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Upcoming Events

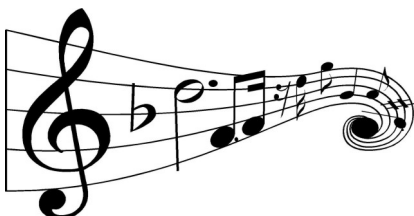
Summer Term
Begins,
Monday 29th April

Half Term
Monday 27th
May -
Friday 31st
May 2019

May Day
Monday 6th May
2019

Summer Term ends
19th July 2019

Choir News



On Saturday 23rd March the Chamber Choir travelled to Lichfield Cathedral to take part in the 'Voices Together Opera goes to Church' concert. The members of the choir have been rehearsing hard for many weeks in preparation for this spectacular event and all that hard work certainly paid off on the night. The incredible setting provided by the cathedral was a fitting backdrop for an evening of music and song that entertained and enthralled the audience that filled the venue. The children had joined the Chamber Choir in order to rehearse and perform more intricate, involved choral works and this concert was the ideal forum for them to show off their talents. With a programme of works from opera across the ages and with the opportunity to sing with a full orchestra and adult choir, this truly was a special night for the children and a spectacular evening of musical entertainment for the audience.



Nursery News

We have enjoyed learning about Dinosaurs in Nursery this term. We had the opportunity to make our own dinosaur eggs to take home. Some of them hatched overnight!

We have also had a Technology Day where we were invited to bring in a piece of technology that we enjoy using at home! Harrison brought his remote control excavator and showed his friends how it works.

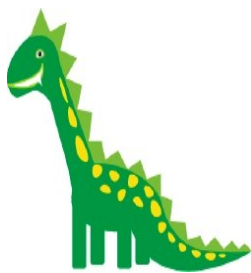


We took part in Joe Wicks' visit by running a mile! We were very tired but also very proud, as it was seven laps around the school field!



Reception News

Wow! Over half way through the year! We have been enjoying lots of exciting themes. We have had a Chinese restaurant at school, where we enjoyed tasting noodles, prawn crackers and Chinese tea!



We had a fantastic trip to Dudley Museum and Archives. We learned about dinosaurs and Mary Anning. All children were very well behaved and we had a lovely day.



We all dressed up for World Book Day and had a great time. Even our teachers dressed up! Here we have Horrid Henry and Elsa!



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More recently, we enjoyed the visit from Joe Wicks 'The Body Coach'. We took part in some exercise activities outside, and ran around the school field.



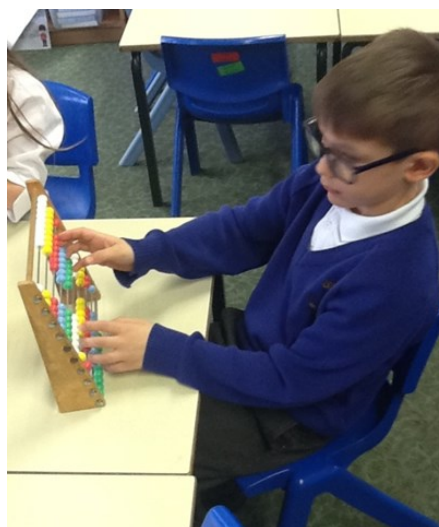
We have also been learning about different stories by Julia Donaldson during our 'In to the Woods' topic. For homework the children made some super stick characters. Here is Miss Phillips' display and Jayden McIver with his super stick man.

Year 1 News

All Year 1 children completed a 'London Project' to link with our geography learning this term. The results were outstanding and we are very proud of the children, and their families for the effort that went into producing such fantastic pieces of work. Here are just a few of the London projects that we received.



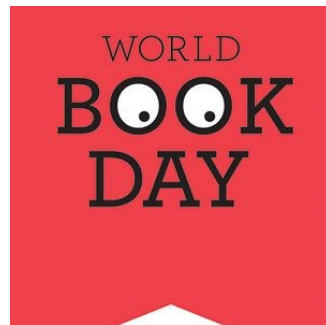
As part of our history topic we have explored items that you may have found in a Victorian classroom. The children were able to handle and use a variety of authentic items, such as a slate board, an abacus and an ink quill pen. We spotted these things during our visit to Blist Hill Victorian Village recently.



Year 2 News

We really enjoyed our World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Our author is Roald Dahl and we have enjoyed listening to 'The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me' during our assemblies. In the story, there is a sweet shop, called 'The Grubber', that is full of incredible sweets.

On World Book Day, Year 2 designed and described their own Roald Dahl-inspired sweets.

