

Newsletter 30 – Summer 1



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Advanced Notice:	Sports Day Friday 24 th May 2024	
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: Freddie H (RA), Stephanie (RB)

KS1: Oskar (1B) Almeer (2A), Musfirah (2B)

KS2: Cyprian (5B), Ryan (5A) Takshay (3A), Jenson (4A)

The Hub

Although the Hub children normally explore bubble wrap as a sensory experience, this week they have used it to complete a piece of artwork. By dipping a handful of bubble wrap into different coloured paints, they created the texture of blossom on a tree.



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at different Farmyard Animals. We have matched the adults with their babies. We have sung Old MacDonald Had a Farm. We have made animal masks in the provision.



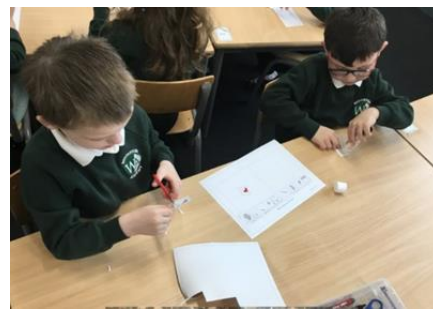
Reception

This week, Miss Hall came to visit Reception to tell us more about hedgehogs. We created a tunnel with special black paint and hedgehog food in and we are hoping to see some footprints left behind on the paper. We will be having a look next week.



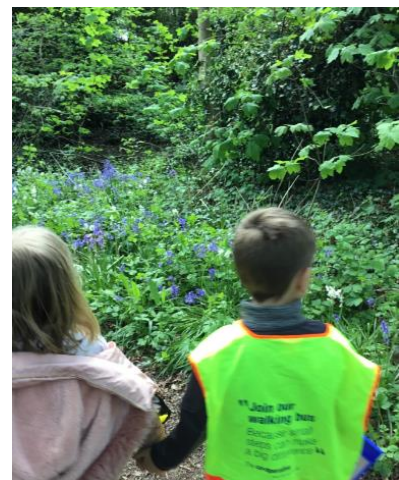
Year 1

This week in maths year 1 have started learning about fractions. We have been working with our partners on lots of different activities to find a half of an object or shape and to sort shapes that are representing a half or not a half.



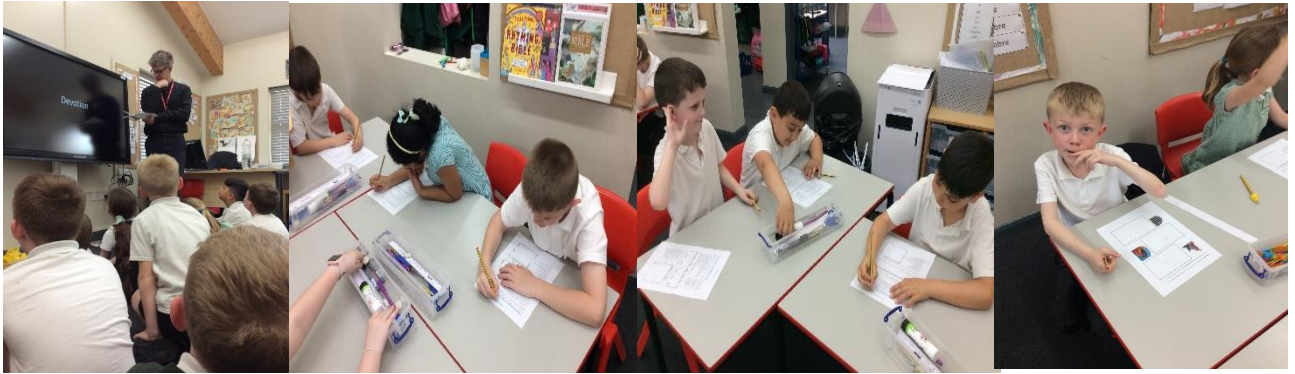
Year 2

Last week, we went to investigate a local woodland habitat. We looked at our school on a map and plotted a route that would take us to the nearest woodland. When we were there, we looked for different plants that were growing in the woodland and thought about the conditions that they were adapted to.



