

ASPS NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers

As a short, but very busy term, draws to a close, we hope you will enjoy reading about all the of the wonderful activities that have gone on in the different year groups.

We have again been really impressed with how well the children have embraced the additional pressures around the statutory testing this term. We would especially like to congratulate Year 6 on their resilience and hard work.

One of the highlights of the term was the opportunity to celebrate the historic Coronation of King Charles III. The children enjoyed coming into school dressed up and we'd like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for supplying ice cream treats for all.



We hope you all enjoy a restful break next week and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5 June.

Yours sincerely

Robert Howell
Headteacher

School News

Nursery News



Firstly, we send out a warm welcome to the new children who started with us just after the Easter break. There are now so many children to choose from as playmates and it makes the Nursery a very busy place. We enriched our topic **Down on the Farm** with a trip from the Miller's Ark Farm. We met Wowzer and Pea the donkeys, goats, sheep and pigs. They really enjoyed the delicious grass from the school field and we loved stroking them and listening to their funny snorting and bleating sounds. The sheep felt so soft and woolly but the pigs felt hairy and rough! The goats were definitely the greediest!

Following on from our story *Jasper's Beanstalk* we have planted beans, peas, radish, carrots, courgettes and lettuce in our garden and are taking care of them by watering daily. Soon we hope we will be able to have some home grown vegetables at snack time! We really enjoyed the story about the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* and learned about the lifecycle of a caterpillar to a butterfly. We also learned a lot about what are healthy foods to eat and which foods we should only eat sometimes.

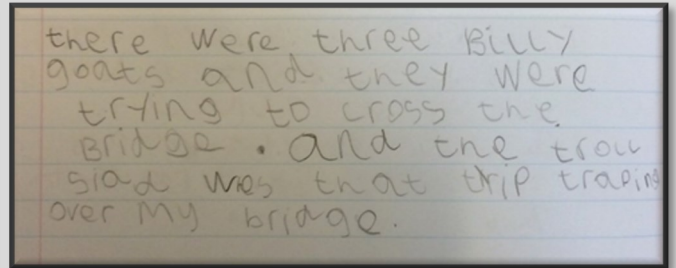
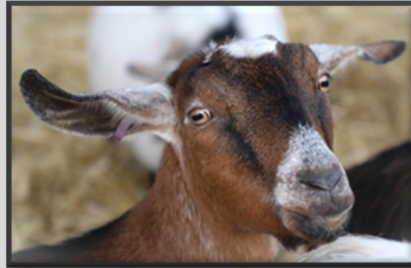
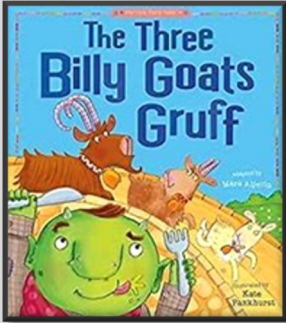
Other stories we have enjoyed this term are *A Squash and A Squeeze* and *Chicken Licken* where we have been finding out about rhyming words. We had a great time learning all about the historic coronation of King Charles III and enjoyed painting portraits, making crowns and eating Coronation Ice Creams!



Reception News

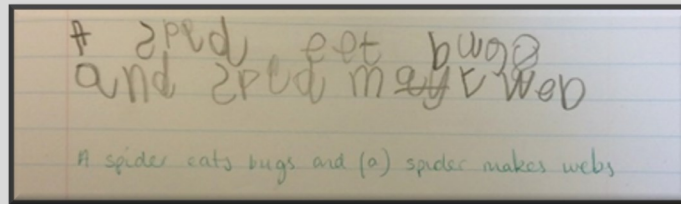
Reception has had a very busy half term!

In Literacy the children have produced some amazing writing on our class writing days. We have been practicing how to independently create and write a sentence using a picture prompt. Our class text this term has been *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have enjoyed sequencing images from the story and writing about it in chronological order. Linking to our topic this term, we had a visit from the Millers Ark animals. The children got to see and pet goats, sheep and donkeys. They enjoyed learning about the names for the mummy, daddy and baby animals.



