

ASPS NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support over the past term. I hope you enjoy reading all of the news included here.

We have had some great extra curricular activities this term and I would like to highlight our involvement in *World Water Day* and *Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel*. In the words of one of our parents, Beatty

“Alfred Sutton Primary School invited families to walk the length of the Crescent Road School Street to celebrate World Water Day and Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel. Children wore blue and crowded under umbrellas as the rain came down! School staff joined the crowd and along with School Street Marshals, helped keep the route safe. One narwhal costume was spotted and one fish, along with much giggling. What a great way to arrive at school! Look out for more school street parades in the future.”



Thank you to everyone who was involved and took part.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Tom, Leo, Oakley and Torrin for keeping the school grounds litter free.

The boys regularly volunteer to give up their lunchtimes to pick up litter around the site and have more recently been venturing into the neighbouring field, accompanied by the Chair of Governors, to tackle the huge amount of rubbish that regularly accumulates there. Thank you team

Yours sincerely

Robert Howell
Headteacher



School News

Nursery News



This term we have been talking about **People Who Help Us**. We started our topic by reading the traditional tale of *The Three Little Pigs* and introducing the job of the construction workers. Then we used the book *Dig, Dig, Digging* to learn how community vehicles help us, such as diggers, rescue helicopters and lorries. The week after we introduced the *Little Workmates* book series and focused on doctors, nurses and teachers. The focus then was moved to police officers and firefighters and all children enjoyed role playing those characters.

Children also created beautiful daffodil cards for Mother's Day. Our book *The Smartest Giant in Town* introduced us to rhyming words and also how to be kind and helpful to others.

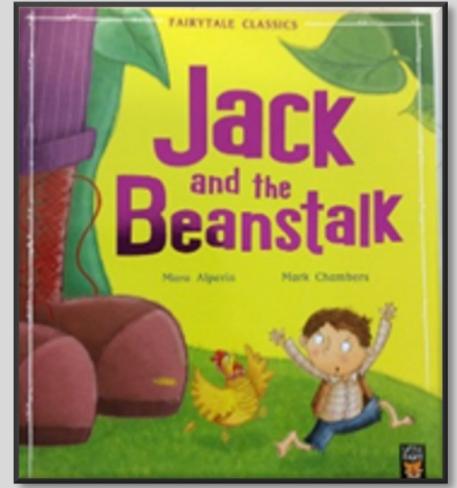
We had the great pleasure of hosting the PTA funded "**Living Eggs**" Project this year. We got to look after the eggs in the incubator and watched them hatch into beautiful fluffy chicks!

Finally, we introduced the season of Spring and the festival of Easter with the story of *Webster J Duck*. We had lots of fun making repeating patterns and going on egg hunts around the garden and on the Welly Walk!



Reception News

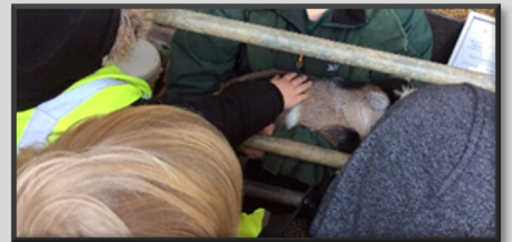
This term the children have been learning all about growing and focusing on plants and animals. The children explored a story called 'Stuck' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Whilst these have been our focus books the children have also had opportunities to explore books about Spring and how plants grow.



The children have done some amazing writing about our story 'Stuck', writing about objects that they would throw into the tree. They also created pictures to match their writing. The children looked at parts of a plant and what the parts are called in relation to our story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They also grew a beanstalk which they thoroughly enjoyed and have watched their plants closely. The children have been so engrossed in all their spring learning and have enjoyed all the exciting opportunities.



The children also went on a trip to visit Bucklebury farm where they saw many farm animals, learnt about the different animals and even got to feed some of them.



In maths we have been learning about, number bonds to 10. Learning more about 2d and 3d shapes and making similarities between the two. The children have been very interested in learning about the different sides/corners and faces.



