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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term has begun in earnest, despite the cold and dark mornings; we can see new growth springing up throughout our school grounds. You can see what children are learning in the topic webs found on our website. Please continue to talk about the school day with your child and discover what they are learning. The curriculum has changed so much and you will be amazed by the knowledge and skills that children are acquiring.

Please could you ensure that your child has a thick coat, gloves and a hat in school, we continue to learn outside as much as possible. Wearing layers is encouraged as we continue to ventilate the classrooms. We do monitor the temperature to ensure that the classroom does not get too cold.

We are going to continue to allow children to come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days; however could we ask that children wear black or dark grey tracksuit/ jogging bottoms / shorts, white t-shirt and a green jumper or black hoodie.

As of Monday 31st January, all communications will come through WEDUC, including any new payments for residential and trips. We are now operating as a cashless school. You can see your child's attendance; report sickness absences, request term time absence and other functions will become available as we all become more familiar with it.

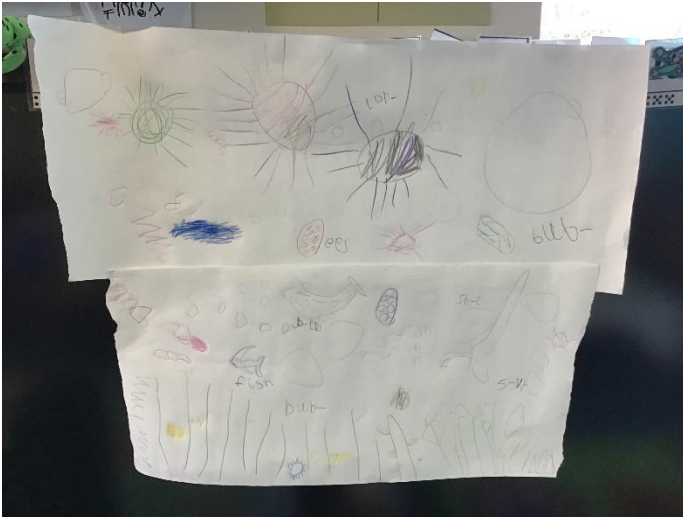
We are aware that some children are coming into school without eating breakfast. Please could you let us know if you are struggling with this as we can provide breakfast for any family in need.

Reception Class – Inkpen

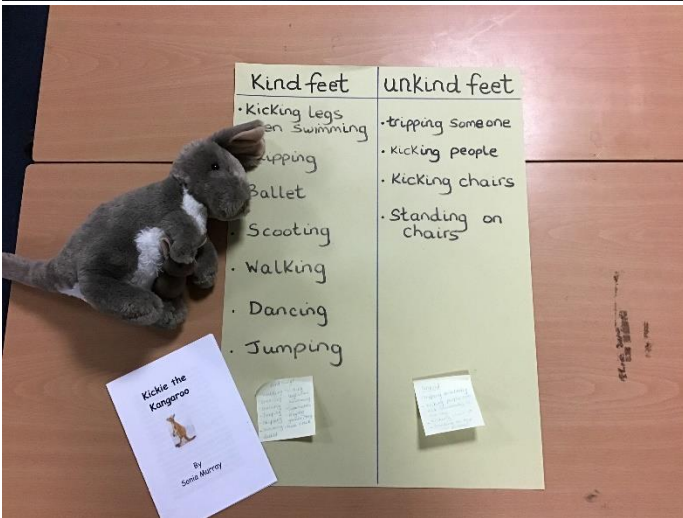
We are busy enjoying learning in our fun-packed term discovering all about the Chinese New Year. We have been busy making our own dragon boats using re-cycled materials and junk modelling, carefully thinking about what would be best to use when we trial them in water for our races. We followed this up with writing a set of instructions, using 'bossy words' and even some time connectives!

In maths, we have been focusing on numbers 6, 7 and 8 looking carefully at how these quantities could be represented. We have been searching for mini-beasts and counting the number of legs each one has. We have been recording '+' number sentences too. We read the Chinese story of the animals and ordered each of the animals, using ordinal numbers to describe their position in the race that the Jade Emperor held to measure time.

