



Oldbury Observer Spring Term Edition 7

Mr Irving's Comment

This week we hosted a visit from Elizabeth Keates, Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Central Region Schools Trust. During the visit it was noted how calm and ordered the school was and how engaged the children were in their learning - this was observed throughout the school.

As ever, there have been many activities through the week which demonstrate our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum offer, supported by some really positive enrichment opportunities. Enterprise Club held a successful cake sale to raise some capital for more fund-raising events this year, Year 4 presented their assembly which celebrated their recent learning, Year 5 brought their learning to life at Bishop's Wood and a group of Year 6 pupils accessed a watercolour workshop at The King's School. My thanks to all the staff who make such events possible.

A special mention this week to the many children who take part in music tuition sessions through the week - it is a pleasure to hear them learning their various instruments during the week and their dedication is admirable.

Just as we expect our children to treat each other with respect and talk to each other considerately, we must all recognise that we are the most important role-models in their lives. When talking to staff, including our very caring and committed office team, and other adults within our community on our way to and from school, please do so with courtesy, respect and empathy at all times, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

School Dates

- Monday 4th March - Thursday 7th March - Bikeability Group 1 (Melrose)
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day. No costume needed this year, but you will need a wooden spoon! (More information below)
- Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th March - Bikeability Group 2 (Nelson)

- Friday 15th March: dress funny for money!
- Monday 18th March-Year 2 to visit Worcester Community Gardens in the morning- Pitchcroft
- Monday 18th March - Reception and KS1 Spring Hat Parade (more details to follow)
- **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March - Parent Consultations for Year 6 children.**
- **Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March - Parent Consultations for children in Reception and years 1 to 5.**

Term Dates 23-24 and 24-25

TERM DATES	
Academic Year 2023/24	
Autumn Term 2023	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 th September 2023
STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 9 th November 2023
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 20 th November 2023
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Spring Term 2024	
STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Monday 8 th January 2024
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Summer Term 2024	
TERM STARTS	Monday 8 th April 2024
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 24 th May 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 19 th July 2024
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 22 nd July 2024
Notes	
The 2023/24 Staff Training Days may be subject to change.	

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Academic Year 2024/25	
Autumn Term 2024	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 2 nd September 2024
STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 28 th October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 22 nd November 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring Term 2025	
STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Monday 13 th January 2025
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 14 th January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 12 th April 2025
Summer Term 2025	
TERM STARTS	Monday 28 th April 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 23 rd May 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26 th May 2025 – Friday 10 th May 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 th July 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 21 st July 2025
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The Big Plastic Count

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 11-17 MARCH

Nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging are thrown away by UK households every year, and just 12% is recycled in the UK.

It's time the government got serious about tackling the plastic crisis. You can help by taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

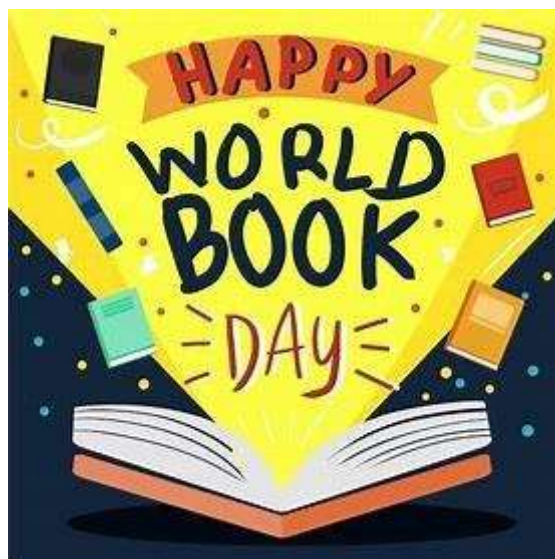
For one week, we are asking you to count (almost!) every single piece of plastic packaging waste that you throw away - that's plastic waste that you put in the bin and plastic you put in the recycling. Try to count anything you throw away while out and about too. You can add this to the tally chart we will send home with your child next week, so we can register our results in school. This is part of our science week.

