



Curriculum Highlights Spring 1

Year R



During our Pets topic, the staff brought in their own pets to meet the children. We had visits from Mrs Heptinstall's dog Merlin, Mrs William's gerbils and Mrs Sharpe's gecko Brian. Both Mrs Shopland and Mrs Knights have African land snails so they came too. We also went to visit the Guinea pigs in Honeybees.

We had a wonderful wow day learning about Shabbat, a Jewish faith tradition, and we shared a meal together. Mr Bond and Ms Long came too!



We learned about Chinese New Year. We had a dragon parade around the playground. We made streamers and instruments to wave and make music as we walked around.



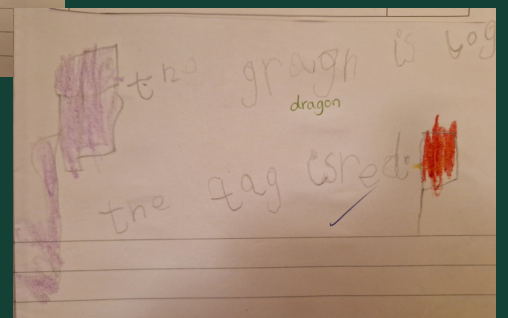
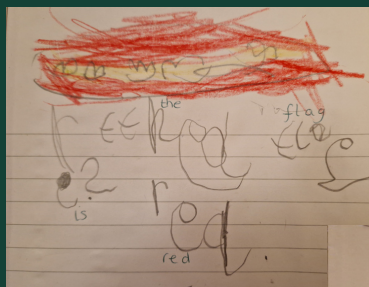
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We had fun on the balance bikes. Some children even got to ride a pedal bike on their own.



We did some wonderful writing in our writing sessions after our fun wow days. We are using our phonic sounds and tricky words to write labels and simple sentences. Look at our super independent writing.





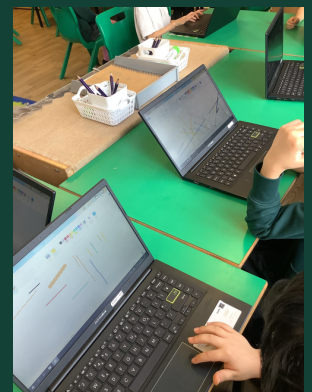
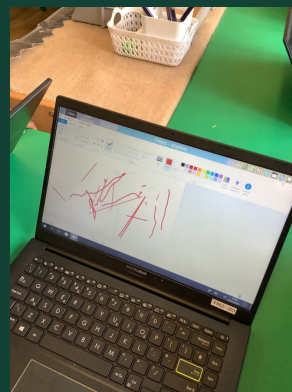
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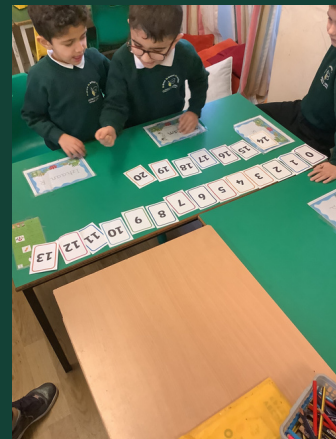
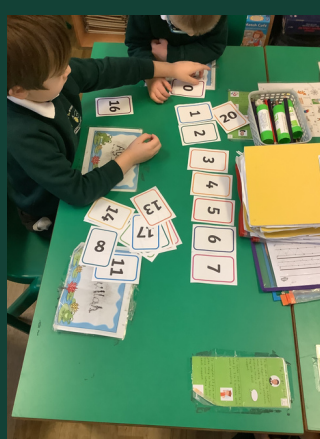
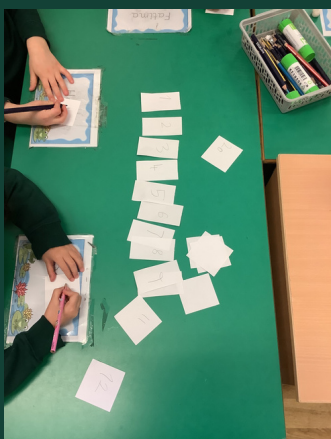
We have been learning about animals and their habitats in science. We learnt that animals can be sorted into different groups, depending on their characteristics. We worked together to look at different animals and decide which group they belonged with, which sparked lots of discussions about each animal's features.



