



Shirley Warren Spring 1 News 2022



Shirley Warren Primary and Nursery School, Warren Crescent, SOUTHAMPTON,
SO16 6AY

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term has been a particularly challenging one with regards to absences relating to **Covid**. At times we have had to operate with a very depleted staff and even on occasion had to close our nursery provision. I just wanted to say a **big thank you** to all of you for your ongoing patience and understanding.

Despite the challenges the children have been immersing themselves in a wide range of exciting topics. The children in **year R** have been very eager to show me their discovery of some dinosaur footprints in the playground and have shared their written ingredients of how to grow their very own dinosaurs.....let's hope there will not be too many of them roaming around Shirley Warren over half term!

As you will see from the class pages throughout this newsletter it is not only year R who have been having fun with their learning. It is so lovely to see how **happy and engaged** the children are, and this has certainly come through in the work they are producing. I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a few ways that you can become more involved with the school.

Firstly, we have a **vacancy for a parent governor**. If you are interested in working with myself and the other governors to look at the strategic vision for the school, we would love to hear from you.

Secondly, we would like to **relaunch our school PTA**. This is very much about Parents, school staff and associated friends working together to raise money for the children. Please see the rest of the newsletter for details of our coffee morning to find out more. Lastly, If you have a particular skill or job that you think the children would be interested to hear about or you could lead a workshop for the children in, please do let us know.

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 28th February. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 1st March**.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break

Mrs Newton

We have been talking about showing respect this half term in all of our assemblies. On Monday, Valentines day we linked this to love...so here are a few Valentines jokes for you to enjoy.

What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentine's Day?
Cauliflowers.

What do you call two birds in love?
Tweeheartes.

What do you call a very small Valentine?
A valenteeny.

What do you write in a slug's Valentine's Day card?
Be my Valen-slime!



Article 3

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

NURSERY

This half term we have been busy learning about **dinosaurs**.

We went on a **dinosaur hunt** outside and looked for the dinosaurs using our eyes. We found them in different places and used prepositional language to describe where they were hiding.

We spotted some **unusual eggs** outside and to the children's surprise, they had dinosaurs inside! They tried different ways to free them. We found out that ice is very cold and it takes a long time to melt.

You may have noticed the change in weather; we have had some rain and frost in the mornings. We have been doing safety checks with some of the children outside. One morning, **we dried the slide** to make sure it wasn't wet and slippery.



Over the last month we have also had lots of **new friends** join the nursery. Our new Terrapins have been exploring the home corner and making new friends. We would like to **thank** the children for making them feel welcome.



YEAR 3

This half term, Year 3 have been writing non-chronological reports on **London**. We have used our mapping skills to locate London within the UK, and have researched the city and all the exciting things there are to do.

In Maths, we have explored **capacity and mass**. Using practical resources, we have learnt the difference between capacity and volume, and have looked at a range of different containers to measure the volume of liquid. We made our own "dirty" drink by each pouring 100ml of either tomato juice, orange juice, sparkling water or coke zero into the same jug. It looked revolting, but some of us were brave enough to taste a sip!



We have also investigated right angles, what they are and where we find them in our classrooms. The children have sorted out triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons and we challenged them to find the connection between squares and rectangles.

As our **Science** part of our **Where the Wild Things Are** topic, we have examined flowering plants. The children can now name the different parts of the flower and the responsibility they have in the life cycle of the plant. We pulled up some weeds and observed them through a magnifying glass to then draw them



carefully, and put white carnations in different coloured water (coloured with food colouring) to see if we can change the colour of the petals. The flowers in green have changed slightly, the others have been a bit disappointing! The children also spent a fun afternoon pretending to be pollinators, petals, anthers and stigma to simulate the process of pollination.



YEAR 3



Continuing with our theme of plants, we have studied **Van Gogh's sunflower painting**. We found out some fascinating information about the artist, and then had a go at sketching our own sunflowers picture using his as a guide. We then used watercolours to recreate bigger versions, using Van Gogh's art as our starting point and then exploring our own interpretation of the sunflower painting.