Year 1 News



The children have worked incredibly hard this term. It has been a pleasure seeing them gain confidence and engage in our topics with such enthusiasm. This Monday we had a Spring assembly where the children all learnt and performed some songs and poems. Earlier in the term, we had a World Book Day dance workshop. We got to know *Where The Wild Things Are* really well and set scenes to music.

Thank you for all the support the children have had with homework this term. They thoroughly enjoyed making fossils.

We wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.

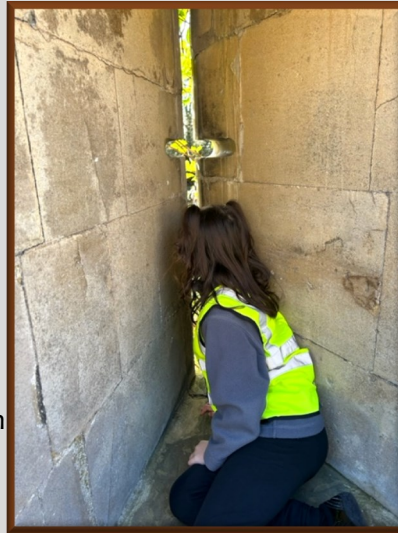


Year 2 News

This has been a short, but busy term for Year 2. One of the highlights was outdoor learning, where we decorated our pebbles with some incredible designs. In nutritional learning, we found ourselves in the kitchen making layered yogurt pots. It was wonderful to see children safely cutting fruit using their newly learned claw and bridge cutting techniques!



We started a new topic in PE and have been honing our rugby skills when outside. Indoors, we have been developing our strength and flexibility in gymnastics.

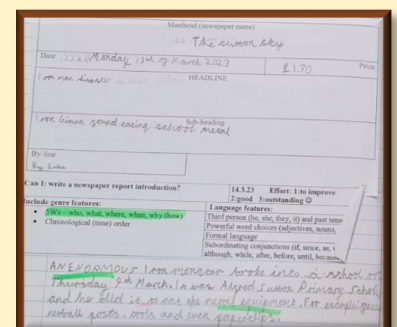
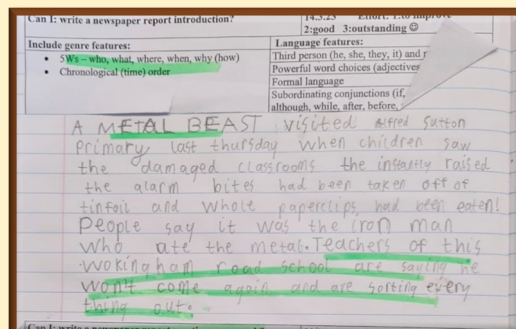


In the last week of term, we visited Windsor Castle - what an incredibly informative and fun filled day! Throughout the day, we visited Queen Mary's Doll's House and St George's Chapel to see the tomb of Queen Elizabeth II. The castle staff led a fantastic lesson for us, teaching us about the history of Windsor Castle. It was wonderful exploring the historic grounds spying arrow loops, crenellations and murder holes! Ask a year 2 what their favourite castle feature is...



Year 3 News

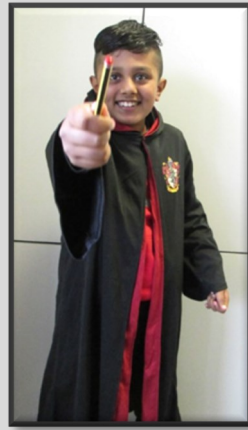
This term, Year 3 have been reading the book called 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. They couldn't believe it when the Iron Man then visited the school to munch on the metal in the classrooms! Luckily, Year 3 children are experienced investigators and reporters – they interviewed staff and students in the school and wrote newspaper reports about the event. We'll have to see if the Iron Man makes his way to the tip where he can safely eat all the metal he desires!



Year 4 News

The children in Year 4 have enjoyed learning all about the Anglo-Saxons – where they came from, why they came and how they influenced the development of Britain after the Romans left.

Year 4 really enjoyed world Book day, many pupils dressing up as one of their favourite characters. Our chosen author was Roald Dahl and the pupils enjoyed learning about his rich life, from growing up in Wales, to enlisting in the RAF to becoming a world-famous writer of children's books. Here are some pictures of Year 4 pupils in their costumes.



