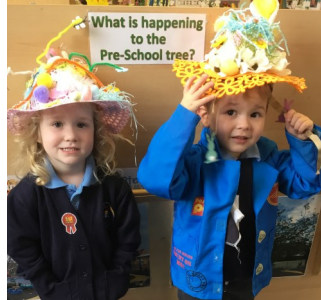


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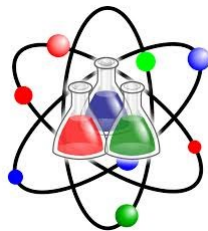
NEWSLETTER—SPRING 2—2023

Happy Easter!



It was great to be able to welcome the parents in across the federation to help celebrate Science Day. It was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for the feedback that we received, it was nice to hear such positive and friendly feedback from parents.

Really enjoyed it,
Good fun.



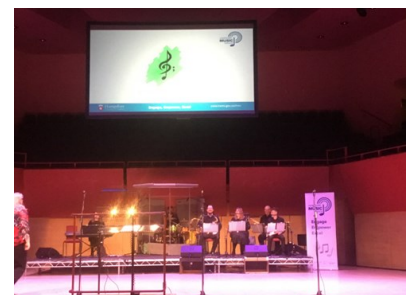
Great experience,
kids enjoyed it too



-Lovely Morning
-Interesting experiment
-Kids really enjoyed it

MY VOICE; OUR SONG at THE ANVIL

Hampshire Music Service invited schools across Hampshire to take part in a sing along at The Anvil, in Basingstoke, to benefit good well-being. The Junior School had 14 spaces available and asked for children from all year groups to participate. We took part in a workshop with a singing teacher to increase confidence and then went to the live performance with over 600 other children! A live band accompanied our singing and we were seated right at the front of the large auditorium. As well as our own singing, we were treated to vocal performances from a large choir and from soloists. We all had a great time and feel that singing certainly brings us together and can bring smiles to our faces!



Pre-School

This half term the children's interests led us to exploring a topic all about 'Journeys'. We have been going on adventures in cardboard boxes, making junk modelling boats and looking into different types of transport – also talking about who has been on a bus, a bike or a plane and where they went.



Our topic book has been 'Journey home from Grandpa's by Jemima Lumley, which we have enjoyed recreating through songs, crafts or reading/singing the rhyming book. On World Book Day, children from Year 5 visited our Pre-School and read stories to us, which was very exciting.

Our focus this half term has been on Mathematical learning. We have used a variety of shapes to create our own types of transport, played with pennies in our toyshop - counting out the coins in order to pay for the toys, and looking at numbers in the environment such as front doors and car parking spaces.



We made great use of the wet weather - we put on full waterproofs and wellie boots then went outside and enjoyed the rain. We used brooms to push the water away, used the guttering to swish the cars down, did some lovely watery craft but the most fun was had just by splashing and jumping in all the puddles.

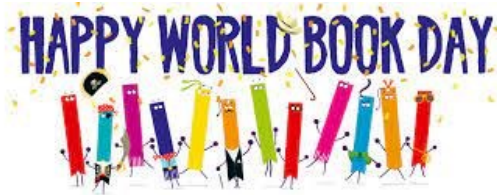


On Friday 24th March we joined in the Federation Science Day. We had a lot of fun exploring all the scientific experiments such as, bubble making, gloop, magnets, floating and sinking, magic worms and magical colour activities.



Year R

Year R have continued to learn about fairy tales and have begun to re-enact the characters of Rum-



The children in Lions and Giraffes enjoyed World Book Day when they were visited by older children from Year 5. The children in Lions and Giraffes listened carefully whilst the older children read to them.

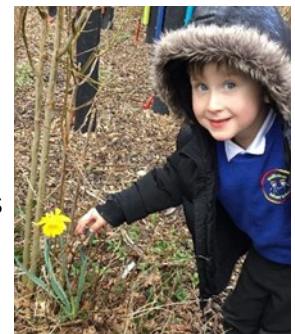


Money Matters was very successful as we made beautifully decorated zip up cases and we managed to sell most of them.

Maths has been very active this half term with lots of opportunities to count and find number bonds to 5 and 10. We've particularly enjoyed a memory matching game where the two playing cards had to total 5 or 10. You could play this at home!



During our Welly Walks we have been noticing what is the same and what is different in the spaces we use. We created simple maps of the playground and the woodland. We have also started to notice all the spring flowers and lots of us can explain how we know it is Spring from what we can see happening outside.



As we come towards Easter we have been learning about, eggs as a symbol of new life, and of course we love an Easter Bonnet and an Easter Egg hunt.



