

Newsletter 23 – Spring 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday	Walk to school week	
Tuesday	Games for all festival 10am-12pm at South Cheshire College	
Wednesday	Y5&6 Football v Monks Coppenhall	
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:		
Polite Notice:	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.	

We are Brilliant Winners

EYFS: Jacob (RA)

KS1: Eddie (1A), Clara (1B) Scarlet (2B)

KS2: Angelo(3B) Kayden (3A) shambhavi (4A) James (5B) Evie (5A)

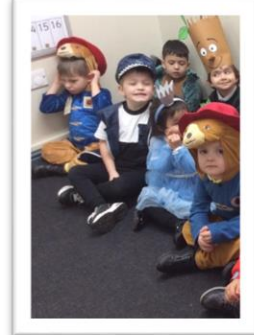
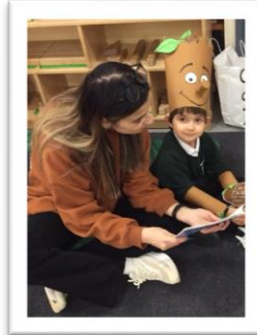
The Hub

In Hub 1, we have been exploring what process art means and working together to create giant art work. This week we explored how we can change the colour of water using food colouring. Once we had made the colours we wanted, we added the food colouring to a water gun and sprayed giant pieces of paper. We had great fun watching the water drip down the paper, making the different colours mix together. We noticed that red and blue made purple and yellow and red made orange.



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have enjoyed the World Book Day Celebrations. First, we enjoyed reading story and singing with our visitor Tim. Next, we dressed up for World Book Day, we shared some stories that we dressed up as. Then, we shared books with Year 3. Finally, we had a Stay and Play and shared some of our favourite stories with our adults.



Reception

This week the children have been exploring and comparing length. We have been exploring objects and using the language of length to describe them for example; long, not long, longer than, short, not short and shorter than. The children went on a hunt for sticks of different lengths in our outdoor area. We sorted them by their length, making a pile of short sticks and a pile of long sticks.

We have also been learning how to measure the length of objects and to make indirect comparisons using non-standard objects such as blocks or cubes to measure items, for example, "The wooden spoon is nine cubes long."



Year 1

As part of our topic Wonderful Weather, Year 1 have learnt about the equator. They explored globes and maps in an atlas to find the equator and looked at the different hot and cold countries around the world.

We then used an iPad and collated photographs about hot and cold countries. They inserted text and photographs onto a document to present their findings.



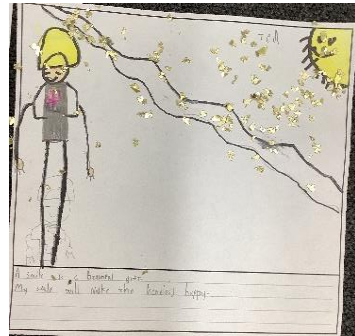
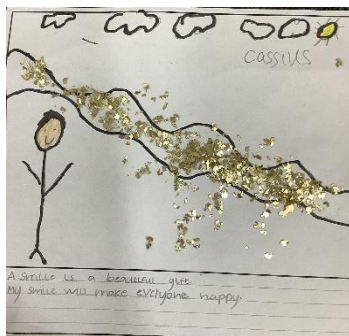
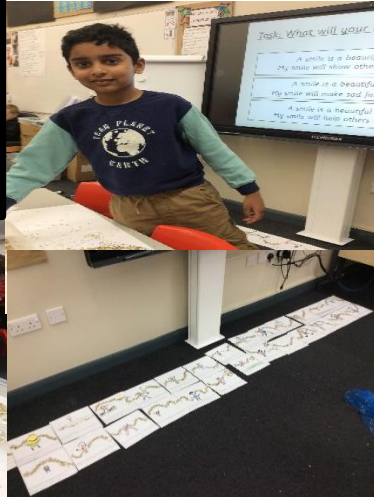
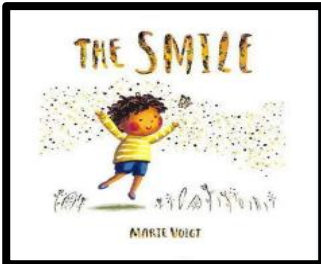
Year 2

In our Literacy lessons, Year 2 have been using drama and forming a tableaux to convey some of the emotions and write an eye-witness account of the Great Fire of London. Then they were interviewed using a microphone about what they were seeing, feeling, thinking, hearing and smelling. They were fantastic and wrote some great pieces of writing from it.



