

Oldbury Observer - Summer Term Edition 12

Mr Irving's Comment

We have enjoyed another very busy week with highlights including: an afternoon music concert, bell boating, our Library Ambassadors working at the Hive, the launch of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, our UKS2 end of year production and our Year 6 leaver's enjoying a trip to Ninja Warrior. I felt enormously proud of every child who took part in both the music concert and the UKS2 production - the performing arts are a strength at Oldbury Park. You will see more details of these opportunities through the Observer - my thanks to everyone who has made all of this, and more, possible.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete — we raised just over £900, which, added to previous PTA funds, will be used to replace the KS2 trim trail (October half term); any surplus will enhance outdoor learning across all year groups.

Thank you for your continued support during this spell of very hot weather and my thanks to our dedicated staff who have ensured our children get consistency in their care, learning and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

CRST Arts Award

Very many thanks to everyone who was able to support their child in taking part in this year's CRST Arts Award. We have received the certificates and winners' awards from the central team who organised this competition and we are now in a position to award these in assembly on Monday. This is the first year that primary schools participated in the CRST Arts Awards - being organised by another school and with entries being submitted online, it was hard for us to celebrate our children's efforts and to communicate the progress of this opportunity at the time. We invited our participants to bring their work into school and we mounted a display of these as a means to ensure all entrants got recognition for their efforts. We look forward to celebrating our artists' participation on Monday and will celebrate the winners through next week's Observer.

Safety before and after school

There are some simple measures that can ensure our community stays healthy and safe before and after school:

- Arrive in good time between 8:30am -8:45am
- No smoking or dogs on site (or at the gates)
- Idling engines reduce the air quality around school and can harm pupils and staff
- Bikes and scooters should be in good working order and dismounted before reaching the gates
- Children should be escorted to the KS1 playground and accompanied until the school doors are open (excluding Y6)
- No children (school or siblings) should be on the KS1 trim trail before or after school

Thank you for supporting us with these measures which exist to benefit us all.

Nurture Kindergarten - Holiday Club 20–24 July 2026

Holiday club at *Oldbury Park: A summer of big skies, group art, and science.*

The first Nurture summer at Oldbury Park — school grounds, playing fields, mature trees, easy reach from the city. A full year ahead of our Spring 2027 opening, and a chance to be part of what we build here before the doors fully open. One week of group art and hands-on science on the grass.

<https://nurturekindergarten.com/admissions/holiday-clubs>

The Week Ahead

- 13th July - Year 6 Enterprise Sale on KS1 playground after school
- 14th July - Oldbury Aspirations Evening 5pm start. Invite only.
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School Dates

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No toys in school please!



We are having a rise in children bringing in squishy toys, fidgets and 3D printed models to school. We would like to remind parents and children that toys should not be brought into school, this includes Pokémon cards. The distraction caused by these toys has a detrimental impact on learning and if they get lost or broken it can cause great levels of distress to the children. Where we recognise that for some children certain aids can help with regulation, we will provide these aids in school and therefore they do not need to be bought in from home.



Dog Free Site

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that we are a dog free site. This includes carrying smaller dogs in your arms.