**Fantastic
pictures
Year
3!**



News from the Admin Team

Your Admin Team...

Claire Hughes	School Business Manager
Sarah Worley	Attendance Officer
Nina Cookson	Admin Assistant
Amy McCubbin	Receptionist



After School Club and Breakfast Club

We are pleased that the Breakfast Club and After School Club are running well. Please make sure you book up the week before for the following week and also pay in advance. After School Club costs £9 per session and Breakfast Club £3 per session. Please let the office know if you would like your child to start either of the clubs. Thank you.

Collecting your child

If you need to contact the school about a change of person collecting your child at the end of the school day, please could you do this by **2.30pm**. After this time it can get busy in the office and we don't always have staff available to get a message to children. Obviously in an emergency we will make sure your child gets informed of any changes. **Please advise your child that if there is ever no one to pick them up, to go to the School Office** where they can wait and we can contact parents. Thanks.

.If your child is not coming to school...

Please phone the school office between **8.30am and 9am** if **your child is not coming to school** and let us know the reason why. If we have not heard from you, you will either receive a text or a call from the admin team to find out where your child is. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures. We will call a second time if you do not call back.



Is my child too ill to come to school?

Unsure if your child is well enough for school? Please check out this on our website on the **Parents** page using the **Advice on Childhood illnesses** link

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>

We are sure it will help you decide whether or not you should send your child to school. Please remember that if your child has **sickness or diarrhoea**, they need to be **clear** of this for **48 hours** before returning to school.

If your child has **Covid symptoms** (cold, cough, temperature, sore throat, headache) we advise taking them for a Covid test.

Change of Phone Number or Address

Please make sure you let the office know if you change your phone number, email address or if you move house. **It can be very distressing for your child if they are ill and we are unable to contact you.** It will also mean that you may not receive urgent texts and emails sent by the office.



Lost Property

We continue to have a **vast** amount of unclaimed, unnamed school uniform. If **items are named** they can be returned to the child instantly. There is a full lost property box in reception which will be passed on to a charity shop if unclaimed. Please check it regularly if your child has lost anything. We would like an empty lost property box! Thank you.



School contact emails

If you need to contact the **school**, please use

office@shirleywarren.co.uk

or if you need to contact the **Nursery**, please email

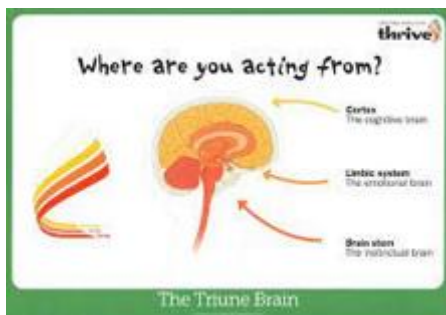
nursery@shirleywarren.co.uk

From Claire,
Sarah, Nina
and Amy

Thank you for your continued support and patience at our busy times.

The children have been receiving Thrive lessons in class as part of their curriculum, as well as some children receiving group and 1:1 sessions throughout the week.

KS2 groups have been learning about parts of our brain and how it makes us act and how it helps us function. They created their own brain models using playdoh. YR6 groups have also been working on confidence, while having healthy debates on subjects/choices they feel are important to them or ones given by us. They have shared their views within the group while learning that their opinions and views can be different to each other and that is ok.



KS1 has been learning about emotions and senses by using puppets and puppet shows. They have also had great fun in the role play area and creating beautiful pictures by finger painting.



Keep busy during half term with these activities !



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Charity

The School Council's final fundraising for charity event for this academic year will be for **Comic Relief** on **Friday 18th March**.

Please get ready for a **non-uniform day** and save your pennies for the other fundraising ideas that our inventive School Councillors come up with!



Pupil Voice

The School Council reps have also been very busy consulting their class mates and collecting suggestions about school improvement from a pupil's point of view.

Many of the suggestions have involved changes to the playground. Whilst we aren't able to put in the swimming pool and giant water slide that Year 1 wanted, the School Council will soon be turning their fund-raising talents to raising money for some of the more affordable ideas!

