



Oldbury Observer Summer Term 2025 edition 2

Mr Irving's Comment

This week I would like to particularly thank Mr Davies (our Site Manager) for his tireless efforts in the upkeep of our fantastic school and grounds. We are lucky to have such a spacious building and generous grounds but maintaining these requires a huge amount of effort and dedication. In addition to the day-to-day repairs and maintenance tasks, Mr Davies has put in new fencing around our school pond which means this will soon be accessible for learning opportunities. In addition, Mr Davies coordinated efforts to allow our Key Stage 1 hall floor to be sanded and revarnished to bring it back to its original glory - my thanks also to Guy Shears (CEO of the Central Region Schools Trust) for personally championing this project. Our school environment is important to us - upcoming projects include refencing and improving the KS2 playground and the establishment of a dedicated Art Studio.

You may be aware that next week is SATs week; children in Year 6 across the nation will be undertaking statutory tests in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths. As a whole school we will, as ever, give our full support to our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the best in demonstrating their skills and knowledge.

Have a lovely weekend.

Term Dates

2024-2025 Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)

Monday 6th January 2025

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7th January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

TERM STARTS	Monday 28th April 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 23rd May 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 18th July 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 21st July 2025

Notes:

The 2024/25 Staff Training Days may be subject to change.

School Dates

Week commencing 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Thursday 15th May (pm) - Year 2 Geography local area walk

Tuesday 20th May - WALK AND TALK TUESDAY!

Wednesday 21st May - PROVISIONAL date for class photos and Leavers' photos.

Thursday 19th June - Reception trip to Bennett's

Friday 20th June Sports Day

Friday 4th July Y1 Traditional Tale Trip to Bishops Wood (letter to follow)

Readers of the Week!



Well done to the following children who have particularly stood out this week for an aspect of their Reading.

Monarch: Henry for always working hard and

Carriage: Josie for her fantastic effort when reading in phonics.

Blenheim: Charlie for his fluency and home reading.

Windsor: Georgia for practising her phonics and reading at home everyday.

Emerald: Aisha for her improved expression and pace when reading.

Sapphire: Archie for putting so much effort into his reading at home and during phonics lessons!

Hampton: George - for great effort with a reading assessment this week.

Arrowsmith: Zach: for always putting his all into his reading and improving his fluency, day to day.

Solitaire: Jack W for using evidence to back up his ideas.

Newbury: Cristian - for his hilarious badger accents!

Melrose: Josephine for showing a love of books.

Woodstock: Ethan W for a superb performance in the latest assessment.

Henwick: Jaxson: for his hard work this week in our reading comprehension groups in the run up to SATs.

Competition Winner!



The Coop Travel Worcester ran a very successful Easter fundraising event in which they raised another £127 for us towards the cost of Geography reference books for our school library.

As part of this, they ran a colouring competition. Thank you so much for all of you who took the time to visit the store and enter the children into the competition. Ethan in Y4 was the winner of this, and was very pleased to receive an Entertainer Voucher! Well done Ethan.



RSA 4 Project

A message from our Year 4 pupils...

ATTENTION PARENTS!

The RSA4 project is trying to improve road safety and the environment around school so that everyone is safe.

Firstly, we want to reduce the amount of pollution being created by the cars around our school and secondly, we want to improve the road safety of the children at Oldbury Park.

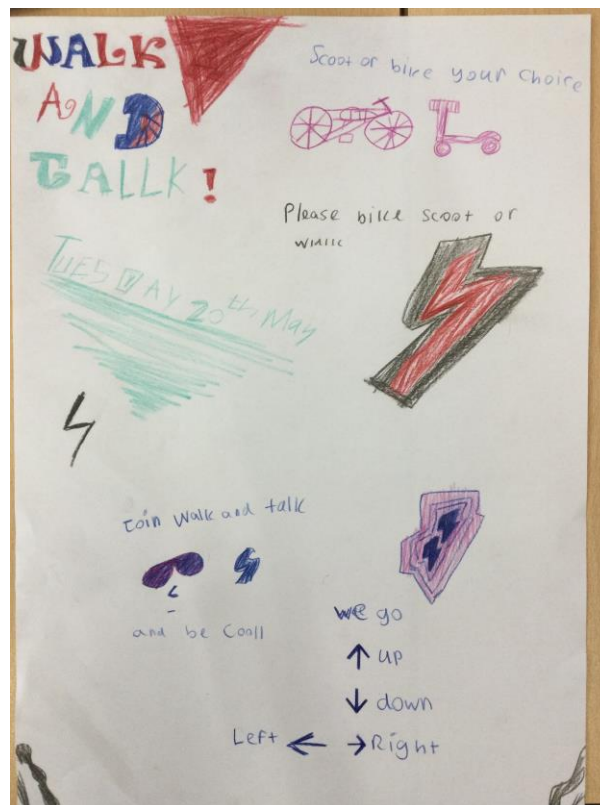
We have a few messages and announcements for you.

Please turn off your engines whilst you are parked in front of the school at pick up and drop off. The gases coming from your engine are harming the environment around our school.

Also, a lot of people come to school by car. We have noticed that some people race past the school. Year 4 think that some people might be making unnecessary car journeys. It would be better if more people walk, cycle or scoot.

