

Newsletter 1 – Autumn 2



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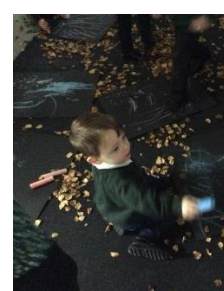
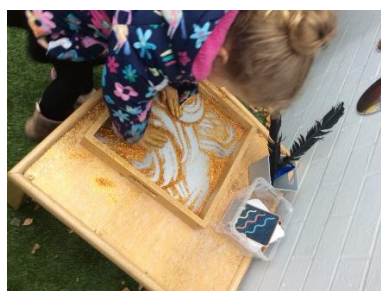
This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Y5&6 Football Competition 9:30am-1pm at Crewe Soccer Centre	
Wednesday		
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.	

Olivia-Rose (2A), Hunter (2B), Leo (3A), Teddie (3B)

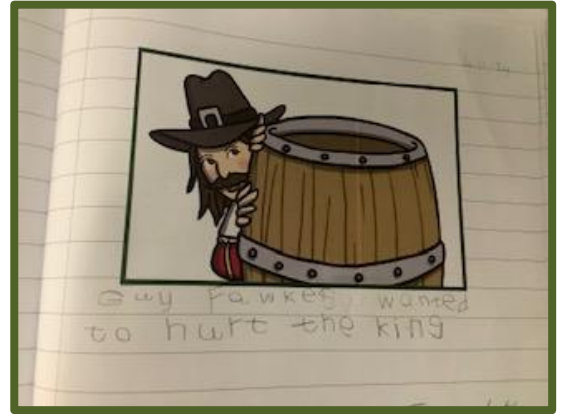
Nursery

This week in Nursery we were introduced to the main character from our story 'The Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark'. First, we met the main character. Next, we looked at Bonfire night and we made and drew fireworks. Then, we looked at some non-fiction books about firefighters.

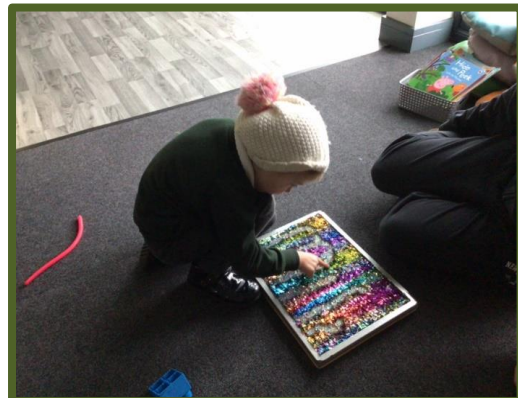


The Hubs

This week the children have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the history of Bonfire Night. They have written sentences about Guy Fawkes and the King and have sequenced the events of 1605. During the week the children have also learnt about the traditions of Bonfire Night. They have made toffee apples, tried ginger, watched a firework display in the Sensory Room and created firework pictures. What a fun week we've had!



In Hub 1 this week we have been learning about Fireworks, experiencing what they look and sound like and creating our own fireworks in different ways. We've made marks using gel and glitter (apologies for the glitter covered clothes this week!) as well as using our sequin boards to create the sprays of colour that fireworks make.



Reception

We had our last 2 Bikeability sessions this week. We continued to develop our co-ordination, control and movement when we were using the pedal bikes.



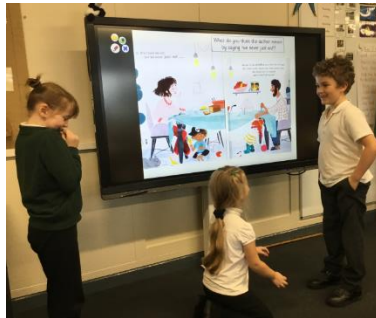
Year 1

This week we have started our new Travel and Transport topic. We have learnt the names of the four countries in the United Kingdom and labelled these on our maps.



