

Newsletter 34 – Summer 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 Town Sports – Field events	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Town Sports- Track events	
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: Sum Lok (RA), Nate (RB)

KS1: Yoanna (1B)

KS2:

The Hub

Continuing with our Summer theme in Art, the children have been creating collage butterflies to add to our season display. They used tissue paper in a range of colours to bring life to their templates. Some children were able to explore symmetry and use this skill to create two matching sides too!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring using the Bee Bots. First, we looked at the different buttons on the Bee Bots. Next, we learned how to make them go forwards. Then, we had a turn at making the Bee Bots move. Finally, we counted how many times we wanted them to go forwards and programmed them to do this.



Reception

This week, Reception were introduced to their new 'magic story boxes'. The 'Wizard of wonderful Words' and 'Magic Maestro' helped to open our first story adventure. Using the clues, they predicted what the story might be about. They then went into story world to help find Supertato.



Year 1

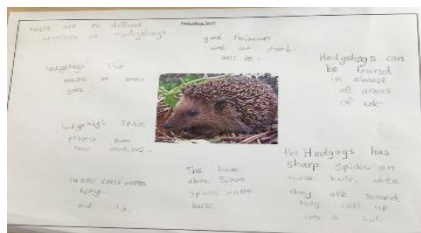
This week, we have been learning all about amphibians as part of our 'Amazing Animals' topic. Specifically, we learnt about different types of frogs and how they can be poisonous. We discussed how poisonous frogs warn off predators by having brightly coloured skin. Then we drew our own poisonous frogs.



Year 2

This week, we have been thinking about how The Disgusting Sandwich is set in a park and the different animals that might visit a park. We were excited to find out that we have had hedgehogs visit us in school and Mrs Hall has made hedgehog homes for them. We went to visit the homes and looked at the pictures.

We used this to help us to write a report on hedgehogs in Literacy.



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day learning all about the nutrition of different animals at Chester Zoo.



Year 4

We began our session by using some pre-made bubble mixture and blowing bubbles through plastic bubble wands. As we did this we thought about the following questions:

- What shape are the bubbles?
- What colour are the bubbles?
- Do your bubbles always rise?
- What makes a difference to the look of your bubbles?
- Are bubbles made out of liquid?

We then planned an investigation which allowed us to practise making different shaped, sized and number of bubbles using pipe cleaners. We discussed how to make this a fair test and each pair chose to change a different aspect of their bubble making. Some children chose to change the amount of washing liquid in the water and others chose to change the size of the wand. We measured the amount of bubbles, the size of the bubbles or how long the bubbles lasted. Hendrix said, 'my bubbles are not going up, I think I need more soap to make the water lighter.' Theo shared, 'if I cover my hands in soap then the bubbles do not pop when I touch them because they are sitting on a liquid.'

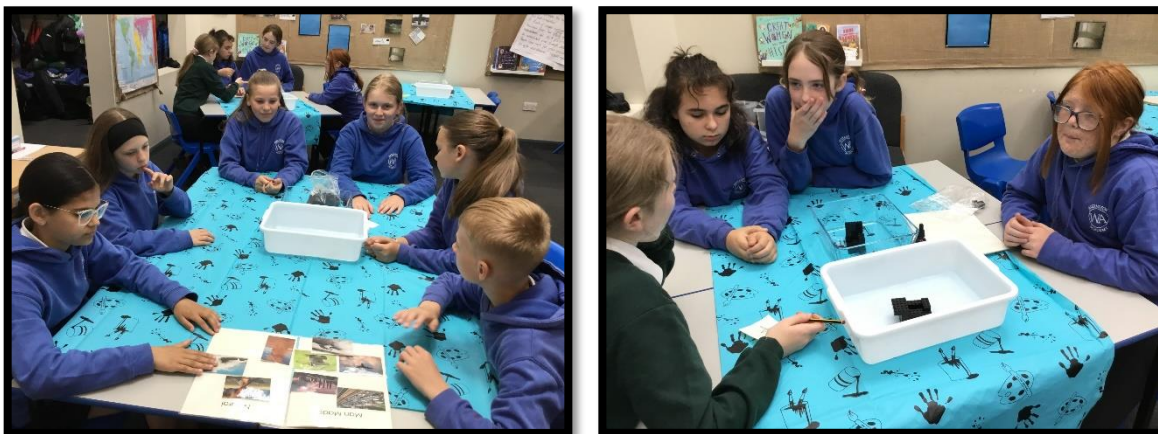


Year 5

In year 5, we have been learning about life cycles of plants. We had a very exciting experiment this week, where we dissected a Lillie, to observe the different parts of the plant. Here are some photos of us doing this activity.



