



Curriculum Highlights Autumn 2

Year R

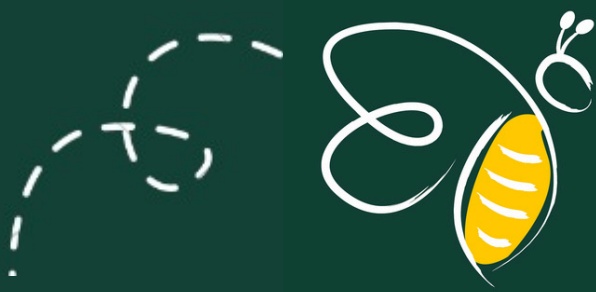
We have had an exciting half term!

We were very excited when we had some animals come to visit us during our learning about nocturnal animals. We got to hold and stroke lots of different animals that sleep in the day. We met a royal python, a cockroach called Karen and a gecko called Rolo. We learnt how their big dark eyes help them to see in the dark.



We have been developing our home corner and giving the children some real equipment to role play and explore. The children especially loved cooking with the air fryer. This has supported children's language skills and role playing in a real-life home situation.

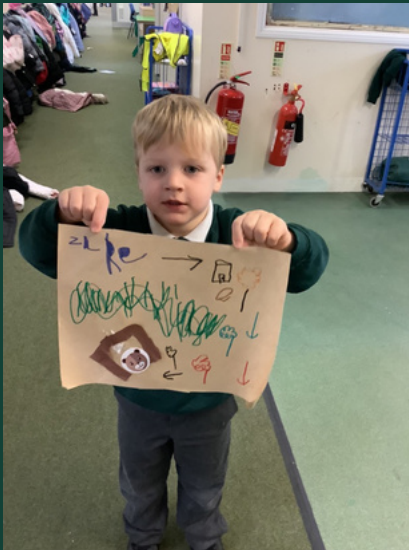




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We read the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We loved having a bear cave to explore! We also explored different parts of the story using our senses and even made our own bear hunt maps. This helped us to retell the story using the language from the book.



We celebrated Bassett Bear's birthday while learning about different festivals and celebrations. We enjoyed pretending to have a party, making and writing cards and wrapping presents. We were all really pleased that Bassett Bear shared his birthday cake with us!





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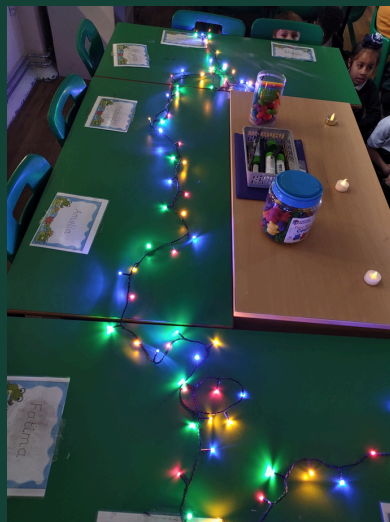
History

In History this half term, we have been learning about old toys and comparing what has changed between toys from the past and toys that we have now. In one of our lessons, we had a toy museum where we explored and played with old toys. We loved seeing the type of toys children used to play with in the past.



RE

This half term in RE, we have enjoyed learning all about Diwali, Hannukah and Advent. We learnt how these festivals use candles to help remember and celebrate. We even enjoyed lighting up our classrooms with fairy lights and tea lights!





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KS1- Year 1 - continued

Science

In Science this half term, we have been learning about our 5 senses and we have enjoyed taking part in activities that use our 5 senses. We showed great teamwork skills when completing a blindfolded maze and we especially loved tasting different foods and labelling if they were sour, sweet or salty!



PE

This half term in PE, we have been practising our gymnastics. We have learnt how to do a straight jump and a tuck jump. We enjoyed using the benches and mats to help us practise our jumping and landing.

DT

In DT this half term, we have been learning about levers, pivots and sliders. We have enjoyed looking at a range of flip flap books and discussed how they move. We then made our own gingerbread man moving pictures with a lever mechanism.