In computing, we have been learning how to use the laptops. We can now turn them on and login correctly. Now that we know how to turn the laptop on, we have been using a programme called Paint to begin creating digital paintings.



In our maths lessons, we have been deepening our understanding of numbers up to 20. We have worked on comparing numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols, and have even made our own number lines to 20 using number cards.

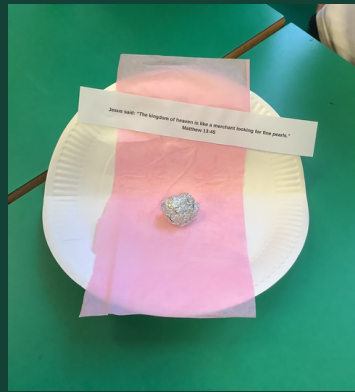
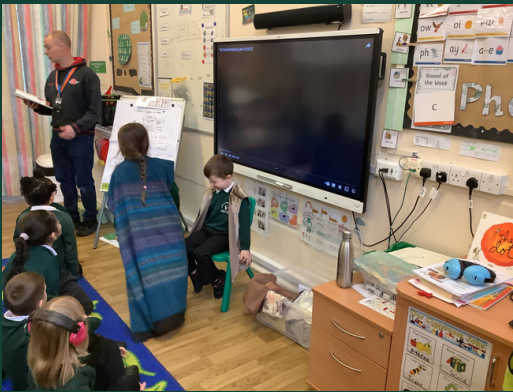




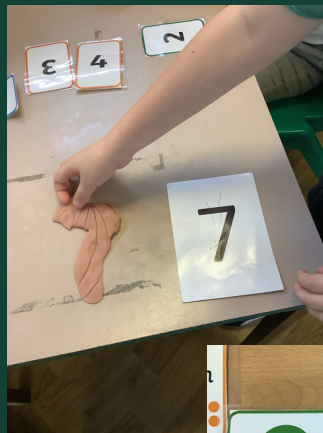
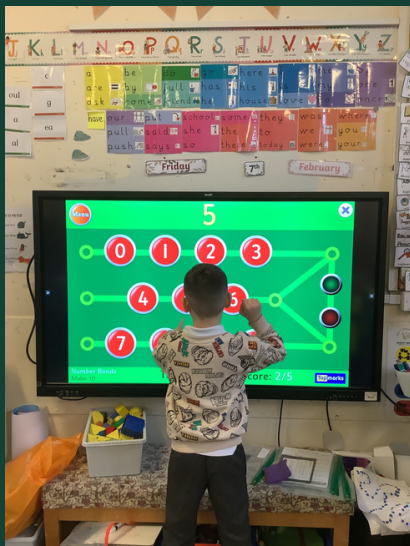
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KS1- Year 1 - continued

In Year 1 we have been lucky enough to have our "Question of Faith" day led by Southampton City Mission. We listened to different stories that Jesus told and then created different crafts based on each story. Our favourites were our sheep pictures to represent "The Lost Sheep" story and our pearls in shells from the story of "The Precious Pearl".



We had lots of fun celebrating Number Day on the 5th February. As well as wearing our number themed clothes, we took part in a variety of activities that used our maths skills in a fun way. This included sorting 3D shapes, representing numbers using the numicon and making numbers out of playdough to name a few. It was so much fun!





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KS1- Year 2

We have been learning about important nurses in history, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We found out all about how they changed hospitals and we were very lucky to have a visit from one of our parents who works at Southampton hospital. The children had so many questions and learned lots about how we take care of patients today!



We have been building up our core strength in our gymnastics lessons. We have learned different stretches and poses and practised transitioning into them whilst safely engaging our muscles.