Miss Malloy- Eco Lead

Mrs Screen- Science Lead

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 11-17 MARCH

World Book Day 2024!



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this year and at Oldbury Park we will be celebrating by getting involved in some fun, creative activities to share our LOVE of Reading.

Wooden Spoon Characters

We would like all children to make a wooden spoon book character at home and bring it in with them on World Book Day to share with the class. You can be as creative as you like to turn a simple wooden spoon into a wonderful book character of your choice. We can't wait to see them all. There are a few ideas below for inspiration!

If you have any spare wooden spoons that you would like to donate to other families that may not be able to provide one, please could you drop them into school, through the office or pass onto your class teacher, between Monday 19th February and Friday 23rd February.

If you are in need of a wooden spoon and cannot provide one yourself, please ask at the office after Friday 23rd February where you will be able to take one of the donated spoons. Let's help each other out.

Sponsored Read

We have teamed up with a new experienced Usborne partner, Rebecca Henman, who will be working with us to run a sponsored read event over World Book Week. The aim will be to raise funds to purchase brand new books for our revamped library that is in the pipeline.

If your child would like to take part, they will collect sponsors from friends and family to read as much as they can during World Book week. Children can set themselves a reading challenge to be sponsored for. The children will need to log their reading during the week and bring those back into school. There will be prizes up for grabs! Please find more information on the letters that have come home with your children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Jones





Comic relief Friday 15th March

This year for Comic relief the theme is dress funny for money!

This is on Friday 15th March and the children can come into school in non-uniform, with the theme 'dress funny for money'. We will be raising money for Comic relief so any donations will be greatly received.

A few funny ideas...

Funny hair

Odd socks

Bright colours

Clothes on backwards, inside out etc

Pjs or dressing gowns

Thank you

Mrs Pritchard

Yeepy Yeepy (Enterprise Club) - A Huge Thank You



The Board Members of Yeepy Yeepy would like to say a massive thank you to our lovely community for the support of their cake sale on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes (and especially to those who were able to find the time to bake some at home - delicious!) and thanks to everyone who allowed their 'little one' to have a sweet treat (or two) before heading home.

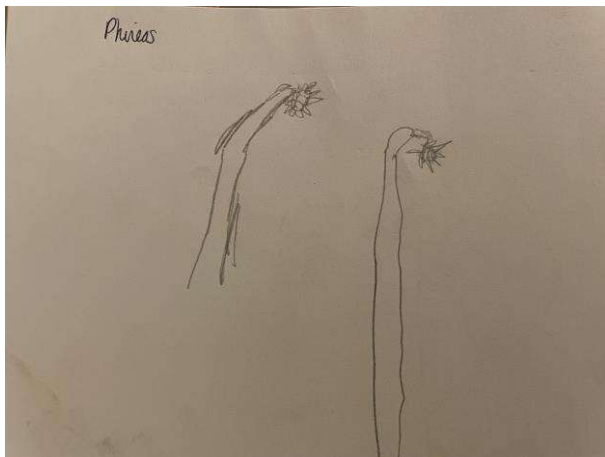
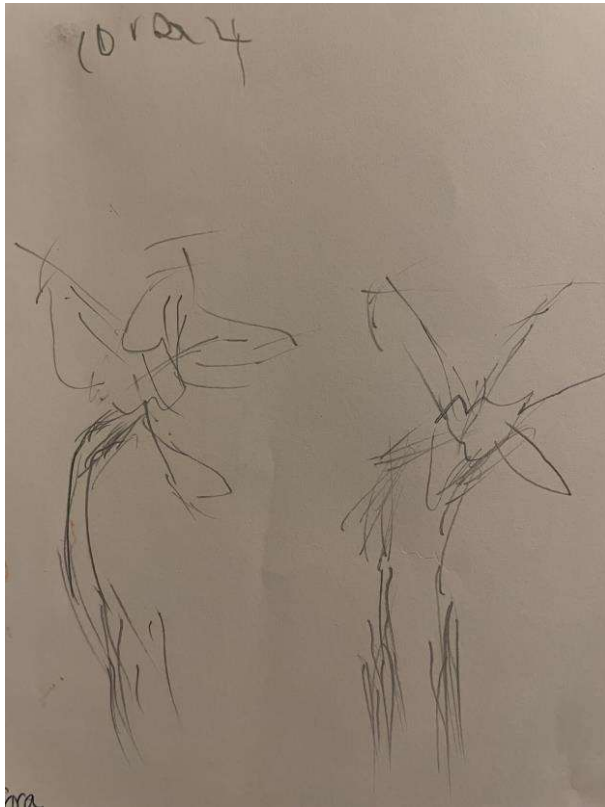
Yeepy Yeepy now have some super ideas for Easter gifts and will be using the funds raised at the cake sale to buy the materials they need to make their products. More details to follow (look out for the posters!).