Year 6



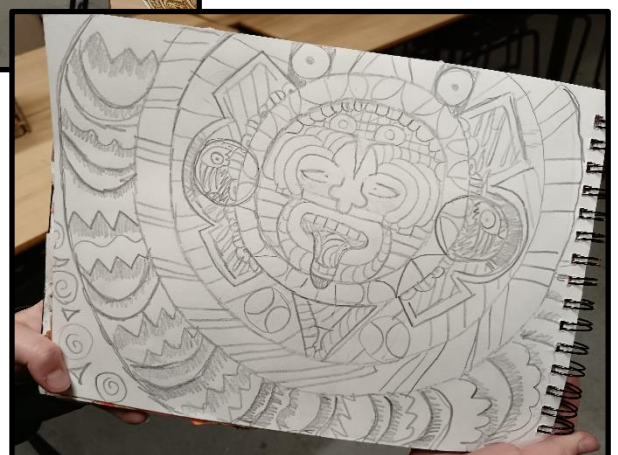
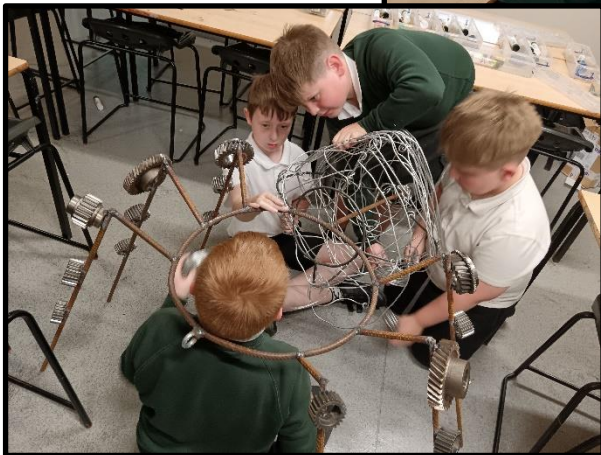
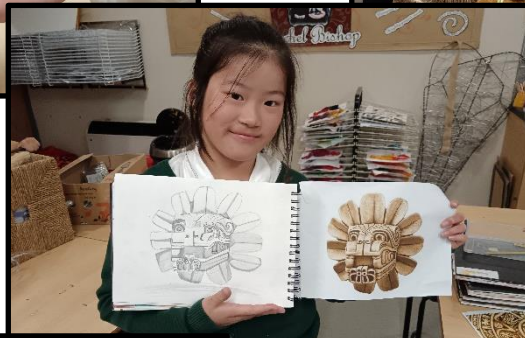
On Monday, we had some visitors from Cheshire East council come to talk to us about the impact of air pollution. We discovered that most air pollution in our local area is a direct result of man-made sources. For example, car fumes. We learned that we can all take small steps to live more sustainably.

Art News

Focus on Year 5

Year 5 have been working extra hard, with some students coming back to do extra work in their lunch-break. Examples here show Ella and Jiaxin adding to their linear designs based on the art of the Maya, which will form the basis of prints in later weeks. Sara, Lily, Jolie, Koby, Connor, Jayden and Ryan all worked together to “flesh out” our bee sculpture, which we will be bringing to the show. We are so grateful for the help of Mr Oldham, who has been giving up hours of his time and expertise to weld our structure together.

Great teamwork Year 5!



PE News

Town Sports

Town Sports takes place next week. Monday's field events will take place at the Cumberland Arena 4:30-7pm. If you are coming along please park on Delamere/Chester St. The field events will take place at The Barony in Nantwich 4:30-8pm.

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 17th June. 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.

Sports Week



This week we have had a very special guest in school, Andy Small who is a Paralympian, delivering a workshop to our Year 6 pupils.

Andy Small is wheelchair sprinter from Nantwich who has overcome the odds to reach the podium at the 2016 Rio Paralympics, the World Championships in 2017 and 2019 and Tokyo 2021. Incredibly, the Gold medallist from Tokyo 2021.

We have also held assemblies regarding the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and are starting our own Olympic challenge as part of Sports Week. As a school we are going to try and run the distance from Crewe to Paris which is a whopping 450 Miles. The children will have the opportunity each PE lesson to run around the Wizzy Mile track.

