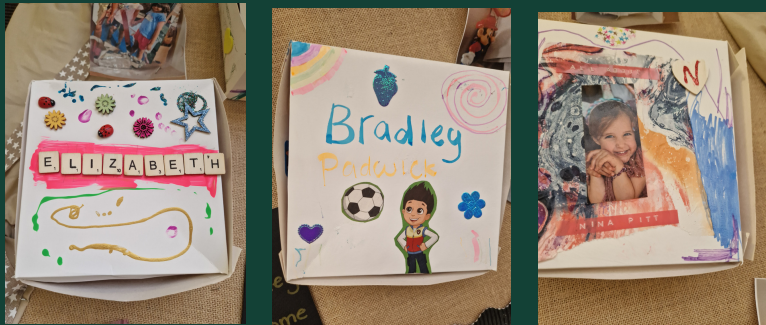


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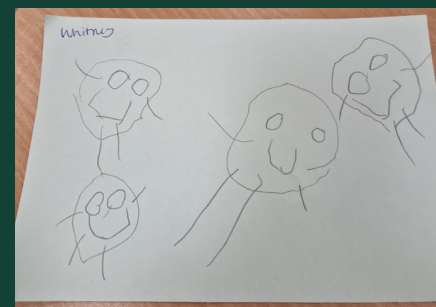
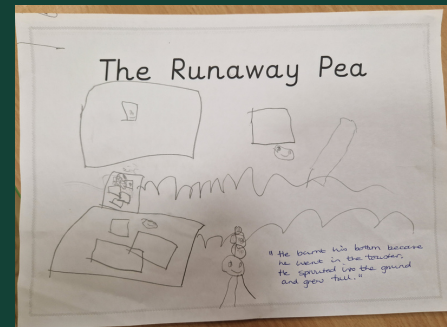
Year R

The children have settled in so well to the start of their Bassett Green Primary School journey.

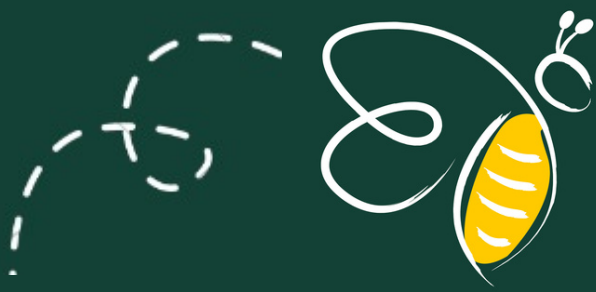


It was lovely to see their special 'All about Me' boxes that they bought in. The children developed their confidence and speaking and listening skills as they shared their boxes and spoke about what was inside to the rest of the class.

Our first English topic has been all about food the children drew around circles to create the runaway pea and went on to draw a story map which they used to retell the story. They were really excited to do some food tasting this half term. They tasted a rainbow of vegetables from the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and the fruit from the story 'Handa's Surprise'



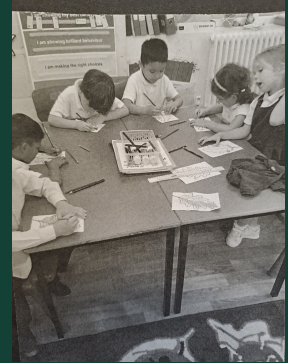
We finished this term with a topic on colour and they heard the story of 'Elmer' they all recycled an empty milk bottle to create their own colourful patchwork Elmer.



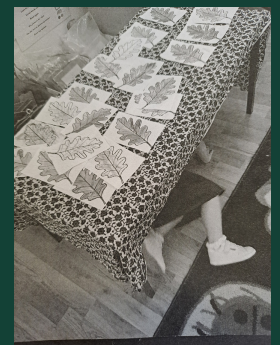
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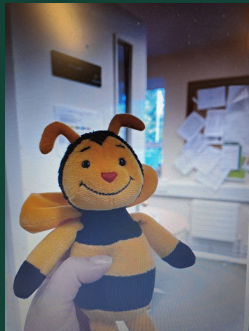
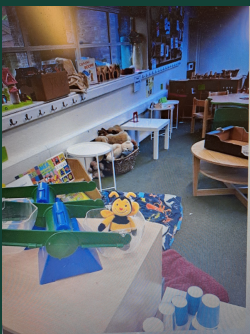
In English this half term, we have been reading the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children have loved being able to make their own puppets of the characters and using these to role play the story together.