In our art lessons, we have been learning about Kandinsky – an abstract artist who chose lines, shape and colour to show how he is feeling. We then explored features and tools on Paint 3D to recreate some abstract art.

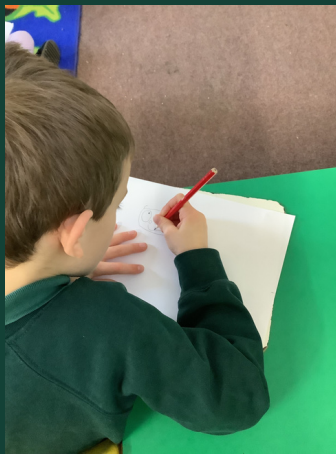




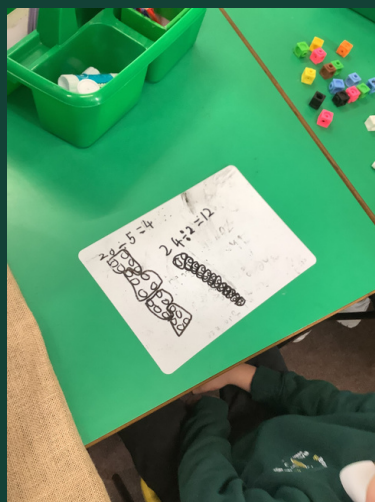
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KS1- Year 2 continued

In Year 2 we have been enjoying reading a variety of books and were lucky enough to have a virtual visit from the author of 'Yeti's Don't Exist', Kate Thompson. She talked us through how she got her ideas from writing, what she enjoyed about reading and then the illustrator showed us how to draw a yeti.



Year 2 have been learning multiplication and division skills. We used songs to help us remember counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Then we used equal groups to support us solving questions using the symbols $\times$ $\div$ $=$. Have you tried logging in to Times Tables Rockstars at home?

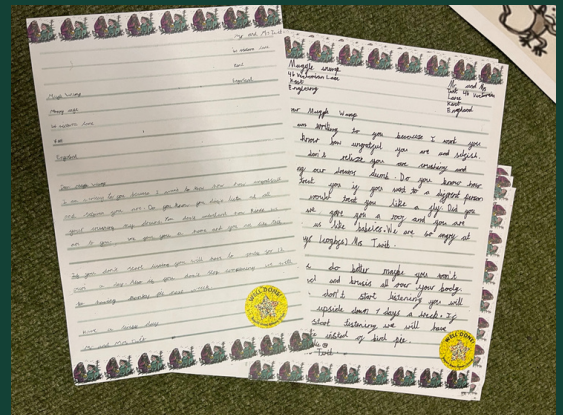




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LKS2 - Year 3

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 these 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.

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! 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.

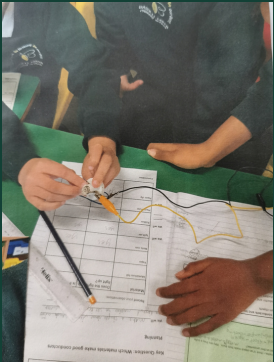
Making a model Earth out of plasticine was particularly fun! We have been exploring how the movement of the plates forms volcanoes and learning the process of a volcanic eruption.



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LKS2 - Year 4

This half term we have really enjoyed learning about Vikings. The term began with our Viking experience day where we learnt how to battle like a Viking, prepare their long boats for epic adventures and we even raided a monastery, just like the real Vikings did in Lindisfarne. The day was lots of fun and also informative

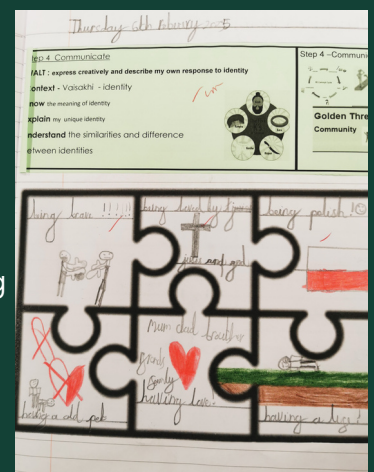


In Science, we have been learning all about electricity including how to be safe around it. We have found out how to construct a working circuit and which components are needed. Also, we investigated what materials make good conductors and insulators.