Watch this space!





Are you interested in joining a school PTA
(Parent Teacher Association) OR helping to
organise and run events?

Would you like to help us raise money for the
children of our school?

**We would like to launch a new PTA but
need your help!**

Come along to our coffee morning and find out
more;

Friday 4th March from 9am

Warren Centre Hall



MUSIC

Spotlight on Instrumental Learning

We have over 70 children who are learning to play an instrument in school and many more that have lessons out of school. We are so proud of them and know what an impact learning can have on well-being as well as supporting learning in other areas (take a look at the poster on the next page). We currently pay for the children in Year 6 to have lessons for free, but children from other year groups are able to pay for their own lessons by contacting Graham at the music service. Graham.Hesp@southampton.gov.uk

We work closely with the Southampton Music Hub to enhance our music opportunities. You can find out more about what they do here www.southamptonmusichub.org.

All of our wonderful music teachers come from Southampton Music Hub. Here's a little bit about them. Don't forget to wave and say hi if you see them in the corridors!



Mr Hall is our drumming teacher and teaches full drum kit skills on a Monday.



Mrs Downs teaches brass (trumpet and trombone) and keyboard on Wednesdays. She also writes lots of lovely songs that we sing in class.



Mr Warren teaches violin on Wednesdays but he can also play the trumpet.



Mr Treasure teaches guitar and keyboard in the music room on Monday afternoons.



MUSIC



Mr Farrendon visits us on Fridays to teach woodwind instruments (flute and clarinet) and he is also the conductor of a brass band that Mrs Mead plays in.



Don't forget to check out the music blog on the school website for latest news and videos. <https://www.shirleywarren.co.uk/blog/?pid=11&nid=15>

Congratulations!

We are very proud of our pupil's achievements and would like to congratulate Arabella in Year 4 for passing Grade 2 on the piano.



Young Voices news. Although our concert in January was postponed we are now building up to attend the **O2 Arena on Tuesday, 24th May**. Watch out for news about choir rehearsals starting again...

A child
who
sings
is a
happy
child

Elder Enrique Falabella

YEAR 1

In English, **Squirrels** and **Hedgehogs** have been reading, 'We're Going on a Bear hunt,' and 'Beegu,' this term. The children have been building up their writing skills in order to write words, sentences and paragraphs to make wonderfully descriptive texts.

In **Maths**, Year 1 have built upon their addition and subtraction calculations with numbers within thirty and have explored shape and space; pupils recognise familiar 2D and 3D shapes and can show repeating patterns in order to create geometric designs.

Year 1 classes have also had the opportunity to study the **United Kingdom** in topic work, where we have looked at the four countries, the flags, capital cities and some of the unique landmarks which make the UK a wonderful place to live.

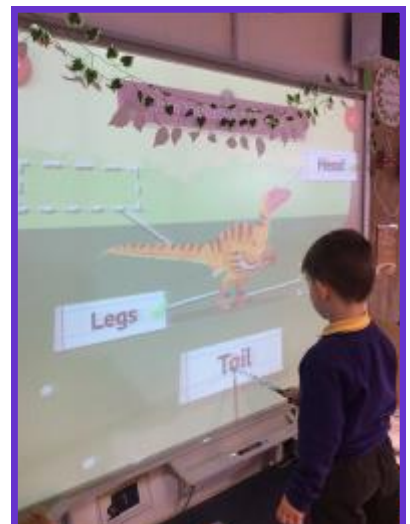
Both Squirrels and Hedgehogs have continued to work hard in all subjects and through working together have made a wonderful team of teachers, TAs and Pupils.

What a wonderful year group and school!



YEAR R

After the Christmas holidays, we had some unusual visitors in our classroom.... they were from SPACE! We did lots of learning about the planets, areas in our class turned into rockets and space station and we role played being astronauts. A mysterious egg turned up in our garden one morning. Some of us thought it was a chicken's egg, some thought the Easter Bunny had left it and some children thought that it was a dinosaur. A few children did suggest it couldn't be a dinosaur because dinosaurs are "extinct" - impressive!

