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From Ian Nurser, Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the Summer Term 2022 edition of the Trust Newsletter. This term the Newsletter contains so many exciting stories and pictures, showcasing all of the fantastic work schools have been doing!

This newsletter is a reflection of the positive work that is going on every day in every classroom across our family of schools. It includes many examples of children's activities and achievements in a range of curriculum areas from across the family of schools within Empower Trust. Please take some time to and read through the examples of children's work- we are sure that you be impressed in the variety, quality and range of experiences.

This week we held our first ever Trust 'Commonwealth Games' event hosted at St Mary's C of E Primary School. Selected children from across every Trust school participated in this exciting and competitive team-spirited event and were split into mixed school teams to represent different countries throughout the world. Children and staff all had a fantastic morning and demonstrated our Trust values of Collaboration, Respect, Ambition and Positivity within their teams. The children's sporting conduct and general behaviour were both consistently excellent throughout the event. Well done to all who took part and huge thanks to the staff who assisted on the day! Special thanks to Mrs Scott, Mrs Line, Mrs Follett for all their hard work in organising such a wonderful event and also special thanks to Mrs North and her team at St Mary's for hosting and assisting with arrangements for the day. You can see photos from the event within the Newsletter.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Neil Davda, who has been appointed as the new Headteacher of Greenacres Primary School from September 2022. Mr Davda has been a familiar face at the school during the Summer Term so that children and staff have had an opportunity to get to know him before he starts in the Autumn Term. Keep an eye on the Trust website for Mr Davda's pen profile which will be uploaded very soon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the incredible children, teachers and staff we have in our family of schools - we know how much effort they have put into every single day this year.

We would also like to thank the parents for their support and understanding during yet another COVID-disrupted year - this positive partnership between home and school is really important to us. I hope that children and staff and manage to take a well-earned rest over the summer break, and that parents have an opportunity to enjoy some quality family time!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in September.



Jubilee Art Competition



We have been asked to take part in a competition with the library in Market Drayton. Here are the pieces that have been chose to be displayed. Amazing work - particularly from infant aged children.





We took all our art
work to the library

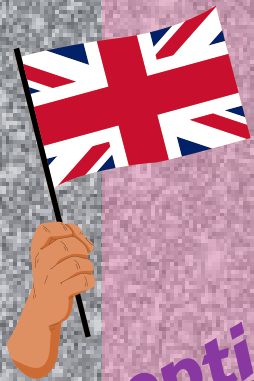




Jubilee Celebrations

Early Years

The children absolutely loved joining in with learning about the Jubilee and all about Queen Elizabeth II. We learnt how old she was when she was crowned, and that we were celebrating 70 years of her being Queen. Activities included watching a 1950's Minnie and Mickey film, a Jubilee themed picnic lunch and ice cream for afters, we learnt a jubilee dance and loved watching ourselves back and also completed our part of the Jubilee song for the whole Trust! Our Jubilee day also included dressing up in red white and blue like the union Jack flag.



Reception

Happy Platinum Jubilee Your Majesty from all the children in Reception!

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about, preparing for and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They danced, sang, made crafts and ate. So much fun was had by all to mark this very special occasion.





Jubilee Celebrations

Year 1

During the last week of summer term 1, we celebrated Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Whilst still enjoying our varied curriculum, we had a fun-filled week of celebratory events! We practiced and performed a dance and a song which we then watched back very proudly. We took part in dance workshops and had a picnic in the hall with an ice cream afterwards. Finally, on our last day of term, we were given the opportunity to watch films that were produced in the 1950s. After all this, we were definitely ready for half term!



Year 2

In order to celebrate the Queen's jubilee, Year 2 have taken part in several fun activities. We have taken part in a dance workshop, learnt a song to perform as a whole school, had a picnic lunch, learnt all about Queen Elizabeth and finished off our celebrations with a visit from the RAF!

The RAF came via helicopter, which landed on our school field! The children were amazed to watch this land, and were then able to have a talk all about helicopters and the role that they play in the RAF. The children then sat down at the side of the field to watch the helicopter take off. The children were amazed and thoroughly enjoyed this experience!





Early Years



The children in Nursery have had a wonderful half term as they have watched their vegetables and flowers grow. They have learnt how to take care of the seed as it has developed into a plant. We are really looking forward to seeing what has happened and how they have developed as we return for the final half term of the year!

We have planted sunflowers, tomatoes, cucumber plants, carrots, broad beans and peas as well as our colourful viola flowers!



Early Years



This week N2 have loved taking part in our first, official sports day since COVID. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers, grandparents, family and friends. Here are some of the children in action!



Smile

We are Brilliant Brushers!
Early Years children are involved in a new programme called Brilliant Brushers. The children brush their teeth after lunch every day. They understand the need to brush their teeth well, to prevent cavities and to ensure good oral hygiene.

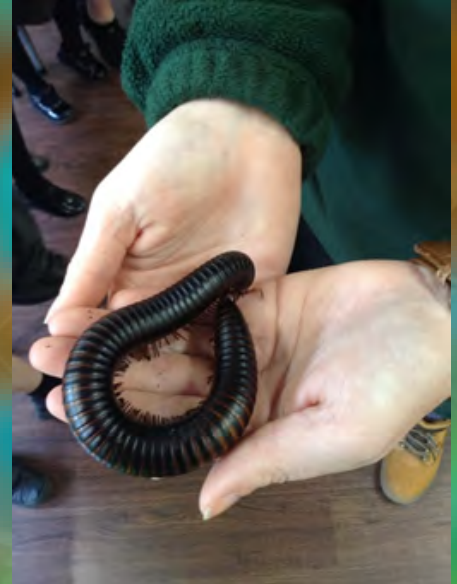




Reception



The children also visited the Exotic Zoo in Telford to find out about animals from different parts of the world. They enjoyed seeing so many different animals and were lucky enough to touch an armadillo, snake, millipede, tenrec and a chameleon during the fantastic workshop. They also spent time drawing animals.

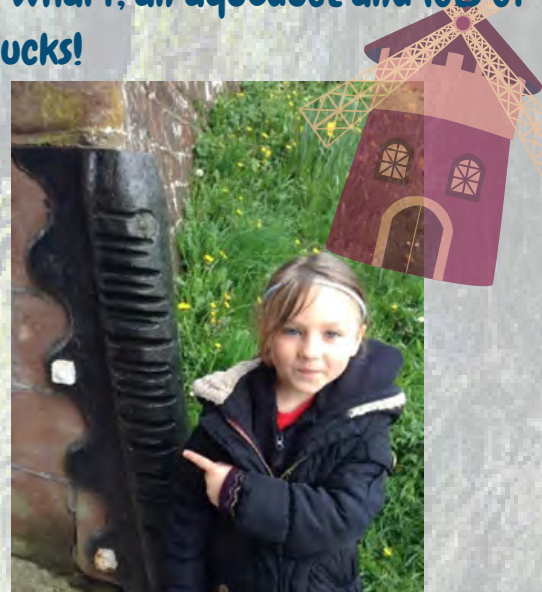




Reception



The children in Reception have had a busy half term going on visits to find out about the world around them. They visited the canal in Market Drayton where they took Barnaby Bear on a walk to spot geographical features. Lots of fun was had by all and the children were fantastic and sensible by the water. They spotted- bridges, water, a river, paths, houses, woods, fields, boats, a mill, a wharf, an aqueduct and lots of ducks!



The children have been learning about the continents. Last week they focussed on Antarctica. The children explored ice and came up with ideas of how to melt the ice to free some trapped animals. They tested their ideas to find the best way to free the animal.



YEAR 1



Year One we have been developing our athletic skills in long jump, hurdles, relay races and javelin. Through practising these skills, we have strengthened core muscles and our ability to collaborate during team games.



During the past few weeks, we have been practicing all of our athletics skills, preparing us for our Sports Day next Wednesday. We cannot wait to show you what we can do!





YEAR 2



This week Year 2 witnessed a very exciting event - The Great Fire of Market Drayton.

We went outside and stood behind the safety tape and saw all of our houses (that we had made as part of a homework project) lined up - as close as they would have been in 1666.