In Week 3 we had a Royal Coronation Celebration. The children all enjoyed dressing up and completing Coronation themed activities. In the afternoon they enjoyed ice creams provided by the PTA!

In the last few weeks, the children have been learning about Minibeasts. We have talked about what minibeasts are, what habitats they live in and what they look like. The children have also been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children remembered their favourite facts about minibeasts and have written super sentences!



In Art this term, we have been looking at the work of Henri Matisse. The children discussed the different colours that he used as well as the different mediums that he worked in (paint and collage). We then had a go at creating our own Matisse inspired artwork.



In Maths we have introduced 'doubling'. The children have learnt that doubling is 'two lots of one number'. We have also been looking at 'odd and even'. We have been revisiting 2D and 3D shapes, the children are getting good at naming different properties of a variety of shapes. They have also been looking at sharing and grouping.

We wish everyone a super half term! -The Reception Team.

Year 1 News



In Computing we learnt how to program a robot by pressing the buttons that move a Beebot forwards, backwards, left and right.

We had fun in class celebrating the King's Coronation. We made crowns and flags. We enjoyed our ice-creams!



We enjoyed learning about extreme weather this term.

In art, we created a rainstorm by printing with man-made objects.

In writing lessons, we wrote poems about rainy weather and non-chronological reports about Hurricanes.



In Nutritional learning we made a healthy salad. We learnt all about kitchen safety and how to hold a knife and cut fruit and vegetables.



This is a bridge hold and cut

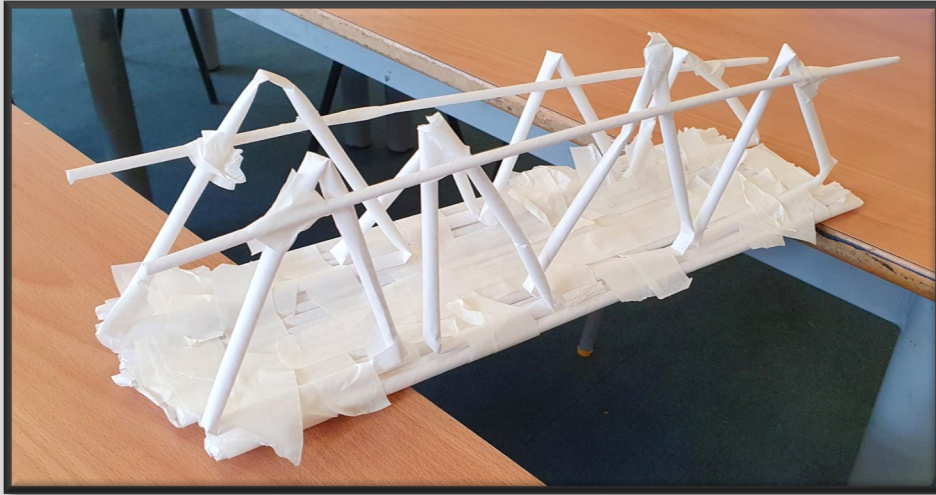


This is the claw hold and cut



What a delicious salad

Year 2 News



Year 2 have spent this short term busily working towards our KS1 assessments. All the adults in Year 2 are extremely proud of how the children have worked during this time. They remained calm and put their best effort into every day - it was wonderful to see!

In geography, we have been learning about weather, climate and climate change this term. As geographers, we looked at the differences between weather and climate. We learned about the impact of climate change on the world - ask a Year 2 what they will be doing to reduce the impact of climate change...

In DT, we discovered why a Truss bridge is so strong (the triangles). We then made our bridges in teams before testing them for strength.

In Art, we have been exploring the work of Steve Edwards and reduction printing techniques. Here is some of our fabulous art in action



Year 3 News

This week, year 3 went to Butser Ancient Farm. They have Stone Age and Iron Age dwellings and we got to see how people lived during that time.