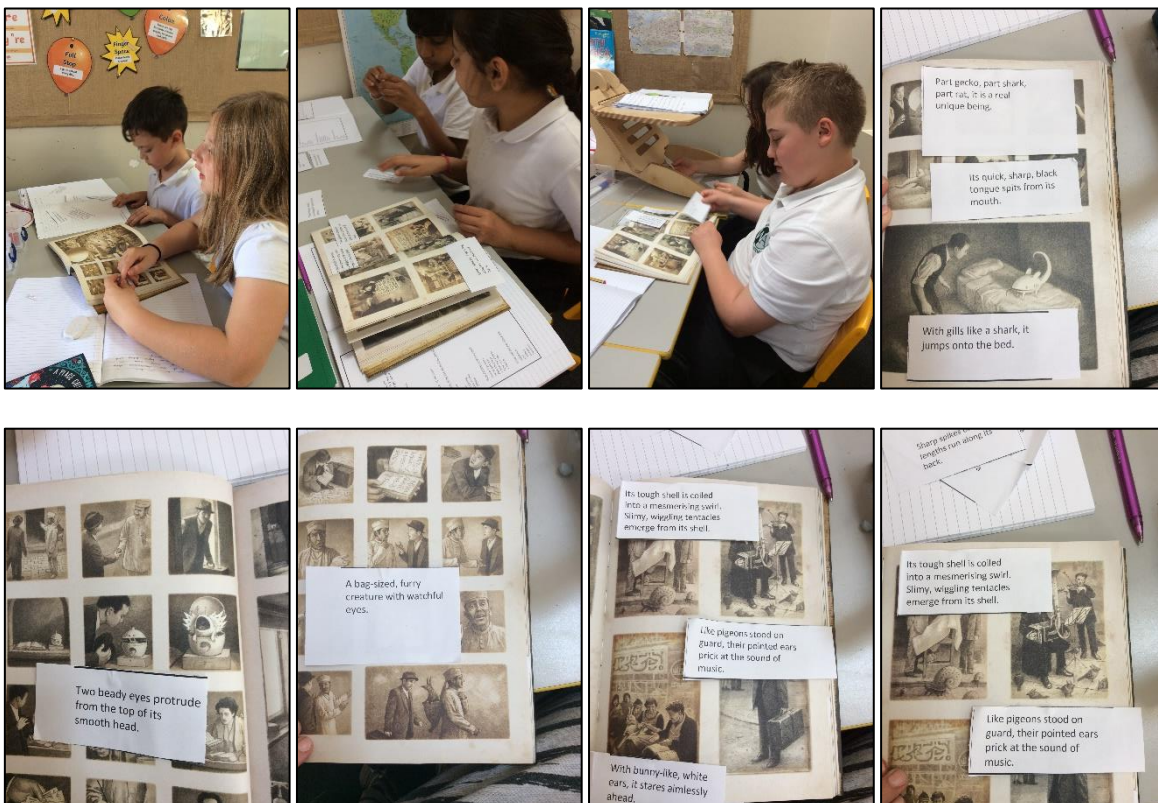
Year 3

This week in RE, we were visited by Reverend Peter who came from a local church to talk more about The Bible. He explained that The Bible was used for guidance, devotion and inspiration by the Christian community. He then shared the parable of 'The Unforgiving Servant'. We were able to ask lots of questions and we then completed a task about what we had learnt.



Year 4

This week year 4 have been exploring the creatures in chapter 2 of The Arrival. We add descriptions to the illustrations of the fictional creatures and discussed why we thought each creature had been described that way. We then wrote our own creature descriptions.



Year 5

In our maths lessons, we have been recapping our knowledge of different sized angles. We were matching the pictures of angles with the names of the angle and the size. We used protractors to check our answers.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have worked really hard. They have been busy revising for their SATs and have produced some excellent pieces of writing. Take a look at some of our pieces below.

Anyone who laid their eyes on the mystical canopies, if they'd journeyed through the forest, would be drawn into its surreal beauty as the nearby-noon moon shone in the inkly-black sky. This Forest was far from ordinary. It was home to pixies, goblins, goblins, elves and hobgoblins. It was enchanted! It was magical.

By chance, Oberon and Titania came upon each other whilst they were out for a stroll. A veep Titania's presence caused them to grow and limbs to flow - her face made the creatures freeze in amazement. Her skin, almost transparent, shone in the dim moonlight.

