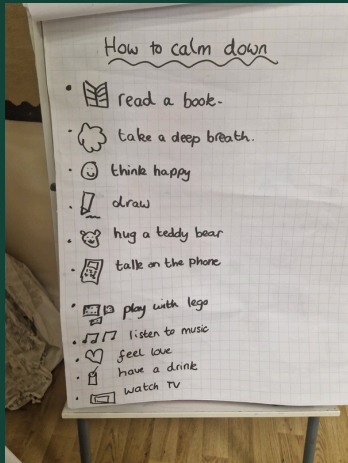




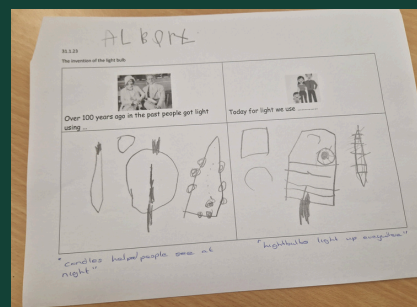
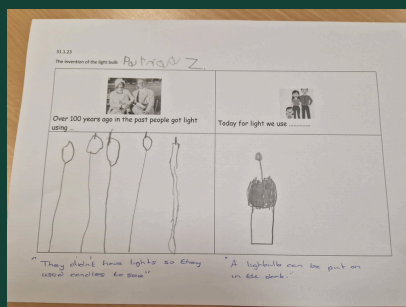
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## Year R



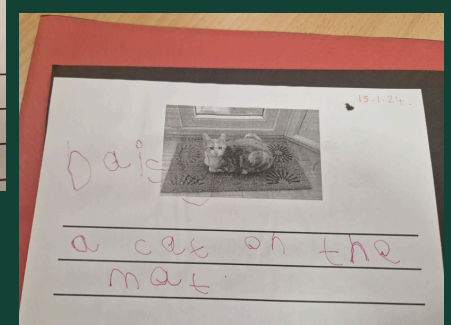
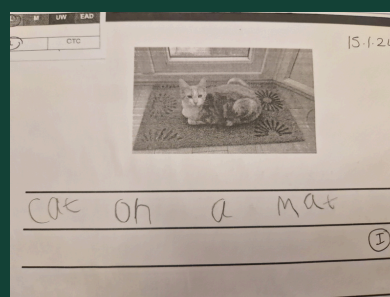
We had a feelings and emotions week when we returned to school in January. We read the book 'The Colour Monster' and learnt how you can use different colours to think about emotions. For example, green for calm, blue for sad and yellow for happy. Over the week, we talked about when we had felt different emotions and what made us feel that way. As a class we thought about things we could do to help us feel calm if we were feeling angry or scared. The children did an absolutely amazing job of coming up with their own bank of ideas.

We had an amazing RE day learning about special food and the Jewish celebration Shabbat. We learnt about the Jewish creation story, why resting is important and then we shared a special Shabbat meal. In our meal we shared juice, ate traditional challah bread and spent time resting with our friends.



On one of our Wow Wednesday's we learnt about inventions. The children learnt about the invention of the light bulb. They were able to talk about sources of light before the invention and how light bulbs help us today.

We are proud to see that many of the children are starting to write simple sentences. They practise this in their Literacy lessons as well as having times throughout the day to choose to write independently. They are encouraged to sound out using phonics knowledge and they are also beginning to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

