

ASPS NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers

Another highly productive term seems to have gone past so quickly. The children have impressed us every day with their commitment to demonstrating responsibility in all its forms - this term's Sutton Six value. They have left very positive impressions on our visitors such as Bikeability staff and we are incredibly proud of their conduct.

There have been many highlights this term, World Book Day being just one. We welcomed many different characters from the children's favourite books, showcasing their creative skills - with possibly a little adult assistance! Spotted around school were Harry Potters, superheroes, Cat in the Hats, Gruffalos and even a banana. Each year group themed the day on a chosen author, with many of you joining us to share books in the afternoon. Everyone had so much fun participating in immersive experiences.

We are also very grateful for your Red Nose Day support. The children clearly had fun finding a red wardrobe, whilst raising money for the charities the day supports.

Staff greatly enjoyed discussing pupils' amazing academic and personal development journeys with you at our parents' evenings. Thank you once again for everything you do to support children to flourish in school.

One of our parents sent in these beautiful pictures of a double rainbow spotted this term, which we are sure you will marvel at as much as we did! Thank you to Grace.



Finally, we would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy Easter break. To those of you who will be celebrating Eid in the second week, we warmly wish you Eid Mubarak.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher

Nursery News



What a busy term! 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 was then moved to police officers and firefighters and all children enjoyed role playing these characters. We also had World Book Day and dressed up as our favourite characters from different stories and Red Nose Day where we learned how by dressing up in red and donating money can help children who are less fortunate than us.

Children also created beautiful daffodil cards for Mother's Day and to thank them for all they do for us. Our book *The Smartest Giant in Town* introduced us to rhyming words and also how to be kind and helpful to others. Finally, we introduced the season of Spring and we learned about the Christian festival of Easter and the Muslim festival of Eid. We read the story of *Webster J Duck*, about a little duckling who hatches out of his egg and then goes looking for his Mum. We wore odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day and learned that we are all a bit different and being different is a great thing to be! We had lots of fun making chocolate egg nests and made repeating patterns using eggs and other shapes for maths.



Reception News



What a busy term we have had! The children have been enjoying our topic- Come Outside! Our core texts this term have been: *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We have been using story maps and actions to remember our stories. The children have been doing some superb writing, including writing the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. They are getting good at using their 'Fred fingers' to pinch the words that they want to write.

We have also been learning about plants and how they grow. The children planted their own beans and have enjoyed watching the different stages of growth in the classroom. We have also been observing seasonal changes in our garden. The children have enjoyed seeing flowers sprouting and blooming. We have also been talking about how we can care for our planet by recycling. The children in Reception looked amazing on World book day! It was so lovely to see everybody dressed up as their favourite storybook characters. Our key author for world book day was Julia Donaldson. The Reception Team enjoyed sharing their favourite Julia Donaldson books with the children.

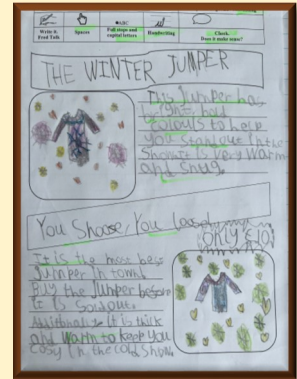
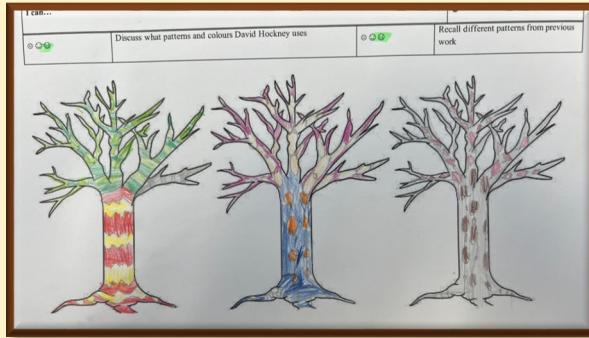
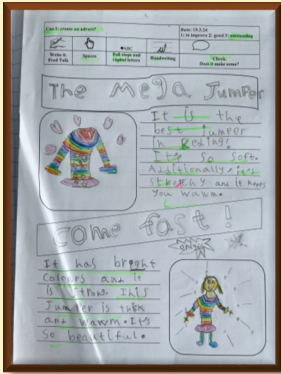
In Maths we have been revisiting concepts that we have already learnt. The children have been working hard. We have revisited length and height, using the vocabulary "long, short and tall". We have also been mastering our knowledge of numbers to 10, comparing the different numbers using the vocabulary "fewer, more than and same"

The children have also created some beautiful finger paintings inspired by the work of Brazilian artist, Romero Britto

Have a lovely Easter break!