Year 1

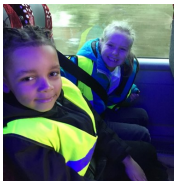
Money Matters Week

As a year group we decided to create our very own canvas bags decorated with our class animals for Money Matters Week. We worked out how much money we would need to borrow from Mrs Cammish to buy the resources and how much profit we could make if we sold all of the bags. Our School Councillors had a meeting with Mrs Cammish to pitch our idea. She thought it was a brilliant idea to help protect our environment and agreed to lend us the money. We enjoyed creating our bags and ensuring that they were all produced to a good quality. Thank you for supporting with this project!



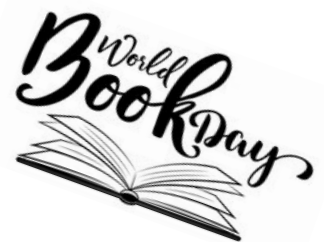
HMS Victory Trip

On Friday 24th February we visited The Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to go on board the HMS Victory. We had an opportunity to ask the questions that we had prepared before the trip and learned lots of new facts about what it was like on board the HMS Victory during the Battle of Trafalgar. Whilst we were on board the HMS Victory we took part in a minute silence for Ukraine. We also looked around the different museums within the Dockyard and went out onto the viewing platform to see the Defender. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip and couldn't wait to continue our learning about the Navy.



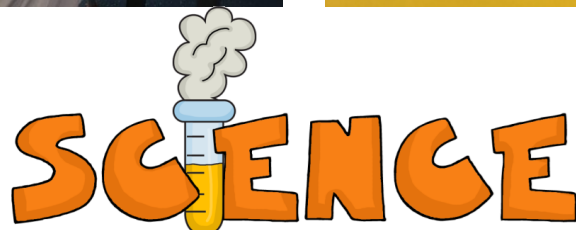
World Book Day

For World Book Day some of the Year 5 children from the Junior school came to our class to read to us. We were really excited to have them read to us. We listened to their stories they and we talked about the stories that we have been reading in class. We enjoyed listening to *Scruffy Bear* and *The Six White Mice* by Chris Wormell and *The Smartest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson.



Science Day

We had a fantastic time on Science Day, acting as real Scientists. We carried out a variety of different experiments including fantastic fingerprints, sniffly sneezes and moon dial. We decided it would be a great idea for schools to use fingerprint systems as everybody has a different fingerprint! We thoroughly enjoyed looking closely at our fingerprints using magnifying glasses. We tested different materials to see which material would be the best to make a hankie. One of our favourite parts of the day was the yeast experiment – we enjoyed watching the balloons grow throughout the day! We also thoroughly enjoyed carrying out an experiment with our grownups to find out which biscuit was the best dunker! Thank you to all those who joined us – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Year 2

Cricket Day

Katie from Chance to Shine come in and taught us all about cricket and the skills needed to play the sport. Our day started with an exciting assembly where we got to see some key moments from cricket history, the skills involved in cricket and we even got to see our teachers have a bat and ball competition. Each class then had a chance to go out with Katie and participate in some team building games. In the first activity we had to use our listening skills and aim to pick up the tennis ball the quickest. We then practiced our batting skills so that we knew the correct way to hold the bat. This also taught us the role of a Fielder. The final activity was all focused on aim, we had to use a tennis ball to knock larger balls, in the middle of the playground, off of a cone.



Science

This half term, we have conducted a scientific experiment where we asked the question “What material would make the strongest bridge from Portsmouth to Gosport?” We started our investigation by exploring some materials that could be used; these included paper, elastic bands, cling film and tin foil. Once we had explored the materials and then made our predictions, we worked as part of a team to create a bridge that needed to be 30cm long. We had to discuss how we were going to make it as strong as possible and what role each member of our group would have.

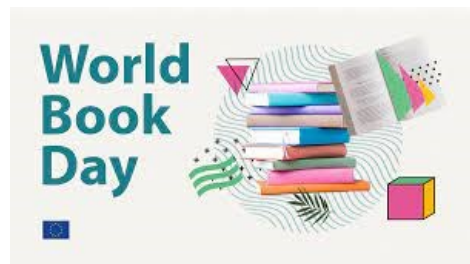
Money Matters

In Year 2, we pitched the idea of creating hand decorated mugs for our adults. Our School Councilors created a business plan explaining our product, what materials we needed, how much we needed to borrow and our profit. Once we had been loaned the agreed amount of money, we planned our mugs, where we took inspiration from Roy Lichtenstein. We then chose the best one that we carefully drew and coloured on our mugs. We were very proud of our final products.