Then flames began to come out of the middle one (Thomas Farriner's bakery) - we know this showed how a spark had come out of his oven and set his house on fire. We watched with awe as the flames spread down the road, burning every house in its path.

It demonstrated and taught us that the houses in 1666 were too close together and they were made of flammable material. We also noticed how the wind (also present in 1666) helped the fire move quickly. really enjoyed seeing our learning come to life. We will use this event to write a recount about what we did!





YEAR 2



This week year 2 had a super exciting visit from some local artists! The team helped the children to create entries for the calendar competition based around the month of July.

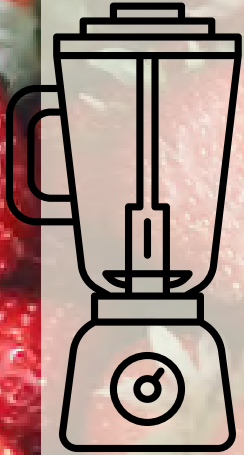
There were many blue skies, beautiful butterflies & beach scenes and we all had a fantastic time.

Using the skills and knowledge developed throughout their time at the infants, the children produced beautiful pieces of work and showed off their talent. We certainly have lots of budding artists and look forward to seeing the finished calendar when the project is complete!





YEAR 2



As part of our learning on cooking & nutrition we had a go at creating some delicious smoothies! We have been learning to master practical skills such as carefully slicing the fruit into appropriately sized pieces before blending to complete our tasty creations. We now know how to do this safely and hygienically and also have been discussing the importance of healthy foods within a balanced diet. Take a look at us in action...



Reception



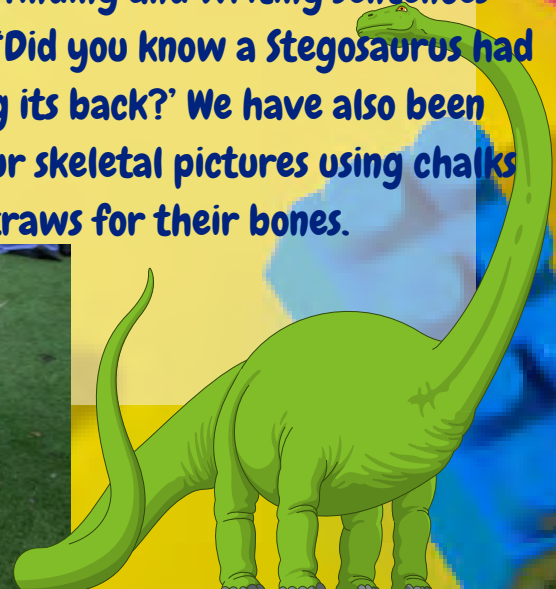
In EYFS we have been learning all about teamwork in PSHE and how important it is to work together, take turns, listen and share our ideas to create construction challenges. It really was 'Team building!'



In art we have been finding out about Georges Seurat and the pointillist style of painting. The children have created their own amazing 'spotty art' linked to our theme 'Dinosaurs'.



We have also been doing lots of amazing research, fact finding and writing sentences about dinosaurs. 'Did you know a Stegosaurus had 17 plates along its back?' We have also been creating dinosaur skeletal pictures using chalks and straws for their bones.





Reception



We have also been learning all about growing. We have learnt all about what plants need to grow. We have grown our own cress which was so fun and exciting to see its progress.





Year 1



The children in Year 1 have been using our laptops this half term to make choices in games. We have had to demonstrate correct use of a mouse or mousepad, logging in using the keyboard and shutting down safely.



We were also lucky enough to welcome a visitor from a local Jewish community to share with us their traditions and beliefs. The children were so engaged and were promoting Kelly the Koala by being very curious and asking lots of questions. We learnt all about a Mezuzah, Torah, Kippah and Shabbat.





We have also been learning about our local environment by map reading in our school. We also created our own symbols for different types of trees, such as evergreens and deciduous specimens, and added the symbols onto our maps.





YEAR 2



Year 2 celebrated Pyjamarama by designing their own pyjamas and bookmarks.



A huge thank you to everyone who came to school wearing their pyjamas for Pyjamarama day on Friday 13 May. We had a brilliant day and hope you did too!

We raised £236.91 and all monies go towards making sure every child gets a bedtime story.

We really appreciate your support as always.



Year 3



Year 3, our art is closely linked with our science topic-plants! We have been learning about the famous architect and painter; Charles Rennie Mackintosh. To explore his style of work, we have looked at leaf printing, tracing and sketching flowers. It has been really fun and we are enjoying learning new skills about fine pencil control.

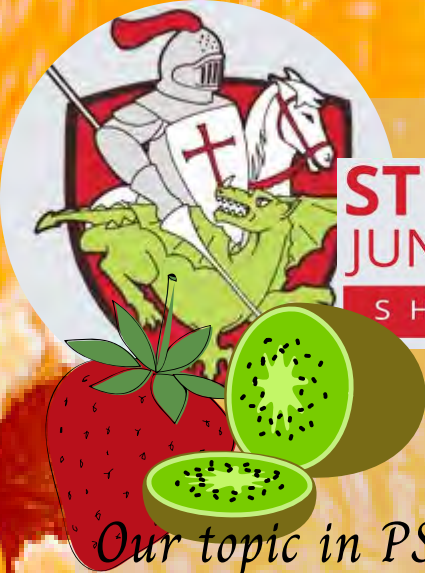


Science



Our summer topic is 'Plants and Animals.' This half term we have been looking at what plants need to grow and how different temperatures effect a plants growth. We also had lots of fun exploring the plants around us in school. We went outside to investigate how many petals a flower has and how tall their stems were. We had lots of fun!





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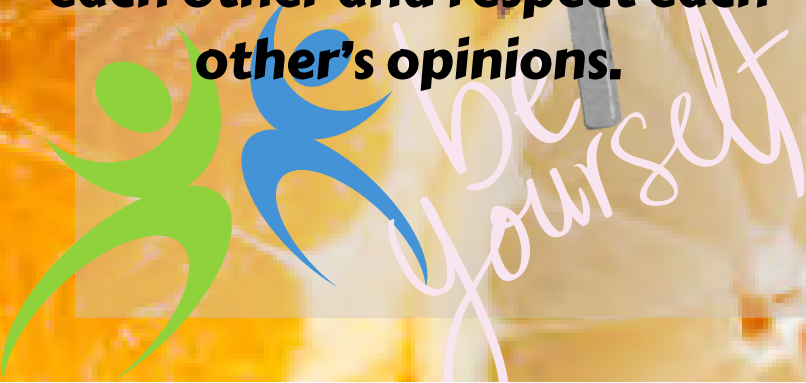


Our topic in PSHE is, 'Making Healthy Choices'. Through this topic we are learning about making healthy choices about food and drinks and about how branding can affect what foods people choose to buy. Also, we have thought about the importance of keeping active and some of the challenges of this.



**RESPECT
IS FREE!!**

As part of our weekly PSHE lesson, we have introduced, 'Well-being circle time'. During the circle time we discuss lots of interesting things like how we are each unique. The focus is on positive relationships and we make sure we listen to each other and respect each other's opinions.





Writing

In English, year 3 are writing 'defeat the monster' stories. Our class text, 'The Sphinx's Riddle', is linked to our autumn topic work on Ancient Egypt, and we have enjoyed creating and describing our own monsters in our story. Firstly, we identified the key nouns for our monster. Next we added adjectives and verbs to create descriptive phrases which we could add into our story description.

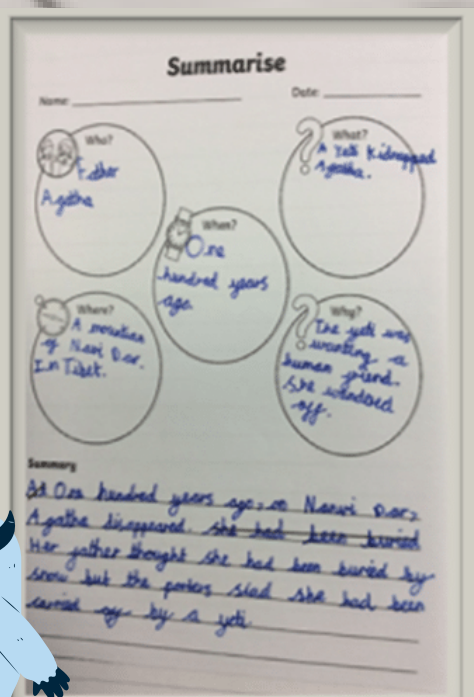
The Monster shot up to rule and was raiding the air.
The ~~terrifying~~ ^{terribly} terrifying beast was still proudly standing after the battle of his life, glaring into the darkness.
Dripping with saliva, the monster revealed itself as the sphinx.



