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Newsletter: 1st December 2023

Dear Parent & Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we have been very lucky this week. In October, Miss Samuel applied for an Environmental Studies grant and I am delighted to tell you that we were successful in our application. As a result, we have been given some wonderful resources including bird baths, bird feeders, a hedgehog home, bug boxes and even a wildlife night-vision camera! We are so excited to add all these amazing resources to our Eco Garden.

The resources have been provided by Learning Through Landscapes and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Since the launch of Learning Through Landscapes in 2017, the charitable organisation has provided Local School Nature Grants to nearly 3500 schools across England, Scotland and Wales. Their aim is to improve outdoor learning, enabling thousands of children to profit from time in nature.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Probert

Dates for your Diary

5th December 2023:
Christmas Carol Concert at
St Mary's Church: 4pm -
7pm

7th December 2023:
Christmas Carols outside
Primark at Slough
Observatory: 4pm - 5:30pm

12th December 2023: School
Christmas Production

Attendance

The Year Group with the best
attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 6: 95.3 %
2nd place: Year 3: 95%
3rd place: Year 5: 94.2 %

It will be a non-uniform day
for classes that achieve 100%
attendance

**Acts of
Kindness:**
Thank you for being
you.





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Nursery

Nursery pupils have been exploring the traditional story of The Gingerbread Man. They arranged the story illustrations in the correct order, used the story map to retell the story, and acted it out. They also tried to think about alternative story endings and built bridges so the Gingerbread Man could cross the river safely.

Making their own gingerbread men was great fun! They smelled and explored the spices, mixed the ingredients, rolled out the dough, and cut out their figures. They then decided how many buttons they would put on their gingerbread men using dried fruits, Skittles, and chocolate counters. Finally, they ate the gingerbread men before they could run away!



Reception

This week in Reception, we have been learning all about North America, in particular New York! We have been reading Nelly Takes New York by Allison Pataki and Marya Myers. Children have enjoyed using the tuff tray to explore the busy roads. We have been working on reading simple words and matching them to the correct pictures. Children have made USA flags using a range of materials and created American eagles. We have been working hard on our cutting skills. In Maths, we have been learning about prepositions; we have enjoyed taking part in Rosie's Walk and We're Going on a Bear Hunt.



Year 1

In Year 1 this week, the children have been very busy with the NTS testing. The children are showing great progress in the autumn term, which is very pleasing to see. The children have also been in the big hall practising the song "How Far I'll Go" from Moana, ready for our Musical Theatre Production on the 12th of December! They have all been learning the words of the song so well, and they are excited to perform for you. In Science, the children have been continuing to learn about different types of materials: wood, plastic, metal, rubber, and glass. They have learned to describe each one and how to categorise them. The children have also been learning how to communicate using British Sign Language. They have learned the letters of the alphabet, and now they know some greetings. Keep up your great learning, Year 1s!





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Year 2

Testing week and the Year 2s have been working so hard. Therefore, our trip to the Roald Dahl Museum was such a treat. The children from Cedar and Redwood had their turn in exploring the world of Roald Dahl and stepped into the footprints of the Big Friendly Giant. In Science this week, we continued studying the properties of materials. We now know that the most suitable material for a curtain is fabric, as it is flexible and opaque.

In Geography, we carried on with our virtual tour around Europe. There are so many landmarks to visit and to find on the map; they link beautifully with the book we are still enjoying for our Literacy and Big Read. Katie in London has been such an inspiration for our children.



Year 3

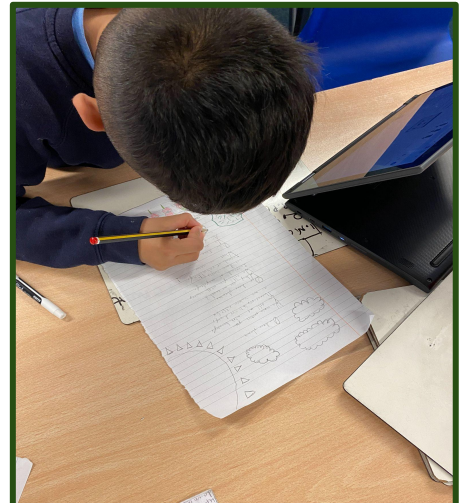
In Literacy, the children have started the process of publishing their fictional narrative. Students successfully used the key vocabulary and demonstrated three key skills in their writing, such as the use of conjunctions, contractions, and speech marks. In Science, the children have applied their knowledge of magnets to discover how they are used in real life. They learned about the many ways that magnets are used in daily life, such as in cranes, speakers, fridges, and compasses. In Geography, children have been learning about oceans.



Year 4

Year 4 have been busy working hard as it has been test week. Superb resilience, Year 4!

Year 4 have been looking at caring for the environment in Geography and looking at how issues like water pollution can harm not only humans but animals too. Therefore, in English, we will be looking at the features of a letter and writing a crucial letter to the Prime Minister to discuss the environmental issues in the United Kingdom and how action must be taken to protect our future. Thank you to the children who have completed their passport project, as your insight on environmental issues has been essential for deepening our understanding of this important topic.





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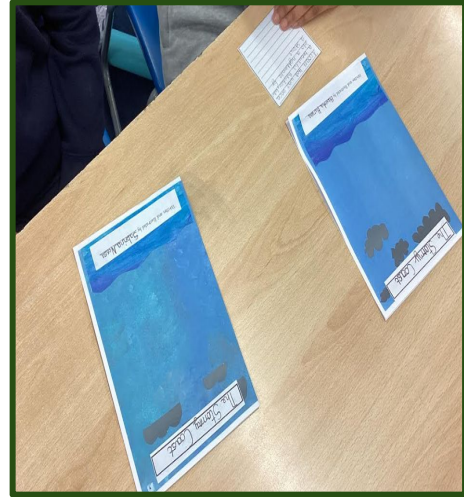
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Year 5

This week, Year 5's have been working really hard, especially as it is test week. The children have shown good focus, maturity, and resilience during this time. As well as this, the children have been learning about conductors and insulators in science. They have been discussing different types of materials and how or why they would be suitable for different purposes.

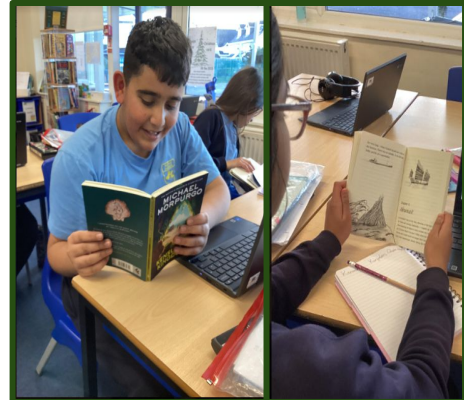
The children have written a persuasive letter this week to the government about how to reduce plastic pollution on coasts. This links to what they have been learning in Geography about coasts and how and why they should be looked after.

In Literacy, the children have been creating a book cover for the story they have written about a destructive storm. They enjoyed making waves, a boat, and a cliff to add to their cover. Well done for a fantastic week and all the hard work!



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have continued to enjoy reading our termly novel, Kensuke's Kingdom. So far, they have relieved Michael's adventures on his family's boat (the Peggy Sue). They were partially engrossed in the chapter when Michael faced a life-threatening experience - going overboard with nothing but his trusty football and faithful dog. Collaboratively, the Year 6 children have strengthened their summary and vocabulary skills by identifying and summarising the key events from each chapter and decoding new and interesting vocabulary words. They are eager to read on to find out exactly how Michael's journey ends!



Inclusion - We need your votes for our Visual Impairment Centre and Sensory Room

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