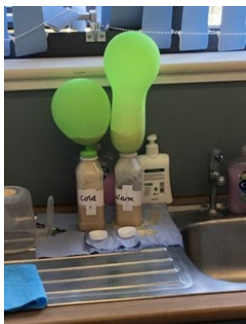
World Book Day

For World Book Day, we were lucky enough to have some of the Year 5 children come over and read us a book that they had chosen themselves. We loved listening to them read and enjoyed asking them questions about the stories.



Science Day

For Science Day, we started out by performing a classroom experiment where we asked the question “What is the best temperature to make yeast grow?” We made sure that we conducted a fair test to get the most accurate answer. Then throughout the day, half of us took part in different experiments such as “moon dial” and “fantastic fingerprints”. The rest of us had the whole day studying electricity where we explored making circuits and then used our skills to make a buzzer game! To end the amazing day, our grownups came in to perform one final experiment with us where we found out the best biscuit for dunking. The winner was the Rich Tea in Tigers and a Ginger Nut in Monkeys!



Year 3

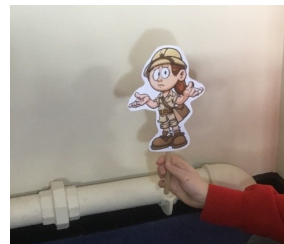
History

This term in History, we have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. We began our journey by finding an Ancient Egyptian artefact outside the classroom and used our new knowledge to identify what it could be. We learnt it was a Canopic jar used as part of the mummification process. We found out the mummification process involved many steps such as hooking the brain out through the nose as well as putting different organs into the Canopic jars. The whole process took 70 days! To finish our learning about the Egyptian afterlife, we discovered the Journey through Duat. We found out that there were many steps to get to the afterlife which started with the mummification process where people were buried with scrolls, amulets and more. The Ancient Egyptians believed that these items would help them get to the afterlife as they had to pass through the twelve halls or caverns facing gate keepers such as Flame Face. Once passed, the person then had to take part in the Weighing of the Heart ceremony where their heart was weighed against the feather of Ma'at. The person's heart would then need to be declared pure to pass onto the afterlife. We found this journey very interesting and used a lot of new information as well as vocabulary to create an Egyptian afterlife board game!



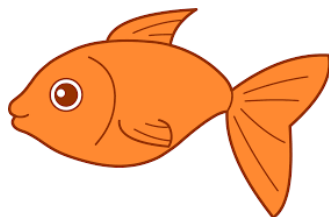
Science

In science we have been learning about light including reflective materials and shadows. We have been so excited to complete many different experiments using new equipment called Data Loggers to measure the lux. We have learnt all about reflective materials and that some materials either bounce back the light, so they become visible or scatter the light. We also completed experiments investigating what materials are best at blocking out light, as well as investigating how shadows are created. We ended our science journey by using our new knowledge and vocabulary to explain why it is important to protect our eyes from the sun.



Computing

Our computing has been part of our history journey, so we have been researching different Egyptian gods and goddesses to learn more about why they were so important to the Ancient Egyptians. This has helped us develop our research skills more and learn further about which websites are reliable and which aren't.



Fishkeeper Fry

We have been so excited completing our Fishkeeper Fry programme, receiving new fish each week - however it has now come to an end. We have learnt so much about caring for fish and that each creature in the tank can have a different job to maintain a healthy balance caring for things like the pH of the water as well as algae growth, plant growth and so much more!



Year 4

Pompey in the Community

This half term, Year 4 were lucky enough to have Pompey in the Community visit and run a session on self-esteem and mental well-being. All the children enjoyed the event and could talk about their skills and talents.

Self Portraits

This term in Art we have been developing our sketching skills. We learned how to use different sketching and shading techniques in order to create a self-portrait. We worked hard at getting the facial proportions correct as well as the finer details of eyes and lips. We were inspired by the portraits at Hogwarts. Here are some of our finished products.



Science Day

On the 24th March the federation took part in National Science Day. The day began with a Parents' activity, which many of you attended. The children had lots of fun looking at the colours that mix together to make coloured inks. Year 4 took part in three activities: Confusing Cans, where they had to work out which can had the baked beans in, by measuring the distance rolled down a slope; the Brilliant Birds workshop, where they explored nest building and finally Fantastic Fingerprints, where they looked at how different patterns combine to make our unique print. It was a fun and busy day.