Reading

This term we are reading The Abominables. This is a story about some yetis living in the Himalayas. This reminded us about our work on mountains. We have been using lots of reading skills including clarifying, inferring, predicting, explaining, retrieving and summarising.

AS I walked down the glistening river Nile, I saw a mythical beast with colossal wings flapping ^{as} faster than as lightning. Its wing spans must have been at least 7 ft and its deadly talons looked ready to swoop down and catch a fish. Suddenly it did. ~~A~~ When it landed, it sunk his feathered chest in the air proudly. Its curved ~~beak~~ ^{beak} was squawking and its five tail flicking swiftly. Seconds later, it used its ~~long~~ ^{muscular hind} legs to leap into the sky and then disappeared into the distance. ~~It~~ ^{It} must of been a griffin.



Q: To compare and explain the differences between the characters.

is compared the different ways in which the yetis were described by Agatha and her father. We realised that the descriptions were different because only Agatha had actual at the yetis.

is headings have been cut off the photograph. Can you number which character made which description? Label each column.

CHARACTER	CHARACTER
Hairy	Childlike
Sluggish	Kind
Like monster	Bawling
Strong	Hairy
Bulky	Comprehending
Naughty	Interesting
Fierce	Distinguished
Timid	Vegetarian
Dark	...

What happened before this point?

Agatha got kidnapped by yetis they took her to a secret place.

Agatha taught the yetis how to talk.

Do you think Agatha will be found on the mountain?

ANSWER stick post it note in here.

EVIDENCE stick post it note in here.

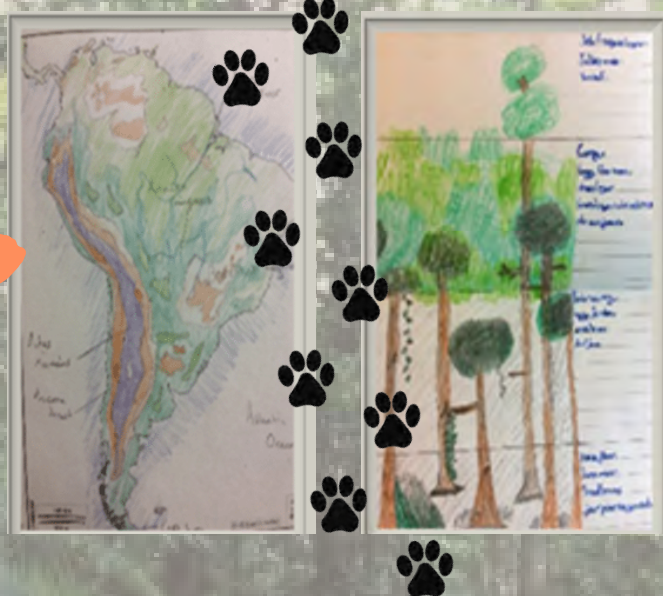
NO! Yes!

Because Agatha's father loves Agatha so he won't give up on trying to get Agatha and his. Porters will also look for Agatha in a village.





YEAR 4 HAVE HAD A BUSY START TO THE SUMMER AND THEIR NEW TOPIC 'RAINFORESTS'. WE HAVE MAPPED THE LOCATION OF RAINFORESTS AROUND THE WORLD AND LOOKED AT THE HUMAN AND PHYSICAL FEATURES OF SOUTH AMERICA AND BRAZIL IN PARTICULAR. WE HAVE STARTED LOOKING AT RAINFORESTS AND THE ANIMALS THAT INHABIT THEM, AND WILL CONTINUE THIS LEARNING INTO THE SUMMER.



English

This term in English we have studied a model text called *Simic and the forest*. The children have also produced some amazing setting descriptions linked to not only the text but our topic of 'rainforests'. They worked hard to use as many features as possible and we had some very detailed descriptions and some amazing examples of similes and expanded noun phrases. Some lovely examples were:

***As I walked through the damp, green, glorious rainforest.**

***I can see enormous, elegant trees, towering above my head.**

***At the top of the towering waterfall there were mischievous monkeys climbing the ivy-covered rocks to jump across the tall, ancient trees, which were not only slippery but also had exotic fruits in them too.**

***The lava was as hot as the sun on a bright summer's day.**

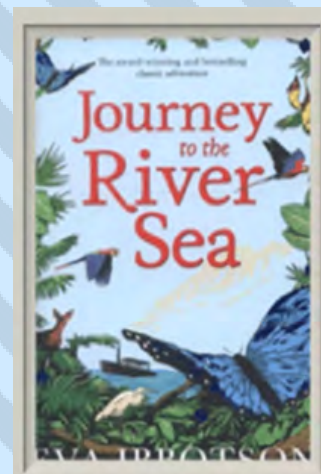
***The scent of mangos filled the air and made my mouth water with excitement to try the wondrous fruit.**



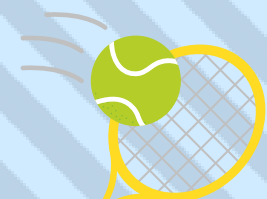


GUIDED READING

THIS HALF TERM DURING GUIDED READING LESSONS WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING 'A JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA' WRITTEN BY EVA IBBOTSON. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EAGER TO READ THIS ADVENTURE BOOK AND ARE PARTICULARLY KEEN TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT IN THE STORY. SOME VERY CREATIVE PLOTS HAVE BEEN PREDICTED.



Our D&T projects were a great success this term. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to use their knowledge from the Electricity science topic in Spring to create Buzz Wire games in a wide variety of shapes and designs! We have started looking at our final D&T projects – it's time to get sewing!



We have started our Swimming, tennis and cricket sessions on Thursday mornings and have been blessed with good weather so far!



In PSHE, we have been focussing on how 'drugs' effect the body (medicines and those other than medicines – drinking alcohol and smoking tobacco). We have also looked at the risks relating to drugs, how drugs enter the body and the different patterns of behaviour relating to drug use. In e-safety, we've discussed password protection and how share data in a safe way, discussing data that can be shared and what shouldn't be shared.



This half term, in RE, our topic has been Judaism and our enquiry question has been 'What is the best way to show commitment to God?'. We began by looking at the milestones that has occurred during our lives and then went on to talk about the milestones that Jewish people recognise in their lives. We focussed on Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, talking about how these show commitment to God and the changes in responsibility between childhood and adulthood. We've also looked into 'Mitzvot' which means commandments and how Jewish people become Mensches (upstanding citizens).





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Year 5

Our art this term is based around portraits. Year 5 have been sketching and mastering different facial features and looking at different artists and their portraits. During their lesson, they sketched and focussed on different aspects of the face including the eyes, nose, ears and mouth. The children found certain parts challenging but remained resilient and soon realised they had to think about looking closely at the shapes of the features, rather than drawing what they thought those features looked like. They also looked at proportions of faces and were shocked to discover that our eyes are actually about halfway down our face, rather than at the top!

Year 5 Art





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YEAR 5

TRIPS

SHREWSBURY BRIDGES

PUPILS PARTICIPATED IN A WALK AROUND SHREWSBURY THAT SUPPORTED THEIR LEARNING OF THE D&T TOPIC: 'BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES'. THE WALK ALLOWED THE CHILDREN TO USE THE LOCAL AREA TO IDENTIFY BRIDGES, THEIR STRUCTURAL DIFFERENCES, AND THEIR HISTORIC PURPOSES. THROUGHOUT THE MORNING, THE CHILDREN OBSERVED FOUR BRIDGES: THE WELSH BRIDGE, FRANKWELL FOOT BRIDGE, THE PORT HILL SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND KINGSLAND BRIDGE. THE CHILDREN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY THEIR ART SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES THROUGH REAL-LIFE OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING AND LINK THEIR LEARNING TO OTHER AREAS OF THE CURRICULUM.