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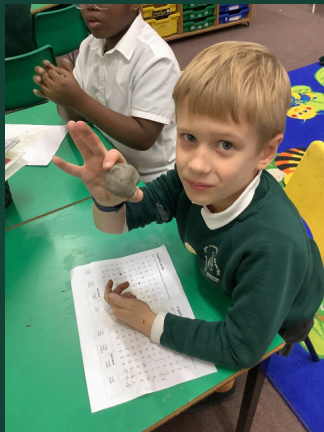
Portchester Castle trip

At the start of this half term, Year 2 had a great day at Portchester Castle. We loved exploring the different parts of the castle, trying on costumes and finding out about what life was like in a castle.



Art

As part of our castles topic, we have been learning how to use clay to create a sculpture of a castle. First we learnt how to use the clay in different ways by rolling, twisting and squashing. Then we found out about how to join two pieces of clay together, which helped us when creating our own castle.





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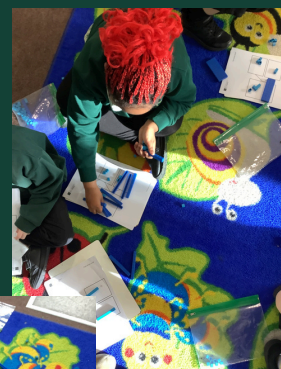


Castle Day

We had so much fun on Castle Day! It was great to dress up in our own costumes and create our own shields. We also did some medieval dancing, designed and built our own castles and told different medieval jokes.

Maths

In maths, we have been learning and consolidating our knowledge of numbers up to 100. We have been using our dienes and part whole models to help us with partitioning numbers. We then started to use this knowledge to help us when adding and subtracting numbers up to 100.



Music

In music, our castle topic has continued and we have enjoyed learning the song 'Creepy Castle'. We have also been learning about dynamics and making our singing or instrument playing louder or quieter.





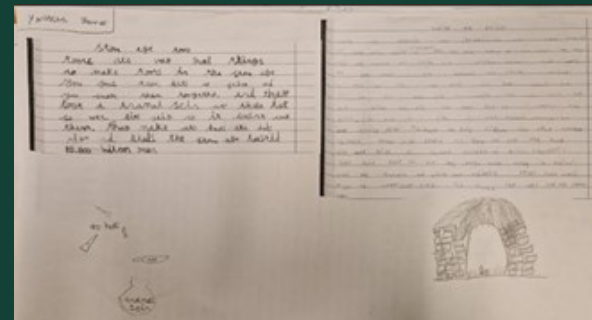
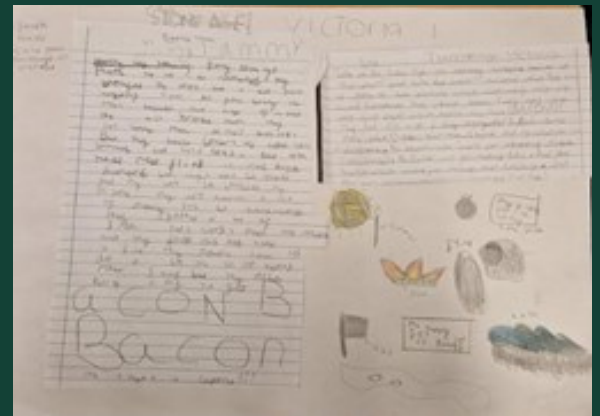
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LKS2 - Year 3

We have been learning all about The Stone Age in Year 3 and began by visiting Butser Ancient Farm. It was a great way of immersing ourselves in our topic as we learnt how people from the Stone Age lived. We completed activities such as chalk carving and wattleing (just ask us what this is) then had our lunch in a traditional round house. It was lots of fun and also very interesting.



Within our writing, we began by completing a non-fiction information text about the Stone Age. Then, we moved onto the book *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We really enjoyed creating our descriptions of the character and writing persuasive letters to the characters about why we should help the Iron Man.



We have been learning about the origins of art and discovering how Stone Age people used cave paintings to communicate messages. We have then designed our own messages which we have printed using printing techniques.