In science, pupils have really gotten into the science of sounds. To date they have learned all about pitch, volume and frequency. They know how to alter these in different types of instruments, such as string, wood wind and percussion. They can tell you all about the science which makes telephones made out of cups and string work. Ask them!

Pupils have also enjoyed being creative again in their outdoor learning. This term they were tasked with making any form of transport but the challenge was to make it out of junk. Here are a few examples of their wonderful and creative creations.



In our final week this term, we shall be making bean bags in DT having become proficient in both running and blanket stitch! At the time of writing, these have not yet been made but look forward to your child bringing their bean bags home!

Finally, the whole Year 4 team wish you all a relaxing break.

Year 5 News



A warm hello to all Parents and Carers of Year 5 children. I hope this finds you safe, well and not too soggy after all the recent rain.

A big thank you to start us off. The Year 5 team really appreciate how many of you were able to attend our open morning/afternoon sessions and support the children with your positivity and appreciation of all their hard work. They were clearly thrilled to have you in the classroom, and we hope you enjoyed seeing their books as much as we enjoyed sharing them with you. We would also like to extend our thanks to all those parents who took up their appointments at the two Parents' Evenings. Wasn't it great to finally be able to meet in person again? We hope you all found the chats as useful as we did.



On to the daily life of a Year 5 child! What a busy term it has been. I cannot remember the last time we have been able to go on trips on consecutive weeks, but that is just what has happened recently. It was fantastic to see how well the children engaged with the MERL trip and the feedback from those delivering the sessions we attended were so positive and praising of the children – making us, as their teachers, feel immensely proud of their efforts. The Maiden Erlegh trip was very different in nature – with the children enjoying a theatrical experience (giving them something to aspire to when it comes to performing). Once again however, what stood out was the way the children represented the school, showing great pride in their uniform and the values it stands for. The Head teacher of Maiden Erlegh made a point of speaking to me and asking if the children were always so quiet and well-behaved – such a wonderful question to be asked.



In school we have been sewing Viking purses in DT, applying Japanese printing techniques in our outdoor learning, painting and collaging nature pictures in art and even cloning plants and creating catapults in science. The children have also written original and creative fantasy stories, learnt to use databases in IT and created looped tunes from a well-known song in music. As I am sure you can imagine, no two days are ever the same.



Finally, the whole team would like to say well done to the children for the way they coped with 'assessment week'. As ever, they displayed great resilience, focus and determination to do the very best they could. We hope they were pleased with their reports which truly reflected all the effort they had made.



Wishing you the very best of holidays, Richard Watson and the Year 5 team

Year 6 News

Since we are almost at the end of this term, we have decided to write a newsletter page about what we have been learning. Therefore, come with us on this journey to discover the wonderful things we have done.

Geography

During geography, we have studied the USA, including labelling the different states and looking at population. Also we have been learning about the hottest place on earth- Death Valley- and we have written a non-chronological report. Additionally, we have taken a brief look at New York, doing a practice non-chronological report. With some encouragement from our teachers, we produced great work.

DT

In DT, we have been planning and making Ferris wheels. We cut our pieces of wood and coloured them together with our lollipop sticks. We then put the pieces together with a glue gun. Lots of students really enjoy this topic.



PE

In PE, we have been learning various sports such as handball, football, dodgeball and gymnastics. Being able to learn many different sports safely and responsibly is excellent as we are also having fun. In gymnastics, we have many different activities to do such as jumping off apparatus tables and landing on mats. To make sure we stay fit, we do Active Fit on the days we don't do PE.

RE

In RE we have been learning about Christianity. In Christianity we have learnt about Jesus and have looked at stories like The Lost Sheep. We've also learnt about people that influenced the people alive today. Two of these people are Rosa Parks (who stood up for black people's rights) and Martin Luther King Jr.