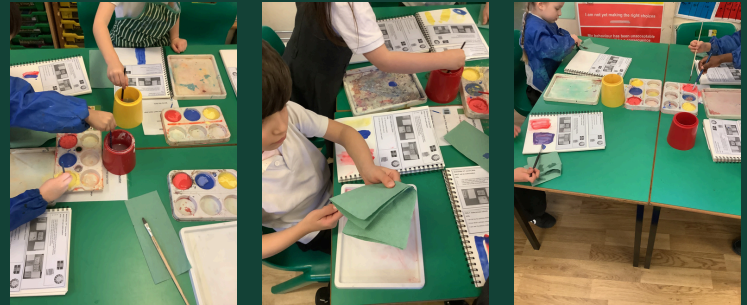




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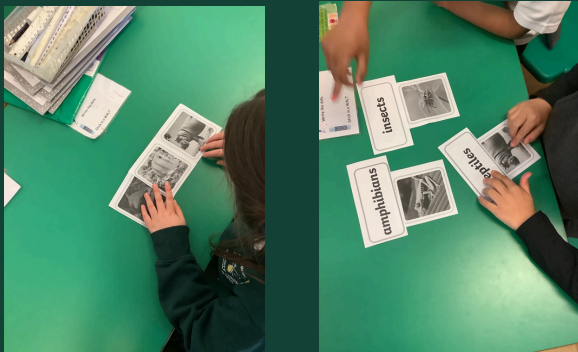
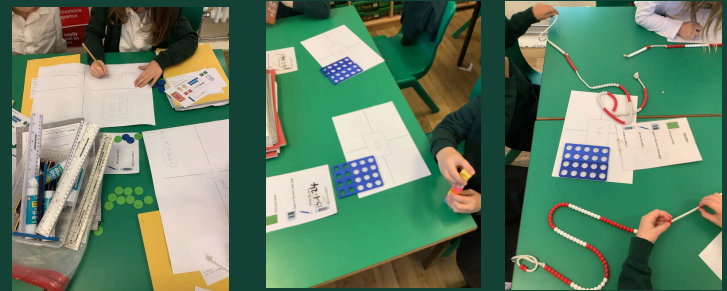
In art this half term, we have been learning how to paint using powder paint. We have loved setting up our own painting stations and mixing the primary colours together to make secondary colours.



### RE: Question of faith day

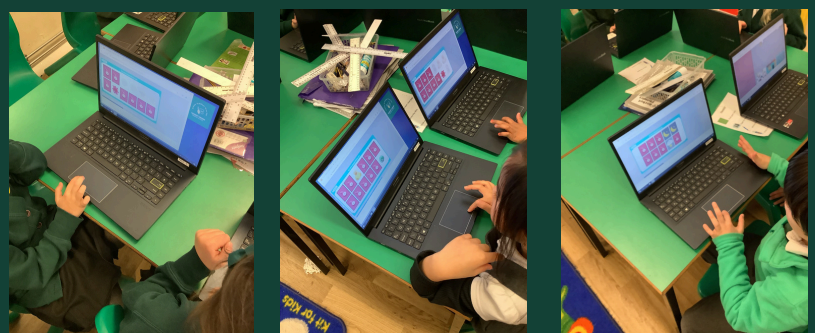
This half term, we have had a visit from Southampton City Mission where we have learnt about 5 different stories that Jesus told. We loved being able to dress up as characters from the stories and then role play these in front of our friends.

In maths this half term, we have been learning how to use resources to show the place value of a number and to support our understanding of number bonds to 20. We enjoyed using part, part whole models and tens frames to show how many tens and ones a number has in it.



This half term in science, we have been learning about animals and the different groups that they can be found in. We have enjoyed working together to try to group the animals depending on what similar features they have in common.

In computing this half term, we have been learning how to navigate a laptop mouse and discussing how to stay safe when using technology. We have loved using the laptops and enjoyed playing memory games on them.





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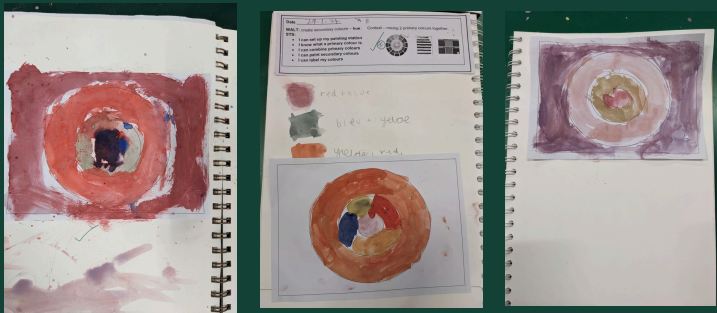
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## KS1- Year 2

We have been learning about measurement this half term. We used rulers, trundle wheels and measuring tapes to find out how tall or long something is. We practised starting our measuring at 0cm. It was fun to find the longest or shortest thing in the classroom and in the playground.



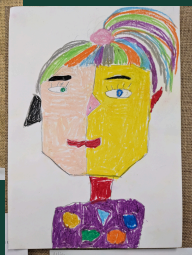
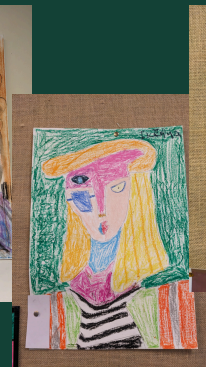
In Art, we have been learning about abstract art. We have focused on the artist Kandinsky who used shape, lines and colour to show how he was feeling. We revisited our learning about primary and secondary colours and how to use powder paints. It was a bit messy but lots of fun mixing! We applied our knowledge of line, pattern and shapes to show our own feelings and emotions through painting.