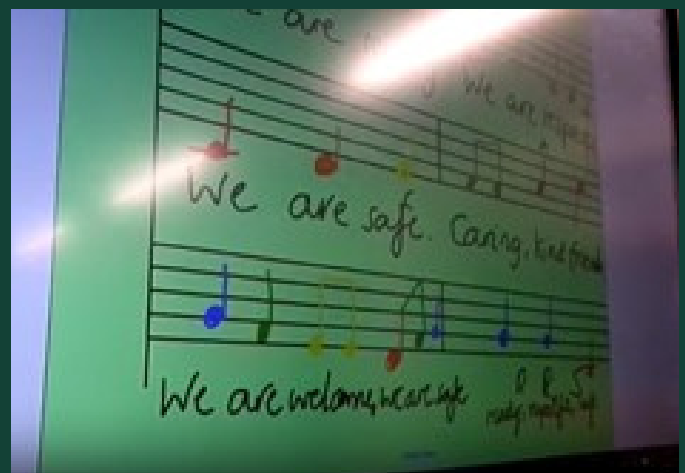
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In PE this half term, we have been doing our first gymnastics unit of the year. This has required us to practise lots of balances, including making use of equipment in our own routines. We have also been learning how to play volleyball, which has taken a lot of coordination to ensure we can get the ball to land in the opposite side of the court. This was a great way to practise our teamwork skills too.



In Music, we have challenged ourselves to create our own piece of music which incorporated our school rules and values. We had lots of ideas which we put into our finished compilation. You can hear some of this work on the [school website](#). We also worked hard on learning and singing our Christmas songs.

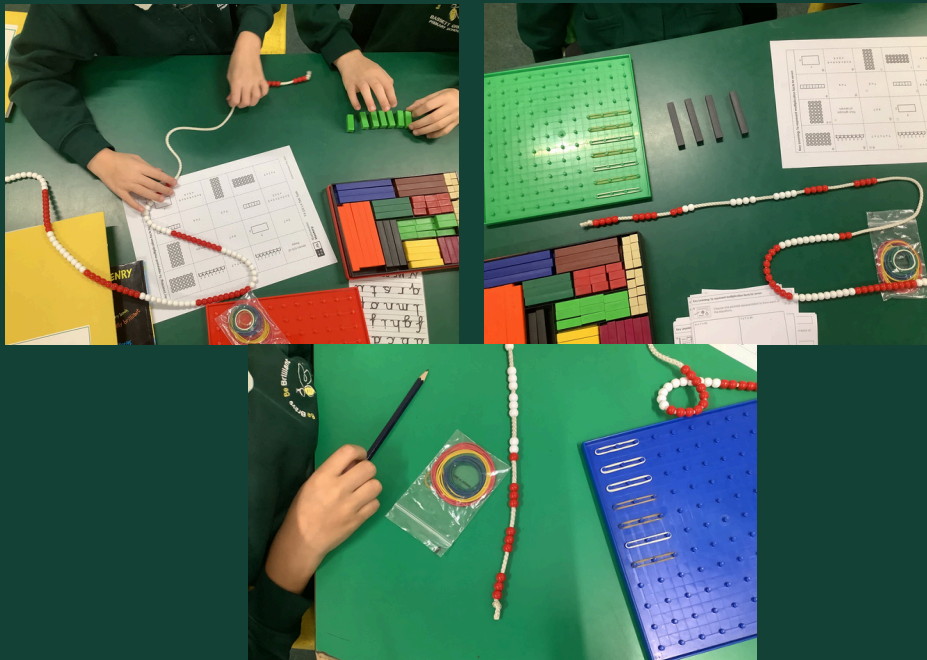
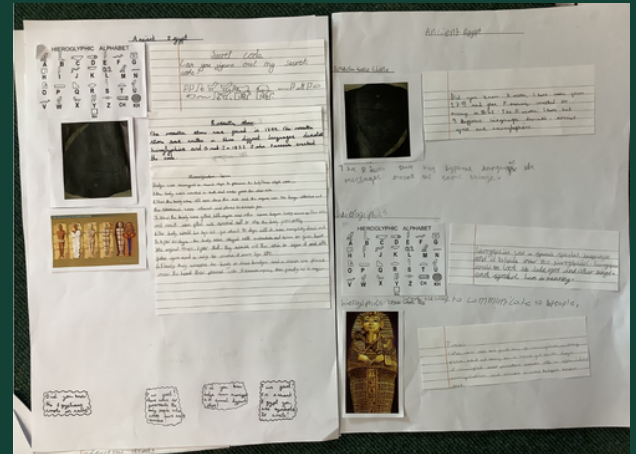




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LKS2 - Year 4

This half term, we have produced a non-chronological report based on the Ancient Egyptians by focusing on three main areas: religion, mummification and hieroglyphics. We had to research, take notes and then turn those notes into paragraphs. We were really proud of what we achieved.