Year 3

As part of World Book Day, Year 3 read the story 'The Smile' and thought about what a smile can do to help other people. We created our own illustrations in the style of the story and used glitter to show our smiles passing from one person to another.



Year 4

For World Book day, Year 4 looked at two stories: 'I Talk Like a River' by Jordan Scott and 'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love.

From 'I Talk Like a River', they had a session with Tim **where ...**

When looking at 'Julian is a Mermaid' they explored the importance of being able to be their true selves and wrote a short story in which the main character has the courage to do something that others may think is different.

We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon reading with our buddies in Reception when they visited.



Year 5

For World Book Day, we celebrated by dressing up as book characters, had a lesson with Tim all about the story 'I talk like a river' by Jordan Scott and focused on another book called 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad. In our literacy books, we wrote a letter back to Ibtihaj Muhammad explaining how important her message was and how inspirational she has been. We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2024!



Year 6

For World Book day, Year 6 looked at two stories: 'I Talk Like a River' by Jordan Scott and 'The Word Collector' by Peter H Reynolds.

From 'I Talk Like a River', they created a morning call acrostic poem based on their name. the class then talked about the character and why they may have felt differently when in different situations. Year 6 discussed what a 'bad day' may look like and what we could do to support someone who might be having a bad day.

Next, the children looked at 'The Word Collector' and explored how words can impact someone's day. They talked about the quote, "One kind word can change someone's day." The children then chose a positive word to share with our buddies in Year 2 when they visited them for buddy reading in the afternoon.

Art News

Focus on Year 6

The anti-violence bee sculpture is coming to Crewe in May!



Year 6 have been thinking about hate- crimes, prejudice and about the important anti-violence message of the sculpture. We have started designing our own bee-based t-shirts which Year 6 will wear when they visit the sculpture in the summer term. The children have been inspired by the project and have thought creatively about their own message.



Performing Arts News



An email has been sent out to all Soul Children families. Soul Children will no longer be taking place in school, but will be available on a Monday night from 5 – 6pm at Nantwich Elim Church, London Rd, Nantwich, CW5 6LW. All children from Year 4 up are still welcome to attend. For more details or any questions about this, please contact Mrs Walsh.

Start date tbc.

There will still be singing in school, however, (again for Year 4 up) with a lunchtime club at 12pm – 12:30pm in the art room, led by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Walsh.

We will be preparing for Crewe Out Loud on May 18th, The Royal Cheshire Show and visits to Old People's Homes in the Summer Term.

Start date for our school club: Friday 15th March.

PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 11th March. We would love to see as many children as possible walking, cycling and travelling on their scooters to school. If you normally drive to school, what about parking a bit further away from school this week and walking part of the way?



For every day your child is active travelling to school this week and next week they will receive an achievement mark on Arbor, which you will be able to see on your school gateway.

Remember to leave your bikes and scooters by the bike shed at the front of the school!

School will not accept any responsibility for bikes which are left unlocked.

Y5&6 Football v Mablins Lane

On Wednesday our Y5&6 Football team played in their second league match of the year against Mablins Lane. Unfortunately, we lost but our resilience and attitude were brilliant throughout. The team never gave up. Well done boys!

Y1&2 Football Festival



On Thursday we took Year 2 children to a football festival at the soccer centre in Shavington. There were 17 schools competing. It was a fun afternoon and our team were fantastic! Captain, Lennox led the team brilliantly. Well done to all!

KS2 Girls Football Festival

On Friday we took our KS2 girls football club to a development morning held by Crewe Alexandra FC at the soccer centre. The girls took part in skills sessions and non-competitive games and had a great time! It's fantastic to see so many of our girls taking part in football.



Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- > What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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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/>