**Miss Wright's class**

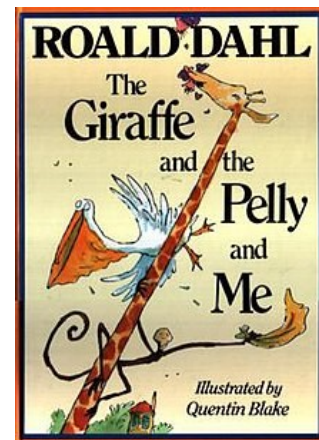
My sweet is amazing and it is big. It's flavour is toffee and fudge. Would you like to eat my sweet? My sweet is the most delicious sweet in the world and you eat it in one go. My sweet is called Toffee Pillows and you can spit in six different colours.

by Evan Harvey



My sweet is delicious because it is covered in candy and in the centre there is chocolate. It is small, crunchy and hard with emerald green on it. When you rub it on your tongue you've got to use your manners, and the next day you can do magic and breathe fire. My delicious sweet is called The Eyeball Sucker. When you go to the shop look out for my lovely sweet please. The wrapper is silver and green. The silver is sparkly.

by Oscar Baskerville

**Year 2 News**

My sweet is called Gummy Hearts Marshmallows. When you slurp it and lick it, confetti comes out of your mouth. My sweet is huge and it is gold and sparkly silver. My sweet has got caramel and toffee. How good is my sweet? Fantabulous and scrumptious.

by Willow Fearn

**Miss Fereday's class**

My sweet is called rainbow. It is a red square shape and rainbow colour. It is made of chocolate and very bumpy. When you lick it, fireworks come out of your ears.

by George Parton



My sweet is called Mary Magical Mouth. The sweet is pink, sparkly and made out of ice cream. It has rainbow drops that are different shades of pink. It is wonderful because your cheeks go red and your eyes change colour. It is yummy! The wrapper is beautiful and also pink.

by Isabella Rana



My sweet is called super smiler. It is caramel and chocolate. The wrapper is rainbow and it tastes like caramel, chocolate, eggs, fudge and cream. To eat it you have to chew it. You smile for a whole day even if you have only had one. The sweet is brown and yellow.

by Macy Tranter

Year 2 News**Mrs Robinson's class**

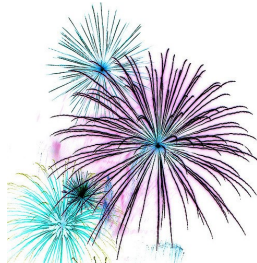
My new magnificent sweet is called unicorn sugar blossom mint chocolate. The sweet is shaped like a rainbow and it is all the colours of the rainbow. The sweet is made out of sugar and chocolate. When you eat it, it changes shape into a unicorn and then back into a rainbow and then it will vanish.

By Emelia Florey



Welcome to the new sweet. It is called the Star Bar. First, admire the shiny gold and green wrapper with a pink heart in the middle. People will come and buy my sweet. My sweet is made out of chocolate chips and sugar with lots of chocolate sauce all over it. If you eat this sweet big fireworks come out of your ears.

By Ruby Cole



My sweet is shaped like a star but when you bite into it and suck it, a fresh one will pop out of your ears! If you take two bites, two will pop out of your ears! It tastes like a milky bar and ice cream. What is inside it? There is chocolate stars inside the caramel that is sticky, orange and tasty.

By George Beale

**Year 3 News**

All children enjoyed their trip to Birmingham Rep to watch the performance 'The Wizard of Oz' and have carried out work in class.



Year 3 children have been studying the topic 'Settlements' as part of their geography unit of work. Each class enjoyed their fieldwork trip where they identified features of Heath Hayes and they carried out map work.

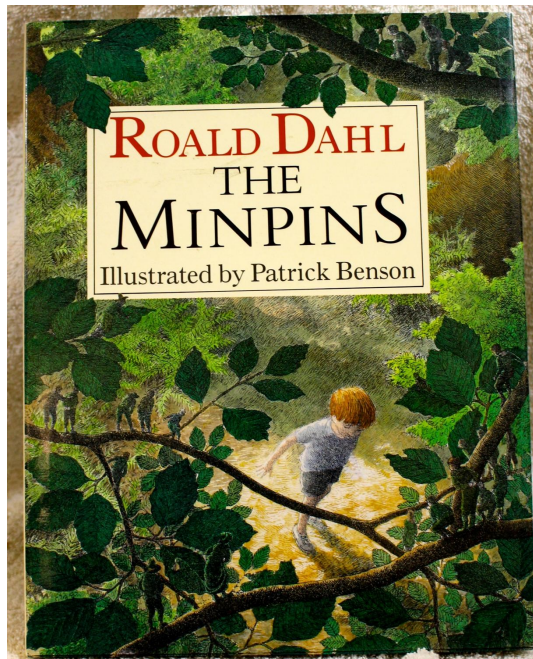
Pupils thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as characters for World Book Day. They carried out lots of activities linked to Traditional Tales, such as designing and decorating Gingerbread Men, making puppets and designing book covers.

