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Dear Parents and Carers,

Walking around school last week it was easy to forget where I was! Classrooms were transformed as the children learned about water, wind, earth and fire! Children had great fun making water change colour, and creating what looked like magic Potions! There were also amazing wind machines, although thankfully the winds they produced weren't as strong as Storms Isha and Jocelyn.



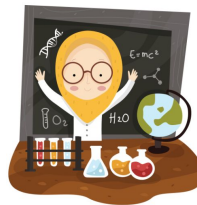
Watching the children make such amazing discoveries was wonderful - and awakened a real interest in science. Curiosity feeds learning and children's questions show us they are thinking about how the world works.



Maybe we have inspired some future investors and scientists, and if you'd like to explore science together with your children here are links to some tips and advice. I wonder where your exploration will take you!

[10 Tips to support children's science learning](#)
[Nurturing the scientist in your child](#)

Yours sincerely
Mrs Probert



Dates for your Diary

Book Fair 24th - 29th

January

**Year 4 Greek Vase Workshop
on 5th February**

**Year 5 Aztec Cookery on 6th
February**

**Year 3 Mosaic Workshop on
7th February**

World Book Day 7th March

Red Nose Day 15th March

**9th February: School
Closed - Staff Inset**

Attendance

The Year Group with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: Year 2: 96.3%

2nd place: Year 5: 95.6%

3rd place: Year 4: 94.3%

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

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



Nehal Qureshi



Miruna Teglas



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Nursery

Stripes? Spots? Checks? What's your favourite repeating pattern?

This week, the nursery children have been learning all about patterns on animals and clothing, especially on socks! We read a story where we learnt that we don't need to look the same to be a good 'pair.' We have been describing the patterns and have worked hard to match odd socks to their partners to make pairs.

Hiding and searching for the lost socks around our classroom and playground encouraged describing patterns and supported understanding and using prepositions such as on, in, behind, under, next to.

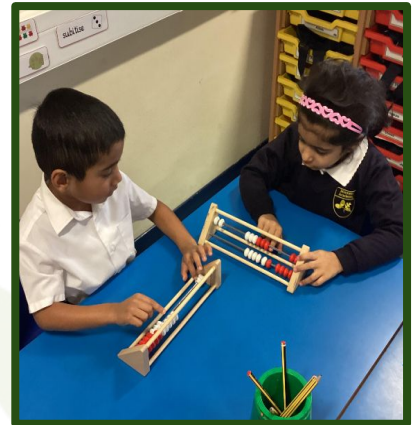


Reception

This week Reception have continued learning about 'Superheroes'. However, following on from our non-fiction book about firefighters last week, who are REAL superheroes, this week we have gone back to a fiction text, 'Superworm'. We have really enjoyed acting out the story and creating our own actions to show how 'Superworm is super long, and super strong!'

In maths this week, we have been learning how to add two groups together. We have used lots of resources to help us but our favourite was using the rekenreks.

Reception have also enjoyed going to the book fair this week, exploring different titles and authors and choosing our books.



Year 1

Year 1 children have had an exciting week with the Book Fair coming to school! The children had a read through all the wonderful new and colourful books appropriate for their year level. The children chose a book to buy and have brought home their order forms for parents to order the book of their choice. In History this week, the children have learned about fossils and know what a palaeontologist is. They now know how fossils are formed and later this term, they will be able to be palaeontologists themselves. In Science, the children have investigated which material is the most absorbent to clean up water. Ask your child which one they found the most absorbent, and see if this helps with any spills at home!





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Year 2

Such a busy week - the trip to the Hindu Temple (very much enjoyed by both children and the adults present) and the book fair. The trip to the Hindu Temple links beautifully with our RE lessons on Hinduism and it was a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more. The Literacy lessons this week have been packed with fun. We continued writing the story about the aliens and their party on the Moon. They are making a huge mess and in our Big Read we learn how Bob, The Man on the Moon is tidying up behind them, every day! Maths lessons are getting more challenging by the day. We are now learning to add and subtract two digit numbers and in History we are now using the skills we have learned during our History skills Day - we made Timelines for The Great explorers, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. Well done Year two for working so hard this week!



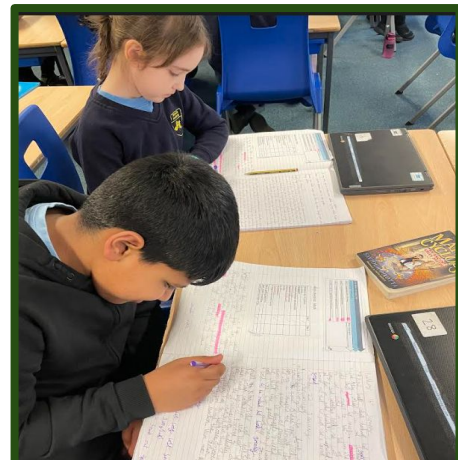
Year 3

This week, Year 3 enjoyed visiting the book fair. The children had lots of fun browsing through the wide range of books on offer and selecting books for their wish list to take home. In literacy, the children have been busy continuing writing their diary entry from the perspective of a Roman child, carefully considering what life was like in this period. In science this week, the children had the opportunity to test the hardness of rocks and in history, they compared Roman religious beliefs to those of the Stone Age. The children have continued to work hard in learning their times tables facts this week in maths and it has been fantastic to see the progress they have been making.



Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy this week drafting and editing their own myths in Literacy. Their myth is linked to their Big Read book 'Mark of the Cyclops' by Saviour Pirotta as well as the study of Ancient Greece in History. They focused on the writing skills which included: fronted adverbials, inverted commas for speech and personification. Furthermore, they included the author's features and writing style by cleverly including historical facts integrated into the twists and turns of the plot in a child friendly way and a focus on family relationships. Year 4 pupils are also working on ensuring that their myths are engaging to the reader. We look forward to reading their final efforts. Well done Year 4!





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Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been authors of their very own narrative stories (all about traveling back in time to the time of the Aztecs). Their teachers have really enjoyed reading some of their stories, and can't wait to see the finished products. In maths, we finished off our section on fractions, and in Science, we investigated how to separate different types of mixtures. In history, the children drew a timeline of the Aztecs, and explored the links between their included events. In PSHE, we have been learning about Dreams and Goals, and this week, we looked at how the dreams and goals of children in different cultures to our own might have different dreams and goals to ours. We also enjoyed an afternoon at the book fair, browsing all the books on display.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 visited the school book fair! The hall was buzzing with children who enjoyed spending the afternoon browsing new books written by their favourite authors. It was lovely to see children exploring and discussing books written by different authors and of different genres. The excitement of reading followed us back into the classroom as children were eager to share which books they found interesting and which they would like to read. It was great to see Year 6 so enthusiastic about reading and we look forward to hearing all about their wonderful stories.



At Montem Academy, we believe that a love and passion to read opens doors and opportunities for children. It can stir their curiosity to inspire their future. They can learn new things and discover their passions. They can experience fantasy worlds that only exist in their imagination! Pupils at Montem had the opportunity to attend the fantastic Scholastic Book Fair this week at our school. They had time to browse through the collection of books to discover their favourites and added their favourite books to add to their wish list to buy. It was fantastic to see our pupils so engrossed in the books and inspired to read even more!