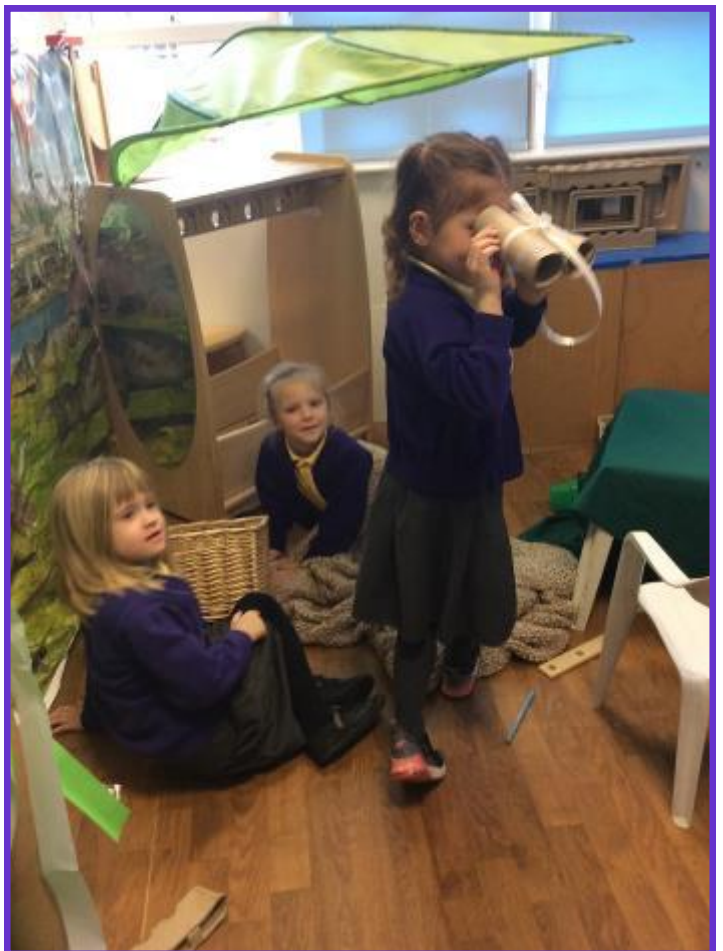


YEAR R

We've started being much more independent and we are getting our own snack. We make sure our hands are clean, we pour our own milk and choose our own snack! We were really interested in some of the mini beasts in our garden last week so we decided that we wanted to build bug hotels so they had somewhere cosy to live in the cold weather!



In Choosing Time, we have been practising sharing our toys and working as a team! We made binoculars in the making area and we were searching for dinosaurs in our role play area - the jungle! We've also enjoyed watching Andy and the Dinosaurs to learn about the different types of dinosaurs too!



YEAR 2

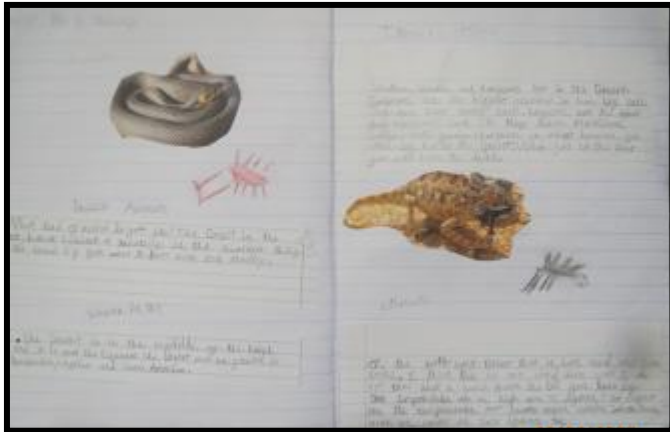
This term we have been learning about animals and their habitats. We have done research, written fact files and completed Science investigations. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this project, their favourite part was our trip to the park to find minibeasts and collect materials to make natural bug homes.



Which minibeasts have you found recently?