Year 3 have participated in a Maths Day. They took part in lots of Active Maths activities. Year 3 pupils also took part in a Maths quiz. All pupils enjoyed themselves.



Year 4 News

On 7th March, Year 4 took part in World Book Day. Year 4 studied the book, 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. The children enjoyed sharing the story and made their very own Minpins out of dolly pegs, tiny Minpin doors out of lolly pop sticks and Minpin rooms, using boxes.



Ethan Read from Mrs Robinson's class has written his own wonderful Minpin story with a distinct ending.

It was a lovely, warm day and I was playing football in my garden. In my garden I saw a blue Chelsea football and a white goal shining in the bright sunlight. All I could hear was the swaying of the wind and I could smell amazing green flowers. Whenever I was in the garden playing football, I was perfectly happy.

Suddenly, I heard a crashing noise. I turned and looked down. I saw a dead bird but there was something else there. I think it was a tiny person that came from underneath the robin. The tiny person was small and he had old fashioned clothes on.

On the floor, the dead robin was red breasted and very small. The little robin had amazingly sharp claws.

I said, 'I'll help you.'

'I'm a Minpin', said the Minpin.

The Minpin had broken his leg because when the bird hit the window, the Minpin crashed into the window leg first. I said to him that I would take care of him and he said, 'Yes.'

I cleared my drawer so that the Minpin could rest in there. Then I went to go and get some painkillers because what I was going to do was take his leg off. After that I was going to get a sturdy piece of bark to put on his leg. When he was resting I went out and brought a phone from Curry's PC World so that the Minpin could watch things.

'Thank you', said the Minpin excitedly, 'I don't mind,' I said, having fun.

One year later the Minpin was walking again but sadly the bird was dead. 'I'm very grateful', said the Minpin.

In the end, the Minpin wanted to stay with me and I agreed. I was so happy, and guess what? So was the Minpin. For the rest of our lives we lived happily ever after.

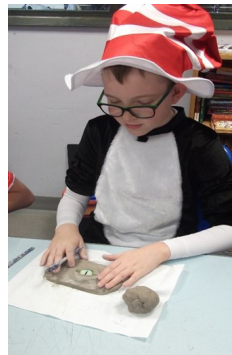


Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a productive and fun filled spring term! Events include:

World Book Day

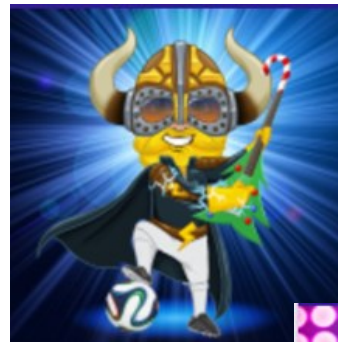
During the week prior to World Book Day, Year 5 explored 'Dragons' and created their own dragons in computing. We spent World Book Day itself delving into the world of 'How to Train your Dragon'. We started the day with Mrs Lindsay 'sharing a story' reading chapter one of 'How to Train your Dragon'. Throughout the day we designed and created clay dragon eyes and designed a dragon's lair. During the week, as part of the "share a story" theme, children from Rockies shared their fantasy stories with children from Year 4 in Mrs Robinson's class and Himalayas shared stories with children from Year 1. The children have written some amazing non-chronological reports and poems based on their dragons.



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Times Table Rock Stars!

Excitement levels have soared this term as Times Table Rock Stars has taken off! Children across the year group are enthusiastically practising their times tables at home, continually trying to better their score and time to earn more coins in order to purchase items for their avatar. The more competitive amongst them are enjoying battling it out against their peers and teachers by competing in 'Battle of the Bands' and 'Rock Slams'.



Year 5 News

Kingsmead Drama and Music morning

Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to take part in music and drama activities at Kingsmead. They explored the different instrument families and played rhythms on the keyboards. In Drama, they learned about three key drama techniques; facial expressions, body language and tone of voice. We practised using each of these to convey different emotions such as anger, disappointment, fear and excitement.