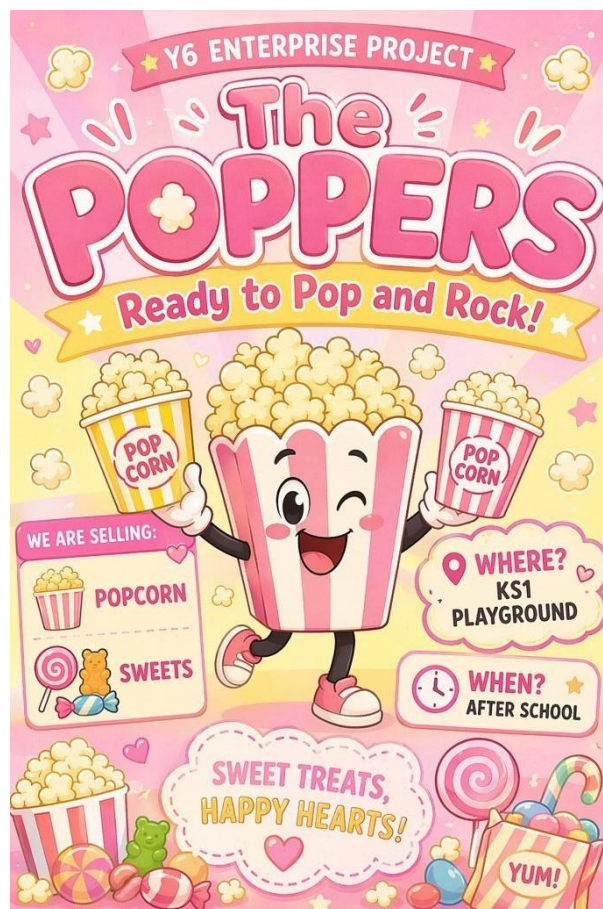
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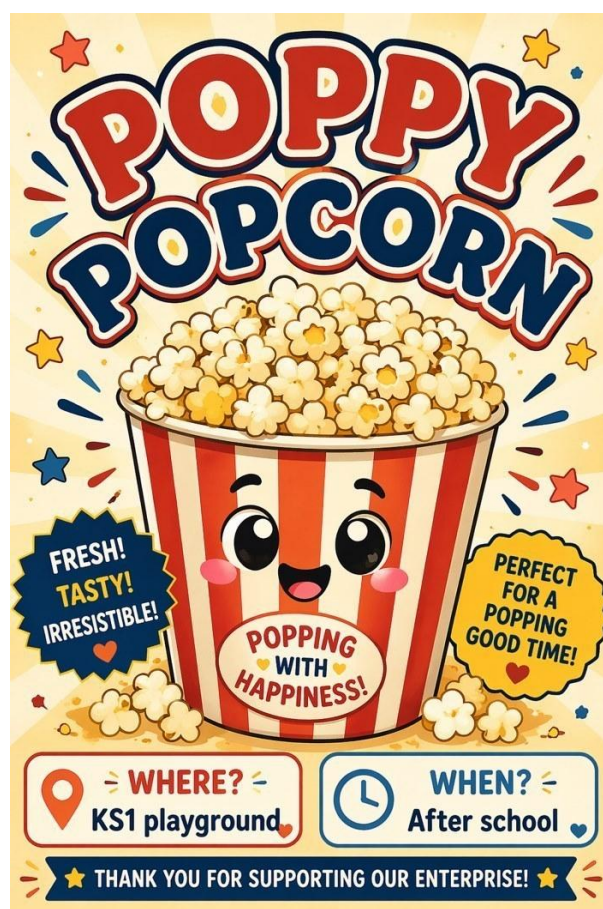
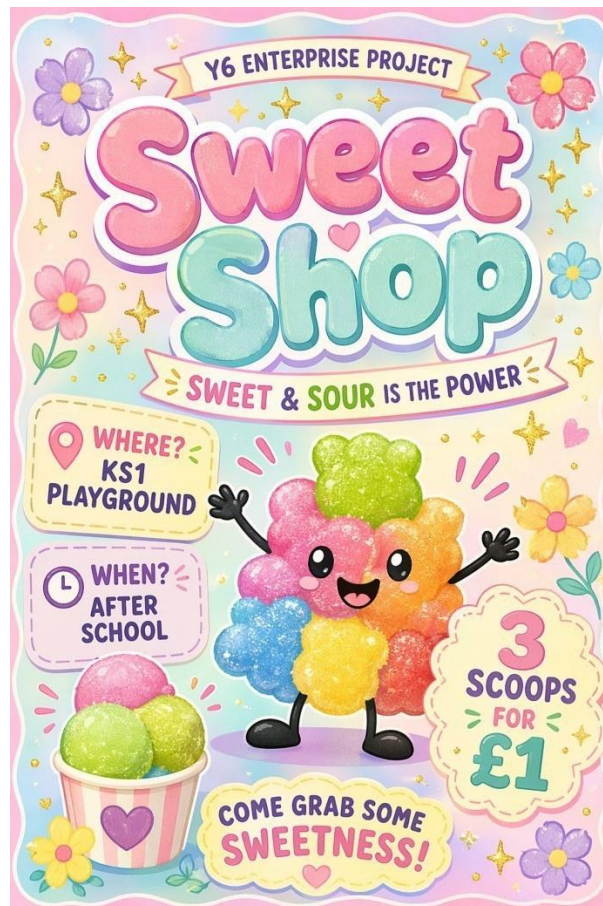
Enterprise Project - table sale after school - **Monday 13th July**

