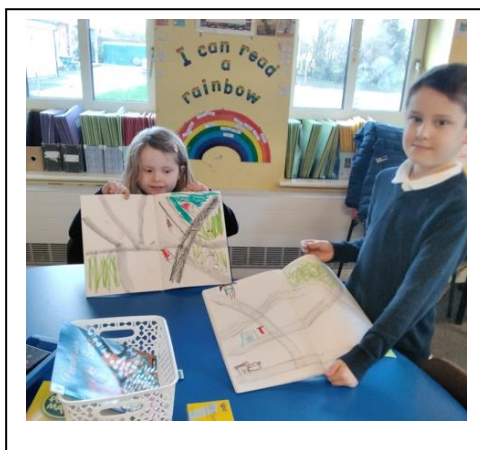


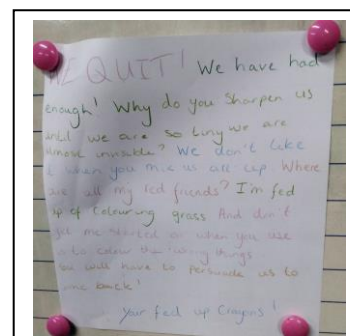
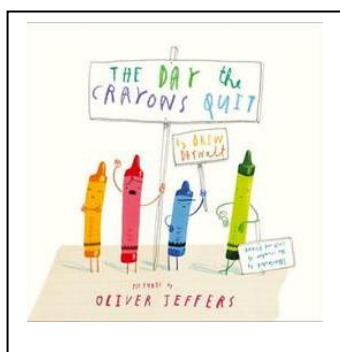


What Has Happened This Term?

Children have developed their geographical knowledge about West Hallam, considered which features are human and which are physical. They enjoyed a walk around the immediate local area and gave thought as to how they could act responsibly in order to look after the local environment. This work linked beautifully to the map focus within our art and design lessons where the children created abstract map art which was inspired by a range of artists, including Susan Stockwell.



In Talk for Writing children have been inspired into writing persuasive letters, which all started when the crayons in our classes quit! They loved the book 'The day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt, so much so that this has become one of our favourite recommended reads! So... why not take a trip to a book shop and purchase this one for the children to keep coming back to at home, or take a trip to Ilkeston library and borrow the book. This could help with the Readathon too. 😊



In music the children have been learning about rock genre, this has included listening to and appraising music by Queen, Deep Purple Machine Head and Status Quo- with 'We will rock you' and 'Rocking all over the world' being firm favourites!

British Values - Mutual Respect and Tolerance

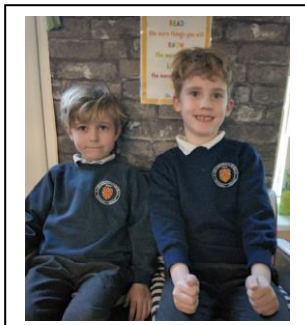
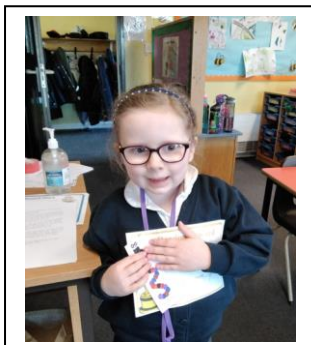
This term KS1 have been learning about those with different beliefs to themselves in R&W as they learnt about celebrations in the Christian and Muslim faith. Each week they also have opportunity to express and discuss their opinions on a topical event in their Picture News Worship. It's great the children are becoming more confident in expressing their thoughts and respecting the views of their

peers which may differ.



We are super proud of the children who have managed to read a rainbow already! Reading 200 times is A-MAZ-ING! How many reads has your child completed? Little and often is best, just keep colouring a segment each and every time your child reads. Let's get everyone of our children to the pot of gold!

Keep reading and getting your sponsors for the Readathon too!



We have lots more photos on our Year 1/2 section on the school website- take a look!

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 2 will building up their knowledge and skills around fractions and properties of shape. They will also be revisiting using addition, subtraction when problem solving and counting in 2's 5's and 10's. Year 1 will be measuring length, height, weight and capacity.



English (T4W) Supertato by Sue Hendra defeat the monster- Action toolkit.

World Book day will also include poetry, including performing poetry together. Information about World book day will be sent separately.

Science- Plants. Building on the children's knowledge from last year. What can you remember?



Computing- Creating pictures. Let's get creative!

Geography- How does living in Mahamaya compare to living in West Hallam? Using our knowledge from last term to help us look at key geographical similarities and difficulties.

