

Newsletter 3 – Autumn 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday	Y5&6 Girls Football Fixture 9am-12:30pm	
Wednesday	KS2 Sports hall athletics competition 12:30pm-4pm	
Thursday		
Friday	Y5&6 Football Fixture 1pm-3pm No Sports hall athletics club	
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.	

Josh (3A), Caitlyn (3B) Saya (4B)

The Hubs

Each half-term, we choose a different topic to learn about in the Hubs. As a group we explore what is inside the Magic Story Box and use the clues that we find to help us guess what the topic might be. In the box this week Hub 3 found some planets, a rocket ship, an astronaut and lots of words that made us all decide – correctly – that our new topic is Space!



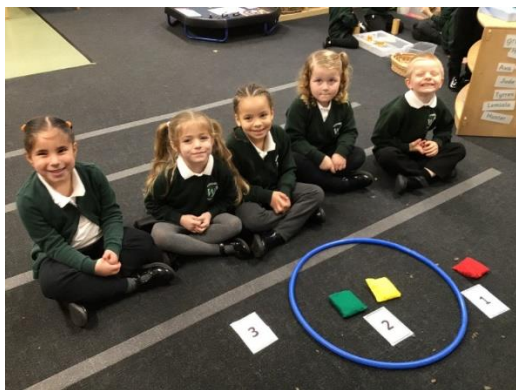
Nursery

This week in nursery we have been exploring the weather outside. We enjoyed using our senses to explore the snow. We had lots of fun playing in the snow with our friends. During the week the children searched for a range of nocturnal animals. By the end of the week we worked together to build a den to help a character from our story.



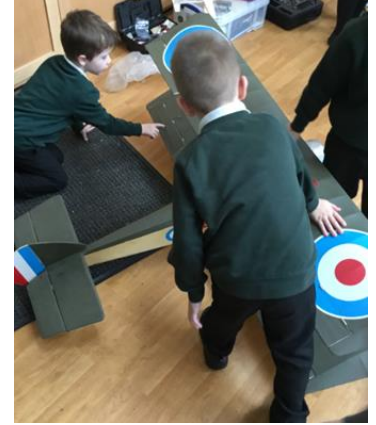
Reception

This week in Maths, we have been exploring the composition of 1, 2 and 3. We completed many practical activities to explore ways to partition a whole number, so that we could find different parts which make the same whole. For example; we took it in turns to throw 3 beanbags into a hoop and looked at how many landed inside the hoop and how many landed outside the hoop. We said the stem sentence 2 and 1 make 3 altogether.



Year 1

Year 1 were visited by Martyn, an aerobatics enthusiast, who came to show the children his gliders. He explained how they were made, and then flew one of them over the school field. We found out about the Wright Brothers and how they have influenced the aviation industry.



Year 2

Year 2 learnt how to retell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using different musical instruments. Firstly, they experimented with timbre and rhythm. Listening to the sound, they then chose an instrument and thought about which part of the story it could represent and why. For example, sticks, bricks or straw. Finally, we retold the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using the story stick and added instruments as part of the sound scaping.



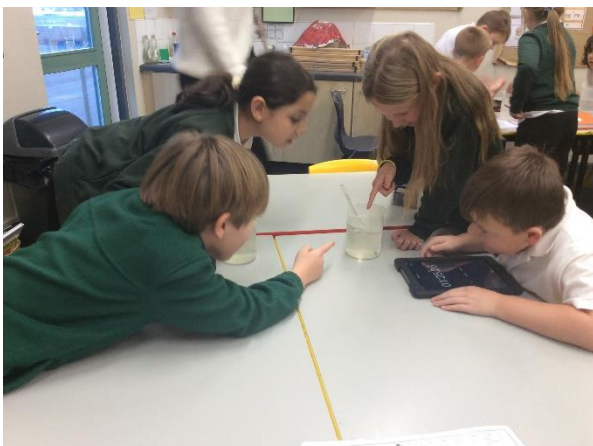
Year 3

This week in Geography, we have been learning about addresses. We wrote postcards and sent them home so hopefully they will be coming through your door in the next few days!



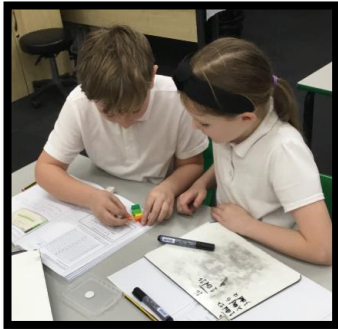
Year 4

This week, we have had lots of fun experimenting in science. We carried out an experiment to investigate what the melting point of ice was. We learnt that the Ice melted changing from a solid to a liquid, and that the melting point of ice is 0 Degrees Celsius.



Year 5

Year 5 have been working really hard in maths lessons this week. Mrs Cronshaw and Miss Latta's group have been using concrete resources to support them when finding factors of a number and common factors of multiple numbers. Well done everyone – keep up the good work!



Year 6

In Year 6, we have been studying microorganisms in Science. This week, we set up an enquiry to investigate which conditions can either speed up or slow down the growth of mould on bread. We thought carefully about our variables and decided that we would keep bread in a sandwich bag, but we would change the location that the bread was stored in throughout the week. Our bread will be stored in: the fridge, the freezer, the IT cupboard and under the sink. We will check in each day to observe any noticeable changes.