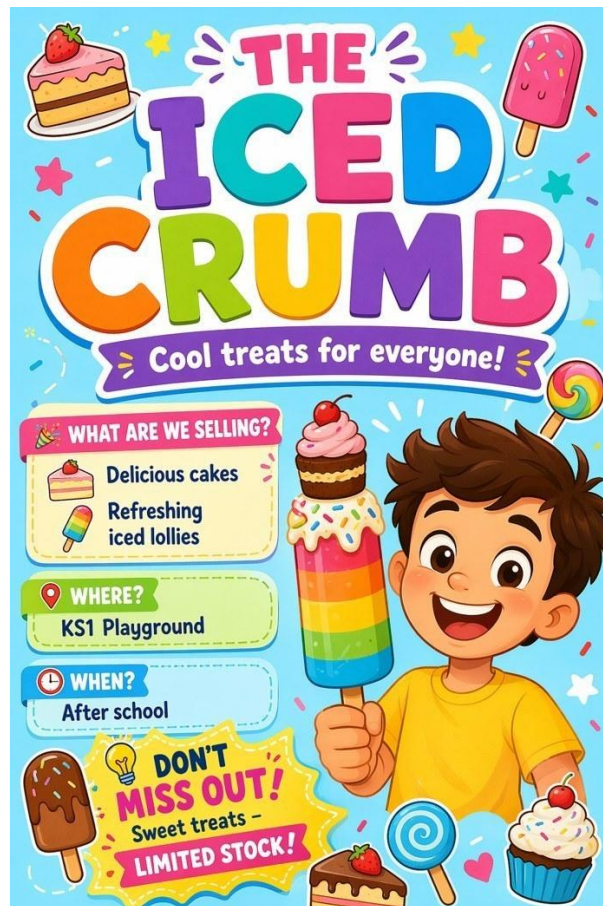
The children in Year 6 would like to invite you to their Enterprise Project Sale! The sale will take place after school on Monday 13th July on the KS1 playground. The children have created their own mini business and designed logos, posters and even produced an advertising jingle which was broadcast around the school! Products available include consumables such as popcorn, lollies, drinks, cakes, cookies and sweets and there are products to buy such as 3D printed items, cards and art work. You can see the posters for each enterprise below - the children dipped into the world of AI (with adult support and supervision) to make these look super professional. Products will generally range in price from 50p to £2 and we would love our school community to support this project by bringing some change along and getting behind the Year 6 children.











Music Concert

On Monday, we saw some of our children take part in a Music Concert which was a wonderful celebration of our pupils' hard work, enthusiasm, and talent. The audience was treated to fantastic performances from our Year 3 recorder players, drummers, guitarists, pianists, flautists, and violinists, alongside beautiful singing from the Year 3 and Year 4 Choir.

Every child performed with confidence and pride, showcasing the skills they have developed throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all the children—they were truly amazing and made the concert a memorable occasion for everyone who attended. Well done to all our young musicians!





















Nunnery Wood Science Fair.

Last Friday, our Science Fair winners enjoyed a fantastic visit to Nunnery Wood, where they presented their own entries and explored the inspiring work created by students from other schools. They also took part in a range of exciting hands-on science activities, including launching rockets and investigating specimens through microscopes. The day concluded with an impressive science show featuring a spectacular explosion, leaving everyone amazed. To celebrate their achievements, each child was presented with a certificate of participation.



Library Ambassadors visit The Hive!

Our five library ambassadors; Teddy, Lottie, Nat, Lyra and Amelie ventured to The Hive on Thursday for their 2nd visit this year. When they arrived they were greeted by one of the librarians who gave them their task for the visit. The children had to create a book display of recommended reads. They worked as a fantastic team to find books they liked and thought about books others would like. They used the 'Fiction Finder' to find books written by authors they hadn't explored yet also. It was brilliant to see them working together to decide how to arrange the books to ensure it was eye catching for visitors to The Hive. They did an amazing job! They were also set two challenges to go away and complete; 1. sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, 2. encourage.

Please sign up for The Summer Reading Challenge where the children need to read 6 books over the summer holidays. The theme this year is 'Read to the Beat'. So far, Oldbury Park has the most sign-ups!







Holiday Clubs/Opportunities



LITTLE CREATORS CRAFT CLUB

⇒ SUMMER HOLIDAY CRAFT SESSIONS ⇐

 A fun, creative and inspiring space for children aged **5-8** years to create, learn and explore through arts and crafts.

✓ DBS Checked	✓
✓ Fully Insured	✓
✓ First Aid Trained	✓
✓ Safe, Creative & Caring Environment	✓
✓ COST INCLUDES ALL THE MATERIALS USED IN CLASS	✓

PRICING

£10

PER SESSION

1 SESSION = 1 HOUR 30 MINS

OR

£8

PER SESSION

BEST VALUE!