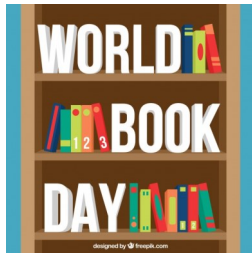


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Norton Canes MfL and Food Technology Day

Year 5 visited Norton Canes High School and experienced a French café! Across the day children had opportunities to create French themed arts and crafts to decorate their very own French café, baked and decorated biscuits and learned how to hold a conversation with a waiter in order to request food and drink. Miss Kershaw's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes even gave a wonderful performance of a song they have been learning in French lessons with Mrs Moorhouse, based on ordering a wide range of food and drinks. All of the children and staff had a very enjoyable day.

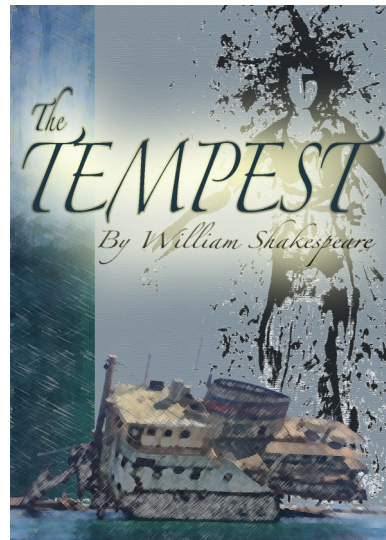
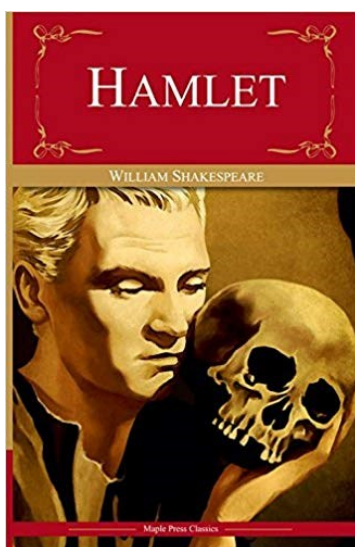


Year 6 News

This year the classes in Year 6 had a tremendous World Book Day themed around Shakespeare and his amazing plays. This year, we focused on Hamlet and all of the characters. We made a storyboard of the play and had the pleasure of re-enacting the story.

We also got the chance to change the play into common words we say in the present. The costumes were also great, the Year 6 children made a great effort with their homemade costumes. It was a great day for everyone, even the teachers!

Ellie Bickley



On Friday 8th March, Year 6 participated in an acting workshop with a lovely woman called Jill. The day involved acting related to Shakespeare's, *The Tempest*. In a circle, the children chose a certain place such as a hard rock, jays nest, midnight mushroom and so many more. This activity was lots of fun as they had to describe the setting that they had chosen. The activity before lunch was exciting as some of the children were given a sheet with a line they had to read out. They had to be extremely loud as the rest of the class were patting the ground, clapping their hands and making a lot of noise. After, the children who didn't read out a line had to guess what the children who did read out a line had said.

By Dee Garbett



Year 6 News

Cross Country Success!

Recently our Cross Country Team competed in a race at Rugely Leisure Centre. Across the Five Ways' teams we got a 1st place, a 2nd place and a 3rd place and many more in the top 10! The whole team will be hoping to qualify for the stage 3 competition at Keele University.

By Archie Saunders



Five Ways Football

This term the Five Way Year 5 and 6 football team participated in a finalists competition. The whole team did well and came in 2nd place. The top goal scorer was the team captain, Archie Saunders with 9 goals, closely followed by Oliver Rouse, with 7 goals. In total, the team played 6 games. They won 4 and lost 2, giving the team 14 points. A big thank you, from the whole team to Mr Redpath for making this opportunity available.

By Rory Black



Football Success!

I am pleased to report that our Year 5/6 girls' football squad took part in a round-robin competition at Rugeley Leisure Centre on 21st March. Mr Redpath wrote, 'The squad was split into two teams, and they were joined by St Peter's and John Bamford Primary School from Rugeley. An excellent all-round performance from the squad.' Well done everyone!



The following number of pupils in each year group have achieved 100% attendance for the spring term 2019:

Reception 21

Year 1-23

Year 2-28

Year 3-32

Year 4-24

Year 5-36

Year 6-24

What a fantatastic achievement.
Well done everyone!

Mrs Mander would like to say...

A huge thank you to everyone for all their support and hard work this term. We have all been very busy and have achieved a great deal. I am sure the summer term will be just as exciting and I look forward to seeing everyone after the Easter holiday.

