

# Newsletter 18 – Spring 1



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Sporthall Final Yr 3 & 4	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Sporthall final YR 5 &6	
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Y5&6 Netball tournament 7.2.24, Y5&6 Football match v Brierley 8.2.24	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.</b>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

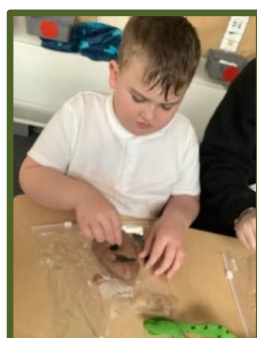
**EYFS:** Katelyn (RA), Alicia (RB)

**KS1:** Sophia (1A), Oscar (1B) Archy (2B)

**KS2:** Grace (4A) Jamie (3B) Rhovan (5A) Helin (5B) Diwan (3A)

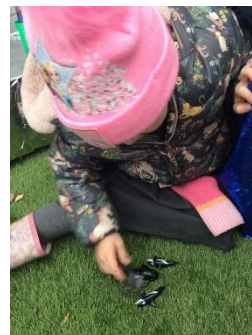
### The Hub

Our literacy theme this half-term is Percy the Park Keeper. We have been learning about his adventures and the animals that he looks after. One of those animals is a hedgehog and it is this character who has inspired our art lesson this week. The children have worked with salt dough to create model hedgehogs complete with spikes and eyes.



## Nursery

This week we have been learning about the number four. We have been working very hard to practise our counting skills. After researching a very cold place called Antarctica we enjoyed counting the different small world animals that live there. We collected four penguins, four seals and four orca whales.



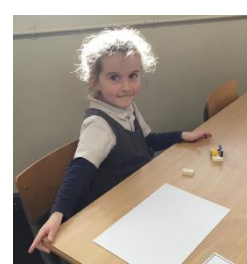
## Reception

This week the children have been learning about Mass and Capacity. We have been exploring how we can weigh objects using balance scales to find out if objects were heavier, lighter or equal weight. We loved experimenting this week to find out how much weight it would take to sink our boat.



## Year 1

This week, we have looked at how Lego has changed. We found out that Lego became popular after they invented the 'clutch power'. We were then able to look at clutch power in more detail by using some Lego.



## Year 2

As part of our learning on climate change, we found out about the work of the WWF. We decided that we wanted to support the work that they do so we have chosen to adopt a panda!



## Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time at assembly learning about the importance of water and how we can look after it.



## Year 4

This week, year 4 were very lucky to experience some up close encounters with a variety of animals. We were introduced to some insects, reptiles and birds and learnt lots of interesting facts about each of them which allow us to classify them in our science lessons. 'Bob' the boa-constrictor was 2 meters long and 2 stone in weight and some of us were brave enough to stroke him.



## Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the United Utilities, Water Cycle, assembly on Monday morning. The children enjoyed seeing how water changed state and were particularly entertained by the dry ice. They left the assembly inspired and ready to use and save efficiently.



## Year 6

In Science, Simon to visit us with a variety of animals. Using these creatures, he explained how a small adaptation a living thing experiences can enable it to become better suited to its environment. Did you know, snakes used to have four legs and boas and constrictors still have two legs! These adaptations have allowed these animals to evolve and change so that they do not die out.

We saw hissing cockroaches, a horsefield tortoise, a boa constrictor, owls, giant African snails and a hawk.

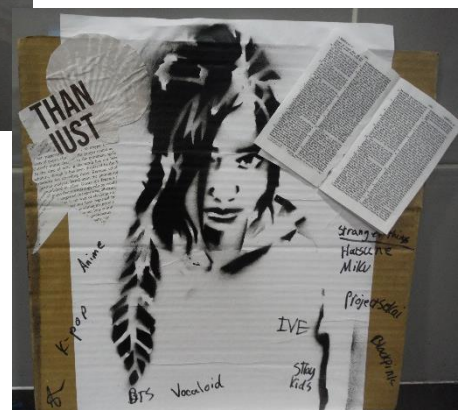
We will be using the amazing knowledge we gained from Science to inform our next piece of Literacy writing.