 **SIBLINGS MORE THAN 2 GET ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT!**

SESSION TIMES



MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM



SATURDAY & SUNDAY
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS

★ **ON DEMAND SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE!**

★ **FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO SUIT YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE. CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

♥ LIMITED SPACES • SMALL GROUPS • LOTS OF FUN & CREATIVITY! ♥



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A vibrant poster for a pool party. The background is a blue and white grid pattern, resembling a pool tile. At the top, there's a string of colorful triangular bunting. On the left, a beach umbrella is partially visible. On the right, there's a green inflatable ring and a red lifebuoy. The text is centered and reads:

DinesFest does
swimming

POOL PARTY

01/08/26 | 08/08/26 | 15/08/26 |
22/08/26 |

3PM-5PM

**SWIM TIME IS 3.15PM-4.15PM
WITH PIZZA FOR CHILDREN
IN PARTY ROOM AFTER**

Children £2.50
Adults £1.00

**CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN
THE POOL AND NO OVER 13S ON
THE INFLATABLE TO BOOK
CONTACT DINESFEST VIA
FACEBOOK**



A poster for a coding club. The background is a gradient of red and purple. At the top left, there's a logo that says "{JAM CODING" with "COMPUTING WORKSHOPS" underneath. The main title "CODING CLUB" is in large, bold, white and blue letters. To the right, there are two circular inset photos: the top one shows two children looking at a computer screen, and the bottom one shows a group of children in a classroom setting. Below the title, the text reads:

**FUN & CREATIVE DIGITAL
ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 6-12 YEARS**

Screen breaks throughout with crafts, games
& multi sports

9:00 - 15:00

**LUNCH &
SNACKS
PROVIDED**

**£45 &
HAF FUNDED
PLACES**

Activities

- ✓ Minecraft education
- ✓ Micro:bit creativity
- ✓ Game building
- ✓ Stop motion animation
- ✓ Programming robots

All levels welcome
From beginner to advanced

Dates
22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th July
5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th & 20th August

 worcestershire@jamcoding.co.uk

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Reception

This week the Reception classes have been continuing to focus our reading and writing around the story of The Little Red Hen. We have spent time looking at how plants are grown by farmers and comparing the process to our previous text, Jack and the Beanstalk. We were also fortunate enough to show the children a real 'ear of corn' that was kindly donated by The Fold at Bransford. The children discussed how corn is turned into bread just like the story and how things have changed from Past to Present. Then finally, despite the hot weather, the children got to see the process of bread being made and had an opportunity to knead some dough and create their own bread rolls using some very interesting designs! The class smelt like a bakery during the process and the school kitchen staff kindly baked the bread rolls for us at lunchtime. The recipe will be posted on this week's edition so the children can make their own fresh bread at home during the summer break, if they would like to.



The Little Red Hen
Bread Rolls Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1kg white bread flour
- 2 sachets of dried yeast
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 550-600ml water
- Extra flour and oil for dusting and brushing
- Pinch of salt

Equipment:

- Large mixing bowl
- Sieve
- Tablespoon
- Teaspoon
- Wooden spoon
- Cling film
- Measuring jug
- Scales
- Pastry brush
- Scissors
- Baking tray
- Wire rack

Method:

1. Weigh the flour and sieve into the large bowl.
2. Add the salt and dried yeast, then spoon in the oil and add the water.
3. Mix the oil and water into the flour with the wooden spoon until the dough is soft but not sticky. If it is too wet, add some more flour. If it is too dry, add a bit more water.
4. Turn the dough onto a board or a clean work surface.
5. Knead by pulling and rolling the dough backwards and forwards.
6. Keep kneading for 8 to 10 minutes until the dough is smooth and springy.
7. Put back in the mixing bowl and cover with an oiled piece of cling film.
8. Leave the dough in a warm place for at least an hour until it has doubled in size and feels spongy. (The cling film allows you and the children to see what is happening!)
9. Tip the dough out on the board and knead for a minute or two.
10. Divide the dough into roll-sized portions and form into tight balls.
11. Ask a grown-up to bake it for 12 to 15 minutes at 200°C.















Year 1

This week the children have been enjoying our last DT unit by learning to sew! Sharp needles, thread that keeps coming out and many tangles have caused many giggles but there has been huge progress in our skills and here are some of our efforts.

We will be sending home PE kits, puddle suits and wellies on Wednesday and these can be kept at home until September.