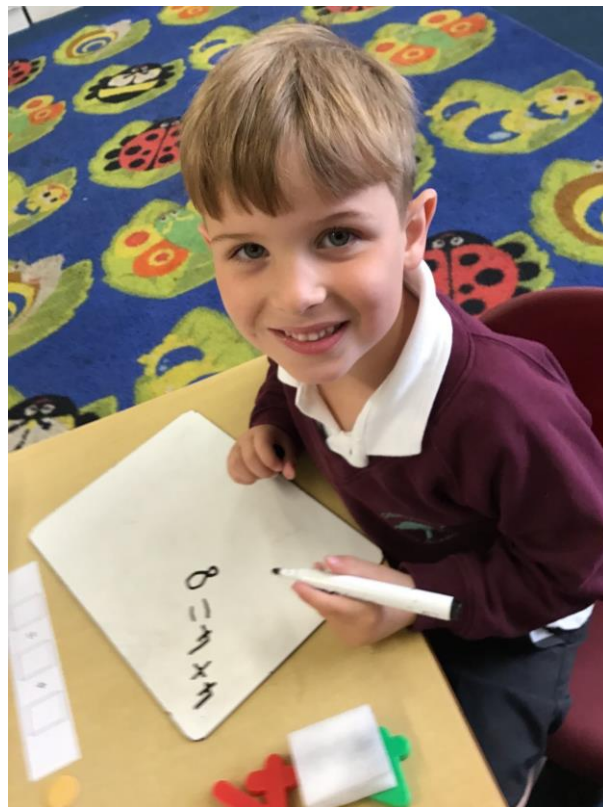
We would like you to take part in **Walk and Talk Tuesday on the 20th of May**. Walk and Talk Tuesday is an event where people can walk to school instead of taking the car and it is also making the opportunity to chat with a friend.

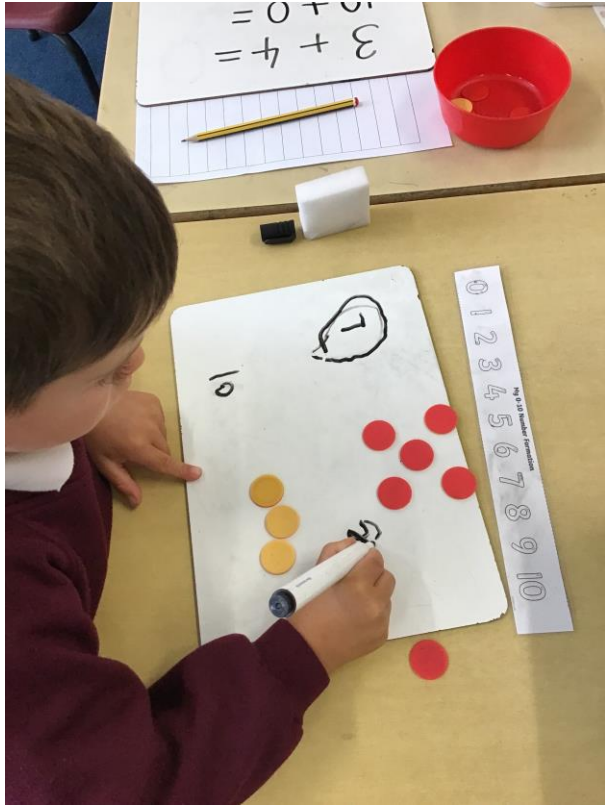
We would love as many children as possible to come to school by walking, cycling or scooting on this day! However, we do understand that many people have to come by car if you are traveling long distances.

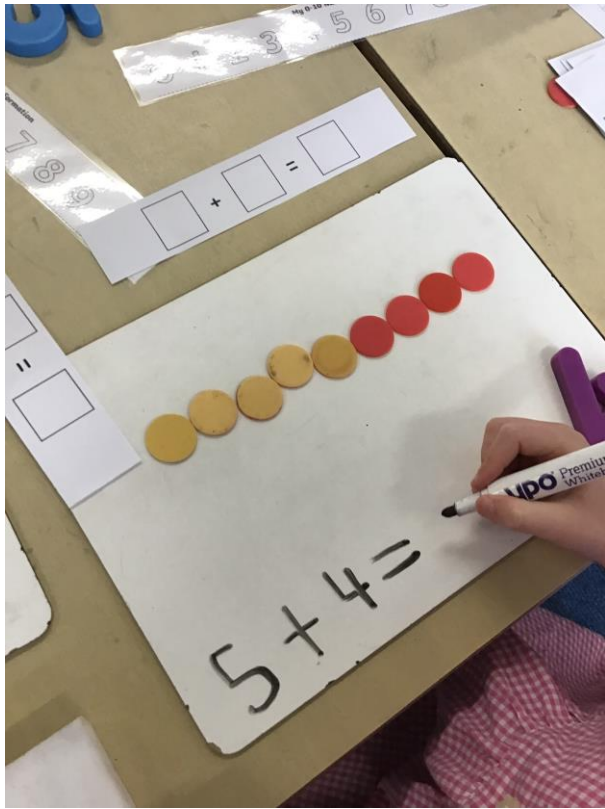
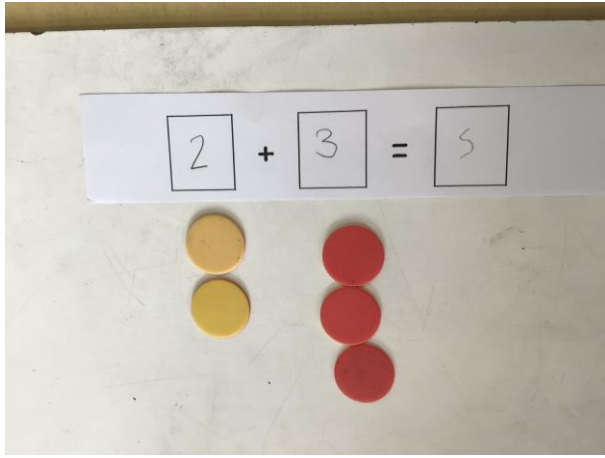
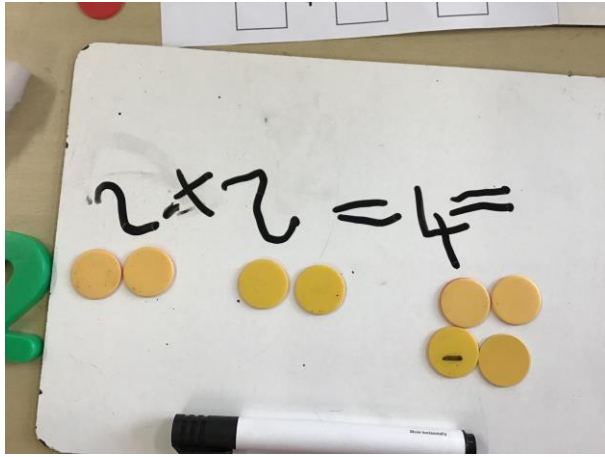