Year 2

In reading this week, we chose a room from our book, *In Every House, On Every Street* and acted it out as a trio. One person was the narrator and they had to read the pages in the book. The other person acted it out and the final member of the team added in the sound effects.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 had a fantastic time learning a dance about Rama and Sita to celebrate Diwali.



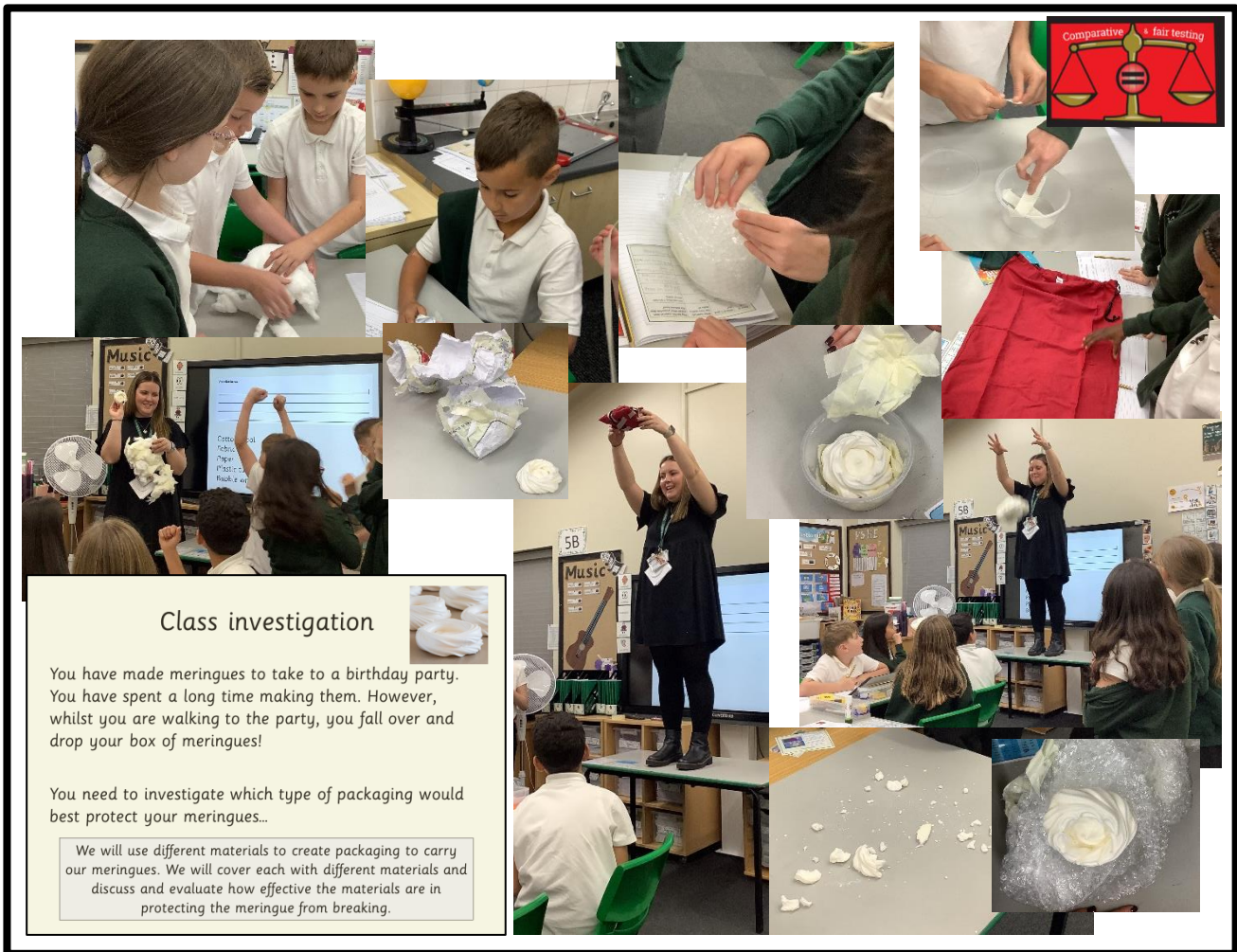
Year 4

This week, Year 4 went on a very exciting trip to the Deva Experience in Chester. It was an excellent way to kick-start our topic of the Romans. We learnt all sorts of interesting facts! Did you know that the Romans used to eat roasted door mice?! Or that they would sit next to one another whilst going to the toilet/use a shared sponge to wipe themselves?! We were all very shocked and glad to not have been alive during Roman Britain!



Year 5

This week, we were exploring different types of materials as part of our topic for science. The children were challenged with testing materials to see which one would be the best packaging to transport meringues if they were dropped. The children were so excited to test their packages and we have found that the thicker the material, the more protected the meringue was!



Class investigation

You have made meringues to take to a birthday party. You have spent a long time making them. However, whilst you are walking to the party, you fall over and drop your box of meringues!

You need to investigate which type of packaging would best protect your meringues...

We will use different materials to create packaging to carry our meringues. We will cover each with different materials and discuss and evaluate how effective the materials are in protecting the meringue from breaking.

Year 6

In this week's science lesson, we classified a variety of animals into groups. Some of us grouped according to strength, diet and habitat while others thought about similarities like scales or fur. Towards the end of the lesson, after learning about Aristotle and Linnaeus, and the traits that make animals a mammal or reptile etc, we then had a second attempt at classifying. As you can see, we were able to confidently classify our animals with few errors.



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.



How can our hopes and dreams help us to succeed?



In the news this week

A 23-year-old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on 9th October. She is only the second Briton to complete the feat, after quitting university to begin a career in mountaineering.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to Adriana Brownlee's achievement. Talk about some of the challenges she will have faced and sacrifices she will have made to reach her goal.
- > What goals and aspirations do you have for the future? Ask someone older at home about theirs. Have their dreams changed over time? Have they fulfilled any of them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Art News