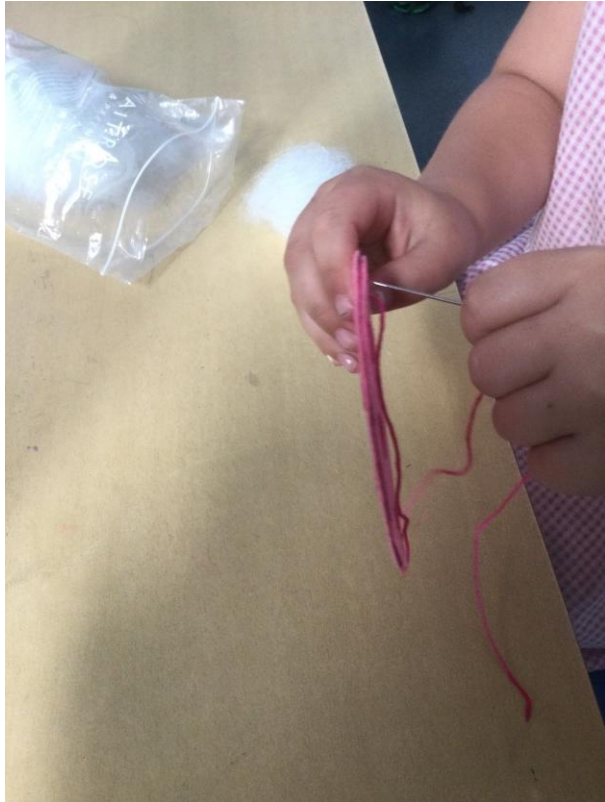
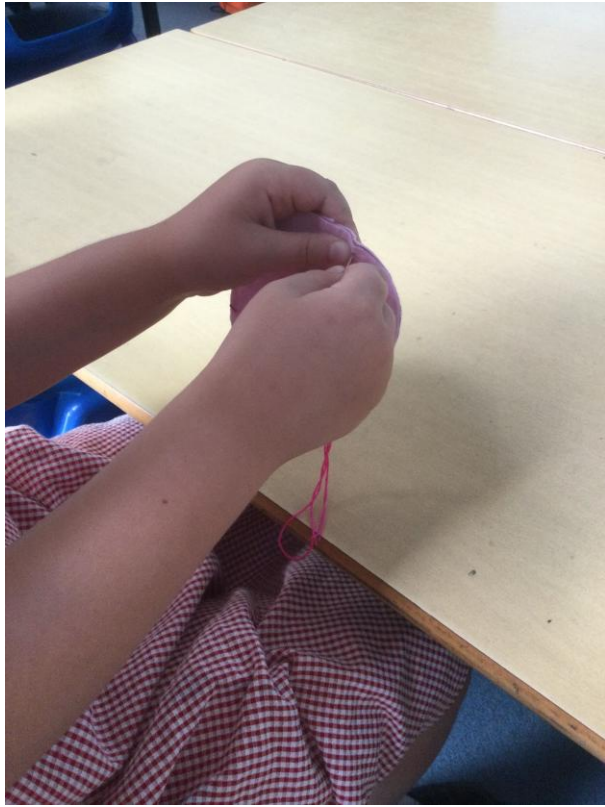




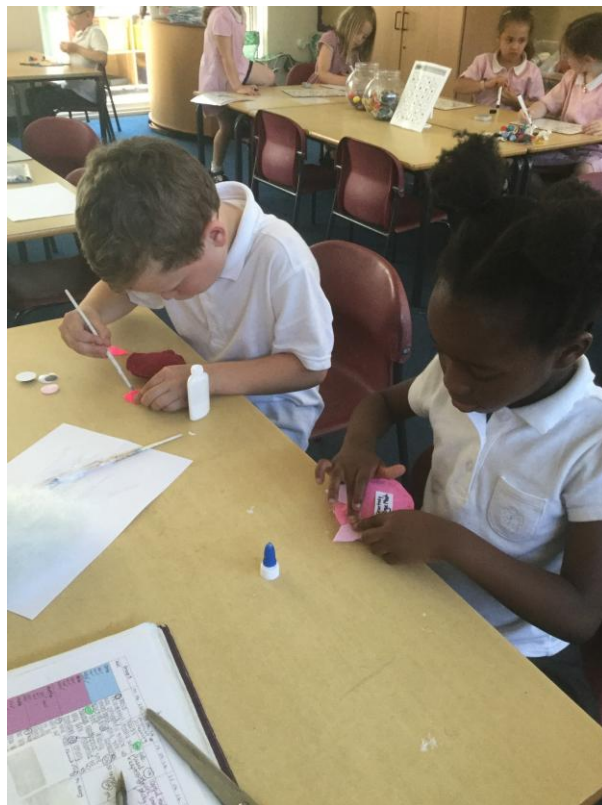
















Year 2

Emerald Class enjoyed a fantastic afternoon exploring the pond habitat, so pond dipping was on the timetable this week, we were bringing their science learning to life! Armed with nets and trays, the children worked in teams to explore the pond and see what mini-beasts and creatures they could find. From darting water boatmen to wriggling froglets, there was plenty to spot and investigate. Nathan and Phineas were very skilled at finding pond snails and Malachi found pond lice wriggling in his viewer! The children showed brilliant observational skills, carefully identifying what they'd caught before gently returning everything to its watery home. It was a wonderful hands-on way to connect their classroom science learning with the natural world.