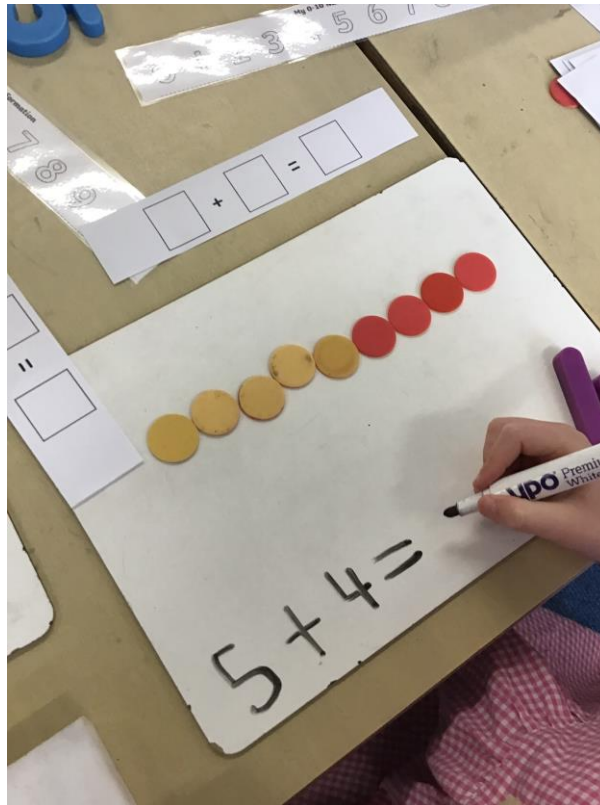
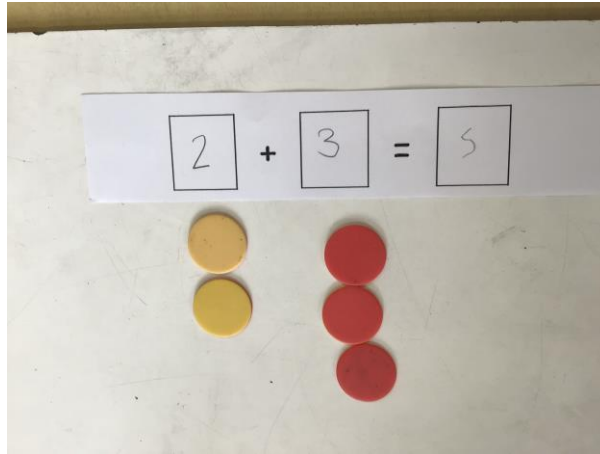


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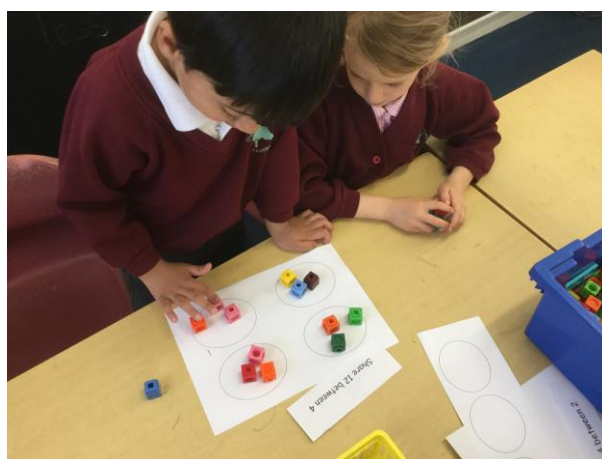
This week we have been working on our addition skills. We have written our own number sentences and used resources to help us find the answer. Some of us have also been working on our 'counting on' skills, putting the highest number in our head and using our hands or counters to help us find the total. It has been a really tricky week of mathematics this week and we are so proud of how hard all the children have worked.