The Best of Oldbury this week...

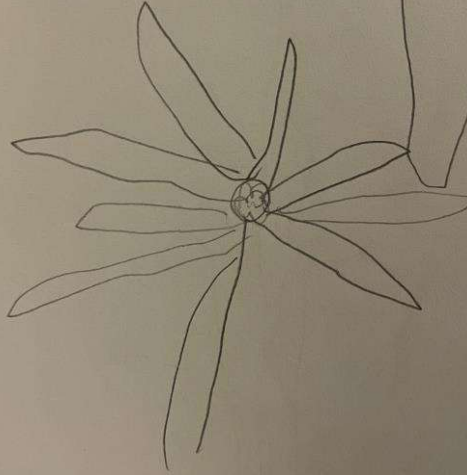
Reception

The children in Reception have super imaginations and they show us that every day. However, this week we have been learning about observational drawing so have been practising drawing what we can see in front of us. The children have been looking carefully at flowers, noticing the shapes, colours and details. At Forest School, we just used pencils to draw the daffodils that have grown in the log circle. Here are some of our super drawings...

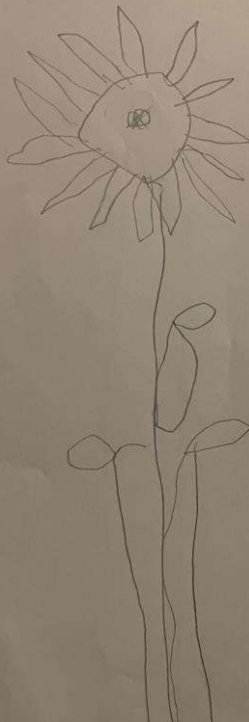




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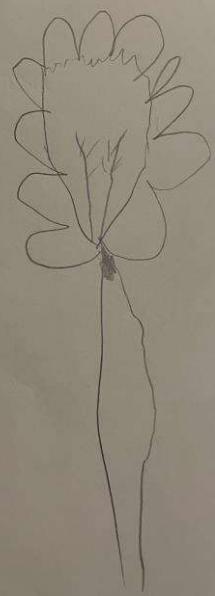
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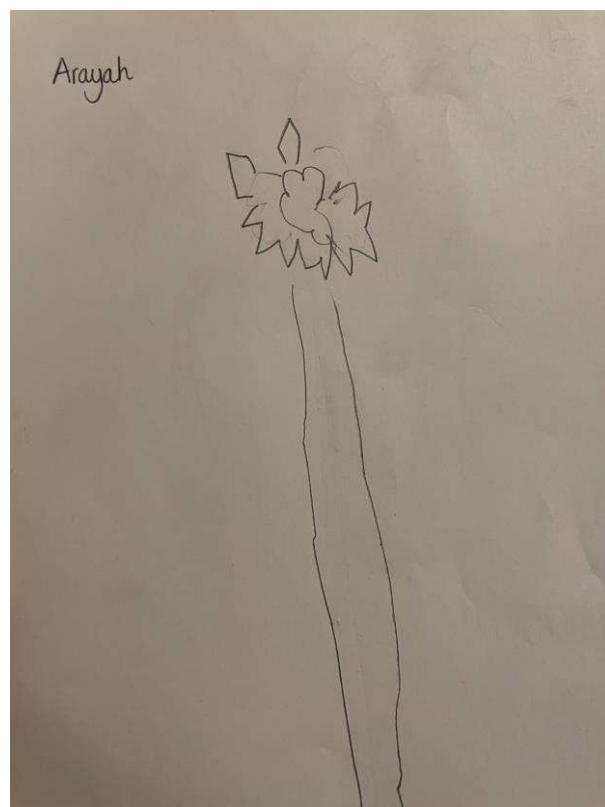
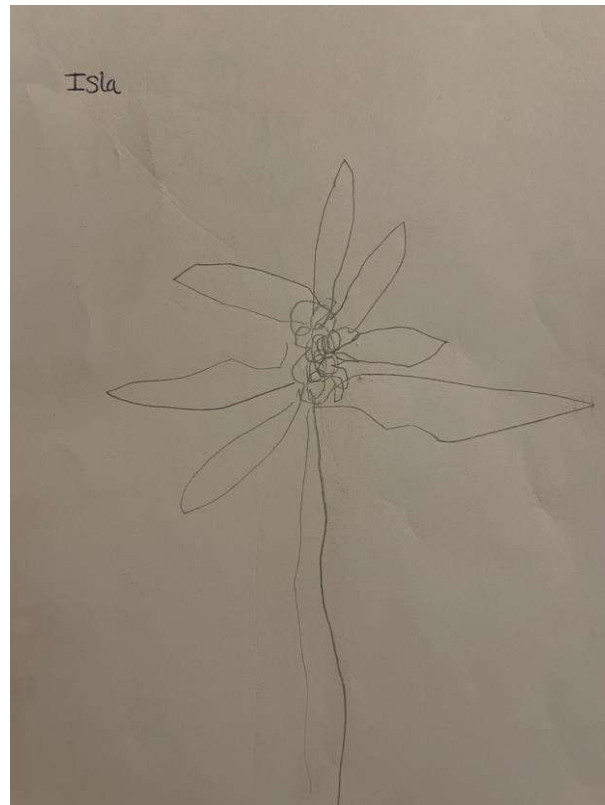


Amber



olive





We have also really enjoyed getting stuck in to our current text, Jack and the Beanstalk and have put lots of effort into building the giant's castle. Unfortunately, the children decided to lock him in prison whilst they built it so he couldn't eat them, as you can see below!