1 - The very small froglet













Year 3

It has been another fantastic week of learning in the children's penultimate week of year 3!

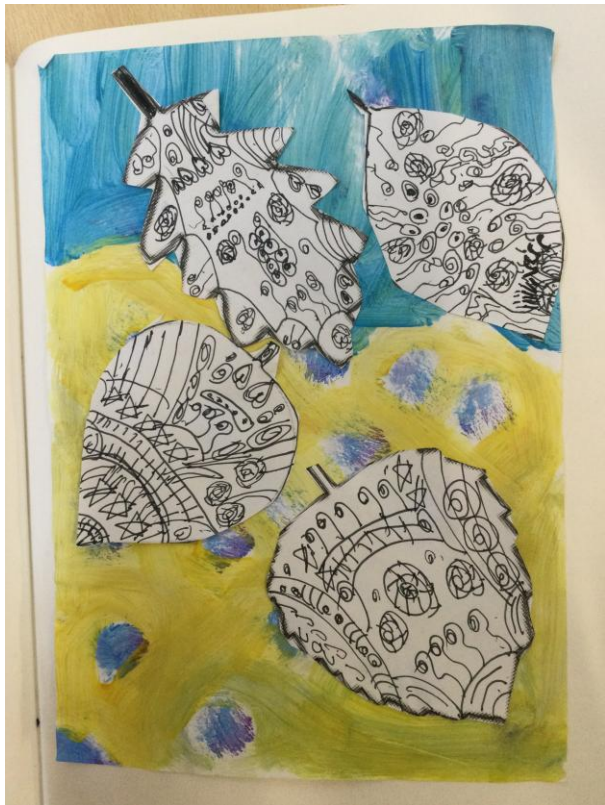
In Geography, the children developed their map-reading skills by exploring the key features of an Ordnance Survey (OS) map. They learned how to identify important map symbols and practised using four-figure grid references to locate different places accurately. The children enjoyed applying their new knowledge through a range of practical map activities.

In English, the class focused on the important environmental issue of deforestation. They researched the impact of deforestation on wildlife, habitats and our planet before writing thoughtful and persuasive letters. The children worked hard to include ambitious vocabulary, emotive language and persuasive techniques to encourage their reader to help protect the world's forests. We were incredibly impressed by the strength of their arguments and the passion they showed for caring for our environment.

In Art, the children explored how artists create depth by using foregrounds and backgrounds within their compositions. They carefully considered the placement of objects to make their artwork more realistic and visually interesting. They also created detailed zentangle designs, experimenting with contrasting patterns and tones to produce eye-catching pieces of artwork. The concentration, patience and creativity shown throughout these lessons have resulted in some truly impressive finished pieces that the children are very proud of.

Well done to everyone for another week of fantastic learning and for continuing to show such enthusiasm, determination and creativity in everything they do!