In Maths this half term, we have been learning to compare numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. We have loved being able to use cubes and counters to help us show which numbers are bigger and which are smaller.



In RE, we have been learning about celebrations and we have enjoyed learning about the Christian celebration of Harvest. Alongside this, we have also found out about the Jewish celebration of Sukkot and we have enjoyed making our own Suktah's which we sat in and shared something we were thankful for.



In Geography, we have been learning about how to use maps and have enjoyed making our own maps of our school. We have loved being able to use clues to help find where Bob the Bee was hiding around the school.



In Science, we have been learning about our 5 senses and which body part is linked to each sense. We loved the blindfolded challenge and exploring how much we rely on our sight. We also tried to make our own smelly potions using plants that we found in the outdoor learning garden.

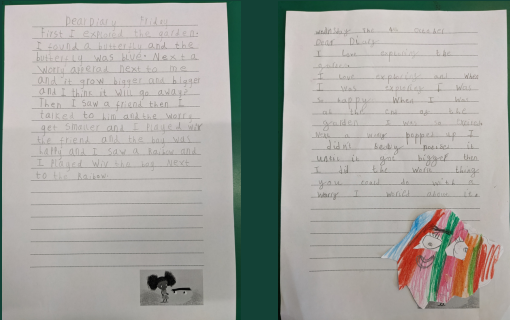


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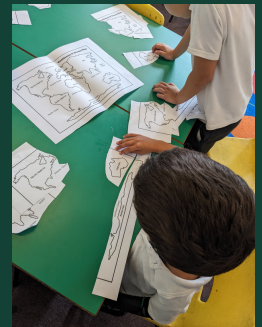
English

In English this half term, we have been reading a range of stories by the author Tom Percival. We have loved exploring his stories, the characters and the different emotions shown. We took on the role of Ruby from the story 'Ruby's worry' and wrote a diary as her. It was great to explore her feelings throughout the story and learn some tips of what to do if we feel worried.



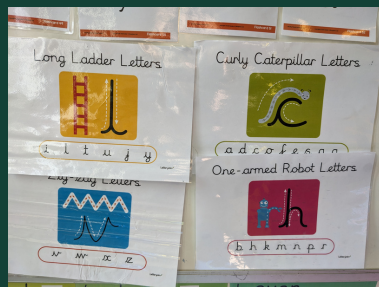
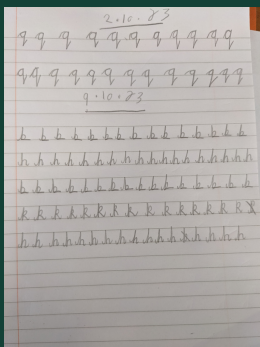
RE

In RE, our golden thread has been love and we have been exploring ideas about God in the Christian and Jewish faith. We also talked about our own views and the views of others. We enjoyed creating art work using natural resources outside as part of our learning.



Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about the world's oceans and continents. First we found out about the countries in the United Kingdom and their capital cities. Then we found the seven continents of the world and we loved singing the continents song! One of our favourite activities was completing a world map puzzle.



Handwriting

This term in handwriting we have been learning new ways to form our letters by using lead ins. This has been challenging but we have shown a growth mindset and tried our best! We have worked really hard to make sure our letters sit on the lines in our books and that the letters are formed correctly.