Year 1 News



Year 1 have had another fantastic term! The children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects and have enjoyed continuing their learning about Dinosaurs.

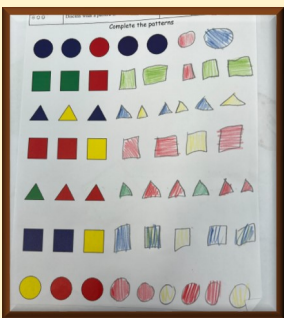
In Writing, the children created their own non-chronological reports based on a dinosaur of their choice. They enjoyed researching their chosen dinosaur and then used this to complete their own Dinosaur booklet. They really enjoyed this unit and were very proud of the final outcomes.

In History, the children have continued to enjoy learning about Mary Anning and her discoveries.



In Science, the children have been learning about the season of Winter. They engaged in activities around this, including completing a daily weather chart and designing their own Winter jumper to write an advert about.

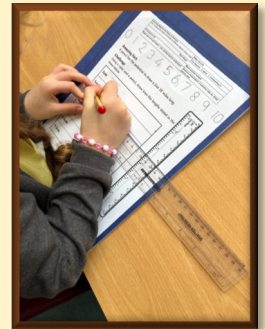
In Art, the children have been learning about patterns. They have looked at natural and man-made patterns and had a go at creating their own patterns. They then applied this knowledge to a piece of artwork inspired by David Hockney, our artist for this term.



In DT, the children designed and made moving vehicles. They used a range of resources to build their designs. They then added wheels to their vehicles with support from an adult. The children really enjoyed this project and are looking forward to the next.

In Maths, the children have started measurement. They have learnt how to use rulers to measure a variety of objects in centimetres.

We have been blown away by the children's effort this term and are looking forward to welcoming them back after the holiday.



Year 3 News



As always, it has been a busy term for us in Year 3. We have all thoroughly enjoyed our history topic - Ancient Egypt. Learning about the wonders of this ancient civilisation has been eye-opening - especially our lesson on mummification... Ask a Year 3 to explain the process of mummification to you!

During DT, Rabbit class designed and made toys using a moving mechanism. Meanwhile, Hedgehog class used their stitching skills to create an animal keyring. Check out some of our work...

We have enjoyed a notably active term. Football and outdoor adventure activities have been the focus of our PE lessons, giving us a fantastic opportunity to develop our ability to work as part of a team. We were also treated to a fun-filled barn dancing session where we learned a routine to accompany music! Squirrel class had a wonderful time swimming this term - it has been marvellous to watch the children grow in confidence as the weeks have progressed. Rabbit class cannot wait to start next term!



Year 4 Spring 2 Newsletter

Warm greetings to all Parents, Carers and children of Year 4.

We hope you are looking forward to the holidays and a few school-free days! After all the hard-work completed this term, I imagine everybody is ready for a rest.



This term has been as diverse as ever, with regards our learning. Topics studied have ranged from the Anglo-Saxons in history, to states of matter in science, from Beowulf in English to the tessellation work of M. S. Escher in art.



Mixed in with that, we have also thoroughly enjoyed events like Red Nose and World Book Day – we teachers love any chance to dress up!



For World Book Day, our focus author was Roald Dahl. The children were fascinated to learn all about his life before becoming a children's novelist – most were unaware he had been an air force pilot and newspaper journalist before beginning his book-writing career. We were also lucky to have the chance to join a live stream with writer and illustrator Sarah Bowie. Her first book – *Nina Peanut* – has just been published and the children loved learning from her how to draw some of the main characters. It was also great to have so many of you join us at the end of the day – we hope the quiz wasn't too taxing!