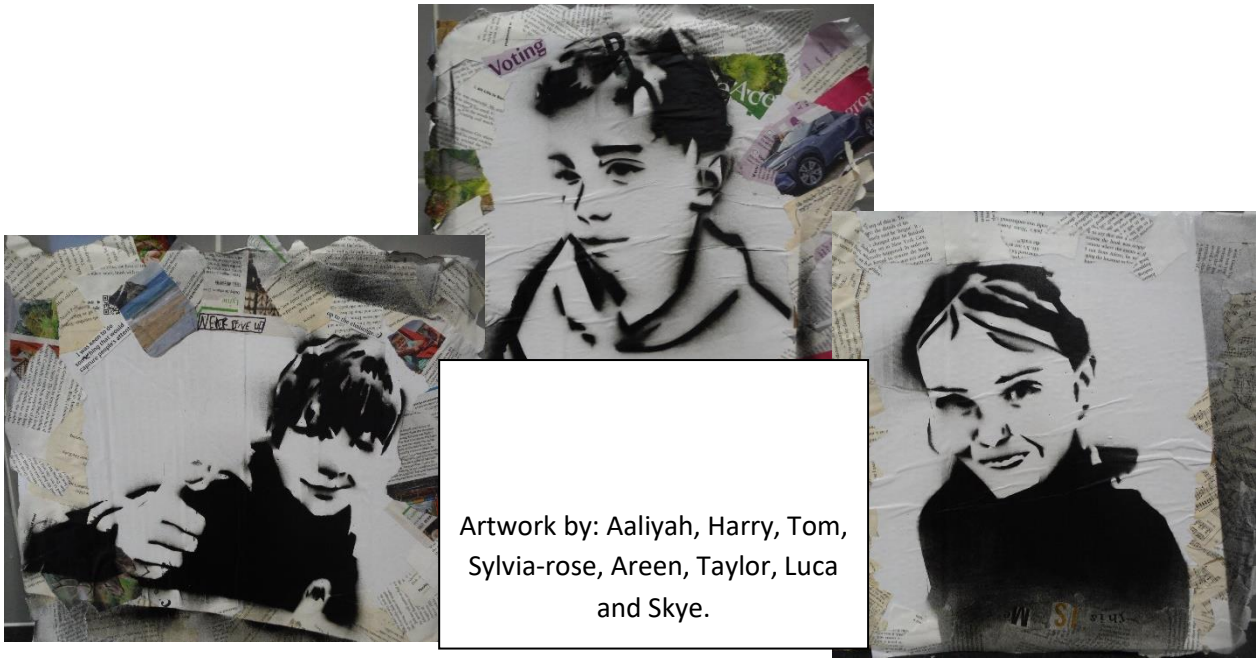


## Art News

### Focus on Year 6!

Year 6 have been working very hard for weeks to create stencils of their own faces by identifying areas of dark shadow, then cutting that away. They then sprayed black paint through the stencil, inspired by the artist Banksy, to produce monochrome versions of themselves. They thought about slogans they might like to add to their backgrounds, because we considered how Banksy is always communicating something through his art. Amazing work Year 6 – we love seeing your clear personalities in your work! ❤️





Artwork by: Aaliyah, Harry, Tom, Sylvia-rose, Areen, Taylor, Luca and Skye.

### Special visitor for KS2

On Monday KS2 enjoyed a fantastic assembly from United Utilities, all about the water cycle. Scientist Bubbly Beth took us on an exciting journey exploring the states of water, the processes of the water cycle and even showed us some very exciting 'dry ice'!



## PE News

### Y5&6 Dodgeball festival

On Thursday we took 2 Y5&6 dodgeball teams to play in a tournament at Shavington High School. This was a none scoring event with emphasis on children experiencing competiton against other schools. The children had a fantastic time at the tournament and played brilliantly! They showed great teamwork and determination. Well done to all involved.



### Hair bobbles and earrings

Just a quick reminder, Please ensure all long hair is tied back and earrings are removed for PE sessions. We have had several children this week with long hair worn down and earrings in, which is a health and safety risk during our lessons. Please ensure earrings are out/covered and that you either provide your child with a bobble for their PE session or come with hair tied back on PE days.

Thank you 😊 The PE team

## Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in KS2 they will have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