Year 1

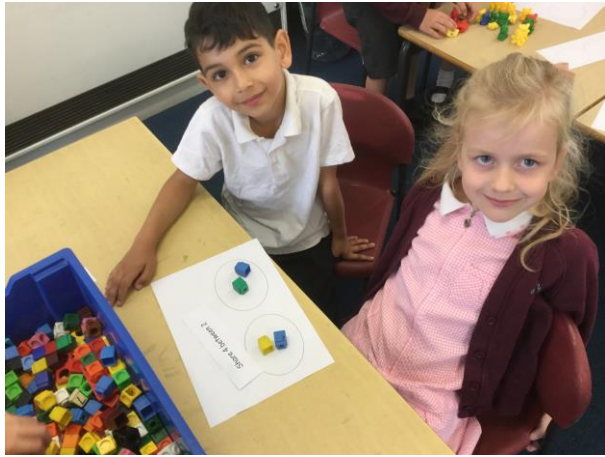
On Thursday morning we started by learning about VE day and why we were celebrating by wearing red, white and blue. The children were very respectful and asked thoughtful questions.

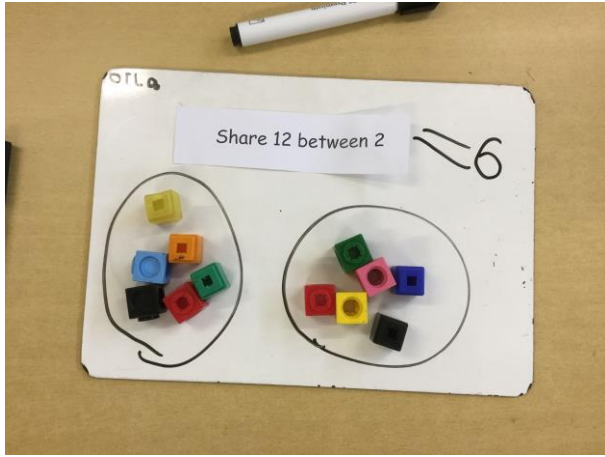
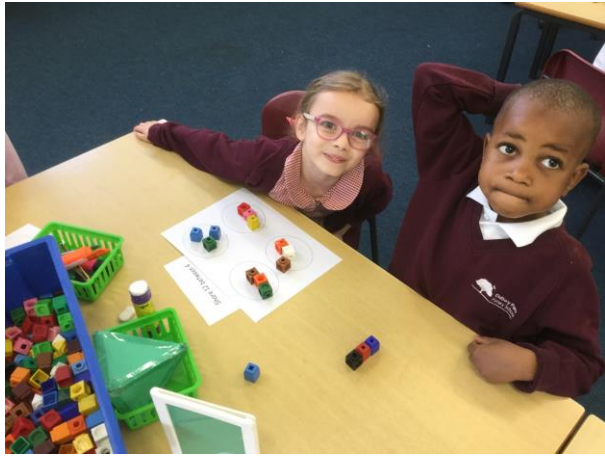
In maths last week we started to look at equal groupings and this week have developed this by learning how to share into equal groups.

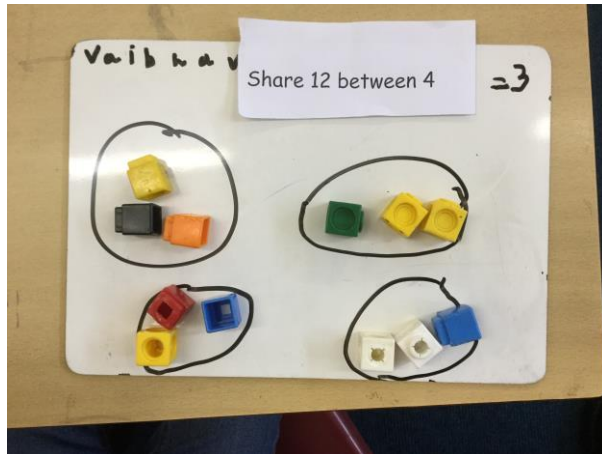
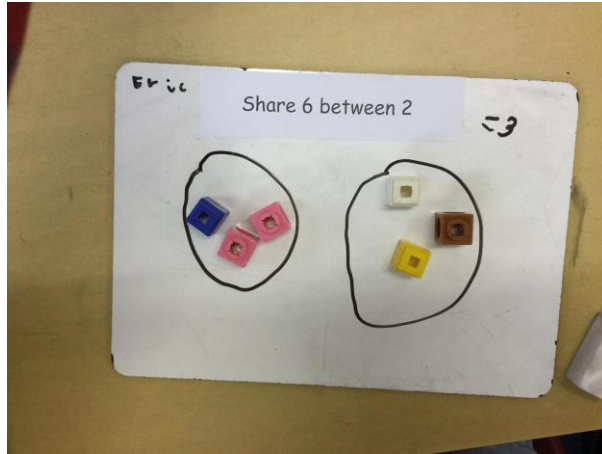
Thank you to everyone who is encouraging their child to keep practising their other number skills using Numbots and Hit the Button.











Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week, on Wednesday we had a visit from Rev Sarah Cotterill, she gave an assembly as part of our RE topic on belonging to different faiths. She talked to the children about belonging to the Cristian Faith and what being a Christian means to her. The children listened intently and asked thoughtful questions to deepen their understanding.