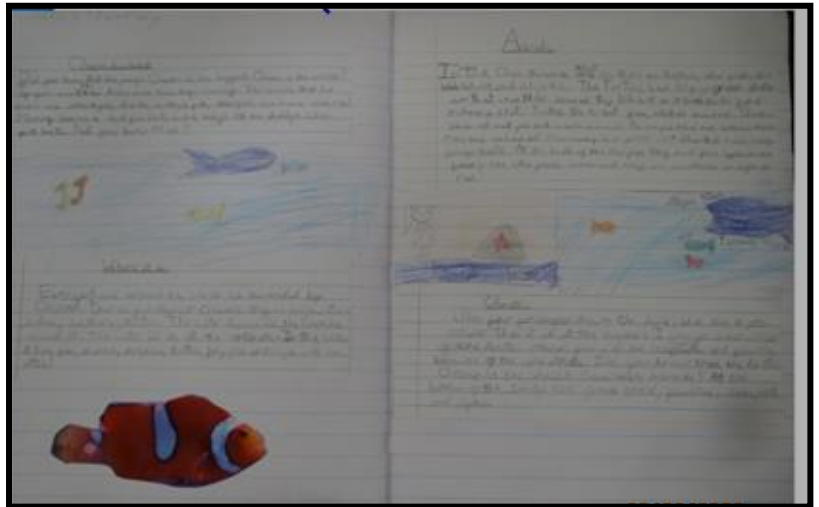


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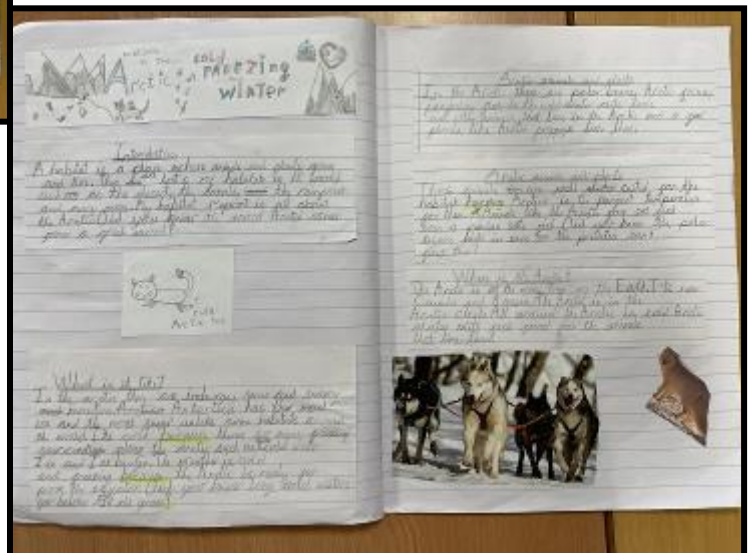
Year 2 have worked really hard with their writing this half term and have been very engaged with their 'Home Sweet Home' Project.

They have spent lots of time learning about, and researching, some of the most important **animal habitats** in the world, including: The Arctic, Deserts, Rainforests and Oceans.



They then used what they had found out to write a beautiful Non-Chronological report all about their chosen habitat which included information such as; the climate of their habitat, where it is and animals that live there.

We are very proud of all of the children and their efforts!

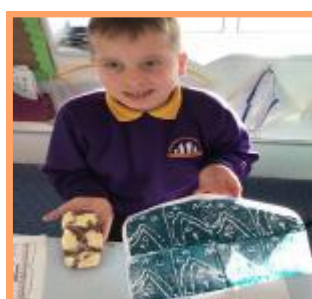


YEAR 4

This has been a busy but exciting term for the **Year 4** children. Back in January, the children began the project by **designing and making their own chocolate bars**. Considering the indentation created when making a design or giving a purpose to the bar, challenged the children in their own thought process.