Design and Technology- Stable Structures. **For this subject we will need lots of boxes- this includes shoe boxes, cereal boxes etc... please could you send these into class by the end of week 1.**



PE- Indoor: Gymnastics- Pathways. We will look at different ways of moving and linking balances together using the apparatus.
Outdoor: Health and Wellbeing. We will take part in circuit challenges and develop coordination.
Earrings **MUST** be removed for safety reasons. If children come to school with them already removed this is even more helpful to your child. Tape is quite painful to remove.

Religion & Worldviews- What is the good news that Jesus brings? GOSPEL

Hopefully we will also be visiting St Wilfrid's in the final week of the term to help us to celebrate Easter



Power and Identity- Working in a team (building on PSHE), fantasy and reality, developing confidence, but knowing when to listen to others.



PSHE- Healthy Me! We will think about what it means to be healthy, including staying safe when out and about and when we feel poorly. Take a look on the Jigsaw overview in the PSHE section of the website to find out more.

Music- Reggae genre - Zootime

Club Information

AM sports clubs will be sent out directly to you.

Any clubs running after school will be sent out via parent pay.



NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an

Important Dates

27.2.23 INSET day

2.3.23 – World Book Day – Optional dress up as a book character. See separate letter for more information

Trip to Wollaton Hall TBC

anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

27.3.23 Data sheets sent home
31.3.23 Reception, Y1&2 Easter bonnet parade.

Summer 1

21.4.23 Closing date for Readathon

25.5.23 -26.5.23– Year 2 Lea Green Residential

Visit to Ilkeston library and Erewash museum TBC

Communication

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please either email in to the department (see details at the bottom of this newsletter) or speak to them at the end of the school day.

Dojos are going well- children love receiving dojo points and are really pleased that you as their parents know how they are being rewarded. Please do not send in messages via dojo as these will not be seen and therefore not responded to.

Important Reminders

Half term is a great time to check through your child's school uniform and PE kit and ensure everything is labelled with your child's name and that all items for PE are in your child's PE kit.

Water bottles- Only water must be in your child's water bottle and please check your child's name is on it. We are always surprised to find at least one bottle left by the end of the week which no-one claims!

Thank you for your support with these.

Marvellous Maths

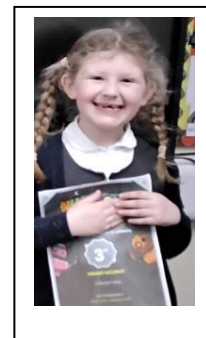
All the staff are proud of our Year 1 and 2 Mathematicians. They've shown determination in developing the knowledge they need to become more independent and confident in their Maths lessons.

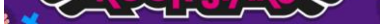
Parents often ask how they can further support their child in their Maths learning at home. Completing their Maths homework, spending time on Numbots and My Maths are great ways to consolidate learning at home. But there are plenty of opportunities to weave Maths into your daily routine at home;

- Bake with your child and let them be involved in the weighing and measuring of ingredients.
- Go shopping with real notes and coins! Did you know it is part of the KS1 curriculum to recognise British coins? Yet in these days of cards and Apple Pay lots of children rarely see physical cash. Encourage your child to add up the total of low price items themselves or use a self-scanner and link this to addition. Can they select the correct coins to pay for their shopping?
- Have fun with measure by measuring all the members of the family using Lego bricks, who is the tallest? How do they know?
- Involve your child in telling the time through your daily routine. Again in the modern world many children rarely see analogue clocks outside of school, just having one in the house and talking about what time you have breakfast etc. can build their confidence when it comes to telling the time.
- Spotting number patterns out and about in the real world. Are there any patterns in the numbers on the houses? Do they go up in 1s? 2s? What might the next number be?

The possibilities are endless, so have fun!

Numbots is a highly engaging platform for learning to add and subtract. It supports children's understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction so that they move from counting to calculating. We all love finding out who will be in the top three each week, with the criteria for the top three changing from week to week. Here are a few winners so far this term



In addition, Year 2 could also go onto  which is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times table practice. As the children have been learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables this platform will become more important as the year progresses.

If your child has forgotten or lost their login details then please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

If you would like to know what is expected at the end of Year 1/ 2 in Maths take a look at the end of year expectations on our website, or within the Maths section.

Homework

The first week back after half term will be online based homework, so please ensure your child has time to complete the Purple Mash and My Maths tasks as these support your child's learning and recall. Paper based homework will then be sent the week after. The children are getting much better at handing in their completed homework books- well done!