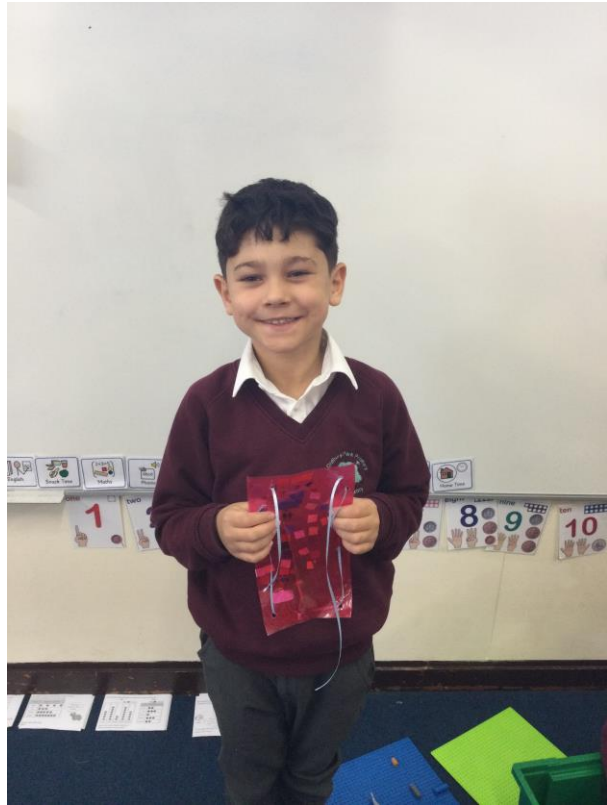
During Art this week, the children have loved using different textured materials to create a sticky pouch window decoration. The children thought about the different materials and decided where to put them to create their design. We have hung them in our windows and they look fabulous!

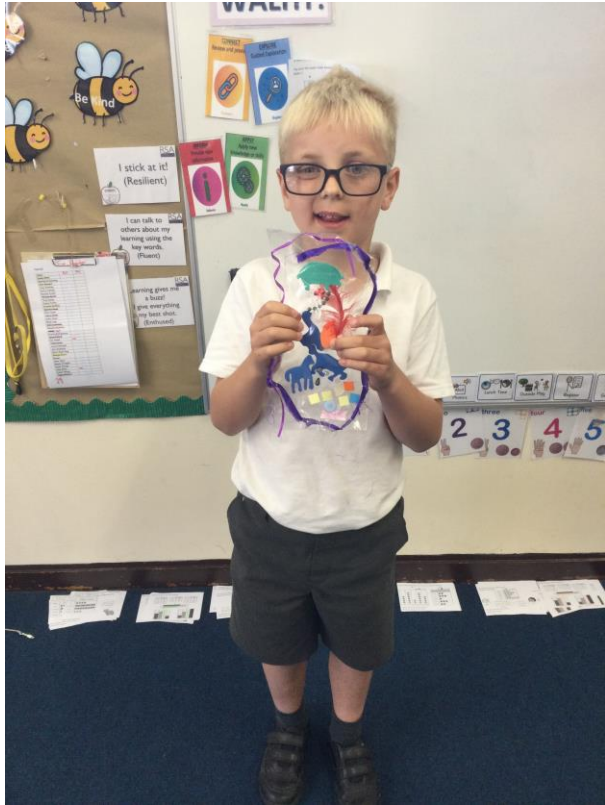








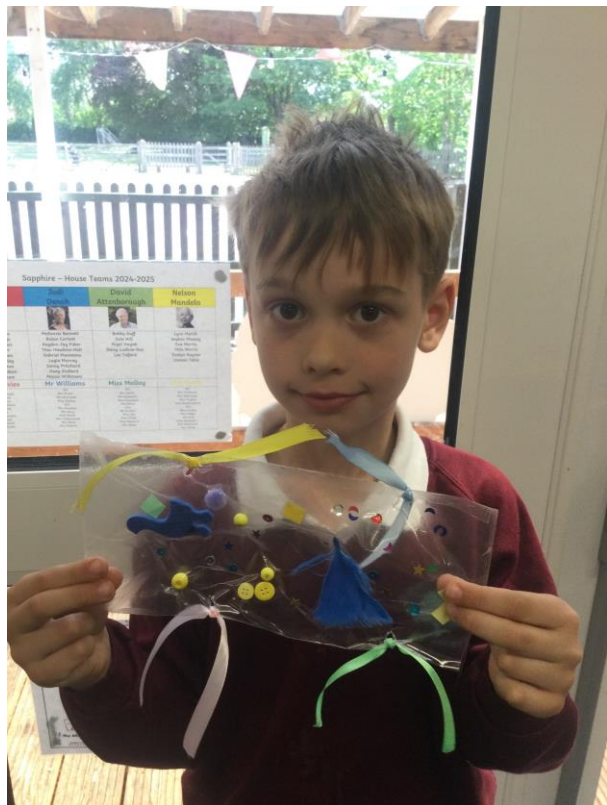


















Year 3

This Week in Our Learning

It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 3, with lots of learning happening across the curriculum! It began last Friday, when the children spent some time planting tomato seeds. This is an initiative across all year three classes in our trust, and the children certainly loved the experience. The seeds are now germinating on a sunny windowsill in our classroom, and the children are ensuring that they are being kept well watered. Once the plants begin to grow, the children will be able to take these home to plant and hopefully during the summer, they will be rewarded with juicy tomatoes to share.

In **Maths**, we've been working hard on perimeter—measuring, adding, and subtracting lengths. We've also been making sure to convert between units when working with mixed measurements to keep our calculations accurate.

In **English**, we are finishing up our descriptive writing pieces. The children have explored expanded noun phrases to add detail and depth to their writing. After planning their ideas, they've been working on their final hot write, applying all the skills they've developed.

In **History**, we've been learning about how the Romans changed Britain. The children were fascinated to discover how Roman innovations like roads, public baths, and sewers have influenced modern life.