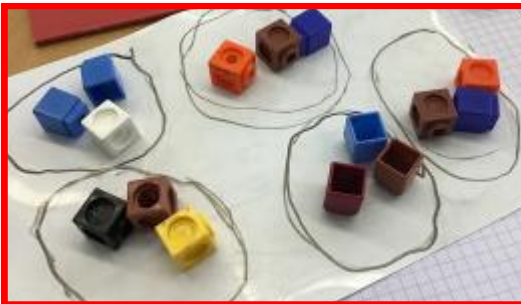
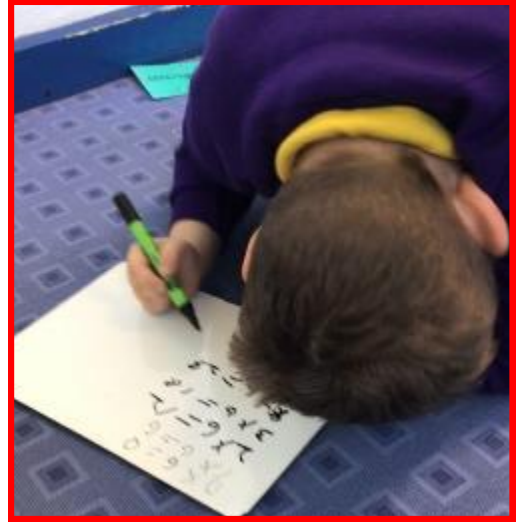



We were very lucky to have Lauren Willington (a local print maker) to share her expertise as we studied printing making in preparation to make our own chocolate bar wrappers. She discussed with us the tools and the process she uses when designing a new piece of art. We then took these skills and created our own bars.



YEAR 4

During our **maths** sessions , we have spent time considering our **3, 6 and 9 times** tables. For many of us this was a new challenge not encountered before and for others we have taken a new approach to deepen their thinking in how to represent these calculations.



We 
Maths



During **Thrive** sessions, we have considered what we admire about each of the personality traits we have. This was to support children in knowing what makes them special and unique.



Fantastic behaviour and work

Star of the Week Award



Shazil Mubashar
Shawn Njenga
Leo Wannell
Barnaby Groves
Nellie Jewell
Jakub Burda
Finley Parrish
Patrik Wegrzycki
John Attril
Indi Lohinski
Rimas Amer
Amelia Skeats
Dolcie Foreman
Edwin Sony
Traxey Aso
Logan Clark
Lili Wrezel
Khaleesi Sharp
Coen Attrill
Elijah Head
Miguel Santiago
Trangel Aso
Karim Bah
Abigail Blunden
Amara Wing
Alex Kaczmariski
Fatima Shahzad
Anica Cinio
Ethan Agberodiola
Dominik Bujnowski
Emily-Rose Walsh
Oliver Szymczyk
Tranette Aso
Cassius Ferdinand
Musa Khalili
Alfie Peters
Miguel Ruiz
Izabela Dudzik
Bailey Cooper
Tommy-Lee Cowell
Sarah Sopterean
Maja Pilat
Jorgie Cowell
George Lund
Zaneeta Sony
Esther Good
Zach Good
Tellullah Doughty
Joe Haque
Nico Prokopiuk
Brooke Betteridge
Rafael Acain
Borys Klak
Thomas Laivenieks
Faisal Iqbal

Canice Maher
Femi Fadina
Anaya Ndhlovu
Ryan Okoye
Alice Wooldridge
Victoria Nyowani
Nadine Tatel
Casper Lik
Arabella Fegidero
Zoe Pal
Harvey Singleton
Cassie Manuel
Dolcie Wilson
Olivier Wolski
Mason Hamshare
Mahrad Khalili
Lena Gajewska
Florence Sidebottom
Coen Attrill
Alexia-May Cooke
Poppy Benneyworth
David Pazdzior
Jane Zaletova
Maja Plocieniczak
Sophia Peters
Darcy Walsh
Laura Petrisor

Attendance Superstars!