In maths, we have been working hard on multiplication. We have started using our new maths mastery programme to support our knowledge and depth of understanding. Everyone has made fantastic progress with this and we are using lots of manipulatives to show our understanding of multiplication.

We have enjoyed learning about our digestive system and our teeth. To understand the importance of looking after our teeth we enjoyed carrying out an investigation in which we used eggs to represent our teeth and covered them in a variety of drinks. We observed these over three days and understood how sugar can affect the health of our teeth.





BASSETT GREEN
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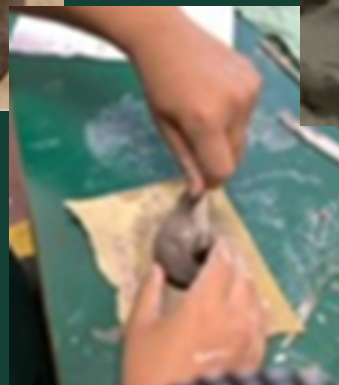
LKS2 - Year 4 continued



History has been really interesting this half term but also a little disgusting! We have found out about the ancient Egyptians and in particular, how to mummify a body. We used this to then mummify a tomato using a very similar process to the one they used nearly 5000 years ago.

Swimming as part of our PE has been great fun. We have been learning to float, make the mushroom, front crawl and back crawl. The most important part was to learn how to stay safe in water.

In art, we progressed our sculpting skills to create replicas of Canopic jars. These jars were used during mummification to store the vital organs. We used the coiling technique to make the jar and a variety of different skills to sculpt the heads on top of the jars.



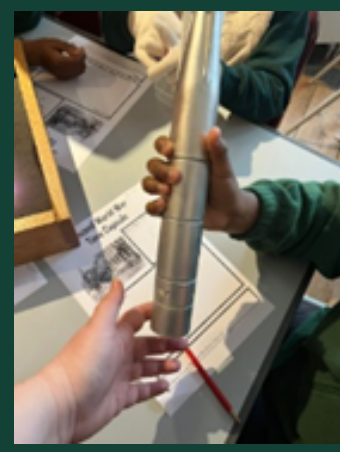
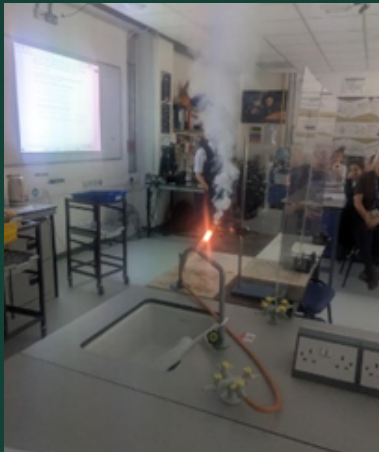


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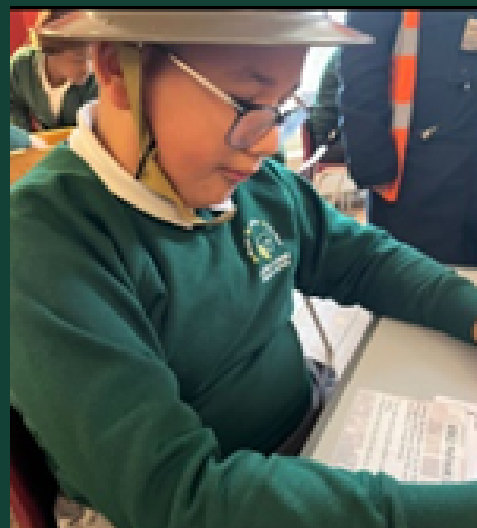
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UKS2 - Year 5

As part of our science curriculum we had the exciting opportunity to visit Cantell School and have lessons with Mr Fuge. We learned all about elements and their properties. We absolutely loved watching a jelly baby being set on fire!



Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting the Tudor House Museum, where we deepened our understanding of Southampton's role during World War II. We particularly enjoyed exploring the fascinating exhibits and learning how the city was affected during the Blitz. A highlight of the trip was venturing into the air raid shelters hidden beneath Southampton, giving us a powerful and immersive insight into what life was like for families seeking safety during wartime.