"It was really fun, the clay was so mucky and wet. We also made jewellery out of copper wire" – Tyler, Squirrel class

"I was crowned the chief of the village and wore a crown!" - Abdurrahman, Squirrel class

"The farm was very fun and it taught me a lot about how they used different kind of materials. We all liked making bracelets and rings out of copper wire." – Kemari, Hedgehog class

This week Year 3 have also done **Outdoor Learning**.

"We collected rocks and leaves and flowers outside. Then we organised it all and made a picture together. It turned out well because we worked together to make it!" – Maru, Rabbit class



Year 4 News

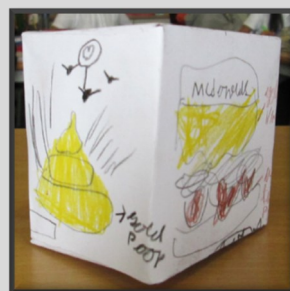
It has been a shorter but busy term in year 4.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning all about the world in geography and how it has been mapped out to aid navigation. Ask your child to explain all about lines of latitude and longitude; the seven continents, the two hemispheres; tropics of Capricorn and Cancer, the significance of the equator and the prime meridian, and how to use all these facts to locate places on the globe.

As part of our topic 'Sound' we studied and wrote some poems. We rounded this off by learning and performing some of this 'Sound' poetry.

In maths the children have been learning all about fractions, decimals and two-dimensional shapes and their many and various properties, as well as particularly focusing on angles and symmetry. Pupils have also been working hard on their timetables to help their maths skills in preparation for the Multiplication Timetables Check.

During our computing curriculum we were lucky, with Year 5, to have an interactive assembly run by Google, with a guest appearance by Matt Rodda MP, who explained to the pupils what he did and how it interlocked with the principles of democracy. The children also enjoyed a long Q&A session with our local Member of Parliament.



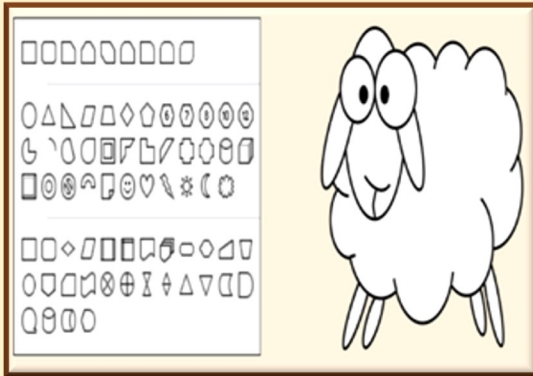
In DT, the children have enjoyed learning about money boxes through the ages and subsequently have designed and made their own money boxes. Here are some pictures of their wonderful creations.

Finally, congratulations to Emma in Badger Class. Out of hundreds of competition entries run by Sustrans to design a mile marker in Caversham, on Balmore Walk, Emma's design came out on top. Here is the mile marker which Miss House visited and photographed. She was very impressed. Well done Emma!

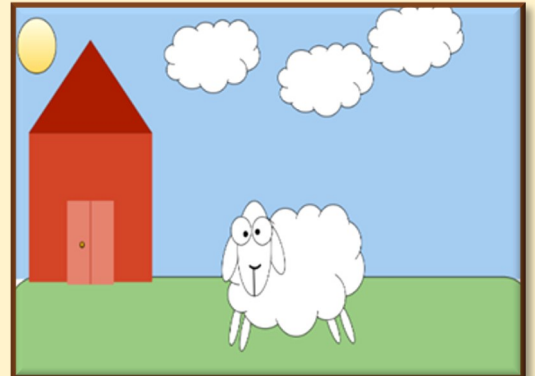


Year 5 News

Warm summer greetings to all parents and carers of Year 5 children. We hope this finds everybody safe, well and enjoying the recent improvement in the weather.



I thought I'd focus my attention this term on subjects that sometimes go unmentioned, so let's start with IT. We have been learning all about vector drawing and how professional graphic artists use simple shapes to create the most fantastic images. The children have really taken to this and have produced some outstanding work (putting us grown-ups to shame).



Here is one of the challenges we set the children. We asked them to create an image of a sheep, using only the shapes on the left. Naturally they went above and beyond, not only creating sheep but also backdrops, farms and an array of other ideas to enhance their pictures. Do you think you could match the children's skills? I am starting to question who the teacher is and who the pupil!