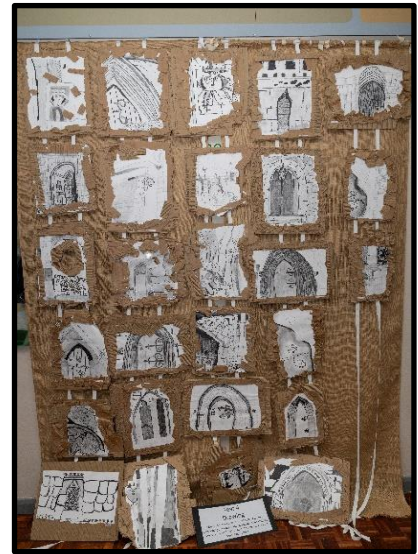


Art News

Artsmark Celebration Week

Last week was Artsmark Celebration Week!

We were delighted to celebrate all the fantastic creativity in our school in different ways. Firstly, we held our bi-annual whole-school exhibition, to showcase all the incredible artwork produced by our children:

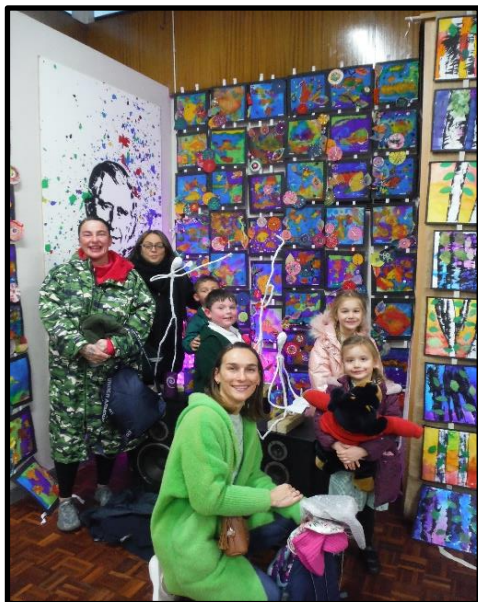




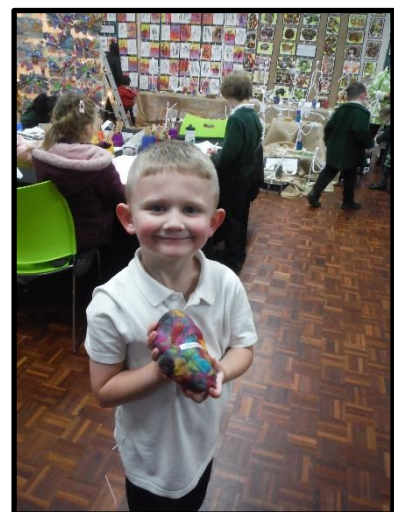
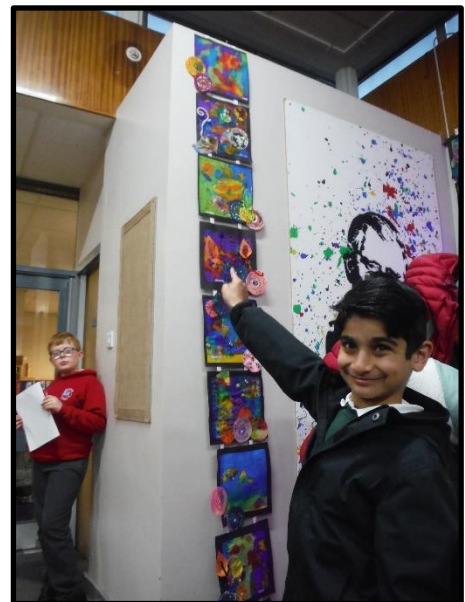


During the exhibition, we enjoyed music played by Jacob Ostrowski, one of our past pupils!

Our Arts Ambassadors did a great job guiding families around the displays.



We were so proud of our work!



We also had a visit from the Arts Council, who were delighted to see our exhibition and who joined in workshops Mrs Walsh and the Arts Ambassadors provided for visiting schools: Monks Academy, Havannah Primary School and Elworth CE Primary School:

It was wonderful for our children to develop their leadership skills by leading and inspiring others. Well done ambassadors!

What a fabulous time we had during Artsmark Celebration Week!



PE News

Important Clubs notice



A reminder that many of our sports clubs take place outside. Please ensure that your child is equipped for all types of weather. Providing it is safe, clubs will still take place in the rain. If you do not want your child taking part in a club if it is raining then please collect them from school at 3:15pm.

There will be no Sports Hall Athletics Club on Friday 29th November.

Winter PE kit

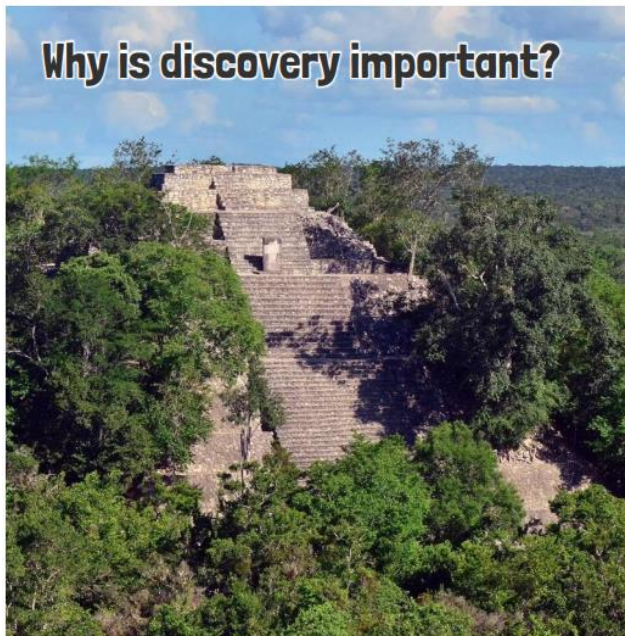
The weather is starting to get a lot colder, so please can your child bring in some plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a plain jumper or zip up jacket as well as their normal PE kit.



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 discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- > Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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



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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