Year 1

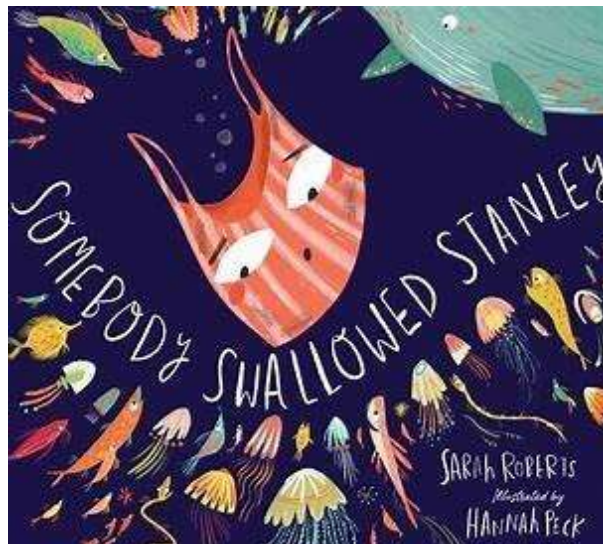
English

Over the last few weeks we have been reading the story 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'.

The children started by using this story to write diary entries, as if they were Stanley going on his adventure.

The children have then be creating their own stories, thinking all about the different places they would go to and what would happen, using their imagination as if they were like Stanley! Next week they are going to write this as a diary entry, as if it had happened to them. We are looking forward to reading these!

We have also been working hard on our presentation and handwriting. During our handwriting lessons we have just started to have a go at joining some of our letters together. We will continue to work on this over the coming weeks.