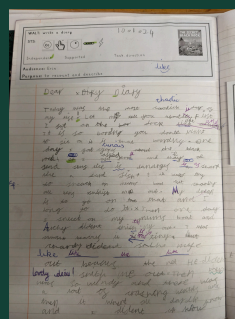
### Home Learning projects.

Another abstract artist we learnt about was Pablo Picasso. We set the challenge to research his work and find out how he created his art.

Children brought in canvases, paintings, drawings and computer based pieces. We had so much fun sharing our homework with each other and guessing who was being represented in Picasso's famous style. Can you guess who is who from our Bassett Green staff?



Year 2 became historians and looked at different sources to discover more about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We researched all about their jobs and how they changed nursing for the better. We also found out about equality and how these people were treated very differently in their time in history. We have enjoyed reading books and finding out more about them in history, reading and writing lessons.



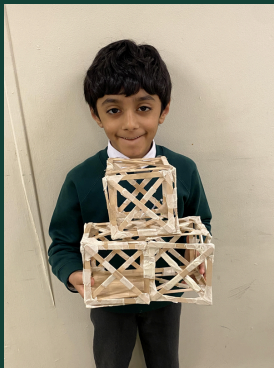
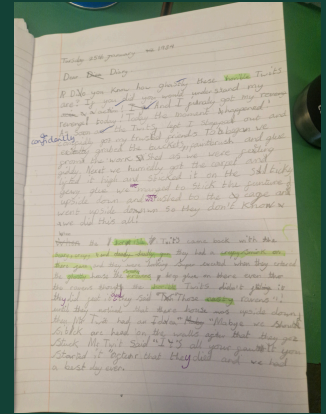
Our writing stimulus was the story of 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We had great discussions about safety, bravery, habitats and not judging by appearances. We wrote amazing diaries from the perspective of the main character, Erin. There were so many emotions and thoughtful ideas about how and why the characters acted the way they did. Our writing is improving all the time!



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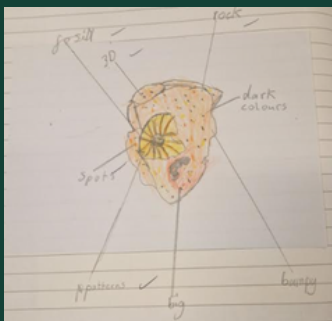
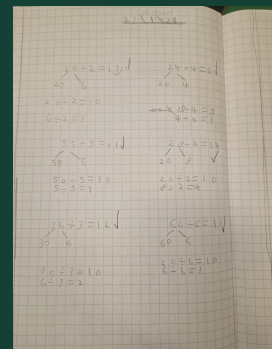
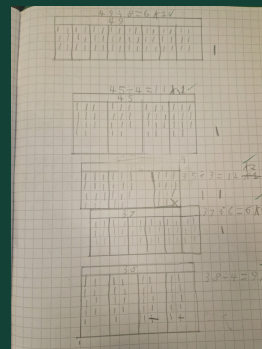
## LKS2 - Year 3

We have been reading *The Twits* this half term and creating some fantastic pieces of writing based on the story. We have really enjoyed getting to know the gruesome characters and have written character descriptions, letters and diary entries about some of the terrible tricks they played on each other.



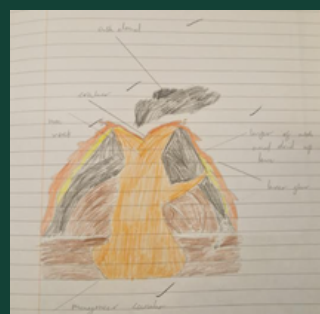
In DT this half term, we have been exploring earthquake proof structures and creating our own using architectural techniques such as cross bracing. We have had to learn how to join materials together to create a strong support for our structure and we have developed our team work skills to ensure our product survives the shake table test.

In maths, we have learnt formal methods of multiplication and division including learning to divide numbers that have a remainder. We have had to show resilience while learning some quite tricky new skills.



We have been improving our scientific observation skills by closely looking at and drawing rocks and fossils. We have learned how to classify the rocks into sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks and have learnt about the rock cycle.

Geography has been very exciting this half term! We have learned all about how the earth is made up of layers and the tectonic plates that make up the layer of the crust. We have been exploring how the movement of the plates forms volcanoes and learning the process of a volcanic eruption.