RAF COSFORD

AS PART OF OUR SUMMER TOPIC, YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE THEME OF 'MIGRATION'. ONE ASPECT OF THIS LEARNING IS THE MIGRATION OF REFUGEES THAT OCCURRED DURING WORLD WAR 2. TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TOPIC, YEAR 5 TOOK PART IN WORKSHOPS AND EXPLORED THE RAF COSFORD MUSEUM. DURING THEIR TOUR AROUND THE MUSEUM, THERE WERE AIR AND GROUND CREW MEMBERS WHO FLEW VALIANT BOMBERS FROM CAMBRIDGE TO CHRISTMAS ISLAND - THE CHILDREN EVEN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS AND LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES.





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YEAR 6



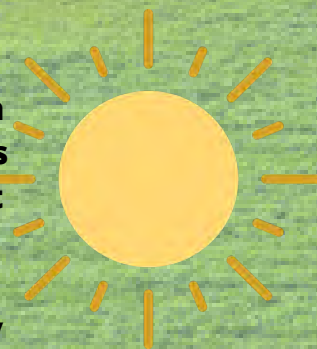
YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC DURING TRI-GOLF PE LESSONS THIS HALF TERM. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, PUPILS HAVE BEEN REFINING THEIR CHIPPING AND PUTTING TECHNIQUES, APPLYING THESE TO SMALL COMPETITIVE GAMES. NOT ONLY HAVE OUR PUPILS BEEN IMPROVING IN PLAYING THE SPORT, THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN DEVELOPING PERSONAL LIFE SKILLS WHICH BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE AND FOCUS ON HONESTY AND RESPECT FOR OTHER PLAYERS, THE RULES OF THE GAME AND THE ENVIRONMENT.



This term, Year 6 are enjoying their new class book 'Holes'. We have learnt about the deadly Yellow-spotted lizards which live in Camp Green Lake (a juvenile correction facility in the deserts of Texas). Boys are forced to dig holes in the hot sun as punishment for their crimes.

Children have been exploring the idea of a correctional facility like Camp Green Lake. They have written a balanced argument considering the ethical implications of such a facility: we even considered what it would be like to be sent to Camp Green Lake if we were wrongly accused!

Year 6 used facts and statistics about youth offending in the USA to compose a piece of writing which considered both the pros and cons of Camp Green Lake. At the end we gave our own recommendation about whether children should be sent to Camp Green Lake.





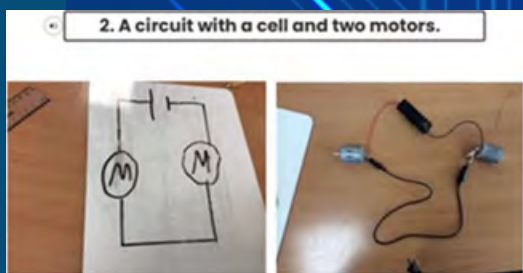
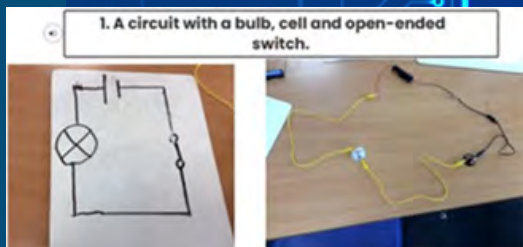
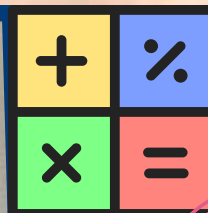
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Year 6

Maths

We have been using all of our maths skills in a real life context. Children have been landscape gardeners and designed, costed and plotted their creations. We have used scale, area and perimeter to carefully plan our project. Pupils also needed to use their knowledge of money to purchase all of the essentials needed for a beautifully landscaped garden. This project has allowed children to apply mathematical concepts to a real-world project. Year 6 also began to think about how else we might need to use our maths skills in real life: we talked about architecture as well careers in science, construction, medicine, education and many more.

Children especially enjoyed measuring and calculating the shape of the plot in order to most cost effectively enclose and turf the area. This investigation also showed children the importance of budgeting and shopping for the best price.



Year 6 were lucky enough to be visited by our STEM ambassador, Anna, who had a career in the Royal Navy as an electrical engineer. She taught us about the importance of communication and using recognised circuit symbols in order to share information effectively.

Inspired by this, year 6 have learnt to use the correct circuit symbols to represent components. We also practised diagnosing problems with faulty circuits.

History & Geography

This term, Year 6 have started a new history and geography topic: we are learning about Mexico and The Maya. Our pupils have really enjoyed beginning the unit by learning about 'Día de los Muertos', Day of the Dead, which is an annual festival celebrated over Latin America where love and respect is shown for deceased family members. Pupils created their own Sugar Skulls, the most recognised symbol of this festival. We have also been looking at the physical and human geography of Mexico as a country; we have explored its population, varied climate and widely-different physical features such as mountain ranges, canyons, deserts, volcanoes and rainforests.



Celebrating Success

well done!



Congratulations to Georgia in 3EL, who came 3rd in the age 7-8 category Fun Run held as part of the Market Drayton 10k Race event on Sunday 8th May.



Ginny in 5IR currently trains 4/5 times a week at Market Drayton Swimming Club and has recently qualified to compete in the 2022 Shropshire County Championships, achieving some amazing personal best times in the process. She also recently attended the Shrewsbury Spring Open Meet/gala on the 2nd April where she won 8 gold and 1 bronze medal, plus the overall trophy for the Girls' age group. Fantastic news Ginny - congratulations!



Jacob in 5SL has just finished his first 12-month season with Whitchurch Rugby Club's Under 10's team. The season finished last weekend with a tour of the Worcester Warriors Ground, meeting the team (Jacob is pictured in red below with his teammates and a member of the Worcester Warriors squad) and an adventure course involving caving and pole climbing. Jacob thoroughly enjoyed the day and his first season and would encourage anyone interested in rugby to join up and have the opportunity to take part in great activities. Good luck for next season Jacob & co.

Special Mentions

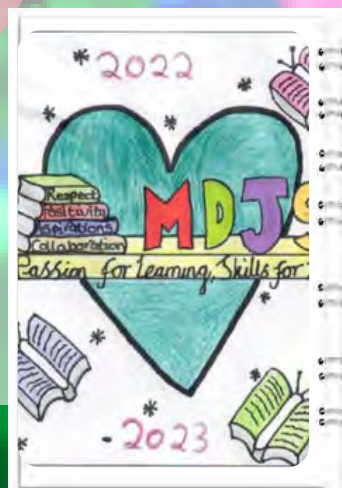
Special mention also to Isla in 4CJ who is progressing really well with her out-of-school swimming Lessons.

Over Easter she moved up in her swimming stage at Market Drayton Swimming Centre, to reach her last level, Stage 7. Well done Isla - hard work pays off!

On Friday 26th November 2021 Lily in 6AS/FC attended an audition with The Royal Ballet School. On 14th April she received an e-mail confirming that she has been successfully awarded a place on their Royal Ballet Mid Associate programme. This means she will attend Saturday classes at their school in Birmingham, starting in September 2022. Spaces on the programme are very limited and it is a fantastic achievement to make the final selection. A huge congratulations to you Lily and good luck for September.

Well done to Maisie in 6AS/FC and Erin in 5IR, who were both recently awarded a Distinction in their singing

well done!



Well done also to Georgia in 4CJ, whose design has been selected to appear on the front cover of the school's 2022-23 Pupil Planners. We're sure you'll agree that the design captures the school's vision and aims beautifully!



Queens Jubilee Celebrations



The children have been enjoying our Jubilee celebrations on this final week of the half-term and have taken part in a number of fun activities including an assembly with Reverend Morris and a Jubilee Dance workshop focussed around the 1950s hand-jive routine.