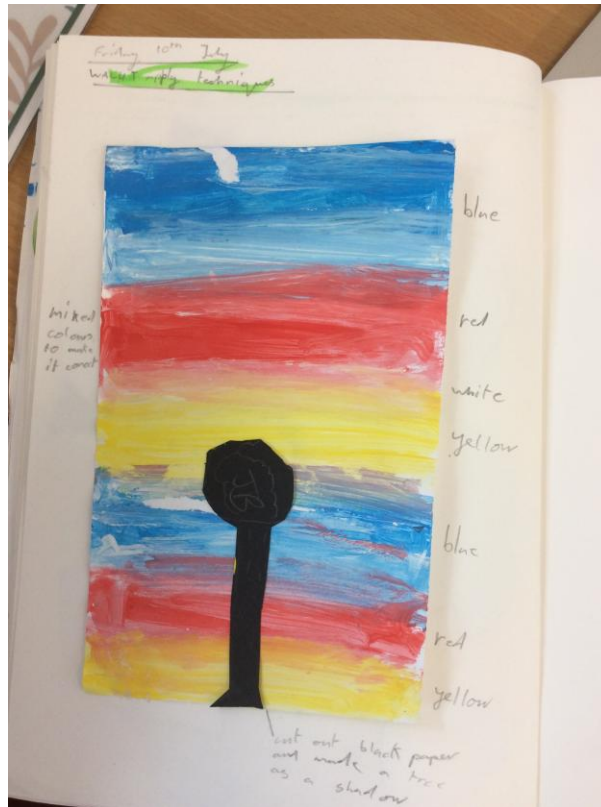


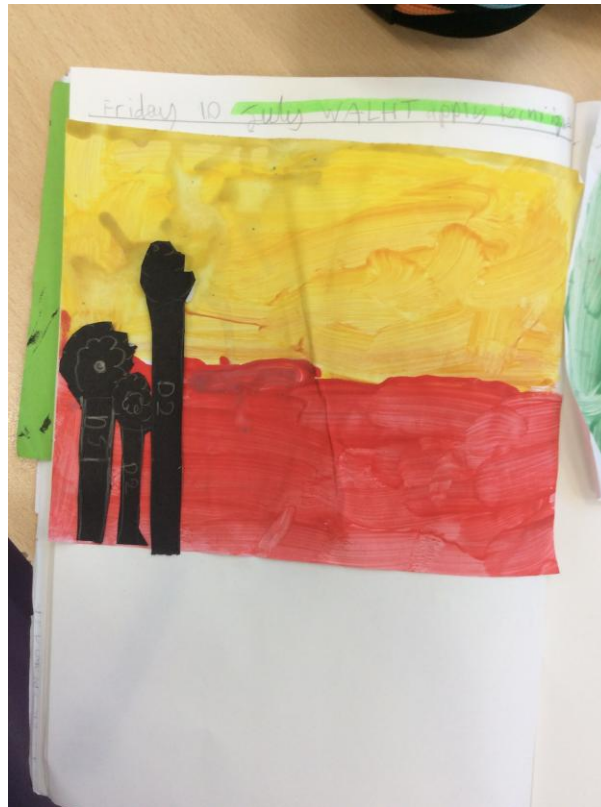


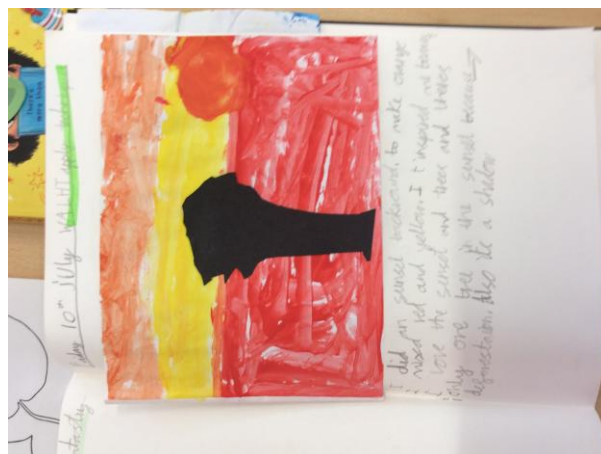
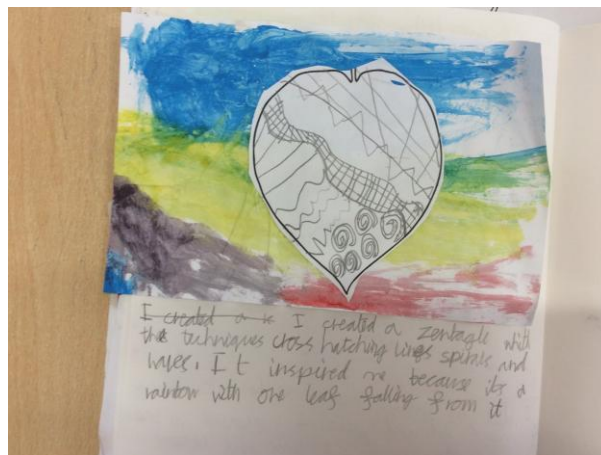
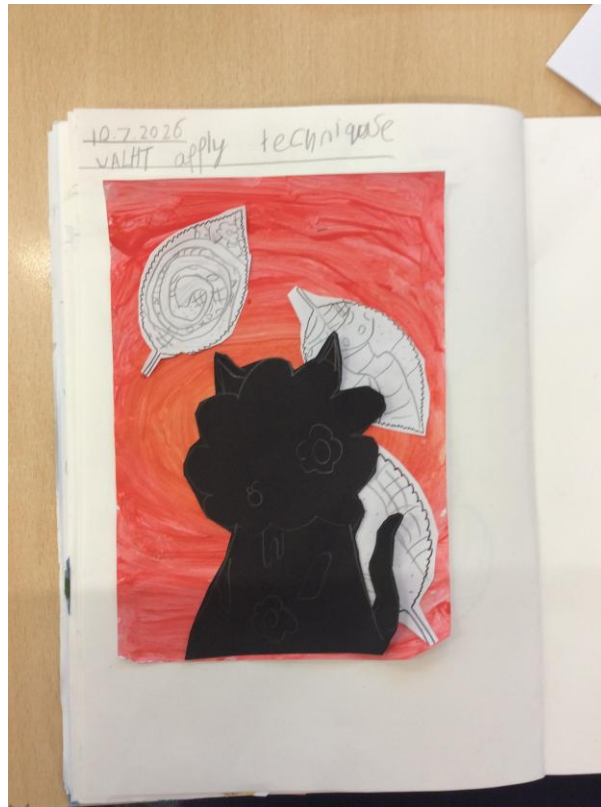