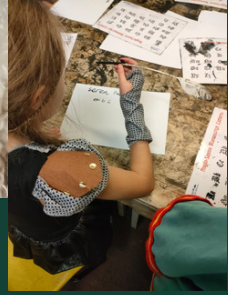




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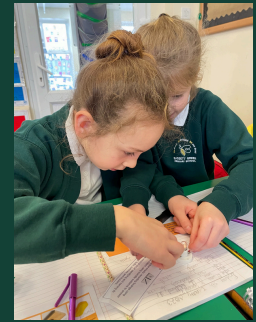
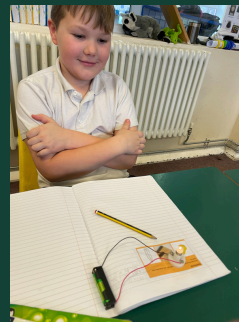
## LKS2 - Year 4

Viking day was brilliant. We had the hall set up as a battle field, one class set up as a monastery and a Viking long boat in another. We found out how the Vikings fought in formation, how they would have buried a Viking chief and what they would have needed to sail their long boat. It was great fun and a real memorable learning experience.

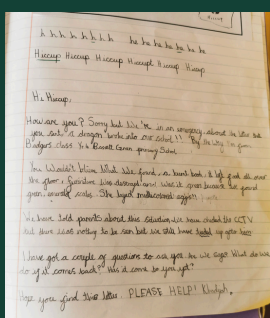


A dragon came to school at the beginning of the term and we enjoyed looking at the clues it left behind to write a description of what we thought it looked like. We have really enjoyed reading the book 'How to Train your Dragon' and have written letters to the key characters and a narrative based on the book.

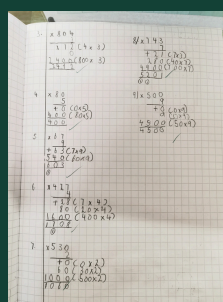
In science, we have been learning about electricity. We now know how to stay safe around electricity and have learnt what makes a circuit complete. We can make circuits including bulbs and motors and determine whether a circuit will or will not work.



We really enjoyed our two and a half weeks swimming. Every child managed to make progress whether it was from gaining confidence in the water or being able to swim 25m independently.



In DT, We have been using our skills in science to make a working torch. We looked at the design brief and completed a design to create. We then attached a circuit with a switch to create the working torch.



Maths has been tricky but enjoyable this half term. We have been focusing on formal methods for multiplying and dividing 2 or 3 digit numbers. There are lots of steps but our confidence has grown and we are now able to multiply and divide most numbers up to three digits and even find the remainders.

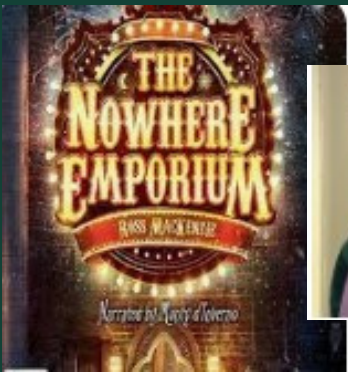


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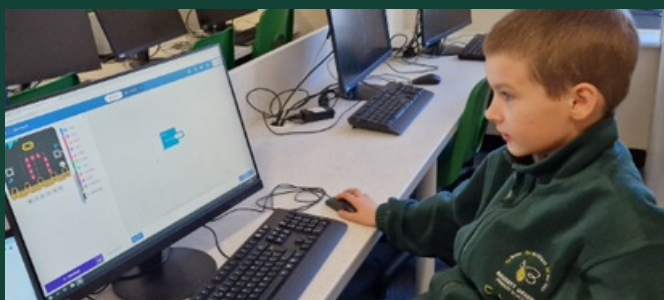
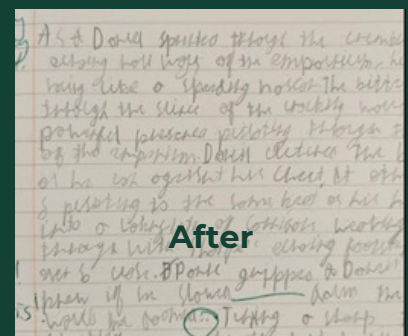
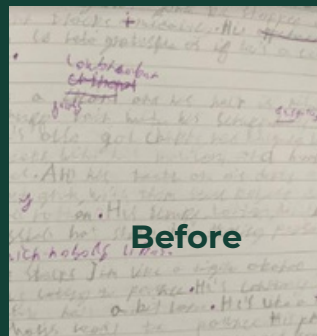
## UKS2 - Year 5

As part of our science curriculum, we continue to visit Cantell School and have lessons with Mr Fuge. We learned all about elements and their properties. We used magnets, a filter funnel and fire to extract the salt from the solution.