Another subject the children have been enjoying and demonstrating their creativity in is music. The children have been exploring the oft-ignored genre of sea-shanties, learning and performing a medley of songs in their classes. This week, for the first time, the children were asked to put the whole medley together and it was truly wonderful to hear – really brightened up a Wednesday morning.



Of course, these two subjects form just a tiny part of our curriculum. Eagle, Buzzard and Falcon classes have all worked incredibly hard to move their learning on in all kinds of areas. In geography we have looked at renewable and non-renewable energy and thought about what would be most suitable for a new power station in Reading. In science we finished off work on reproduction in the plant and animal kingdoms, with children writing television playscripts for an interview with the famous primatologist, Jane Goodall. The coronation of King Charles III has not gone unmentioned, and in DT children have been designing celebratory biscuit tins, whilst in art we have looked at the collage work of Miriam Schulman. As you can no doubt tell, it has been a busy but rewarding term.



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I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to our last short-term together after the break. Take care and stay well.

Richard Watson and the Year 5 team.



Year 6 News

Welcome to the Year 6 newsletter! This will be a slightly unusual newsletter, (which is fitting, as it has been a slightly unusual few weeks). This is because Year 6 would like to showcase their writing skills, so, instead of the usual non-chronological report, we will be presenting a few pieces of our writing which we hope you enjoy...

19.5.23

Y6 stampede after the SATs!

The roar of children celebrating on Friday after the SATs could be heard up and down the country.

In schools all across England, Y6 pupils finished their final SATs exams at 10:30am. After all their hard work, they were overjoyed and proud to have fought through the SATs.

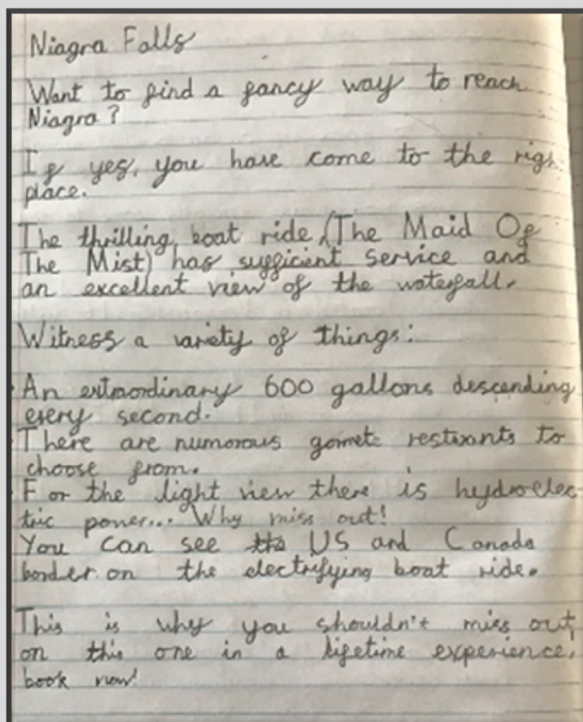
At Alfred Sutton Primary School, Reading, moments after the final exam, Y6 students celebrated by having ice cream and playing in the field or their playground.

'The stress is finally over,' said one Y6 pupil; 'We finally have finished our KS2 exams.'

Another pupil added, 'I remember when I thought the SATs would be in years to come... but looking back now, I can't believe I have finished them. It is one of the biggest achievements that you can be proud about and look back and say, I did the SATs.'

Furthermore, all the teachers at Alfred Sutton Primary School think that every student worked to their maximum capability.

In conclusion, every pupil at Alfred Sutton had worked extremely hard to finish the SATs. They should not have felt blue about the test: everyone deserves to be applauded for their hard work during the SATs.



Alfred Sutton

19.5.2023

"Happy together. Achieving together"

Are you looking for a school that gives students both Fun with a capital F and a rich variety of subjects and knowledge?