We have done self-portraits to collage into a portrait of The Queen, a Corgi Hunt, watched a 1950s film, explored a visiting helicopter from RAF Shawbury and had a picnic lunch on the field (complete with ice-cream cornets). Even Mrs Scott's school dog, Roly, joined in with the red, white and blue patriotic dress up - it has all been great fun!



The Great Jubilee Bake- Off



By Jacob - 4CP



Biscuits
Round

By Rebecca - 5SL



By Jack - 4CP



Cupcakes
Round

By Heidi - 5JC



By Amber - 3EL



Showstopper
Round

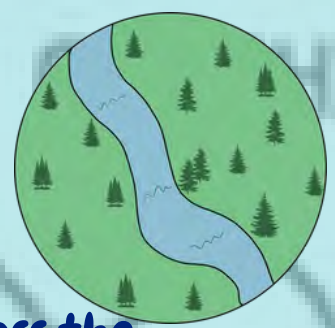
By Lily - 6AS/7C



...AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT ENTERED,
WE LOVED SEEING ALL OF YOUR PATRIOTIC CREATIONS!



Year 3



Year 3 have continued to work hard across the first half of Summer. We completed our Rivers Project homework and shared these within our classes and across the Year Group.



We also undertook a Geography Field Study Trip to our local river – The River Tern. We measured water flow and studied some of the features of the river that we have been learning about this year. I'm sure you will agree that the children have done an amazing job again...





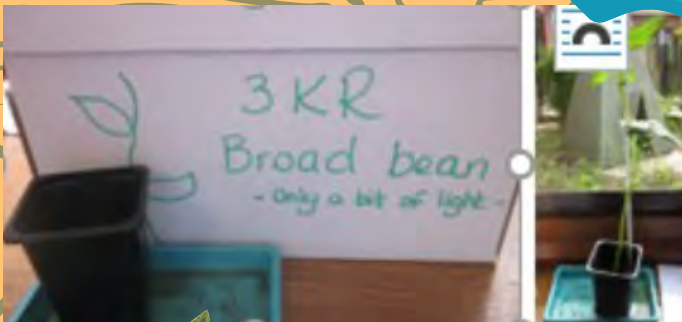
YEAR 3

Science

In Science we are learning about Plants – we have continued to monitor our sunflowers from last term's 'Growth' 'Sunflower Challenge'. ET's sunflower is particularly impressive!



WOW!

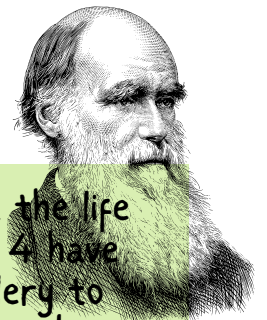


We have also been growing broad beans to help us to understand what plants need to grow strong and healthy. Look how they've grown!



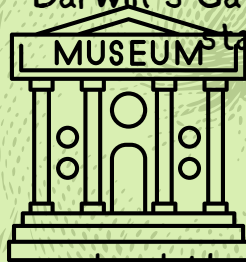


Year 4



As part of our Explorer's Unit, focusing on the life and achievements of Charles Darwin, Year 4 have visited Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery to learn more about this famous explorer and naturalist.

During their time at the museum, the children took part in a practical and engaging workshop, Investigating Evolution, followed by a well-earned picnic lunch. In the afternoon, the children visited some of the significant locations related to Charles Darwin's Gate, Shrewsbury Library, with Darwin's statue outside and The Dingle.



On the tour round Shrewsbury, the children took in some of the other notable sites around the town, including Shrewsbury High School, The Quarry and the River Severn.

By the end of the trip the children had themselves become explorers, retracing the lives of one of the most significant figures in the contribution towards modern evolutionary studies. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences during their day in Shrewsbury and were praised for their exceptionally good behaviour by both school staff and their guides in the museum. Well done Year 4.





Year 5

English

The Year 5s have been creating their very own Beowulf inspired tales in English lessons. Beforehand, we performed the story of Beowulf with actions as a class to help us remember the structure and order of events. There are some gruesome lines and songs that we have enjoyed learning about!



Maths

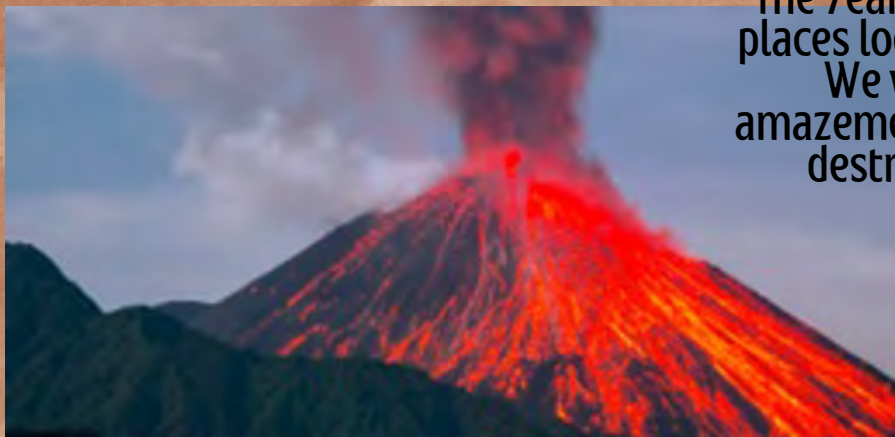
In maths we have been revisiting place value and have explored Roman numerals, negative numbers and sequences. We were amazed where we could find Roman numerals in our everyday lives!

Science

We have begun our new materials topic in science looking at properties of materials and when they are used. Would you really want a chocolate teapot? Or paper car? We explained why these are awful ideas!



The Year 5s have also travelled to faraway places looking at the features of volcanoes. We watched volcanic eruptions in amazement of their power and capability of destroying everything in their path.



Both 5IR and 5SL have relished taking part in swimming this half term. The progress has been astounding and the children have become more confident in their techniques. 5JC will get their turn after the holidays.





Year 6

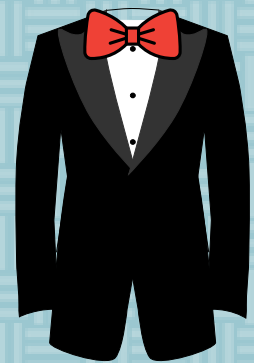
YOU CAN DO IT

Over the last half term, our year 6 children have been focused on preparing for SATs week. They have shown great dedication to making progress in their learning and have maintained a positive and resilient attitude through-out. The staff across the whole school are extremely proud of the pupils and their per-severance across the week.

POSITIVE VIBES

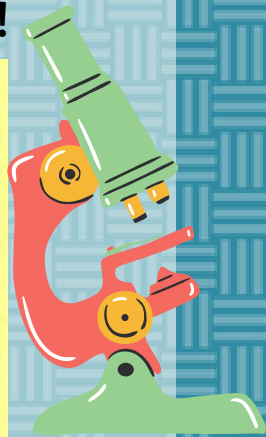
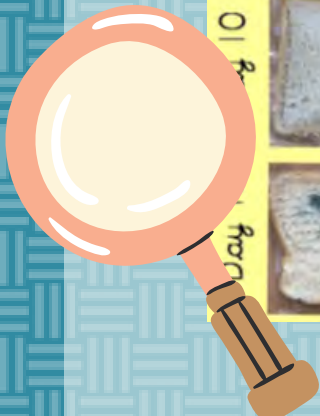
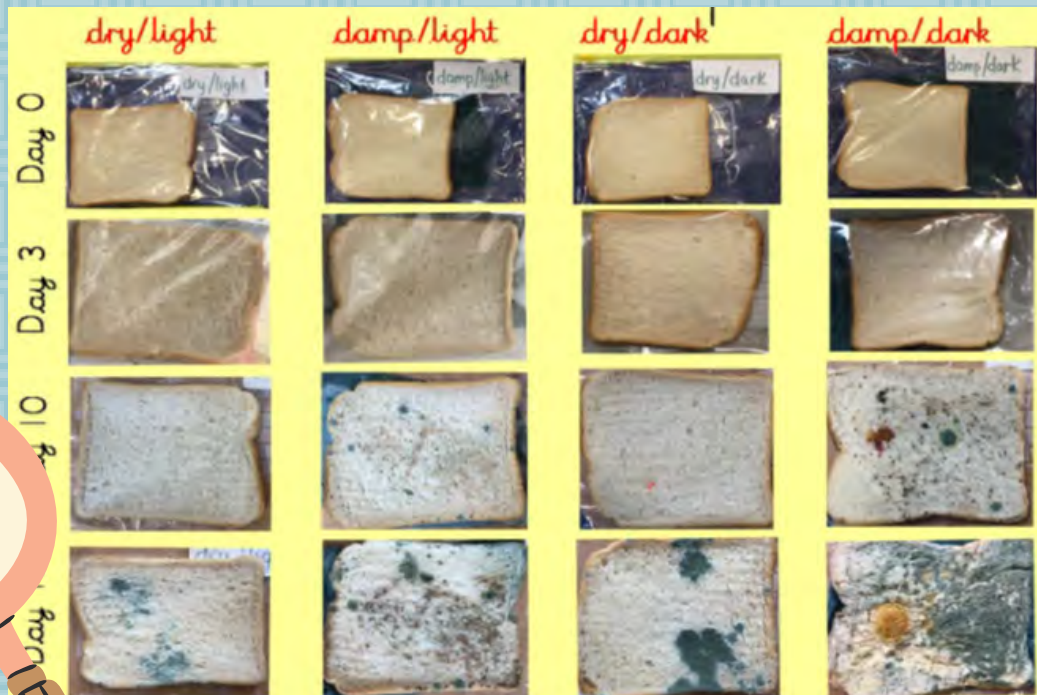