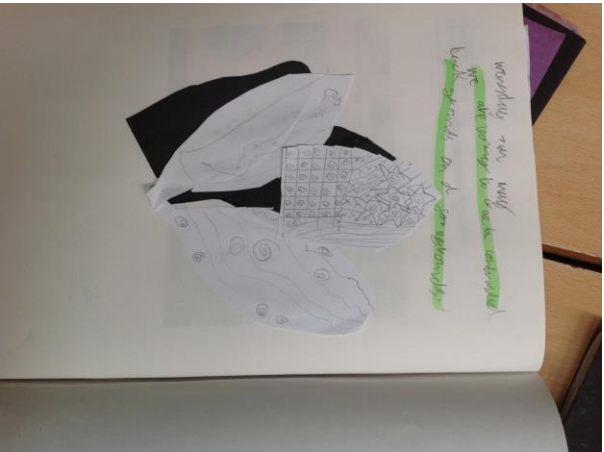
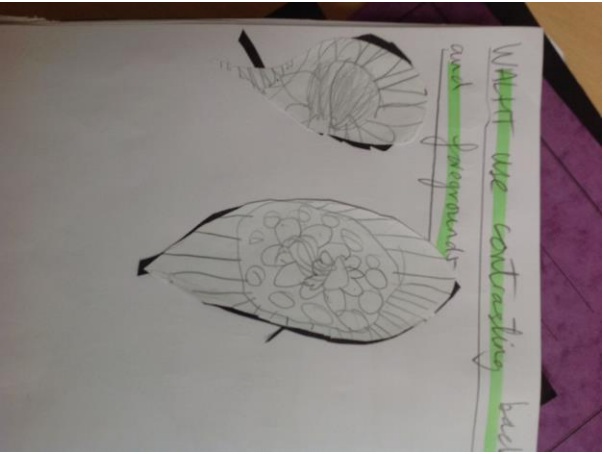
In **Art**, our focus has been on foregrounds and backgrounds. We also explored creating leaves using Zentangles, which allowed the children to blend pattern work with creativity.

In **Science**, we conducted an exciting experiment to investigate resistance and friction. The children tested how different materials affect how far toy cars can travel, drawing some interesting conclusions from their results.

We also took time to learn about **VE Day** and why it holds such significance in British history. It was lovely to see the children dressed in red, white, and blue as they marked this important occasion with pride and respect.











Year 4

Our Year 4 pupils have been busy preparing for the beginning of their RSA4 project this week. They have been busy in the background since the Autumn term but now their plans are being put into motion.

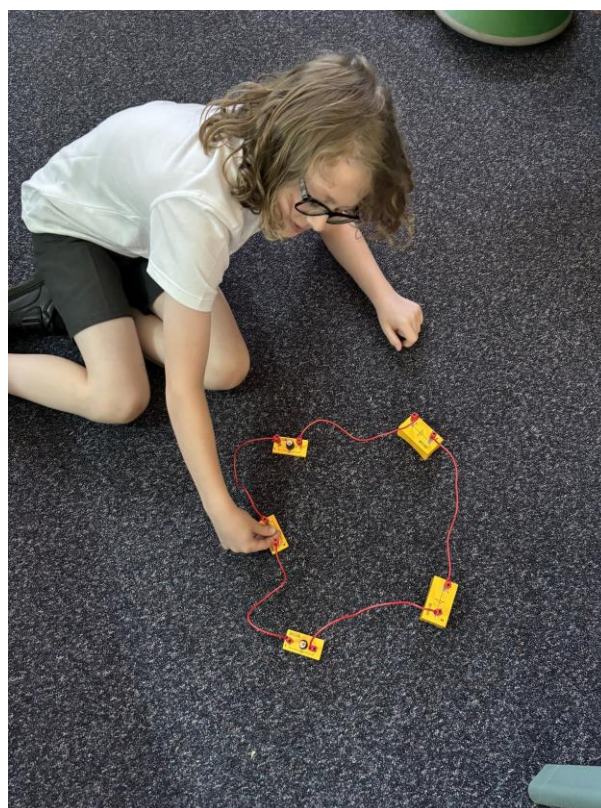
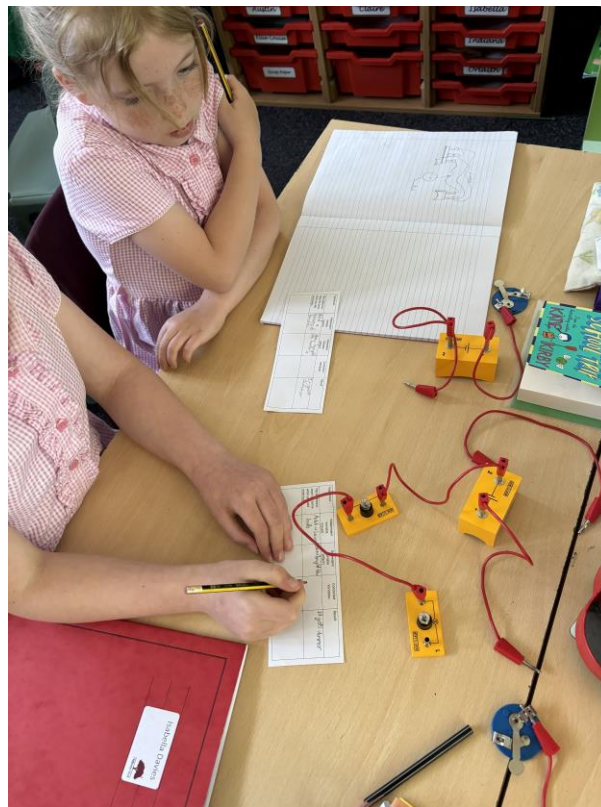
Above, you can see the message that a small group of our RSA4 team have written to encourage as many people as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school on **Tuesday 20th May – Walk and Talk Tuesday!**