Best class attendance

Week commencing:
Fri 4th Feb—Tiger
Fri 11 Feb—Hedgehog

Music Award



Franciszek Zelek
Barnaby Groves
Kian Lebborn-Ward
Janine Pagaling
Thea Howell
Brielle McLoughlin

Ready Respect Safe Award



Cai Maradzika
Theo Todd
Eliza Anjum
Sophia Ghiaura
Harvir Fletcher
Bella Estabrook
Rose Baker
Shayla Leigh
McLoughlin
Sofia O'Brien
Myah-Marie Cartwright
Maja Plocieniczak
Janine Pagaling
Ashley Mundell
Ashley Broomfield
Olivier Wolski
Elena Grigoras
Jason He
Annabelle Hillier-McNeil
George Hempstead
Eva Zvagule
Teanna-May Skeats
Zofia Trojniak
Tez Vadgama
Nayomi Tony
Abigail Kucharska
Rimas Amer
Alice Taylor
Kirah Adams
Marcel Zielinski
Mason Hamshare
Esmea Bursey
Lena Zapala
Jessica Pagaling
Sienna Lynch
Aliya Searle
Ben Marchment
Melody Nagy
Arabella Fegidero
Sebastian Kowalczyk
Jayden Richards
Brielle McLoughlin
Tiana Didioma
Rico Ashrafian
Theresa Gherbezian
Nathan Zelek
Emelia Powell
Cyprian Gaudzinski
Jakub Burda
Habibah Ahmed
Allen Ricardo
Daniel Castle
Phoenix Barnett
Zeeshan Shahzad
Bruce Baalam
Breeze Jewell
Laura Petrisor
Gracie Lamacraft
Finley Stevens
Esmea Bursey

Lanaya Lobo
Kieran Lichfield
Jaiden Wijesinghe
Kehinde Bashir
Jacob Jaworski
Maxwell Sekalegga
Anastazja Bergier
Max Phillipson
Charlie Alford
Cassie Taburnal
Ashley Broomfield
Calvin Uazukuani
Kenzo Abutar
Ethan Agberodiola
Lanaya Lobo
Adam Baraka
Anaya Hunt
Shahinaz Osman
Koko Ashrafian
Berlyn Fruto
Fen Bailey
Kei Laxina
Amaya Crabb
Connor MacIver
Dolcie Foreman

**IT NEVER
GETS EASIER,
YOU JUST
GET BETTER.**

Testlands Award



Millie Esprey
Layla Murray
Abel George
Kore Ayeni
Olaf Krygier
Dominik Kecskemeti



YEAR 6



This half term, year 6 having been learning all about **World War I**. To help with our understanding of the trenches, we re-enacted trench scenes in the hall!



In Eagles class we researched foods from World War I and looked at how the war had an impact on food supply which led to rationing. We had a go at making bread and butter pudding - it was very delicious!



We had to make sure we measured out the ingredients carefully...



and not get any egg shell into the mixture!



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

Your Ration Book

Issued to safeguard your food supply

HOLDER'S NAME AND REGISTERED ADDRESS

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Other Names _____

Address _____

DATE OF ISSUE _____

Serial Number of Book _____

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YEAR 5

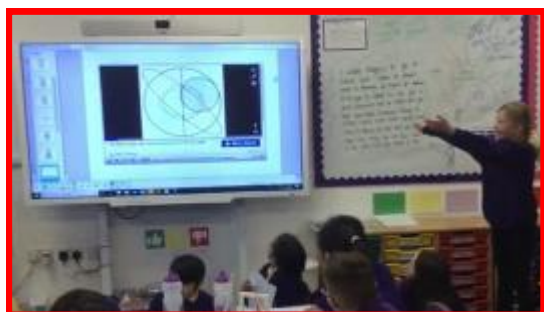
Year 5 have launched into 2022 by exploring space!



We have looked at the relative size of the sun, earth and moon; and reenacted how they orbit around one another.



We even created our own play based on Ptolemy's geocentric system and Copernicus' heliocentric system.



We were very disappointed to have postponed our trip, however we made up for this by 'visiting' the moon and other planets to enable us to write diary entries and record vlogs. We are really excited to visit the Winchester Science Museum next half term.



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In art, we have been studying abstract art by Peter Thorpe. Inspired by this, we have created our own backgrounds. We are currently working on the foreground of rockets or astronauts to complete our project.



We have been learning about money in maths and of course, practising our times tables!