A special mention to Mr Lloyd and Mr Jones, who kept the children's interest and motivation going throughout the week by taking part in an ongoing competition to see who could come to SATs the best dressed. The week started with waistcoats and ended up with tuxedos, pocket watches and top hats!



Science

In other areas, we have been investigating mould in our science work as part of a focus on micro-organisms. We developed our understanding of the conditions needed for growth and ended up with some very mouldy bread!





The John Cole Poetry Competition.

This year's poetry competition was held remotely. Each child in the school was challenged to learn the poem 'A Smile'. They then performed this to their class to find a class winner.

Judges then viewed a recording of the class winners and voted for the following year group winners:

Year 3 - Jake in 3ST, Year 4 - Matilda in 4RG, Year 5 - Martha in 5JC and Year 6 - Lilli in 6LS.

Martha was the runner-up in the whole school and Lilli was the winner!

GOOD JOB!!



Handwriting competition.

Each child entered our handwriting competition by copying up the poem 'A Smile'. Each class had two winners - one for consistent presentation and one for improvement.

The overall year group winners were for consistency were: Macie in 3EL, Kate in 4CJ, Georgia in 5SL and Lilli in 6LS.

The overall year group winners were for improvement were: Jack in 3RW, Luke in 4RG, Bella-Mae in 5IR and Harry in 6WJ.

Well Done to everyone who has worked hard on their handwriting.

well done!



The Hight Sheriff pays a visit to Market Drayton and unveils the Jubilee Bench.

High Sheriff Selina Graham pictured with John Cole who is a former pupil and now a Govenor, he donated the bench. With them are pupils: Thomas Reed, Ava Pollington and Georgina Bussue.



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Wilfred Owen School · 10/06/2022

This week our writers have been busy writing onomatopoeia poems, innovated stories of the Varmints, writing letters using fantastic vocabulary. Well done to all our wonderful writers this week



Wilfred Owen School · 19/05/2022

Yesterday was National Numeracy Day we celebrated with raps, savings talks and a Guinness World Record attempt! Have a listen to the rap our amazing year 6's wrote and performed @TTRockStars @Nat_Numeracy @Bobby_Seagull @Mrs_katjones #NationalNumeracyDay #GuinnessWorldRecord



Wilfred Owen School · 13/05/2022

Here are our fabulous writers of the week, they have all worked incredibly hard. Each week children are chosen and then given a writer of the week badge, their work is then showcased onto our website. Well done to everyone!



Wilfred Owen School · 28/04/2022

We are so proud to announce that David Ayton is through to the final of @poetrybyheart competition. He is now invited to perform his 2 pieces at The Globe theatre in June. Huge congratulations!! #poetry rocks 🎉 🎊 🎁

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Wilfred Owen School @WilfredO... · 6d

Today a member of the kitchen, Francesca received a lovely certificate for the work she did with the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign across both Severndale and Wilfred Owen. Francesca worked extremely hard putting together some fantastic displays which the children loved!



Wilfred Owen School · 11/05/2022

Did you hear us speaking on @BBCShropshire radio last night? Our pupil David and class Teacher Ms O'Hara were on at 7:10pm last night discussing David getting through to the final of @poetrybyheart and being invited to perform at The Globe Theatre in June. We are so proud!

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St Peters CE Primary, Wem
1 d · G

Year 3 news
In Science, we have been exploring forces with magnets and made our own compass. 'I could not pus... See more



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
1 d · G

News from 2S
We enjoyed printing in our art lesson today. We looked at work from other artists, designed our own an... See more



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
3 d · G

Year 2 have enjoyed finishing off their puppets today! They created their own design criteria then evaluate their finished piece.



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
27 Jun · G

Year 6 have had a fantastic morning at Thomas Adams learning about CAMS. They have created their own cam toy.



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
7 Jul · G

Children in Reception went and read their facts about jungle animals to the Nursery children. In Literacy we have been learning some new vocabulary to... See more



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
1 h · G

We are so proud of Year 6 - they certainly excelled themselves during their performances of Cinderella Rockerfella! What a lovely end to their time a... See more



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
23 h · G

In music we have been using our imagination to enjoy a song then playing the glockenspiel with the music.



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
1 d · G

The children in Year 4 have been having fun in DT this week. They have been evaluating, designing and making their own yoghurts!



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
23 h · G

News from 2M
In Art this week we have been exploring texture and thickness when applying paint by adding saw... See more



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
3 d · G

Year 3 have completed 'Stepping Out' pedestrian training with Road Safety Ray. We have learnt to cross the road safely using Stop, Look, Listen and... See more



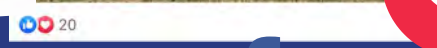
St Peters CE Primary, Wem
1 d · G

Nursery had a great time week making some lovely lemonade for these sunny days!



St Peters CE Primary, Wem
19 h · G

Last week, Y3 and Y4 attended an athletics competition at Thomas Adams. Every child won at least one first place medal! They demonstrated our school... See more



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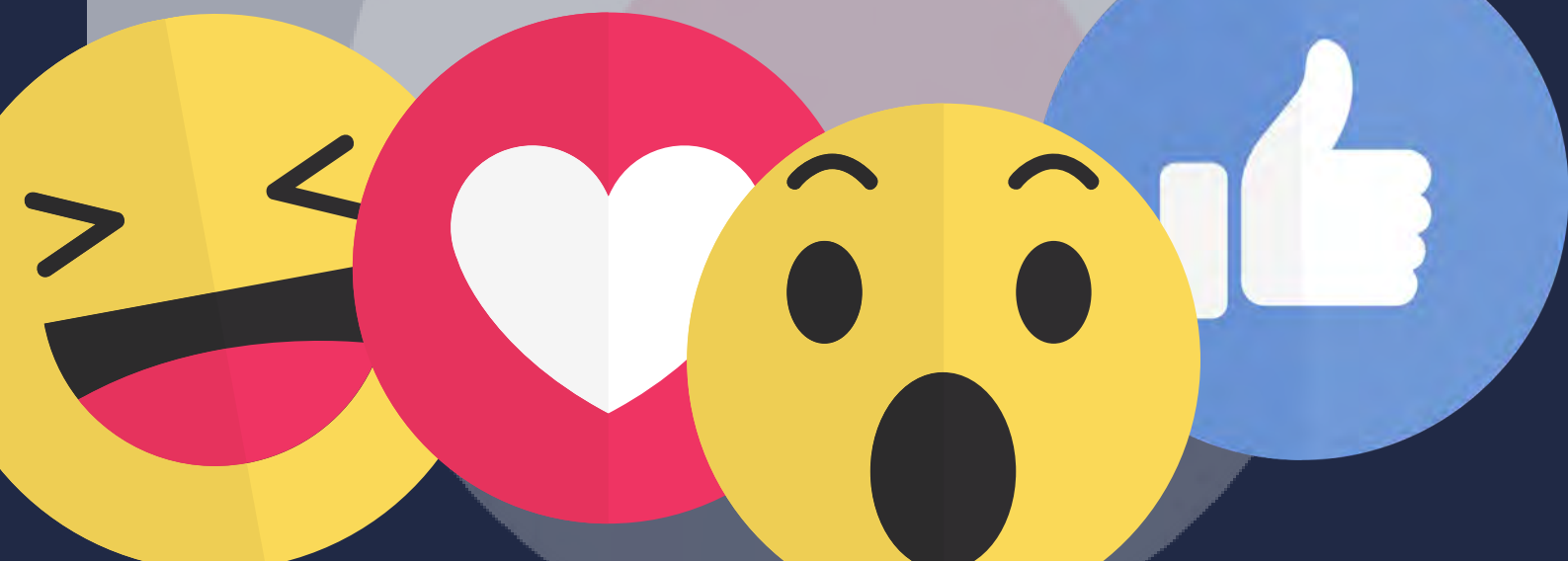
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School Trips/Visits

