

Newsletter 19 – Spring 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	Year 6 Netball Competition at Shavington Academy 3:30pm-5pm	
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: Joseph (RB)

KS1: Freddie (2A), Lilianna (2B)

KS2: James (3a)

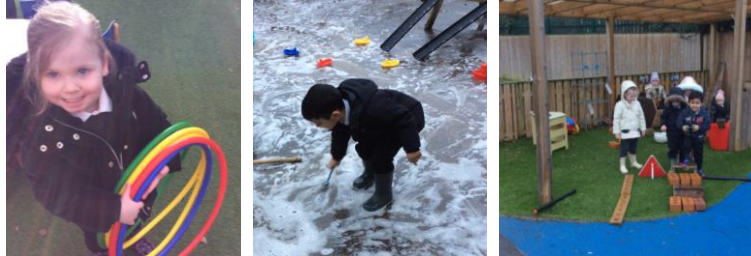
The Hubs

On Wednesday, the children in Hub 2 learnt all about Chinese New Year. As it is the year of the snake, the children learnt to move and sound like a snake, before completing some art work. They enjoyed taking part in a dragon dance and especially enjoyed the sensory activities. Many of our children liked eating the fortune cookies – huge thank you to Royal China in Crewe for supplying these for us to try.



Nursery

This week in nursery the children have been spending lots of time developing their gross motor skills in the outdoor area. We have been using the little and big brushes to sweep the puddles, rolling the hoops to our friends and carefully balancing on the large blocks.



Reception

This week, some of the children from Reception went to Richmond Village. They had a great time with the residents and enjoyed playing with the Lego and eating their snack.



Year 1

This week, year 1 have been learning about materials and the different properties they each have. We did an experiment in our teams to find out which material (nylon, cotton towel or felt) was the most waterproof and therefore the best material for an umbrella. We all agreed the nylon was waterproof.



Year 2

Last week, Year 2 learnt more about how Jewish people celebrate shabbat at home by recreating a traditional shabbat meal. We sampled challah, a Jewish bread and cholent, a traditional Jewish stew.



Year 3

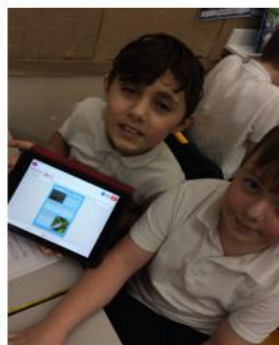
This week, year 3 have been learning how to divide with remainders!



Year 4

We continued our research about The River Weaver. We collated our research and used Purple Mash to create a River Weaver Fact File, full of interesting facts about our local river!

We had lots of fun creating these, using our computing skills to do so. We even managed to add a few pictures to them at the end!



Year 5

Today we learnt about different forensic tests. We explored the ways that investigators would conduct these and tried these ourselves. We used ink to create fingerprints, clay to create teeth marks, chromatography to test ink stains and analysed handwriting samples and materials when looking at fibres. Finally, we took a cast of a footprint to look at the markings.

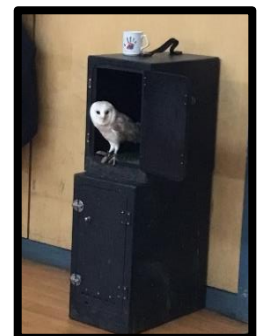


Year 6

In Science this week, Simon, from Wings and Things, came to visit us with a variety of animals. Using these creatures, he explained how a small change that a living thing goes through can enable it to become better suited to its environment. Did you know snakes used to have four legs and boas and pythons still have two legs? These adaptations have allowed these animals to evolve and change so that they do not die out.

We saw a Common Boa Constrictor, Barn Owls, Giant African Land Snails and a Harris Hawk.

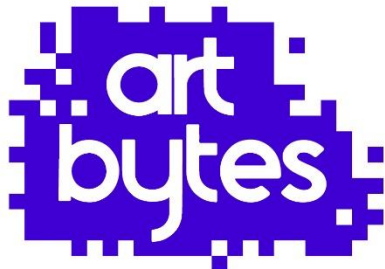
We will be using the amazing knowledge we gained from Science to inform our next piece of Literacy writing.



Art News

Focus on Year 5

We're taking part!



Year 5 have entered the National Art Bytes Competition, which is only open to either Year 5s or Year 9s. We have photographed our entries and 30 have been selected for the first round. Our 30 children in stage one are:

Ginger, Alona, Harper Li, Roman, Aylin, Harper, Yushi, Shambhavi, Imogen, Tamera Alfie, Olivia, Jenson, Brooke, Theo, Inga, Isla, Noah, Tom, Toby, Emilia, Bobby, Johnny, Hendrix, Elijah, Miran, Theadora, Gabriela, Maisie and Mia-Ann!

artbytes.co.uk

Well done!

These pieces have been uploaded to our school page on the Art Bytes Website. Soon we will share the link to view the artworks. Professional judges will select the three finalists and then we can vote for our school's winner. After voting closes, professional judges will adjudicate to select a regional and national winner from all of the competing schools. All of our three finalists will be invited to an exhibition, art-workshop and award ceremony in the Whitworth Gallery in the summer.

Crewe Makes ArtSpace



We are so excited to remind families that the new Art Centre, "Crewe Makes" is open to all, with many art activities free of charge! Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for details of many events in the town to take part in.

One in particular is "**MakerFest**", coming up on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February. This is an art festival that will provide many art activities to get

involved in all around Crewe and will launch a new Arts Trail to follow. We are taking part by exhibiting artwork in the window of the empty River Island shop and by our djembe club, "DjembeFola", performing alongside our choir on Saturday 22nd. The performances take place at 11am in the LY2 area in front of the Lyceum and at 12pm in the Crewe Market Hall.

Why not get involved?

Our own Max from Year 4, has already availed of the free art workshops in Crewe Makes, with artist in residence, Victoria. He created his own collage piece, inspired by the history of Crewe:

Well done Max!



PE News

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', week commencing 3rd February. 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.

Winter PE kit reminder

During these cold months it is important that children are fully prepared for outdoor pe lessons so please see below as a reminder of the outdoor PE kit your children should have in school.

Outdoor PE kit: Black or navy blue plain jogging bottoms, hoodie or zip up and trainers. Children may wear a plain black or navy-blue waterproof jacket if they wish.



Year 3&4 Sportshall Athletics final

Congratulations to our Y3&4 Sportshall Athletics team who finished 4th overall out of the whole of Crewe and Nantwich. A fantastic achievement. Well done to all!



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

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?



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