In our RE lessons, we have been carefully considering the answer to these questions: Who do we think God is? What does God look like? Does God mean anything to you and if so, what?



"I'm not going to take all mine off I'm going to add 2 more".
Polly selected and made 6 on her number frame. The number they were given next was 8.



"Use a timer or stop clock" to measure time.

- Kingsley.

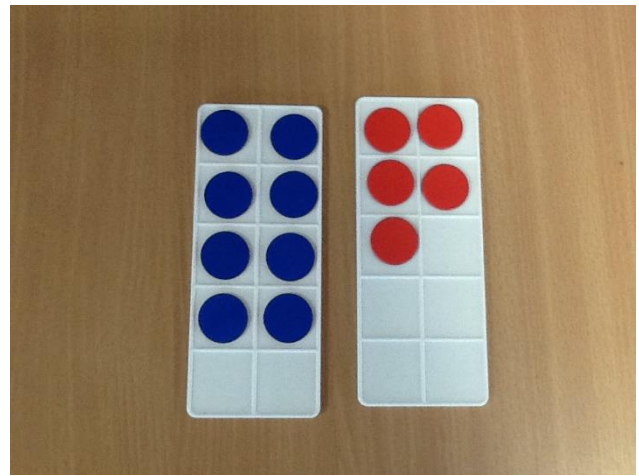


"It's a saviour, he saves people".

- Van's views on 'Who God is.'

Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have been very busy. In PE we are practising our pirate balances. We even had a game of Popping Pirates. We have been measuring in maths and are getting very good at making 10 to add. We are becoming much more fluent in our number bonds up to 10. We have nearly finished our Three Little Pigs topic. The adults in Year 1 are so impressed with how our writing is improving! This week, we started our history topic, The Great Fire of London. We have learnt many exciting facts! Ask us what we know.



The Great Fire of London
started a long time ago.
Freya

Maths is challenging but fun!
Darcie

I balanced a hula hoop on my
partner. Avery

I like using exclamation marks
in my writing, it makes it
loud! Elliott

Class 2 – Ahlberg

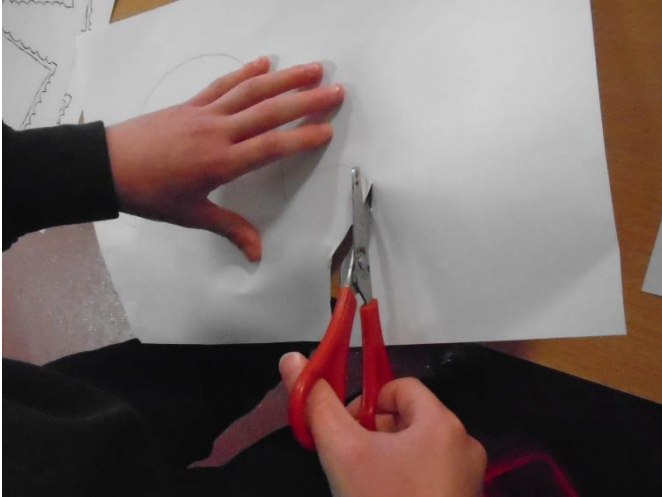
Class 2 have had a wonderful return to school and have been putting into practise so many of the skills we learned before Christmas.

In English we have had a great time reading about the adventures of Traction Man – and next week we will be writing him a brand new adventure of our very own!

In maths we have almost mastered the first stage of multiplication and will soon be moving on to division.

History has been a delight! We have found out about Florence Nightingale and Mary Anning – two women who changed the world. Class 2 are experts and have found learning about fossils fascinating.

A super start – well done class 2.