Reading

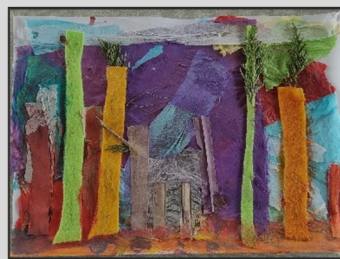
In reading we have enjoyed our class texts and independent reading. Alongside, we have been practising comprehension skills to help prepare us for our SATs. Moreover, for homework, we have been doing texts in our homework book. If we made a mistake, our teachers will clearly explain the answers to us.

Computing

In computing, we have been learning about spreadsheets. All students have been learning how to read and answer questions about information represented on a spread-sheet. We are also learning about how to show information on a spread-sheet. The main spreadsheet we have been looking at is Microsoft XL spreadsheet.

Art

This term in art, we used different types of material to create fantastic designs of landscapes inspired by the artwork of Carol Nelson (see the first image below). Our first lesson was about painting on unique materials. For example, bubble wrap, paper, felt, cardboard, cotton balls, tissue paper, and foil. We drew a perspective picture and made/painted our landscapes. We cut up different material and added them into place to give texture. Our teachers then gave us a choice of adding salt or rice to give a perfect finishing touch. In the next lesson, we painted our landscapes giving the materials an excellent depth of colour.



RHE

In RHE we have been learning about Online Safety, for example: not talking to strangers; going to bed on time and not being on your phone very late. This is important because if we're just talking to random people and going to bed late whilst being on our phones, it can be dangerous and unhealthy for us as we're kids. Another way for us to stay safe online and make sure we're okay is using Childline. Childline is a place where you can talk about anything to someone and it's confidential - meaning no one else will know. It is open 24 hours a day, and their phone number is 0800 1111.

Spanish

This term, in Spanish, we have been learning to describe a monster. Prior to this, we learnt the names of different animals. Furthermore, we learnt to say phrases in Spanish. For example, "Una mariposa pequeña y azul" translates into "A small blue butterfly." In addition, we named clothes, parts of the face and parts of the head.

SPaG

In SPaG, we have been doing 10-minute tests to practice our SPaG and to enrich our education. Furthermore, in SPaG we have also learnt about punctuation, spelling, pronunciation and the various types of mood. For homework we have been doing prefixes and tenses.

Maths

In Maths, we have been doing word problem sheets, which contain questions such as: ratio, pie charts, fractions, percentages, shapes, proportion, algebra and coordinates. We have also been doing old SATs papers for practise as homework. These homework papers help us to revise for our future SATs and prepare us for secondary school.

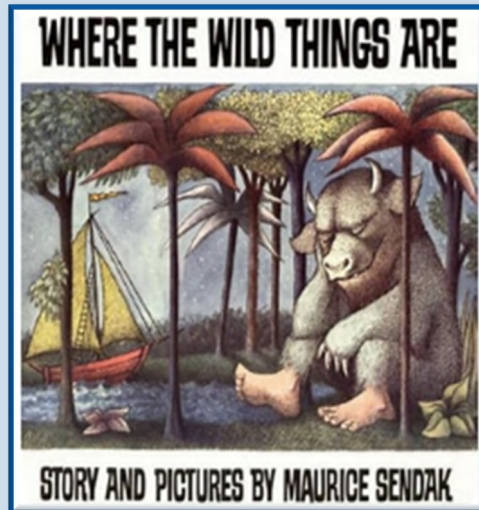
Conclusion

Overall, we have learnt so much in all of our subjects and we are still practising for our SATs (which are in less than 20 school days away). Our teachers have granted us with a good education, which all students are grateful for; they give us homework which helps us to learn more. The lessons are equally balanced between breaks, discussions and learning.

PTA News

A big Thank you to Alfred Sutton PTA for enriching our children's curriculum this term by funding a Dance workshop for Year 1 and Year 3 and the Living Eggs project for Nursery.

The Dance workshop launched the start of Book Week and the Year 1s and Year 3s explored Dance through the medium of the books *Where the Wild Things Are* and *Alice in Wonderland*.



In Nursery the children were amazed to watch the eggs hatch into baby chicks. We enjoyed watching them chirp, eat, drink, sleep and fall over and were amazed at how quickly they grew! The PTA are looking forward to supporting the International Fair and the King's Coronation in May.