Reception also had a visit from a police officer. They were able to explore the inside of the car, beep the horn and press the sirens! They sat in the back seats and asked lots of questions!



Ofsted Report

'Personal development is a priority for this school. Pupils demonstrate a responsible and respectful attitude to life at school. Pupils talk confidently about values such as respect, teamwork, care, ambition, fairness and honesty. They understand how these values have an impact on their own and others' lives. British values thread through the school and pupils understand their importance' (Ofsted Inspection Report, March 22).

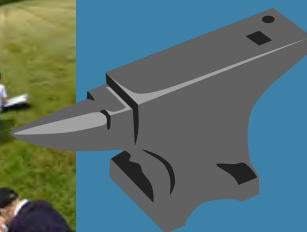
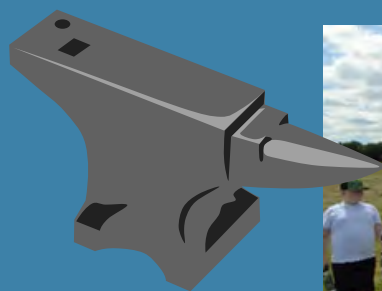
Year 1 had a wonderful time to Attingham Home Farm – They fed lots of hungry animals and saw some very cool machinery





School Trips

Year 2 enjoyed their art inspired trip to the British Ironworks, where we looked at sculptures made of different materials. We were also lucky enough to see an artist in action!



'Pupils are proud to attend their school. Most children display an eagerness to please and a motivation to learn. Pupils' behaviour is good. Pupils play well together at social times and usually concentrate during lessons' (Ofsted Inspection Report, March 2022).



Year 4 had a wonderful time at the very beautiful Lichfield Cathedral as part of the 'open door' programme for Church schools

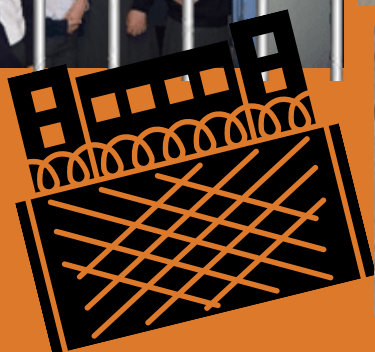




School Trips

Year 6 trip to Shrewsbury Prison

Year 6 have had an amazing day learning about Crime and Punishment at Shrewsbury Prison, followed by sketching in The Dingle.



'St Peter's Church of England Primary School is a happy and safe place for pupils to learn. Pupils feel well cared for. Bullying is rare, but if it happens, pupils trust adults to sort it out quickly. Pupils talk confidently about the different adults that they can go to for help if anything worries them or if they want to speak to someone' (Ofsted Inspection Report, March 22).

St Peters at Young Voices

Both children and staff had a fabulous time at Young Voices in Birmingham!



Year 6 Robin wood trip





Year 3's orange hearts to show support to Refugees



Clubs and Visits



Isaac from Year 6 won the Yr5 and Yr 6 Cross Country in Shrewsbury High Schools first ever Quarry run



A visit from Shropshire Falconry to Reception



Rocktpus came to visit all year groups and made videos



RAF Shawbury visit

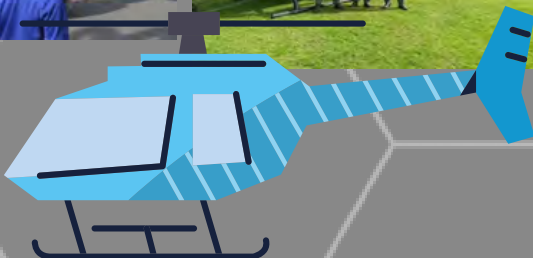
As part of our 'Jobs in society' focus in EYFS, some of our pupils' dads paid us a very special visit! We were all very excited and I'm sure it was a treat for our neighbours too!



Black History workshops



Year 5/6 Primary School athletics tournament which St Peters won.





Sporting News

We had a week of sports day's and it was lovely that parents could once again be invited. The weather was fabulous and everyone got to take part in an event!



'Relationships between pupils are strong. Leaders and staff aim to create an environment that 'empowers each and every unique person to dream, believe, achieve and flourish' (Ofsted Inspection Report, March 22).

Well done to our amazing team who attended the North Shropshire Large School's swimming gala ... lots of fabulous performances contributing to bringing home the overall large school trophy!





Music

During the summer term we held a celebration of musical achievements within school. We had demonstrations by children who have been learning instruments followed by the presentation of The Steve Fox Music Award.

Over a quarter of the children at St Peter's now play a musical instrument or take part in musical theatre, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Music subject leader Mr Kennard!

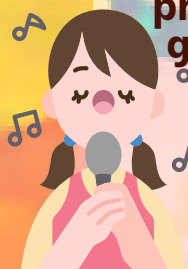


'Many pupils enjoy accessing a range of after-school activities that develop their interests. These include clubs for sports, science, sewing and woodwork. Pupils are keen to take on extra duties that contribute positively to school life. They speak enthusiastically about positions of responsibility, such as those of librarians, house captains and anti-bullying ambassadors. They take this very seriously and understand the importance and impact of these roles' (Ofsted Inspection Report, March 22).



Jubilee Celebrations

Our Year 2/3 Choir performed at the Jubilee Celebrations organised by the Wem Jubilee Committee and they made us very proud! Such a big stage, a great audience and they sang their hearts out!



We also had a very special visitor in school this week. The children loved practising bowing and curtsying to her!


queen

We also held our own jubilee celebrations in school which included a visit from the Wem Town Band.



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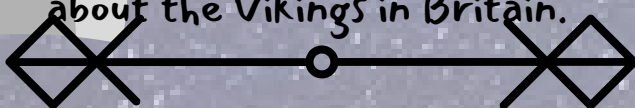
Jubilee Street Party

On Thursday 26th May, the whole school celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having a picnic on the playground. The tables were decorated with Union Flags and everyone was in the partying spirit. Unfortunately, the weather was against us and it got rather windy but we persevered and had a great time!



Vikings

In the afternoon, Sycamore class had a Viking workshop come into school. We learnt about the daily life of a Viking. We learnt how the Vikings wrote— using runes. We learnt about how to turn wool into finer wool and the spin it into thread and we learnt how to make flatbreads which the Vikings ate. We then tasted our flatbreads along with some butter we had churned and listened to stories about the Vikings in Britain.





Young Voices



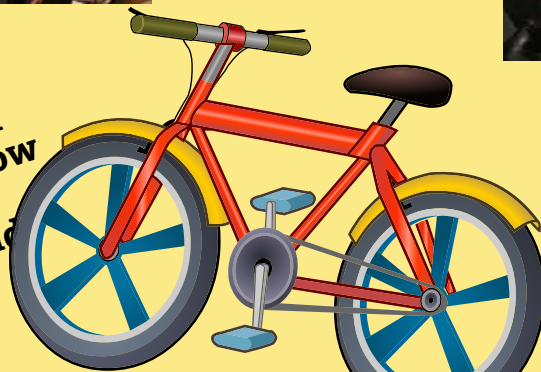
On Tuesday, Miss Carswell and Miss Brennan took a group of KS2 children to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices concert.