Wow! What a book "The Nowhere Emporium" is! It has captured our imagination and we have absolutely loved writing suspense and atmospheric settings using all the skills we have been learning.

A big push has been on handwriting! This is something we are working really hard on and have been focusing on this in all areas of our learning. Who will be the first person in year 5 to get a pen licence?



Some members of year 5 have been helping year 4 shape their coding curriculum.

In science, we have been investigating the properties of materials in order to create protective packaging for an egg drop.

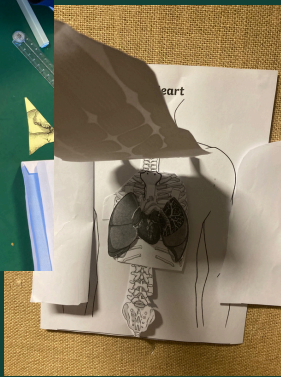
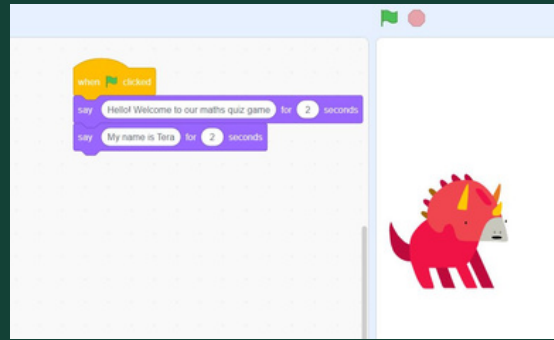




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## UKS2 - Year 6

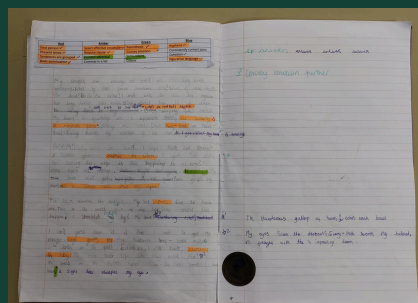
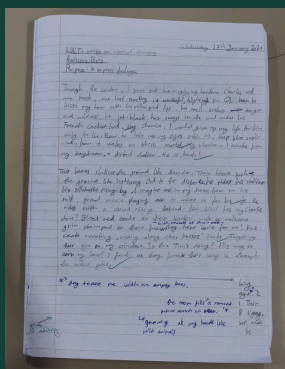
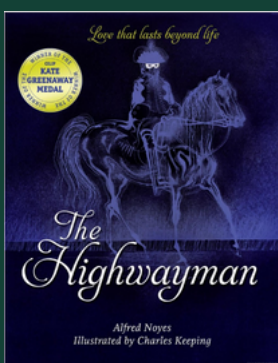
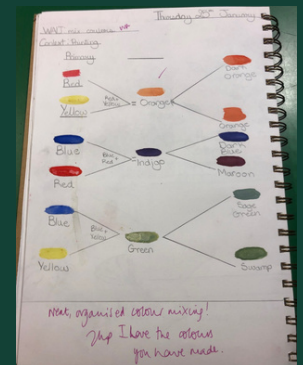
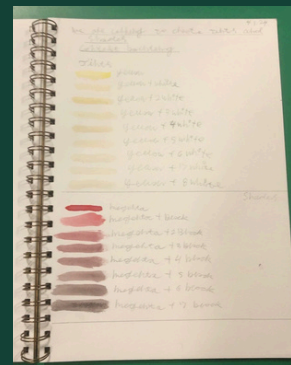
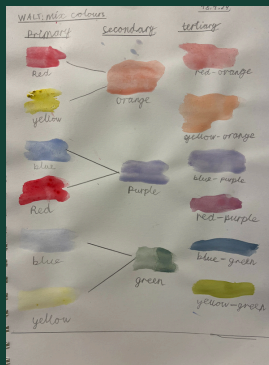
This half term, the children have started writing a maths quiz in the computing programme, Scratch and are looking forward to continuing coding with it.



We have been enjoying exploring the role of the heart and the circulatory system.

In PE, the children have enjoyed learning badminton skills and we have seen great progress!

Our art learning has been focused on colour mixing tertiary colours and matching these to emotions. We have been creating abstract paintings. We have enjoyed mixing and experimenting with colour.



We have enjoyed our English unit based on 'The Highwayman' and have written some great pieces; including a letter as Bess and internal monologues.