful snacks. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and a deep appreciation for the enchanting world of books.

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"I dressed as a high school character from one of my favourite books, Middle School, Worst Years Of My Life." Jared



Year 5 students enthusiastically participated in Science Week by engaging in home learning activities and projects centered around 'time'. From constructing sundials to exploring how liquids change an egg over time, students delved into various aspects of time, fostering a deeper understanding of science while showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills. "I enjoyed learning about the seasons and used a cardboard box to make a design to show the seasons." Lexi-Rose



Curriculum Fun.

In PE, we have been learning football skills. We have been practising our dribbling and dodging skills with Mr Timmins. It's been amazing!

In Art we have been learning about photography and how we can develop our photography skills. Isabelle F-B is excited to practise her new skills over the holidays.

In Geography, we are learning about Australia. Here are some of our favourite facts:

- There are different biomes (rainforest, deserts)
- There are different animals (snakes, eagles, emus)
- Sydney isn't the capital— it's Canberra.
- People think the temperature is ALWAYS hot, but it can get cold at night.



A message from Miss Johnson

I would like to take the time to say thank you to all of the children in Year 5. They have made my year teaching them unforgettable and I will never forget the memories we have made together this year. I know that they will continue to be amazing people and make fantastic progress with their new teacher Miss Finnegan in the coming term.

Year 6 – Falcons



This Spring, we have been hard at work preparing for the SATs in the Summer Term but we have also been working hard across all of the other subjects as well.

We are proud of how hard our children are working in class and how much they are becoming more responsible at home. Over Easter we would like them to have a good rest and enjoy all of the activities that they usually enjoy away from school.

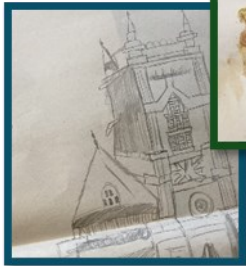
We also understand that a fortnight is a long time to spend away from school at this important time. With this in mind, it would be great if they could complete some of the activities we have sent home.

We hope you all have a lovely easter break and see you in the Summer Term.



In Science we have been exploring circuits while in History the children have been fascinated by the beginnings of World War II and the Rise of Hitler. The children love their PE and this term we have been really fit and active, incorporating important team building and communication skills while developing our technical skills at the same time.

Another passion of ours is Art and the children have loved acquiring the new skills and techniques from the Pre-Raphaelites era.



I have liked the bikeability because it teaches you a skill for later life.

Mia

I really enjoyed bikeability because it showed you how to ride across roads and learn different skills.

Harry

I have enjoyed History when we learned about World War II

Alfie

I have enjoyed Art because it actually helps me drawing.

Riley

I enjoyed Art this term because we got to experiment with water colour and different techniques.

Tabitha

I enjoyed Science when we made the torches with a battery.

Rowan