PE has also been intriguing to watch (and teach!) this term. As an introduction to orienteering, the children have been set challenges which have required collaborative, problem solving skills. Badger, Fox and Otter classes have all shown the ability to work as a team, listen to each other's ideas and support one another when things have not worked out. Equally important, we have been pleased to see children thinking about this term's core value of responsibility and recognising that blaming others when things do not work does not move them any closer to finding solutions to the problems set.



Wishing you all the best of holidays and sending thanks, as ever, for all you do to support your children's learning.

Kind regards,

Mr Watson and the Year 4 team.

Year 5 News

So, we reach another term which seems to have sailed by and we have now passed the mid-point in the school year. The Year 5 teachers have had the pleasure of meeting most of you and telling you how hard your children have been working this term. The children of Year 5 have shown themselves to be hard-working, respectful and aspirational. The effort they all put into their work truly reflects an outstanding desire to learn and develop their understanding of a wide range of subjects and topic areas.

So, what have been the highlights of this term? The children have enjoyed building upon their historical knowledge of the next phase of British history after the Romans left Britain and the Anglo-Saxons established themselves. They can now tell you about how fresh invaders, in turn, came to threaten the Anglo-Saxons powerbase in the form of the Vikings. Just when we thought they might get on together, The Battle of Hastings came along and turned everything upside down again. What a cliff-hanger to end on. Perhaps some pupils will research what happened when the Normans took over!

Having completed learning about the Solar System last term, the children utilised their knowledge in writing to produce a non-chronological report based on Mars. They researched and wrote about the 'red planet's' appearance, atmosphere, exploration, water, possibility of life and possible future colonization.

From writing to reading. Pupils really enjoyed World Book day and many took the opportunity to come dressed as their favourite characters and/or bring in their favourite books. Here are just a few of our pupils in character 'disguise'. See if you can guess who they are.



After such a busy and full term, we hope you and your families have a relaxing holiday. Although we hope the children will still find the time to read regularly, learn their times tables and do the holiday homework that has been sent home.

Best wishes from the Year 5 Team.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On the 7th of March, we all (most of us at least) dressed up in amazing costumes from our favourite books to celebrate this year's World Book Day. I dressed up as Tom Riddle – Lord Voldemort – from the Harry Potter series, with his pet snake, Nagini. At the end of the day, all three classes learnt a bit about the late Benjamin Zephaniah, an astounding children's poet. As Wolf and Bear class were reciting poems of his, Lynx were learning about his life and inspirations. Bear read out 'De Rong Song,' a poem about always focusing on the good things in life. Meanwhile, Wolf were practising my personal favourite, 'Talking Turkeys,' which was written by Zephaniah with the intention of spreading the word of veganism to a wider audience. At the brink of home time, the classes recited poems to the parents who had come to collect their children.

RED NOSE DAY/COMIC RELIEF

Fast-forward to the 18th of March and you will have arrived at Red Nose Day. This is a day of fundraising organised by Comic Relief, a charity that was established by comedians and comedy writers in the 1980s to help those in need, both here in the UK and around the world. Children at Alfred Sutton supported the charity by buying red noses, while others made cash donations. Everyone was encouraged to wear red as much as possible and most of the pupils (and some of the staff) enjoyed wearing something different for the day. The view of the school's population was a gorgeous sea of bright, vibrant red. At the end of the joy-filled day of laughs, we got the opportunity to design our own red noses; it was all such great fun!

INTERESTING BOOKS WORTH READING

Throughout Year 6, we have been immersing ourselves in some amazing literature. We have read perilous adventures such as "Gods and Warriors," by Michelle Paver, as well as heart-wrenching diaries like "Wonder," written by R.J. Palacio. I can definitely say these books have left all of us on the edge of our seats, always wanting more of these utterly engrossing stories. We have also enjoyed the recently introduced "Reading for Pleasure" books that have appeared in our classrooms. They have provided a small but fascinating library of different texts that the classes have loved having access to and exploring. Speaking of which, the school library is the place to go for all different kinds of wonderful books; from humorous graphic novels from the likes of "Bunny vs Monkey," (which seems to have gripped the interest of nearly everyone recently!) to factual non-fiction books in the history section.

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