I love making puppets and finding out how to put them together. I even did some sewing at home!
Ellie

Traction Man is really funny especially when he pretends he is in space.
Freya

I found out that fossils I find are often from sea animals that lived millions of years ago.
George W



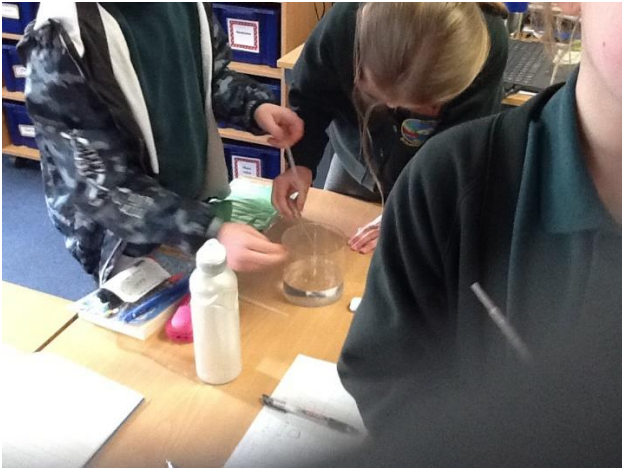
Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have returned from the Christmas break all ready to continue their learning. We have been very excited to start the new topic on volcanoes.

In English we have been finding out about Pompeii through the book "Escape from Pompeii", the children learnt a lot about the characters Tranio and Livia. They have then put this knowledge into their writing by writing a letter from their chosen character.

In science we have been exploring rocks, the children completed a range of experiments to test the density and permeability of different rocks.

Half the class have also had the amazing experience of Forest Schools on a Friday – thank you Mrs Barnwell and Mrs Allinson. The other half of the class cannot wait until it is their turn



I have enjoyed finding out
about volcanoes.

Violet

I like learning about Pompeii
and Livia and Tranio.

Alice

I have enjoyed all the maths
we have been doing.

Francisco

Class 4 - Morpurgo

Class Morpurgo have had a great start to the new term, they have been enthusiastic and hard working.

In science we have been looking at how materials can be found in different states. We find materials can be solids, liquids and gas. On Wednesday this week, we made some observations of how water can be found in different states. First we observed what happened when a solid ice-cube was heated up. We saw that it slowly turned into a liquid. We then watched as Mrs Craig put some water (liquid) into a kettle and heated it up. The water turned into water vapour and escaped into the room.

Last week, some of the class also took part in the Daventry Area Sportshall Athletics Competition. The children were amazing. They all strived to do their best, and were great team members by supporting one another. You will see some pictures of the event below. Well done Team Braunston for our Bronze medal position, third place out of eleven schools.



We went to the athletics in Daventry. I did the high jump, long jump and races. The last thing I did was the obstacle race, which we won.

Enzo

At the hall, I enjoyed cheering my friends on and my favourite race was the 1 + 1 relay with George.

Cruz

We had fun cheering our friends on and helping our team mates. Knowing we came 3rd we are all winners.

Charlie

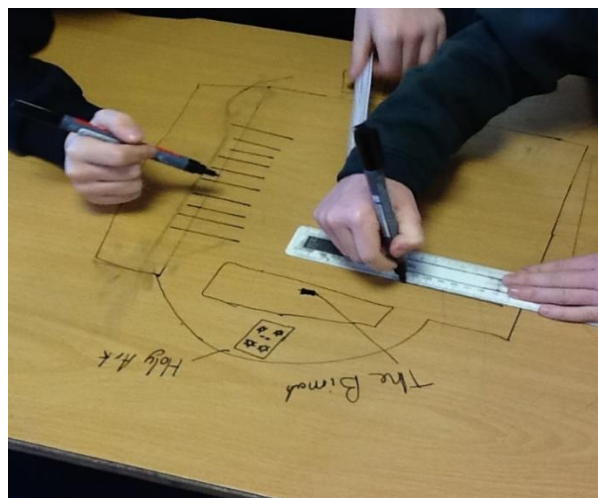
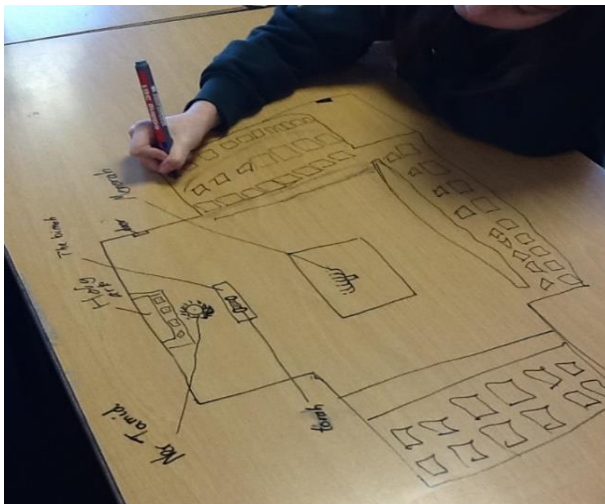
Class 5 - Rowling