Well, Alfred Sutton certainly packs a punch on that basis. With a climbing frame, field, pitch and well-equipped staff, it's no wonder students of Year 6 never gave up during SATs. Due to both sheer determination and thorough preparation through their school life, students say they found the tests thrown at them by the SATs, "a breeze."

Should you have ventured into the classrooms of the Year 6 block during the tests, you would have found children determined to do well, hard-working staff and an atmosphere befitting to such an enriching learning environment.

Overall, the students of Year 6 believe that their school has fully prepared them for their next stage of education. As we near the end of the school year, one student said "I think that this school has fully prepared me for the next stage in my learning: secondary school."

The River and Me

"Why do you shout?

With anger and rage?"

"People have stolen my body,
And I've started to fade".

"Why are you polluted?"

And clogged with useless waste?"

"Humans are careless,
And cause me unbearable pain".

"Why are you dressed in dull colours?"

Black, brown and grey"

"Sewage spreads in my bed,
And I cannot lay".

I was once labelled biologically dead,

I am now healed and healthy,

I will never loose,

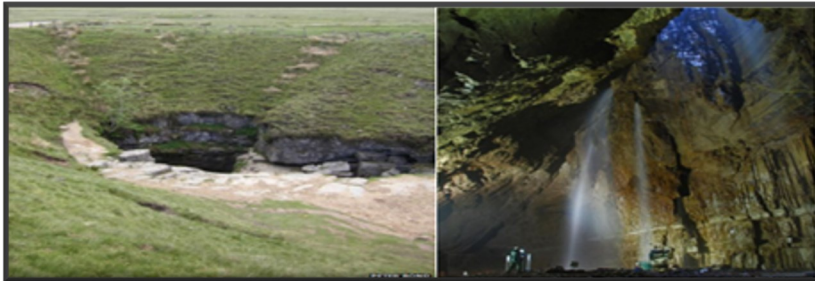
Against hurtful humans.

Angel Falls

Gaping Gill 16.5.2023

Tired of ordinary waterfalls? Longing for something new?

If so, your hunt has come to an end—Gaping Gill is the very definition of an unusual waterfall.



Amid awe-inspiring scenery in North Yorkshire, Gaping Gill cannot be seen above the ground, as the stream of Fell Beck runs into a pothole. As a result, the water flows down the pothole, creating a spectacular waterfall. Visitors at Gaping Gill can:

*Explore the incredible cave system of Gaping Gill
Learn that this beautiful waterfall is not called Gaping Gill, rather it is called Fell Beck, like the stream feeding it*

Be lowered on a winch past the waterfall and into the caves

Uncover the story of Jack Birbeck, the first person to ever attempt to descend the falls

After the experience, one satisfied customer stated: "I would fully recommend this enchanting experience!"

What are you waiting for? Travel to Yorkshire today and find out how soon you can visit Gaping Gill.

The River's Heartbreak

"I'm a monster to people,
Because of my mighty floods.
It can't be my fault - it just happens:
My strength is unstoppable."

"Why do you look so different, my friend?"
"I'm sadly becoming an oxbow.
I'm not going to be with the rest of my river;
I've been pushed to one side, isolated."

"Mankind is tormenting me,
In my veins, lungs and heart, by polluting me.
Sewage overflows hurts me,
Whilst plastic bottles, bags and lids litter me."

"Are you alone?"
"Yes, my fish friends see me as a threat,
Because of my pollution that can hurt and harm them.
I'm by myself."
For now..."

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Eddie: National Ice Hockey Finals



South East League
Champion trophy

'Slough Jets u12 team retained their position as South East League Champion's in 2023. This year the National finals took place in Cambridge on 13th/14th May. The team were hoping to improve on last year's performance when they didn't manage to make it past the group stage. On the first day they beat both Swindon and Leeds convincingly. The following morning they lost against eventual winners Sheffield, but still made it to the semi finals where they played Guildford in an exciting game, eventually winning 2-1. Eddie continues to be one of the team's two net minders and made some really important saves across the tournament. He has thoroughly enjoyed his season and is looking forward to more action in the U14 league starting in September'.



Winning the South East
League and coming runners
up in the National Finals