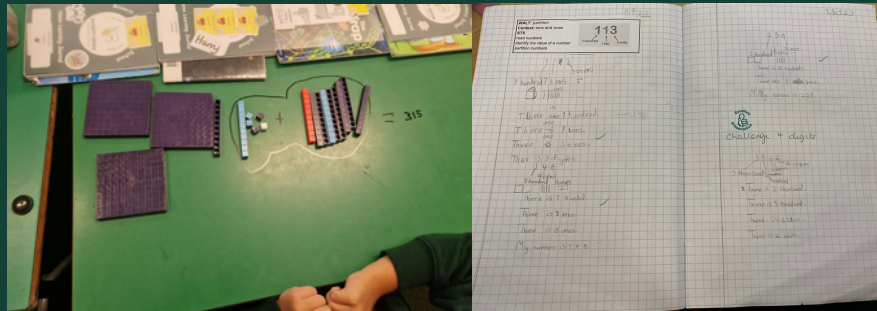
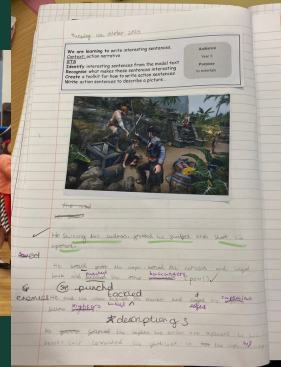




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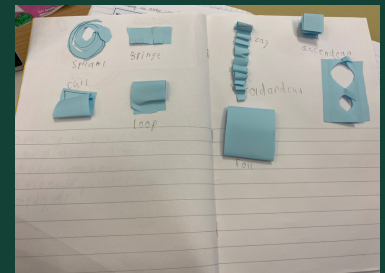
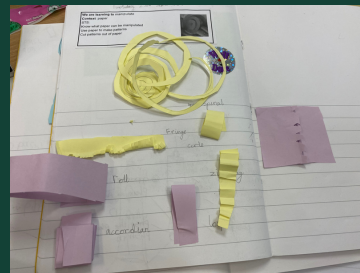
LKS2 - Year 3

Pirate day – Year 3 had an excellent day immersing themselves in the experience of being a pirate. They developed a strong understanding of high level vocabulary which they are using regularly in their writing. What a fantastic crew of scurvy buccaneers they made!



In maths we have been using concrete resources to support our growing understanding of number; making and using 3 digit numbers including adding and subtracting across boundaries.

In DT we have been developing a range of skills in order to make sea monsters that move using pneumatic systems. We have explored different techniques to manipulate paper and have developed our understanding of how pneumatic systems use air to make objects move.



In science this term we have been learning about different forces. We have explored how every force is either a push or a pull and conducted experiments exploring the impact of forces such as gravity, upthrust and friction on the world around us. We have used newton meters to measure the amount of force required to move an object so that we can answer the question of which surface has the most friction.

We have been challenging ourselves in PE to develop our balancing skills and exploring different ways that we can move. We have created challenges and games to stretch our balance skills and showed excellent teamwork in supporting one another to rise to these challenges.

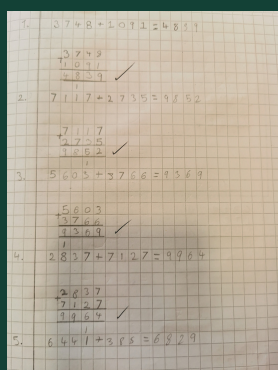
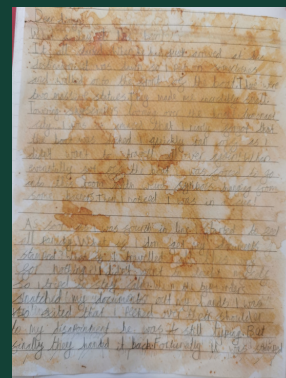




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LKS2 - Year 4

Our theme this half term has been 'belonging'. In our writing, we have been looking at the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan as it fits with this theme. We have written a diary about the events of the main character, focusing on the use of emotive language. We have also written a narrative which continues the story using the skills of expanding our noun phrases using modifiers.



Maths this half term has had a strong focus on place value of four digit numbers. We have learnt the value of each digit, how to sequence them in ascending and descending order as well finding 10, 100 and 1000 more/less than a number. This led onto using the column method for addition and subtraction problems.

