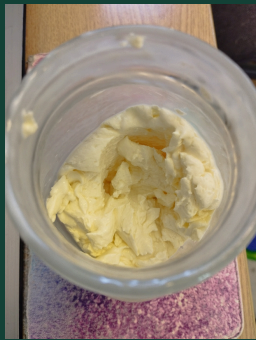




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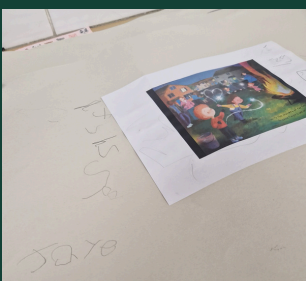
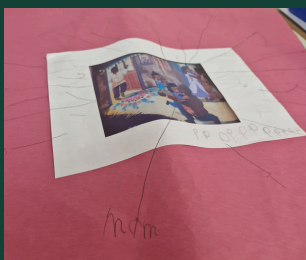
Year R

We have had a busy half term in Year R! We have had lots of interesting and enjoyable themes such as under the sea, bears and celebrations. The children had a great time playing in the different role play areas.



Our Wow Wednesdays are always fun and the children learn lots of different things. We had a great time learning about Diwali. However, one of our best days was 'farms in the past'. We made butter by shaking cream in a jar and after 10 minutes and lots of teamwork...we made butter! Then, during snack time, we got to eat it.

Another great Wow Wednesday was learning about our school values. These are respect, challenge, resilience and teamwork. The children especially loved making marshmallow towers to show their teamwork skills.



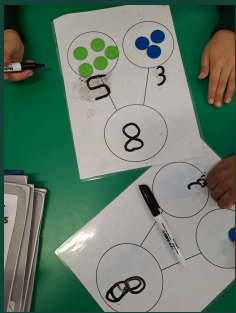
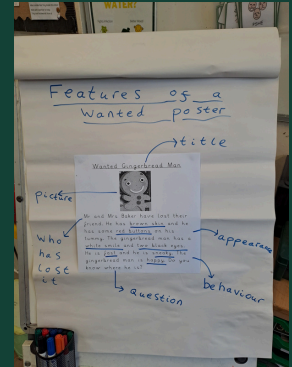
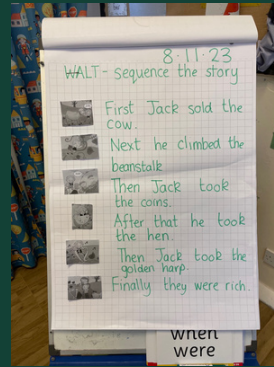
The children have used the book 'Little Glow' to inspire their literacy learning for the last two weeks. We have seen great engagement and enthusiasm as they learnt about a wide variety of different celebrations for a range of cultures and faiths, such as birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. This has led to some great writing using initial sounds and some of the children have started to write short captions. We finished the topic by having photos of the different celebrations and the children worked collaboratively to label images in the pictures. Well done Year R, we are proud of the progress you have made with your writing this term.



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KS1- Year 1

In English this half term, we have been reading traditional tales and writing descriptions of the characters. We have greatly enjoyed reading 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. We rewrote our own versions and chose different vegetables to be pulled out of the ground.



In Maths this half term, we have been learning to add and subtract numbers in different ways. We are becoming much more confident at using resources like cubes and counters and we have started jumping along number lines to help us with our calculations.

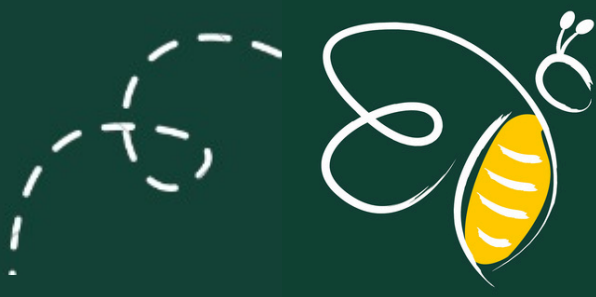
In DT, we have been looking at moving mechanisms that we can use to make a moving picture. We now know about levers, pivots and sliders.. We have made some of our own moving pictures to go with our traditional tales to make them even more exciting to read!