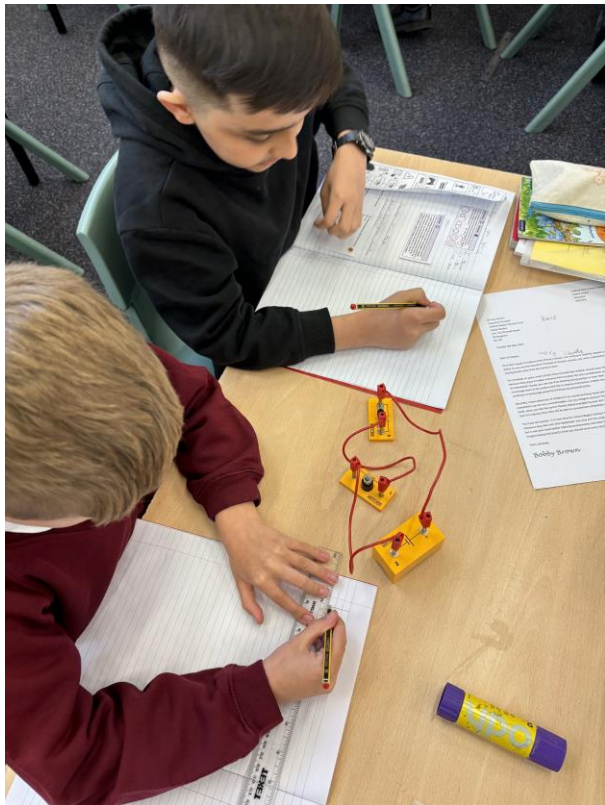
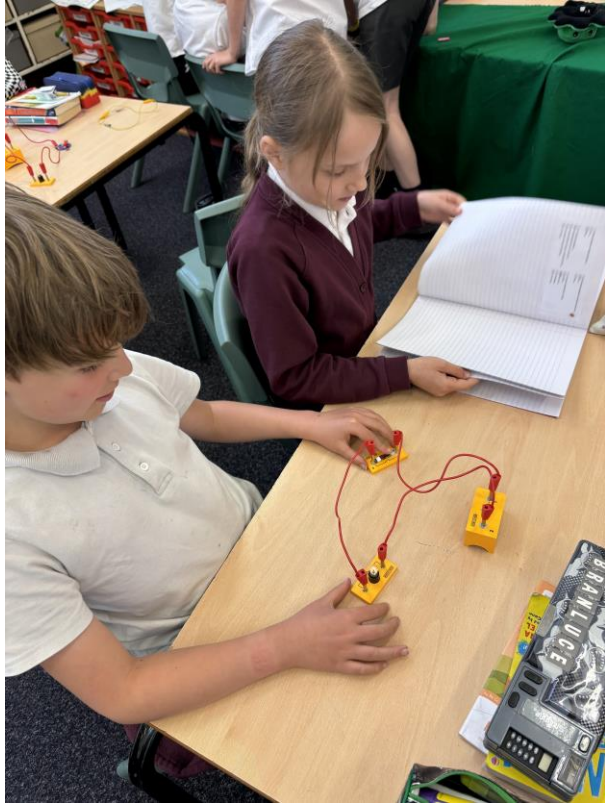
Other groups have been busy putting together and delivering assemblies in school or making posters to encourage car users to switch off their engines when parked.

On the day of Walk and Talk Tuesday, our traffic survey monitors will also be out and about collecting data for the day and other groups will be collecting data from classes to see how many people took part.

In other news this week, our Science learning has been very exciting! Last week we began learning about different types of electricity and this week we were exploring how to make simple circuits using equipment.

You can see some of our circuits below...

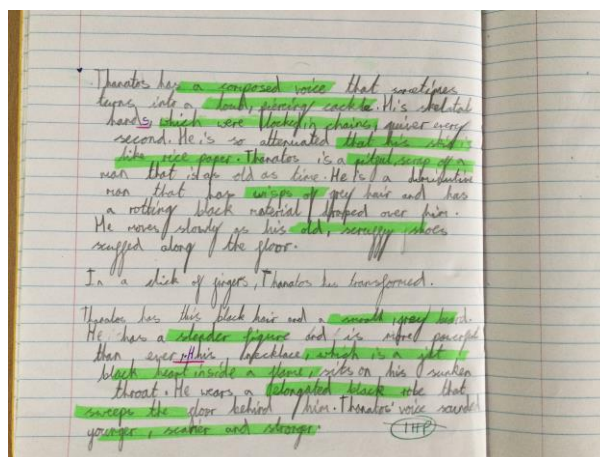
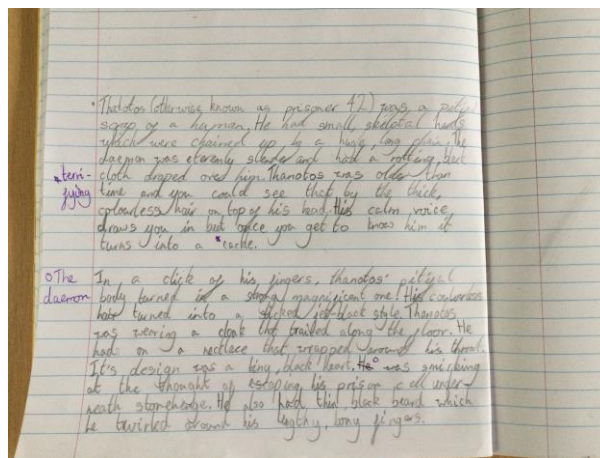