Year 4

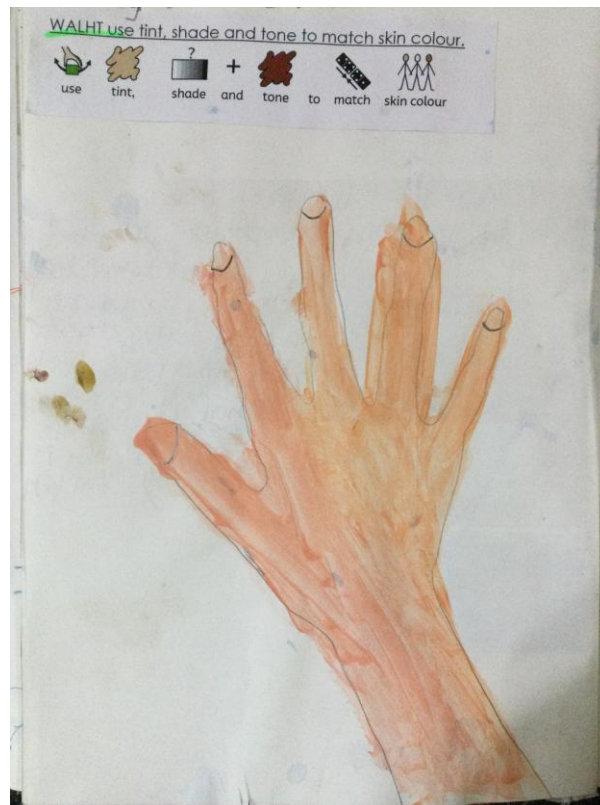
Over the last few weeks in art, Year 4 have been learning about new painting techniques.

We begun by experimenting with making skin tones by adding tints and shade to match it to our own hands. You can see our experiments below where we added small amounts of white, black or other colours to get it as close as possible.

We moved on to exploring the ombre effect by adding small amounts of white paint at a time to a colour and we blended these tones together to make the gradual effect.

Last week, we used inspiration from Helen Frankenthaler, an artist famous for her use of the soak stained technique. She famously painted with no clear subject in mind but experimented with colours. We had a go at the soak-stained technique ourselves and you can see our results below.

In our next lessons we will use paint as a method to show perspective.











Year 5

What a busy week for Year 5! On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 took part in the Year 6 production and put on quite a show! Their singing and dancing took the audience on a trip right down Monster Street. Thank you to all the Year 5 children who took part and gave it their all, and thank you to the parents who came to support, too!

In Art, the Year 5 children have been creating dioramas featuring street art. The project has brought together lots of different skills, including painting, drawing and model making. The children designed their own graffiti-style names before adding them to their miniature scenes, inspired by street artists and colourful urban artwork. They have shown great creativity and imagination, and we have been really impressed with the care and effort they have put into their finished pieces. We can't wait to display them for everyone to see!





Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy and brilliant week: on Monday they competed at the Worcestershire Schools Bellboating Regatta on the River Severn, racing superbly in the heat and showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship; on Tuesday and Wednesday they staged two outstanding performances of Grossbuster — we couldn't be prouder of the children's confidence, commitment and talent over both nights; and on Friday the class enjoyed a trip to Ninja Warrior where they once again demonstrated fantastic behaviour, resilience and problem-solving (there may be some future climbing-based careers in the making!). Thank you all for your support this week — a final reminder that our enterprise sale will be on the KS1 playground after school. Have a lovely weekend.









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Phase email addresses:

For ALL parents, we have set up a new way of contacting Phase Leaders. These email addresses are SOLELY for classroom, pastoral and academic enquiries and NOT for general enquiries which should still come through the office@ email address.

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