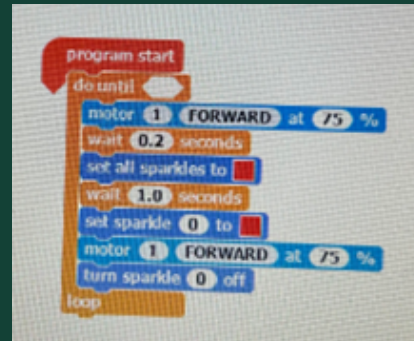
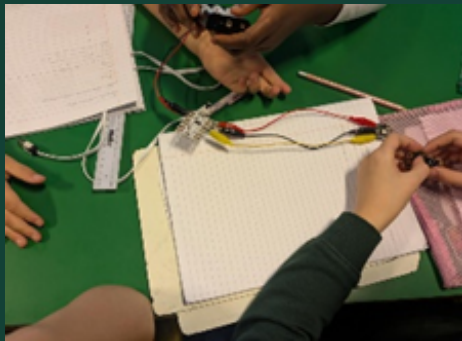




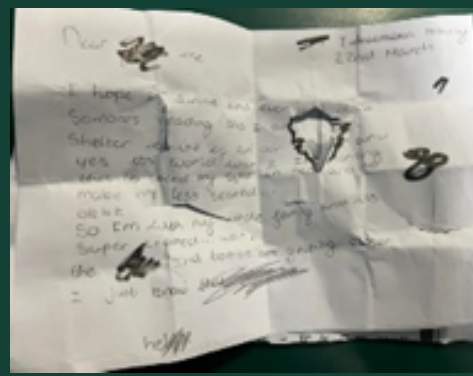
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We have had the wonderful opportunity to use our very own Crumble computer kit. We were able to create a programme, using coding to make the crumble kit turn on lights and move motors.



Year 5 took part in an exciting World War II Day, where we arrived dressed in brilliant wartime costumes and stepped back in time for a day of immersive learning. The highlight was visiting our mock-up Anderson shelter and experiencing what it might have felt like to take cover during an air raid—even writing letters by torchlight in the dark! It was a memorable, hands-on experience that brought our history learning to life. We also thoroughly enjoyed creating Blitz portraits.

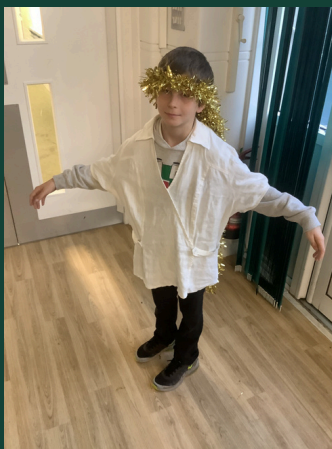




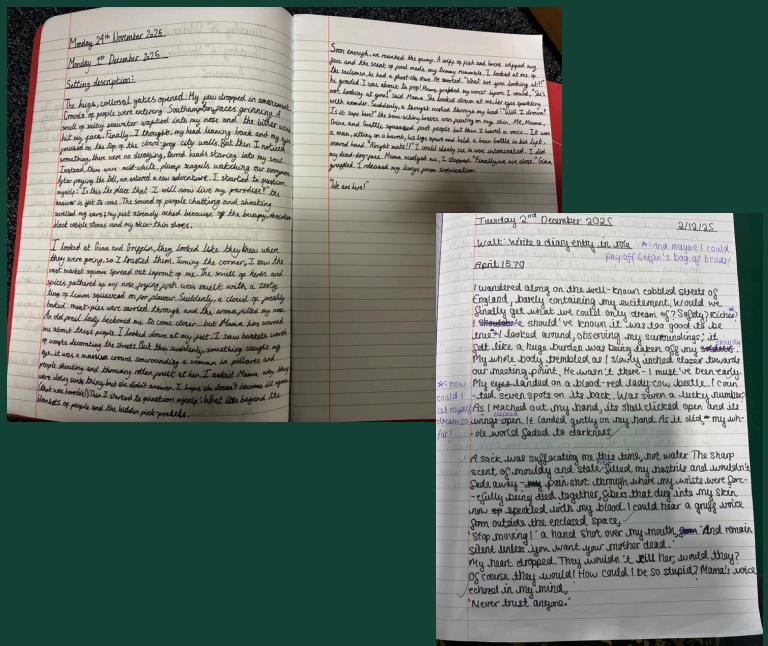
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UKS2 - Year 6

Year 6 had a wonderful, informative RE day where we explored the word "Incarnation" and how this links to the story of Jesus and his birth and what this means for Christians.