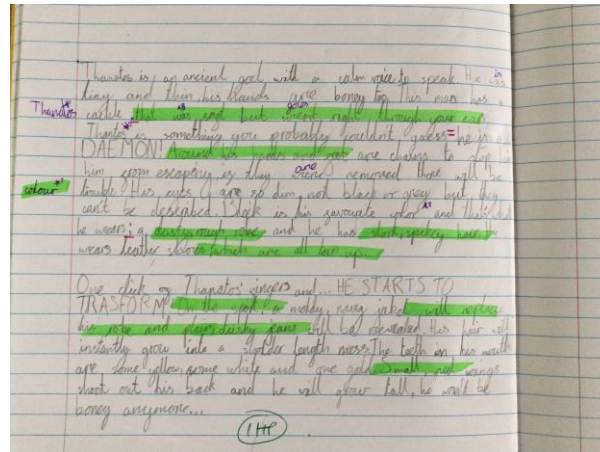




Year 5

This week the Year 5 children have worked hard in English to write a character description based on Thanatos, a character from the book we are currently studying in lessons called Oh Maya Gods. The children have used lots of new and previous skills to make their descriptions as engaging as possible. They needed to ensure they included expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, a prepositional phrase, and exciting vocabulary chosen using a thesaurus. You can see some examples of their writing pictured below.



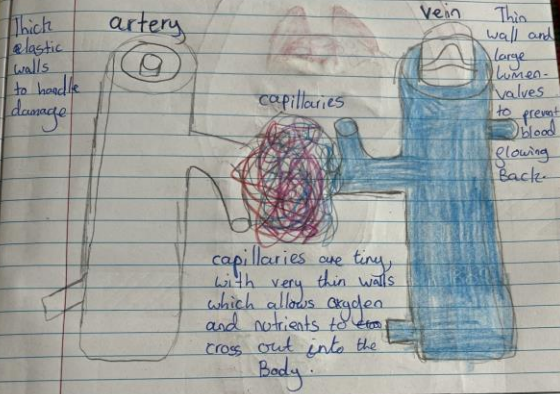


Year 6

Y6 have been busy this week preparing as best we can for SATs fast approaching next week. Within their maths groups the children have been revising specific topics required in order to be in the best position possible on Monday.

Away from SATs the children have really enjoyed lessons in their new science and history topics. With science exploring the circulatory system and how blood travels around the body. Whereas history centred around the events of WW2, with this week looking at the causes and reason as to why the war broke out. Both lessons offered up some fantastic discussion and demonstrated how keen the children are to learn and place so much effort into such topics. Next week, the children will need to come to school in school uniform so that we are dressed ready to take on all the challenges of next week. Friday will remain PE kit.

Wednesday 7th May
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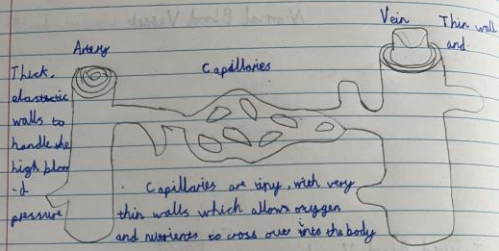


Connect!

I feel like platelets are the most important because even though red blood cells carry O₂, if you got a cut and didn't have platelets all of your blood and O₂ in your blood would be gone in 1hr.

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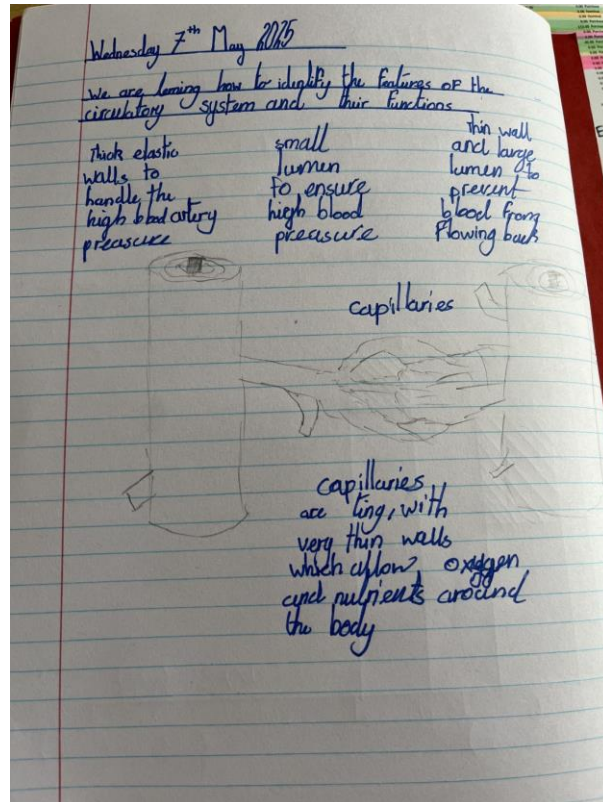


Connect

I think that red blood cells are the most important because they carry oxygen around the body, so if we didn't have them we wouldn't be able to do anything

Circulatory System





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