Stelios

Fragile and glass-like, King Oberon's wings flapped forcefully when he laid eyes on Titania. His face was red with vexation. "I'll meet by moonlight, proud Titania," Oberon yelled. "Give me that boy and all shall be well. This argument has gone on long enough, Queen Titania," he said as he pointed his finger at Titania and the boy angrily.

Fiercely independent, Queen Titania walked into the clearing while looking at Oberon, when a flash of anger appeared in her eyes. "How dare you command me, Traitor Oberon?" Titania replied. "My lord is selfish and will always be. Fairies, skip hence!" her fairies followed her every move when she strutted out of the clearing. She whispered under her breath, "I shall only argue more if I longer stay." Lucy

Art News

Focus on Year 5!



We are delighted to announce the winners of the Art Bytes competition!



Camouflaged With Colour

Angel Swift

mixed media: pencil, pen and ink, 42cm, 29cm



Pensive

Kassidy Young

Mixed media: pencil, pen and ink, 42cm, 29cm



Strong

James Finnan

Mixed media: pencil, pen and ink, 42cm, 29cm

Well done to all three finalists! All three have the chance to attend the Celebration Event at the Whitworth Gallery in Manchester on July 13th! Angel's original piece will be exhibited in the physical Gallery alongside all regional winners and the virtual gallery will be streamed so the whole school community can enjoy the event. How fantastic to have our children participating in such a prestigious event, with work of such excellent quality. All 30 semi-finalists will receive certificates and we have yet to discover if Angel is a regional prize-winner too.

Well done!



PE News

As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child has summer PE kit, e.g. black shorts and green or plain white t-shirt. Hats can also be worn.

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.



In the news this week

A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in northwestern Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today. It was thought that Neanderthals' lives weren't as sophisticated as this or as similar to those of modern humans. The researchers looked at sites of both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens and compared how things like tools and animal bones were positioned in the living area. They found Neanderthals organised their items depending on the different tasks and activities they were doing.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- Think about how organised or tidy people at your home or school are. Is everyone the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

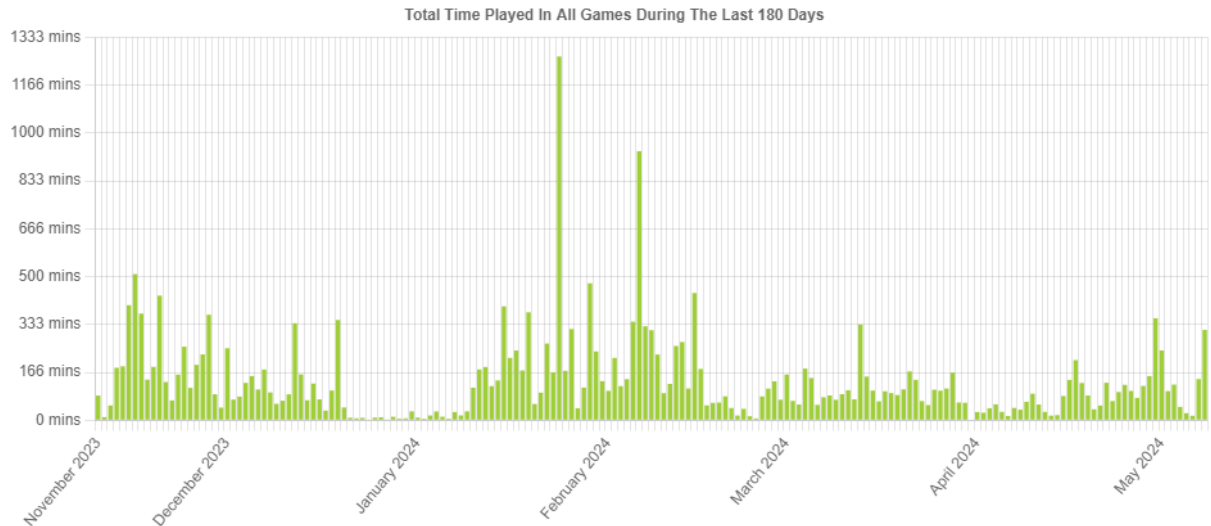
Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

Minutes played by the whole school



Can we get back to our epic stats from January/February?

We want to encourage ALL children to take a few minutes each day to play either Numbots (Reception/Year 1) or TTRS (Y2-6). Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Find out more at <https://trockstars.com/parents/>