The children sang with 5000 other children and all had a great time! They didn't get back until late Tuesday night and were quite tired on Wednesday



Bike Ability.

Last week 15 of the Year children took part in a Bike Ability course to learn how to ride a bike safely on the road. The children all had a great time and everyone passed! Well done to them all!



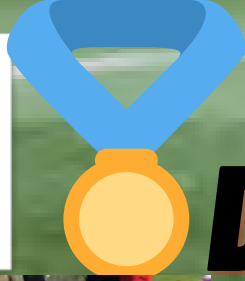


HOW FABULOUS HAS TODAY BEEN! KS2 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THEIR LUNCH WITH A VERY SPECIAL PERSON TODAY -THEIR DAD!

IT HAS TRULY BEEN A SPECIAL DAY. A BIG THANK YOU TO BECKY AND HER TEAM FOR A FABULOUS TWO-COURSE MEAL FOR EVERYONE

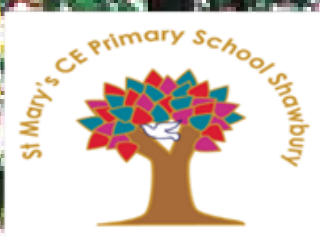
HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!





SPORTS DAY 2022





Activities & Clubs



Forest School!



Music Lessons





Class 3



WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT 'ANIMALS AND THEIR NEEDS' IN SCIENCE. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LEARNING THAT SOME ANIMALS GIVE BIRTH TO LIVE YOUNG AND SOME ANIMALS LAY EGGS. WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT CATERPILLARS AND HAD CATERPILLARS IN OUR CLASSROOM.



OUR DAY STARTED WITH A TOUR OF THE FARM. WE SAW LOTS OF ANIMALS SUCH AS PIGS WITH THEIR PIGLETS, SHEEP WITH THEIR LAMBS AND COWS WITH THEIR CALVES. WE SAW PEACOCKS, GEESSE, COCKERELS, HENS AND DUCKLINGS. WE SAW TRACTORS AND A HUGE COMBINE, THE MILKING PARLOUR AND HAD A WANDER THROUGH THE NATURE TRAIL. THE CHILDREN HAD LOTS OF FUN PLAYING IN THE PLAY AREA AND ON THE PEDAL TRACTORS AFTER THEIR LUNCH.



WE HAD THE MOST PERFECT DAY ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE AT ATTINGHAM FARM! THE WEATHER WAS FANTASTIC, THE CHILDREN WERE SO WELL BEHAVED AND WE SAW SO MANY EXCITING THINGS!

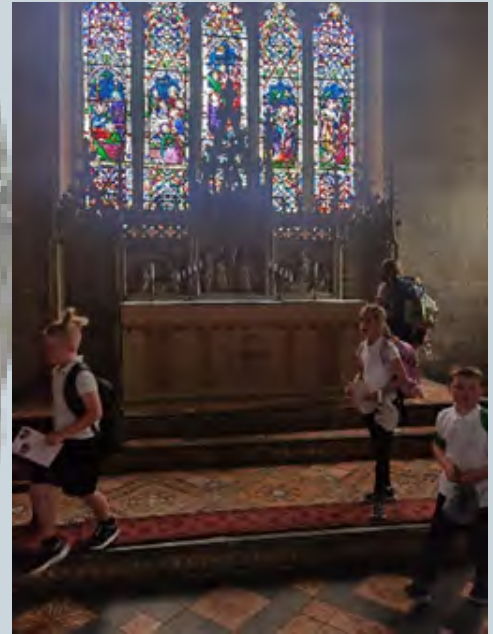




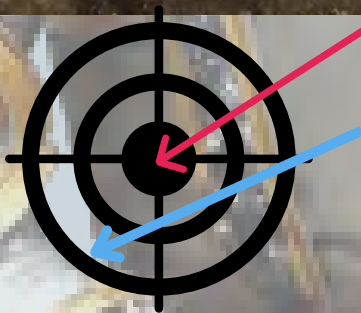
Class 6



We have been learning about the Battle of Shrewsbury for our local history study. We visited the Battlefield site to learn the story of King Henry IV and Henry 'Harry Hotspur' Percy. We explored Battlefield Church, build to commemorate the fallen men.



We made our own model longbows, using lolly sticks and elastic bands as we learnt about the significance of the archers in the battle. The we discovered more about the different weapons and clothing worn by spending time in the visitor centre.



We did manage to fit in some playtime! We explored the innovation area at lunchtime and created some stunning sculptures.





Year 6

SATS Breakfast Club



Year 6 class have worked exceptionally hard this week doing their SAT's. The class has taken part in a Year 6 only Breakfast club, which was a fantastic opportunity for the children to be in school in good time, enjoy breakfast to-gether as a class and iron out any last minute concerns with staff.

It goes without saying that we are extremely proud of our Year 6 class. Well done everyone!



Year 5 & 6 Basketball



On Monday our Year 5 and 6 basketball team went to compete in the county bas-ketball finals after winning the Shrewsbury event earlier in the school year.

We played 5 group games winning 4, and drawing 1 match, comfortably winning the group by 5 points. They then faced Old Park Primary in the final and won 7-2!

A huge congratulations to Erin. W, Jake. H, Luke. N, Kamron. Sofia. M and Amy. L - We are extremely proud. Well done!

Queens Jubilee Party

WE HAVE HAD A FANTASTIC DAY CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE. THE CHILDREN HAVE HAD A PARTY IN THEIR CLASSES WITH JUBILEE DECORATIONS AND DELICIOUS THEMED CUPCAKES. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE SO MANY PUPILS TAKING PART IN DRESSING IN THE COLOURS RED, WHITE AND BLUE. YOU ALL LOOK BRILLIANT!





Sports Games Day



As you are aware, the school had their 'Sports Games Day' on Wednesday 15th June. The children had a fantastic day taking part in track racing, relay and team skills. We would like to say a big well done to the Red Team who were this years Sports Games Day winners!.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for coming and showing the children your support!



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BRYNTYSILIO

LAST WEEK THE CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 WENT ON THEIR RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BRYNTYSILIO OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE IN LLANGOLLEN. THE CHILDREN TOOK PART IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MOUNTAIN BIKING, GORGE WALKING, CANOEING AND LOW ROPES. THE SUN SHONE THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE AWAY AND ALL THE CHILDREN (AND ADULTS) LOVED EVERY SECOND OF THE ADVENTURE!



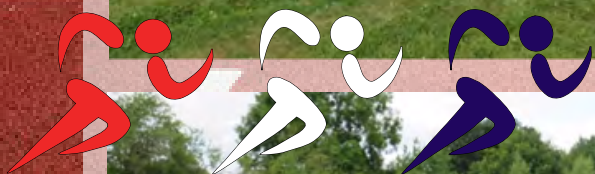
YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO PGL

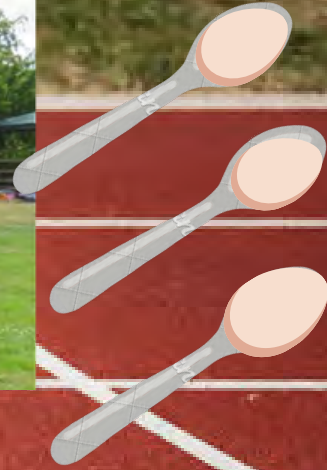
OVER THE WEEKEND OUR YEAR 5 CHILDREN WENT ON A RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PGL. THE CHILDREN WERE ALL AMAZING AT HOW HARD THEY TRIED AT ACTIVITIES THAT REALLY PUSHED THEIR RESILIENCE INCLUDING HIGH ROPES, CLIMBING AND A GIANT SWING.

WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME.



This week we held our first ever Trust Commonwealth Games event hosted at St Mary's C of E Primary School. Selected children from across all Trust school participated in this exciting team spirited event and were split into mixed school teams to represent different countries throughout the world.





And the winners are.....