Year 2

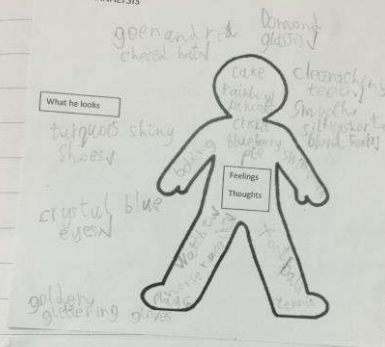
Year 2 have enjoyed exploring their new text 'Jack and the Meanstalk' over the last two weeks. They noticed the similarities and differences from the original Jack and the Beanstalk story. The children have learnt how to use expanded noun phrases including effective adjectives to describe characters. They were excited to invent their own character and have written some excellent descriptions of them!

Wednesday 28th February 2024

As writer, WALHT: plan a character description.

SC: I can choose effective adjectives to describe.

GAP ANALYSIS



Thursday 29th February 2024

HOT WRITE

As writers, WALHT: write a character description for Professor Jack.

GAP ANALYSIS

Jack has diamond glasses that are beautiful.
He lives in a black and white old house. He has curly
blue eyes with shiny in the morning. Jack has
short curly blond hair. He has clear crachy

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GAP ANALYSIS

In his spare time he likes to go
holding in golden ball and swimming
in towns steaming bubbling swimming
pool. He lives in a old black and
whit shack. Some times he likes to
watch tv speshrly gladiators. when
it is nite he likes to whatch the
moon. he has 100 fluffy cats. Jack has
short curly blond hair that sticks
up madly. Jack felt sad when the
big plan crash't viligis and towns
sites. He has diamond blue eye
that shin's in the light. He wears
black shiny soos. He a wel has a
smooth lim yelo ruck sack. Sum
times he wairs a green smooth check
hat. In his garden he wairs stig

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GAP ANALYSIS

Jack has gold curly hair that sticks up really.
Jack has gold sparkly eyes that sparkly through the night. He has two big ears but they are a bit big.
He has a gold chain that hangs from his neck.
Jack has a black jacket that is shiny inside.
Jack has a silver tooth that glows.
He likes to play with his two little cats.
He likes to sing with friends and family.
Jack likes to hang with family and friends to get it.
Jack likes to make faces with his family.
He likes to party with his friends because his friends are kind. He likes to 'speak' with his friends because they help him. Jack likes to play chess with his two friends. Jack likes to bake cupcake with his family.

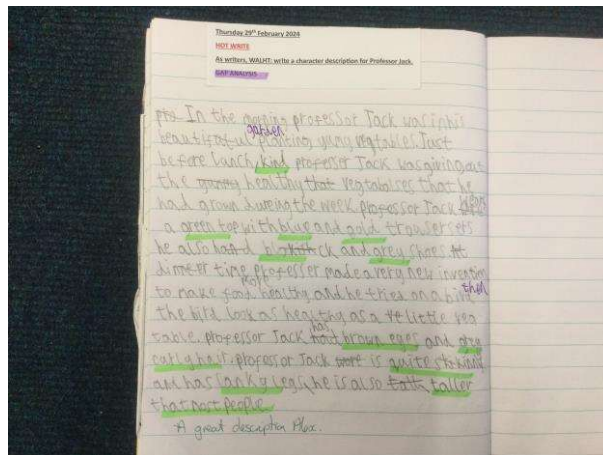
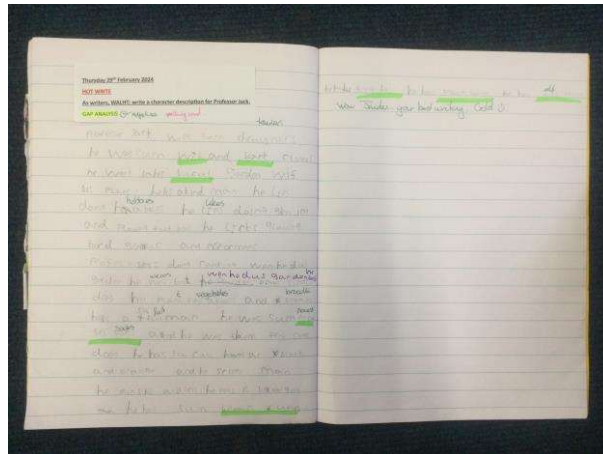
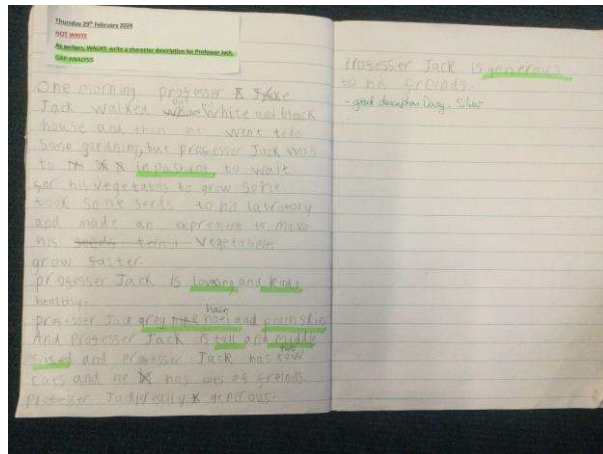
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GAP ANALYSIS