Focus on Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard to finish our graffiti mural focusing on Jean-Michel Basquiat. We are delighted with the results and proud of our piece, which makes a bold statement against racism.



Art Exhibition

Next week is Artsmark Celebration Week! To celebrate, we are holding a full school exhibition in the Irlam hall for the hours of our two parents' evenings, on Tuesday and Wednesday night. Please come along and revel in the visual feast on offer. Our children are rightly proud of their work and we would love to share their creative achievements with you. Arts Council England will be visiting us on Tuesday, to see what we are doing and to join in with an art workshop Mrs Walsh and our Arts Ambassadors will be hosting for a visiting school. It's going to be a great week!

Christmas Card Competition

As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite all pupils to take part in a Christmas card design competition, brought to us by Connor Naismith MP. Children are invited to:

- *Create a design for the front of a Christmas card, A5 in size and landscape in orientation, using pencils, pens or paint only (no glitter).*
- *Clearly write your NAME, AGE AND SCHOOL on the back of the entry.*
- *Return your entry to school by THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.*

The winning entry will be printed as a real Christmas card bearing the name of the young artist. Runners up will also be featured inside the card. Mr Naismith says;



I am thrilled to share that I will visit the winning student at their school to present them with a prize and take photographs to publicise their achievement. The cards will be sent to local residents, community groups, businesses in Crewe and Nantwich, and friends in Westminster, including the Prime Minister.

PE News

School Clubs update

Now that after-school clubs have been running for a week it has given all children the opportunity to attend a club of their choice. From reviewing the club lists we have noticed that there are still spaces available in some clubs. We now invite you to sign your child up to a second club if there are spaces available.

Maths News

All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also 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/>

NUMBOTS



RUST



IRON



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BRASS



COPPER



STEEL



Apply online for a school place

It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

If you do not have web access

call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from
1st September 2024 at
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2024 for secondary

15th January 2025 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



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