Within our writing journey, we have learnt a range of new skills including question tags and semi-colons. We have been incredibly impressed with the children's writing outcomes this half term and how they have incorporated these skills into some great pieces including internal monologues, letters and setting descriptions.



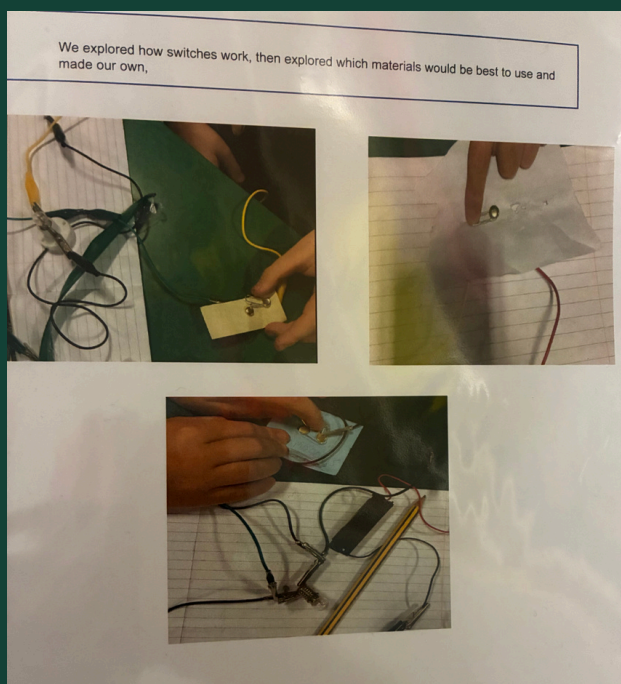
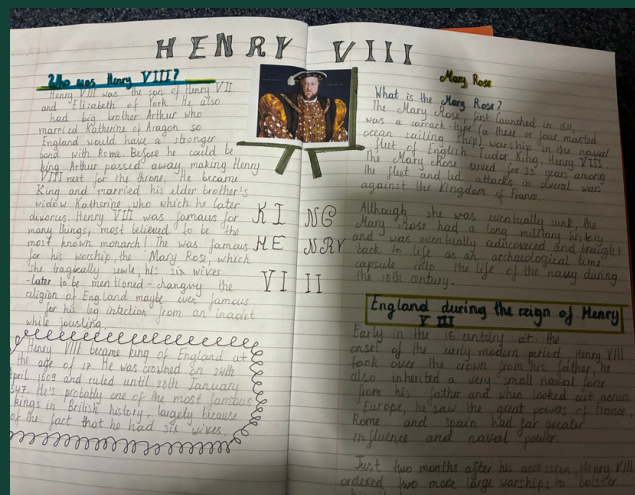
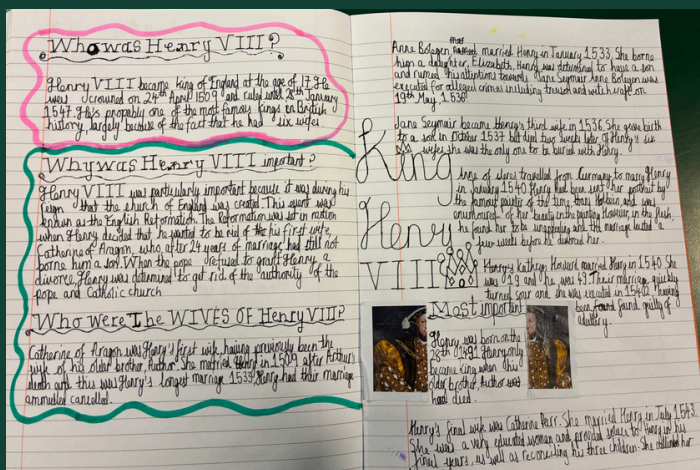
The Year 6 children showed their Bassett Best when visiting the care home this year. They brought smiles to so many of the residents faces – what an incredible way to spread joy this time of year!



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UKS2 - Year 6

We have had some excellent history learning and outcomes as we have learnt about the changing powers of monarchs and, in particular, the Tudor period. The children have enjoyed researching and finding out about how different life was under Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.



In science we have been learning all about electricity and enjoyed practically making different circuits and investigating different variables.