In his garden Jack grows juicy red tomatoes.
Jack has crystal blue eyes.
His job is a scientist because he likes experiments.
He likes to swim in Bubbly hot swimming pool.
Jack wears red cozy jumper and fluffy green trousers.
In his laboratory Jack uses all kinds of chemicals.
He feels sad because he didn't wait for the vegetables to grow.
Jack's favourite hobby is cooking because he likes to cook his vegetables.
His favourite cake is a carrot cake.
His favourite vegetable is tomato because it's juicy. ~~Oh!~~
Great! Just remember your capital letters!



Year 3

Our focus in PE this half term is tennis. The children have been working with Mr Gadsby on a Friday to develop their skills. So far, they have developed an understanding of the ready position, how to hold a racquet correctly and they are beginning to develop ball control. Last week, the children were working on extending rallies -





Year 4

We were very proud of the Year 4 children this week when they presented their Parent Assembly.

The assembly was very much led by the children, with the remit of telling parents about what they had been doing since September and how we learn in Year 4. We were very impressed with the ideas that they had and with the all of the things that they had remembered learning about – if they'd had their way, the assembly would have run for several hours!

Thank you to those who managed to come along; we have included a few photos for those who couldn't make it.





Year 5



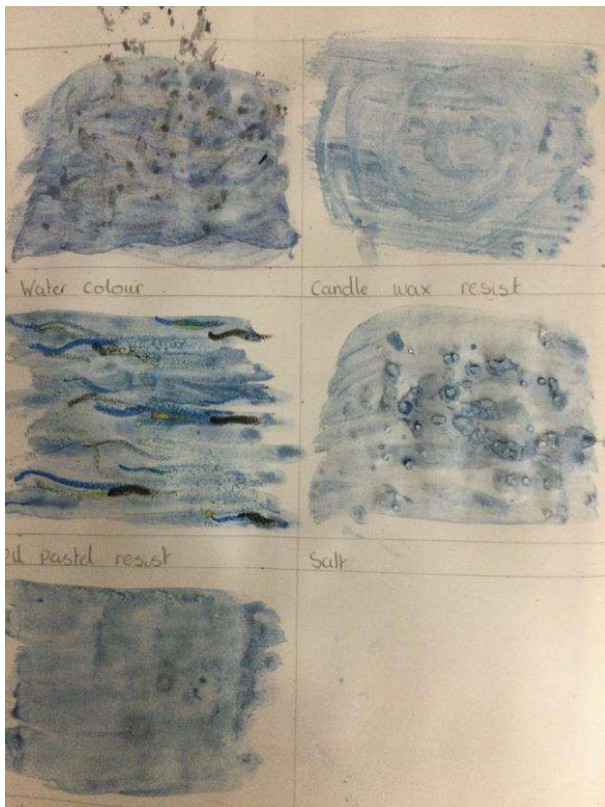


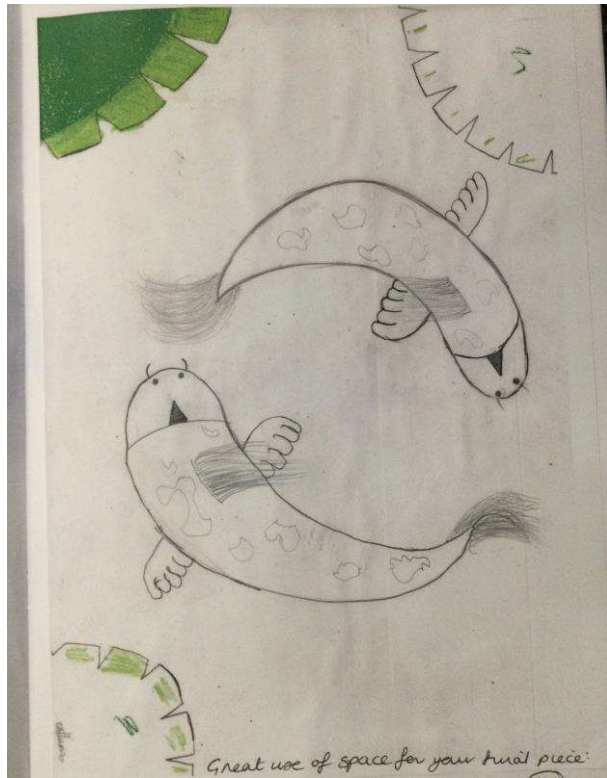
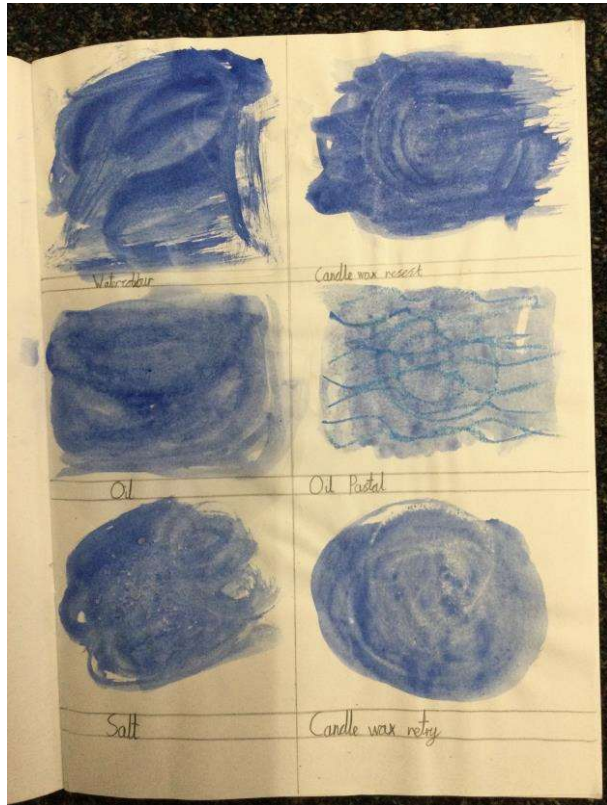