YEAR 5

In English, we have been reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, where we have explored characters' thoughts to enable us to write up our own diary entries. Continuing with our space theme, we have written our own narrative based on the short movie 'La Luna' which we are currently publishing into an illustrated book.

In PE we have been learning about the Haka; learning the routine, adding our own moves and then transferring this to create a dance based on the Winter Olympics 2022.





February

Monday 28th February
INSET DAY—
school closed

March

Tuesday 1st March
School opens for all children

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day—children can dress up as their favourite book character

Monday 7th March
Y6 Bikeability
Cycle training for the week

Tuesday 8th March
Year 2 Orchestra Concert
MAST theatre

Monday 21st March—
Wednesday 23rd March
Tiger class to Minstead



Wednesday 23rd March—Friday 25th March

Lion class to Minstead

Monday 28th March

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 29th March
Y6 Hiphop concert
MAST Theatre

Parents' Evening

Thursday 31st March
Y5 to Winchester Science Centre

April

Friday 8th April
Last day of school before Easter break

Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April
School closed for Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April
School reopens to children

Tuesday 26th April
Class Photos

May

Thursday 5th May
Year 1 trip to Longdown Activity Farm

Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May
KS2 SATs week

Tuesday 24th May
Young Voices at O2 Arena

Thursday 26th May

Last day of school before May Half term break

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
School Closed for May Half Term Break



June

Monday 6th June
School closed

Tuesday 7th June
School reopens for children

We are gradually starting to offer more activities for the children as our Covid numbers reduce. We hope to re start After School Activity Clubs soon. We will let you know!

INSET DAYS
2021-2022

28th February 2022

27th May 2022

6th June 2022
(Southampton schools closed for Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Easter 2022

When planning your holidays please be aware that the Easter weekend will be

in the middle of the fortnight break in 2022.

Good Friday is on 15th April 2022 and Easter Monday is on Monday 18th April 2022





There are **THREE CHOICES** every day!

More reasons to try different school dinners!

Every choice comes with seasonal vegetables, salad, different types of potatoes or chips on different days

and...

There is a variety of **hot and cold**

Week 1 Week Commencing Monday 7th March 2022 Monday 28th March	Blue (Meat/Fish)	Yellow (Vegetarian)	Purple (Third Choice)
Monday	Bubble Salmon	Vegetarian sausages	Hidden Vegetable Pasta
Tuesday	Vegetarian Bolognese	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Wednesday	5 Bean Chilli	Butternut Squash macaroni cheese	Jacket potato and cheese
Thursday	Roast Chicken with stuffing	Vegetable parcel	Pea and Leek Pasta
Friday	Fish bites	Vegetable and cheese pinwheels	Jacket Potato with beans

Week 2 Week Commencing Monday 14th March 2022 Monday 4th April	Blue (Meat/Fish)	Yellow (Vegetarian)	Purple (Third Choice)
Monday	Chicken and Leek Pie	Vegetable goujons	Hidden Vegetable pasta
Tuesday	Turkey sweet and sour with rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket potato with Tuna
Wednesday	Vegan Sausage Roll	7 vegetable pasta	Jacket Potato with cheese
Thursday	Yorkshire Pudding with chicken strips	Yorkshire Pudding with vegetarian mince	Hidden Vegetable pasta
Friday	Breaded fish	Chickpea patties	Creamy mushroom pasta

Week 3 Week Commencing Monday 28th February Monday 21st March	Blue (Meat/Fish)	Yellow (Vegetarian)	Purple (Third Choice)
Monday	Turkey Burger	Chickpea, coconut and spinach curry	Jacket potato and beans
Tuesday	Tuna and Sweetcorn pasta bake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato and Ratatouille
Wednesday	Vegetarian Lasagne	Quorn nuggets	Jacket potato with cheese
Thursday	Roast chicken and stuffing	Cauliflower and broccoli bake	Hidden vegetable pasta
Friday	Fish fingers	Bean and Lentil burger	Cheese and broccoli burger

Dinners **MUST** be paid for in advance. They cost **£2.50 per day**. Payment must be made **online**.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact Mrs Worley in the school office. Thank you.