Class Rowling have settled really well to the new year – many children obviously keeping their new year resolutions. Many of the subjects have seen us immerse ourselves into our South America topic and the rainforest, with many children making links between texts and learning within subjects. For English, we have been working on our narrative writing focussing on how to develop characters through their descriptions, speech and dialogue. Our Geography work has taken us to South America and into the rainforest too. We will be making 3D pop up to show our findings. Through PE, we have been developing our co-operation and team skills through various challenges. See our photos. We have been furthering our knowledge of Judaism in RE and have so far enjoyed some really interesting activities: making our own mezuzahs with shemas, and also designing our own synagogues (deciding if orthodox or reform.)

I just want to watch the end of the video in English to find out if he catches it!
Javier

I have enjoyed designing the synagogue – we drew an orthodox one with all the necessary features.
Charlotte

The hoop challenge was great fun in PE!
Harry





Class 6 - Horowitz

Welcome back to a new year, which has been busy one for Horowitz class.

During our English sessions, we have begun our work on Viking Myths. The children have been identifying and creating descriptive language to create character, settings and atmosphere. They have been focusing on the characters of Loki, Odin and Brokk and Eitri and thinking about how a character's appearance reflects their personality.

In computing, the children have been looking at blogs and blogging. We have identified what features make a good/interesting blog and then using Purple Mash, the children will begin to create a blog of their own on a topic that interests them.

In DT, we have made the bread that the children designed before Christmas; it was a jam - packed day with a lot of imaginative designs and ingredients. The children then ate and evaluated their work – some were yummiier than others! Their evaluations were extremely reflective and they gave advice to next year's Horowitz class on how they would improve on their designs.

I enjoyed bread making because I have never made bread before. I was excited to taste it and I enjoyed the whole experience.

Lilly K

I am excited to write my blog because it is about music and I have so many ideas.

Abby

I enjoyed reading and writing about Loki and Thor and learning about the nine realms.

Olly





Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	7.1.22	14.1.22	7.1.22	14.1.22	
R	Jackson	Finlay	Dexter	Luke	Dexter, Polly Blake
1	Lincoln	Tobey	Bertie	Lincoln	
2	James	Tiffany	Lana	Alfie	
3	Stanley	Lily	Annaliese	Iris	Lily Albert Harrison Calen
4	George	Tilly	Sophie	Cruz	
5	Charlotte	Noah	Alex	Bells	
6	Annabel	Maisie	Barleen	Lily	
Best Attendance R,6 & 4 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)					

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	21.1.22	28.1.22	21.1.22	28.1.22	
R	Minnie	Theodore	Seth	Abigail	
1	Isaac	Bertie	Alfie	Freya	
2	Lottie	Aston	Sophie	Jack	
3	Amelia	Gracie	Francisco	Sophia	
4	Clayton	Alicia	Henry	Grace	
5	Harry	Alex	Javier	Harrison	
6	Ruby	Fraser	Abby	Ava	
Best Attendance 2 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)					

With best wishes
Lianna Willis
Headteacher