We were able to attend a school trip to Home Farm in Beaulieu this half term where we got to see what life is like on a working farm. We visited the different animals (including holding a rabbit) along with doing some daily jobs. As part of the trip, we also walked into the village of Beaulieu and compared this to Bassett, it is much quieter!



Linked to our science, we were tasked with creating a working torch for our DT project which fit a design brief. We constructed an electric circuit which worked with a switch and incorporated this into our torches. We were proud of the outcomes.



In RE, we learnt more about the Sikh faith. We discussed how celebrating Vaisakhi can contribute to their identity which led to discussing what identifies us and how our identity can impact those around us.

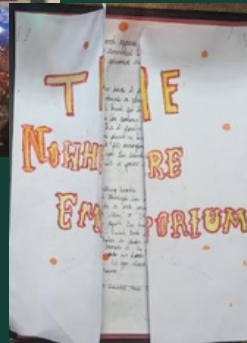


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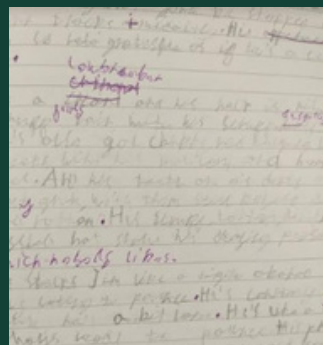
UKS2 - Year 5

As part of our science curriculum, we have been continuing 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.

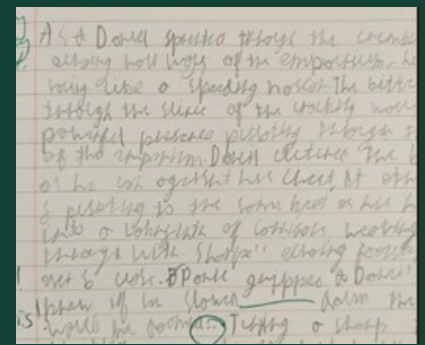


Wow! What a book "The Nowhere Emporium" is! It has captured our imagination and we have absolutely loved writing suspense and atmospheric settings using all the skills we have been learning.

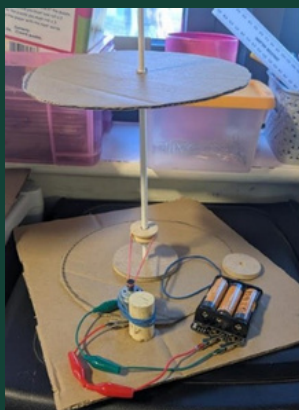
A big push is handwriting! This is something we are working really hard on and have been focusing on this in all areas of our learning.



BEFORE



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We have loved learning how to use the Crumble coding kit to create a mini fairground ride! We learned how to make it spin and make lights flash!

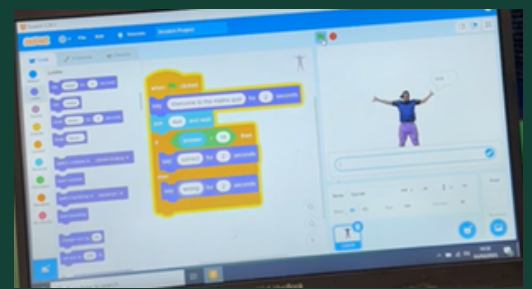


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UKS2 - Year 6

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 also had some great discussions in our E-safety lessons, where the children understood what to do in situations online when someone is being unkind.

In PE, the children have developed their balancing skills even further. Taking on new heights!



Our art learning has been focused on colour mixing tertiary colours and matching these to emotions. We enjoyed mixing and experimenting with colour, learning how to blend tones and shades to create shadow. Our final outcome was an abstract painting.



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UKS2 - Year 6 continued

We have really enjoyed our English unit based on 'The Highwayman' and have written some great pieces; including love letters as Bess, internal monologues and secret stanzas.