In History, we have been learning all about toys from the past and have created a timeline in our classrooms to show how toys have changed over time. We really enjoyed looking at all the different toys that our parents and grandparents may have played with and comparing them to toys we have today.

In Science, we have been sorting objects by their materials and learning how to describe them by their properties. We used our new knowledge to investigate materials for how waterproof and absorbent they were in order to design a boat for the Gingerbread Man to make it safely across the river.





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KS1- Year 2

In Maths this half term, we have learnt about shapes, including 3D shapes. We learnt the names of shapes and also explored their properties. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary linked to this topic, including faces, vertices and edges. After learning about shapes we used our knowledge to help us make the shapes out of play dough and construction resources.



In PE, we have been learning to pass objects to a partner or over ourselves whilst doing a seated balance. We challenged ourselves to think of other ways to make it trickier to pass cones, for example by using only one hand, being back to back with our partner or even using our feet!

We had the amazing experience of visiting Portchester Castle this half term. We loved seeing where the kings and queens would have lived and playing in the baileys. We had some very brave knights who climbed all the way to the top of the spiral staircase. "All the people looked like ants!"



Inspired by our visit to the castle we used clay skills to make our own castles. We learned to roll, shape and pinch clay to make features of a castle. We also used imprinting as well as learning how to do cross-hatching and use slurry to join clay slabs. It was messy work but we think they look fab!

Castle day

Year 2 had the most amazing day becoming medieval pupils. We dressed as knights, princesses, blacksmiths and jesters. On the day we designed a coat of arms and learned a medieval group dance. It really brought the history topic to life and it was great to hear the children becoming experts in their learning.

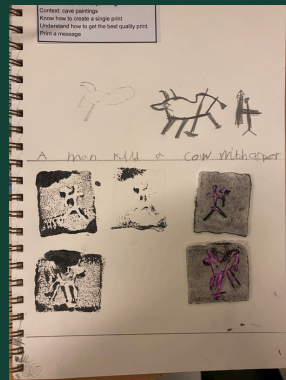
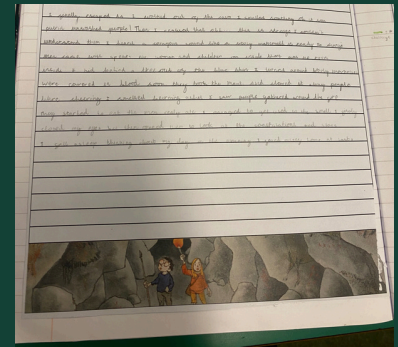




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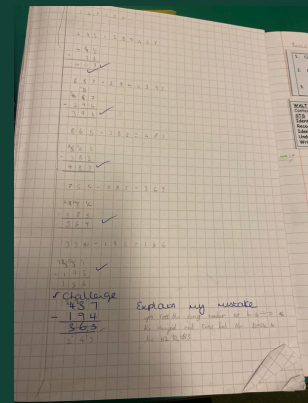
LKS2 - Year 3

We have been learning all about The Stone Age in year 3 and have written some excellent portal stories imagining what it would be like if we fell through a portal and found ourselves in the Stone Age! We learned how to show that our characters are feeling scared by explaining what was happening to their bodies – reading some of our stories really did send a shiver down the spine!



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.

In maths, we have developed our understanding of place value and addition and subtraction to understand how to use the column method. Some children have even challenged themselves to answer questions which include a double exchange.



Year 3's progression through seated balance in PE this term has been excellent. We have been developing our core muscles to support our balance skills and can now pass objects around a circle using our feet while seated.

In Science we have been exploring nutrition, food groups and skeletons in animals including humans. We have developed our understanding of how we grow, the bones in our body and how skeletons are different in animals.