Year 5

Fair Trade

Year 5 children started the new half term by taking part in a Fair Trade task. They took on the role of orange farmers to experience the life and problems that face growers across the globe. This helped them to understand the need for the Fair Trade Association – and fueled their desire to raise money for this important cause.



Fair Trade Fair

To end our topic, Year 5 held a Fair Trade Chocolate Fair to raise money for the Fair Trade charity. The children came up with their recipes in their groups, made a list of ingredients, made their chocolate, developed their advertisements and worked out their own costings using excel.

The fair was a huge success with £240.04 raised for the charity. Thank you to all the adults who were able to join in to make this event a success.



World Book Day

This year we celebrated World Book Day by sharing some picture books with all the children across the Pre-School and Infant School. All the Year 5 children enjoyed reading to the younger children, and the younger children made a great audience.



Science Day

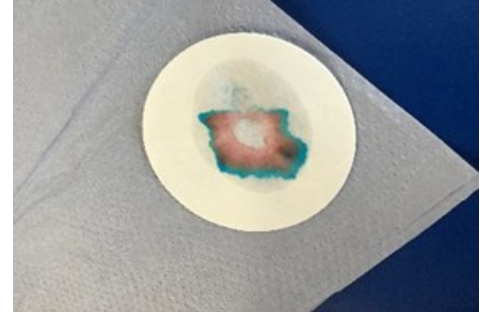
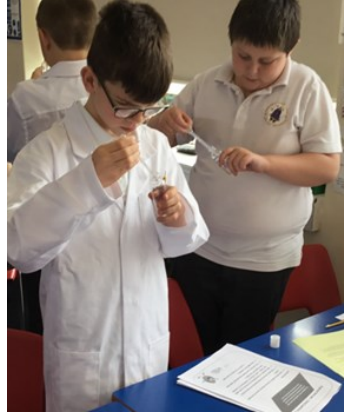
The Year 5 children took part in Science Day activities. It started with a great parent activity – Is Black Ink Really Black? We enjoyed being able to share our learning with our parents and carers.



Year 6

Science Day

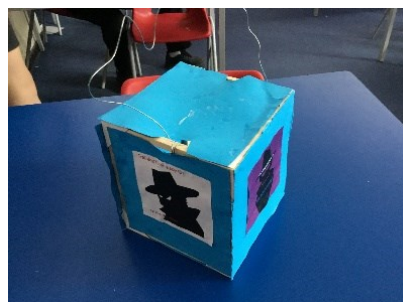
The parent workshop was a great start to Science Day and the children enjoyed learning about whether black ink is really black and exploring other colours. They had the opportunity to take part in different activities throughout the day, including perfume making, astro-nappy, plastic milk and Polar explorer food.



Y6 SATs

Mock SATs

Well done for all the hard work and effort during Mock SATs week. It was a good opportunity to prepare the children for their SATs in May and we are really proud of the resilience and focus they showed.



Design and Technology

The children had to plan and create a spy training tool to build resilience and focus for teenage spies. Using practical woodwork skills, the children built a structure for the box and then they used their knowledge of circuits and applied it to the construction of a wire loop game. In computing they designed a logo for



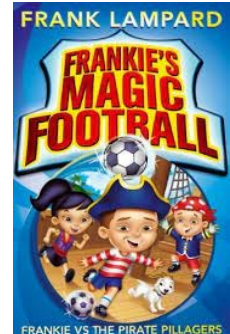
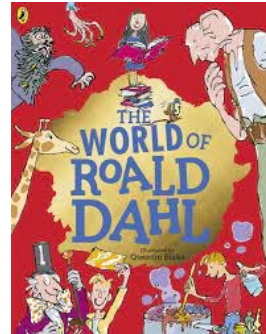
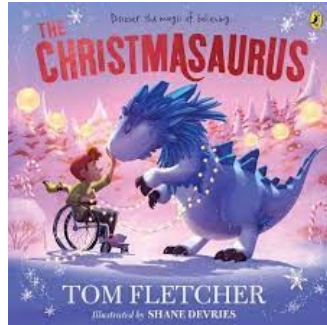
Pompey in the Community

Year 6 had a visit from Pompey in the Community. The session was about self-esteem, exploring kindness and happiness and talents. The children had the opportunity to discuss thoughts and feelings about friendship.



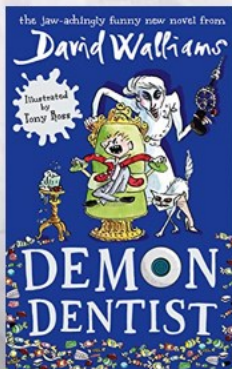
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