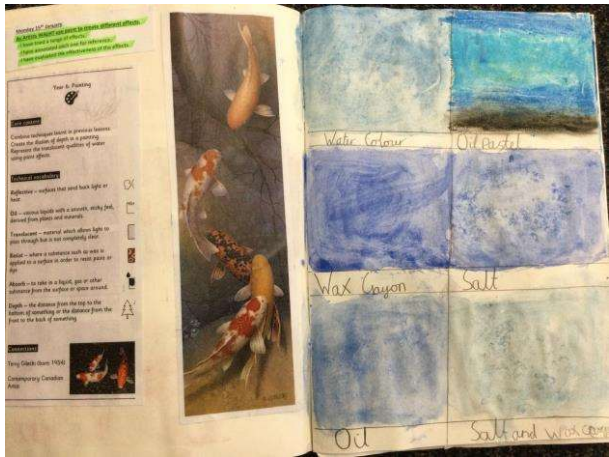
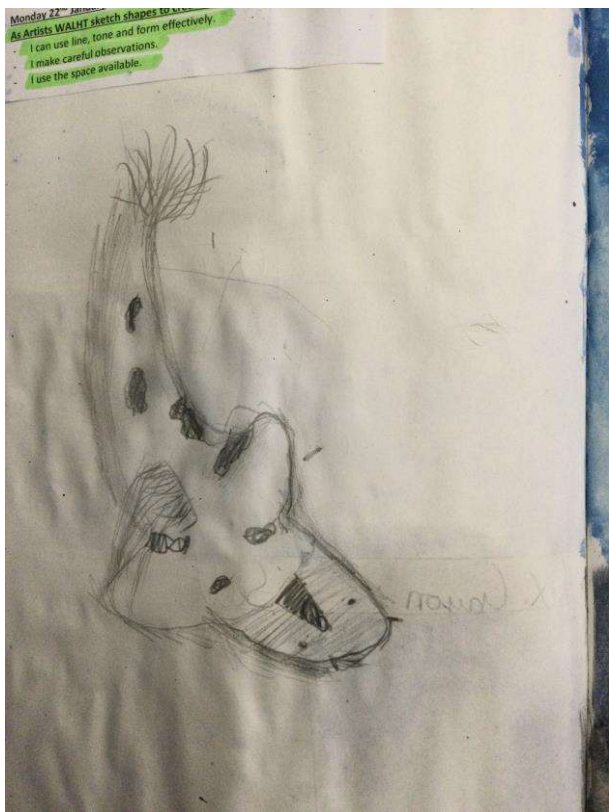


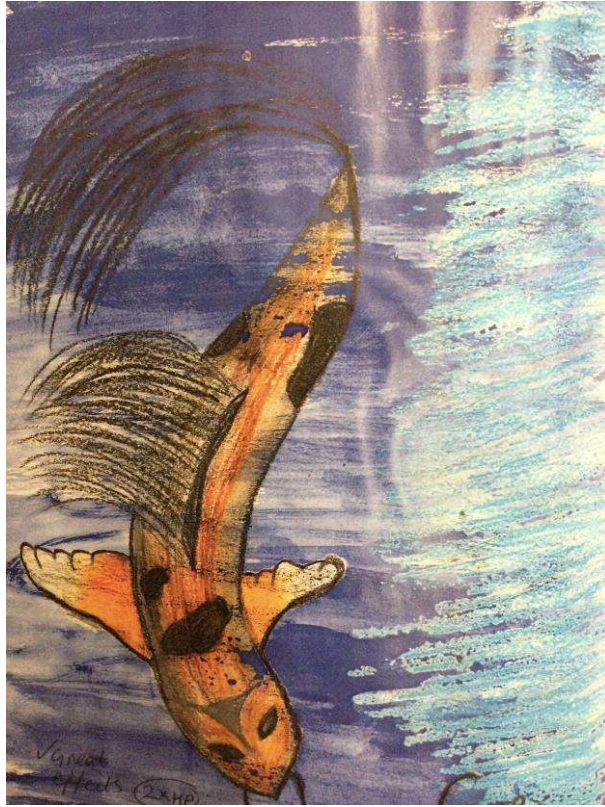
Year 6

In Art, Year 6 have been exploring the use of different mediums to create work inspired by contemporary Canadian artist Terry Gilecki. The children focused on how to create the illusion of depth in a painting and how to represent the translucent qualities of water using different painting effects. They began by experimenting with watercolour, oil pastel, and wax crayon to give the illusion of water, adding salt to give texture. The children then explored how wax crayon, when used with paint, can help to represent the look of water. Their final pieces brought together these techniques and resulted in a bold and beautiful display of colour and texture.









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