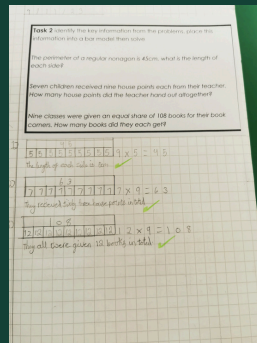
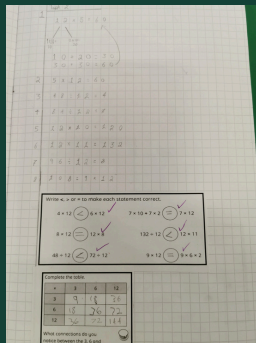
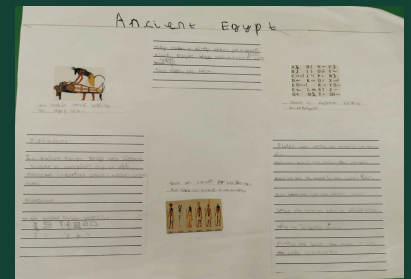
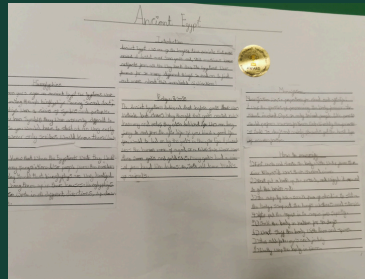




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LKS2 - Year 4

We have produced a non-chronological report based on the Ancient Egyptians this half term – we focused on three main areas: Religion, mummification and hieroglyphics. We had to research, take notes and then turn those into paragraphs about each section. We were really proud of what we achieved.



In maths, we have been working hard on our times tables this half term. Everyone has made progress with this and we are now ready to start applying our times table knowledge to solve more complex problems next half term.

We now know how sound travels thanks to our science topic. We have completed investigations on how to muffle sound and how to change sound through pitch and volume.

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.



In art, we progressed our sculpting skills in order 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.

Our music sessions have progressed and we are now at the point where we will be moving onto a new instrument. We have been able to play simple chords and create our own simple piece of music.



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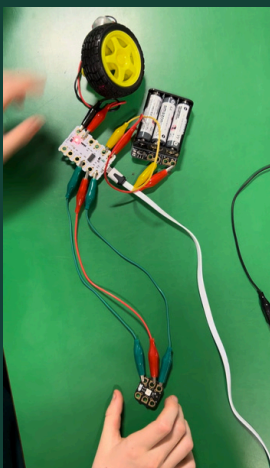
UKS2 - Year 5

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 sweet being set on fire!



In music we have been enjoying learning different songs, particularly our Christmas ones. Singing them to our parents around the tree was fun and really got us into the festive spirit! Some of us are in the choir and we were able to take part in a concert at the Guildhall, with other schools

In our Design and Technology lessons we have planned, designed and created our very own picture frames! We loved using the saws and the glue gun! We became quite the experts!



We have had the wonderful opportunity of having 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.

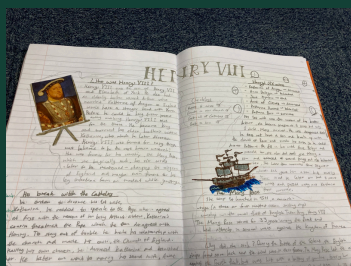
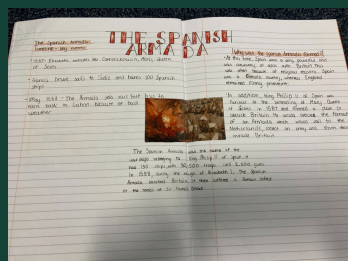


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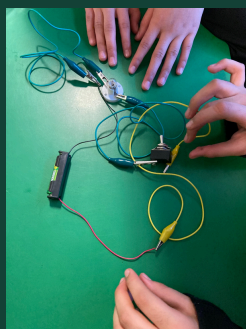
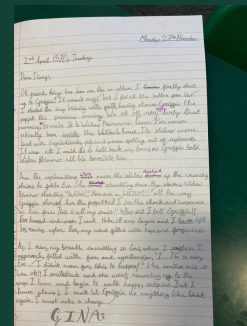
UKS2 - Year 6

In DT, the children researched Greek tavernas and evaluated different hummus and flatbreads. They then created their own products – they were delicious!



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 English, to tie in with our history learning, the children have been reading 'The Diver's Daughter' which is set in Tudor Southampton. We have had some superb writing where the children have really tried their Bassett best!



In our science learning, we have been exploring electricity and how circuits work. We have been investigating what effects the flow of electricity.

Many of our year 6 children enjoyed bikeability – they increased their cycling confidence and road safety awareness



We have enjoyed practising our Christmas songs to get us in the mood for Christmas and our performance to parents!