Healthy eating

This week we have held a meeting with our Sports Ambassadors to go through our design a Healthy Eating Lunch Box competition. The children have decided a prize will be awarded to the 4 winners, one per key stage, for their Health Lunchbox designs. The Sports Ambassadors will be creating posters to put around the school about our competition giving the school some inspiration and ideas of Healthy Lunch choices. A letter about the competition will be coming out in the coming weeks.

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.



Is voting the best way to change things?

In the news this week

Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced that a UK general election is to take place on 4th July. He made the announcement in a press conference outside 10 Downing Street. Parliament was dissolved on Thursday 30th May, and the members of Parliament have returned to being members of the public. Many are campaigning to be re-elected. A general election is when people over 18 can vote for who they want to represent them in the UK parliament. It could mean a new government party and new leader for the UK this summer.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you know about general elections? Ask someone older at home to recall previous elections.
- > Many people have come forward to say they'd like to see changes with how the country is run. Can you think of a positive change the government could make?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

Remember, if your child is in Reception or Year 1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 or KS2 they will have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

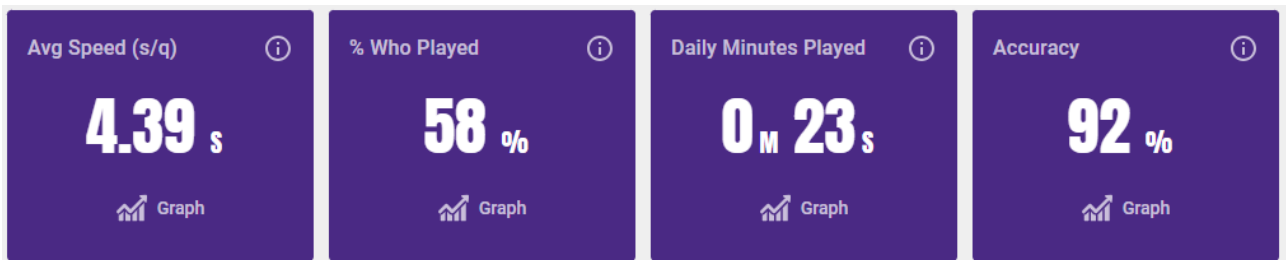
Logging on for just a **few minutes** every day will make a massive difference to basic number skills and support your child to become confident mathematicians!

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

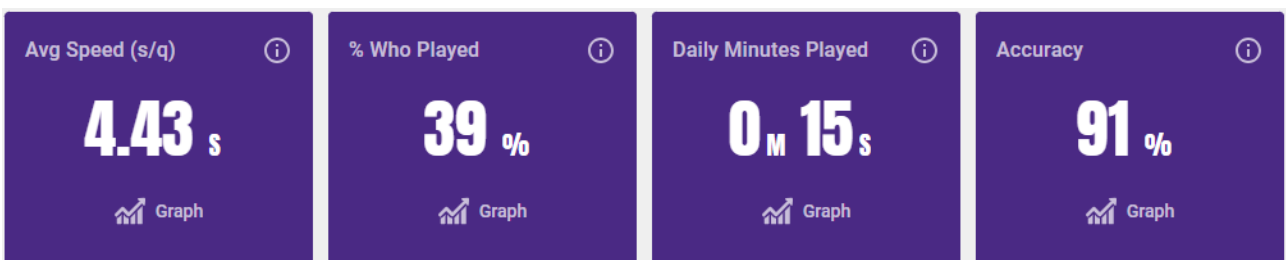
<https://trockstars.com/parents/>



In **May**, our stats on TTRS were:



In **June** they are currently:



Can we beat our May statistics in the last few weeks of June?

Learning to tell the time

Telling the time is an **important skill in everyday life**, but we all know how tricky it is to learn despite the number of devices we have in our homes that keep us punctual.



Before your child will be able to tell the time on a clock, they will need to grasp how time relates to their own experiences. You can start to increase their awareness of time from a young age by doing some simple activities and games.

How can you help at home?

There are lots of opportunities to have fun when learning to tell the time. Have a go at some enjoyable activities that include measuring time, for example:

- use a timer for baking
- play a board game with a sand timer
- use a stopwatch to time a race or challenge

The Code Show

Last week we were lucky enough to have The Code Show come to visit. Gary brought with him a whole host of technology that showed the children how it has developed over the years. We explored old computers, phones, typewriters and even games consoles. The children had so much fun playing on Donkey Kong and Space Invaders! After school, parents were invited in to explore too. It was wonderful to see parents being transported back to their childhood, exploring the tech and explaining how it all works to their children.

Thanks again to The Code Show – we had a brilliant day!