In science, we have been looking at animals including humans. We have looked at the teeth of different animals to determine what their diet may have been and also how food is digested – this involved making our own version of the digestive system!



We made pierogis in DT this half term which are traditional polish dumplings. We tasted different variations before practising making the dough ourselves. Finally, after designing our own, we made two different types, one sweet and the other savoury.

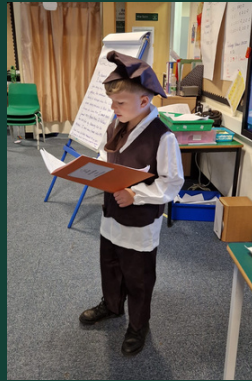
We linked computing with geography this half term and focused on European countries. Using Microsoft publisher, we learnt how to create title, text boxes and import pictures in order to make a fact file on our chosen country.

Our music sessions began this half term also. Rabbits class have been learning how to play the ukulele whilst Badgers are learning the recorder. We have been learning how sounds are made on each instrument and how these can change depending on what you do.



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UKS2 - Year 5



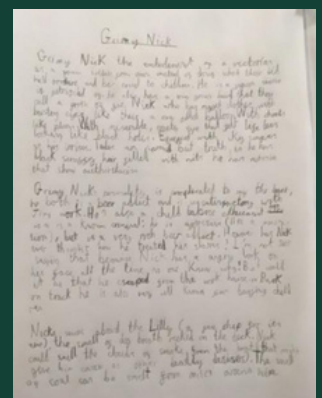
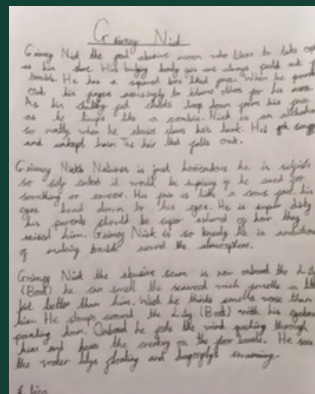
As part of our history learning about the Victorians, Year 5 had the opportunity to dress up as a Victorian and experience what it was like to attend a Victorian school. The teachers very much enjoyed being strict and administering lessons in rows!

Our Music lessons have started with an exciting topic! We are learning about and writing our own class rap! We have thoroughly enjoyed discussing the topics we want to rap about.



In Science, we are learning about forces and in our gravity lessons we have created and tested our own parachutes to see if the size of the canopy affects the speed at reaching the ground.

In English we have started to read "The Street Child" which is really highlighting what life was like as a Victorian street child. We love the fact that it is based on a true story and we have been introduced to Dr Barnado! We wrote some wonderful character descriptions of a gruesome character called Grimy Nick!





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UKS2 - Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the school year! They have consistently shown that they are role models and look so smart in their year 6 jumpers! The House Captains were voted in by members of their house across the school and the candidates for Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl wrote letters to Mrs Stillwell about why they would be good for the job and what they could bring to the role

We had a BMX day where all children got the opportunity to build their growth mind set and to challenge themselves as well as learn some amazing stunt skills and display their Bassett best!



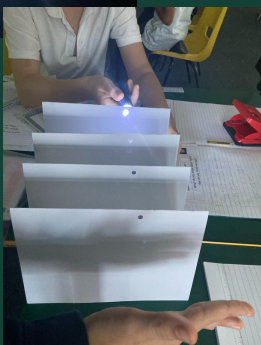
Year 6 have had an RE day where they learnt more about the Buddhist faith. They made some clay Buddhis/lotus flowers of their own and discussed why the Buddha is such an important part of this faith.



In Science, the children have been learning about light and investigating how it travels and how shadows are formed. They have enjoyed practical sessions.



Year 6 have had special PHSE workshops with an outside agency and they have looked at peer pressure, stereotypes and healthy relationships. They have been mature and sensible throughout



We have had some wonderful writing across the year group. The children have enjoyed reading 'Odysseus' and learning about the Ancient Greeks in history

