Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School

YEAR 1

This morning, in year 1 we have been learning all about Comic Relief and what this charity raises money for. We watched 'Ethan's Story' on the comic relief website, learning all about how he is supported by attending a group called 'Steps'. We learnt that the money raised by Comic Relief helps to support this.

We have also made some comic relief bunting to encourage some more donations, as well as our own super hero masks! A great day raising money for such an incredible cause.











BOOM!

POW!

BANG

WORLD BOOK DAY!

On Thursday 4th March we celebrated world book day at home and in school. The children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. We had a zoom session for all classes so those children not in school could take part and all children were able to share their book characters.









PEDESTRIAN TRAINING



On Wednesday 17th March our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils took part in Pedestrian training with Ray Hughes from Shropshire County.

Two of our Year 3 pupils Austin and April (in the picture) said the training was great fun and we learnt how to cross the road safely, as well as always remembering to look out for any dangers when walking on the pavement.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Monday 8th March the whole school celebrated International Women's Day. Each class looked an important female figure. The picture is a mosaic of J K Rowling that our Year 3 class created.

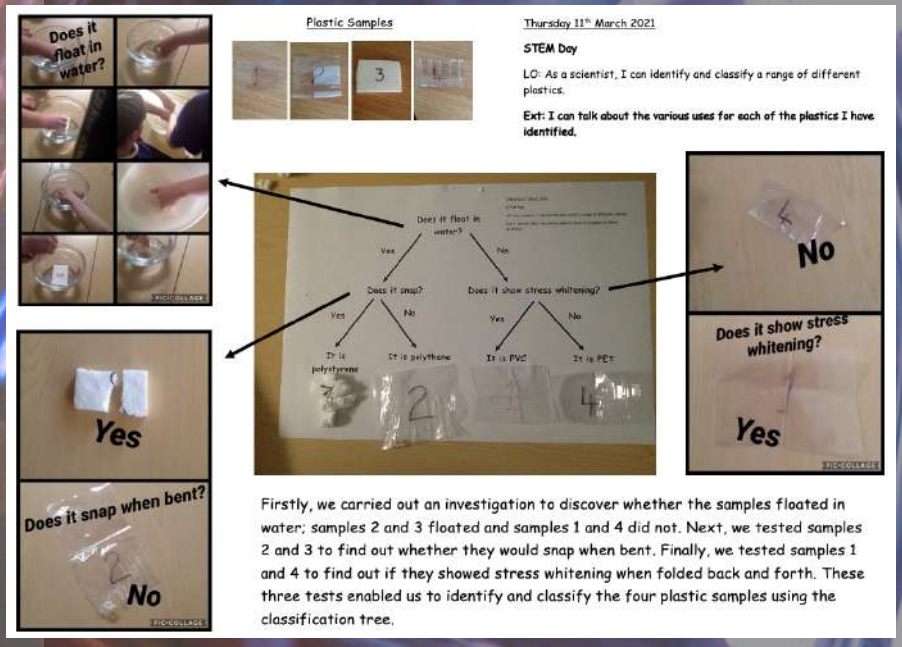


Other women we looked at across the school were:

- Beatrix Potter - Author, illustrator, scientist
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Mary Anning - science, palaeontologist
- Amelia Earhart - Aviation
- J K Rowling - Author
- Jessica Ennis-Hill - Sport
- Margaret Thatcher / Emmaline Pankhurst - Politics
- Ada Lovelace - Maths / Computing

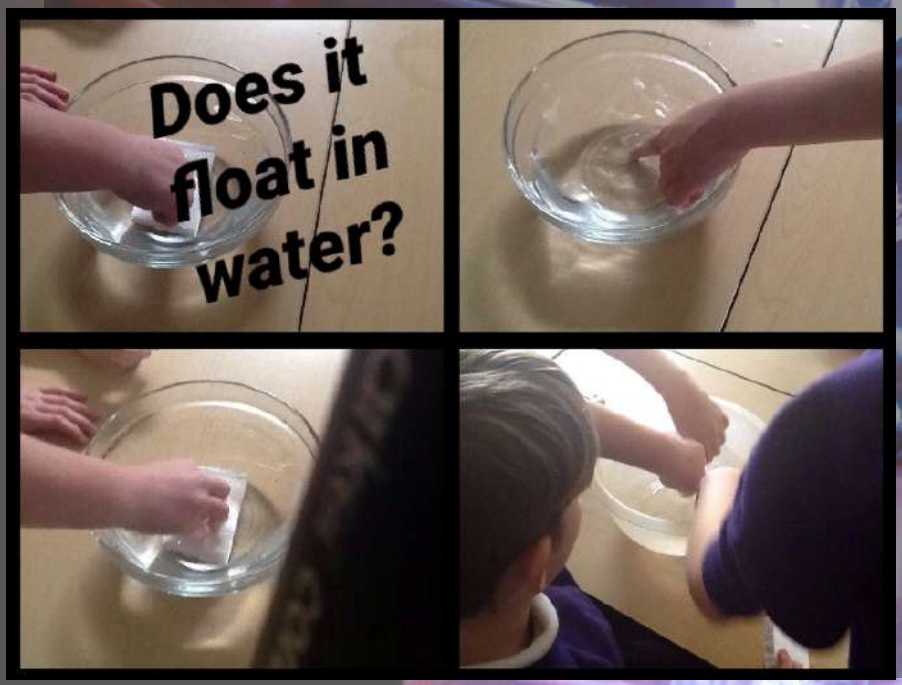
SCIENCE DAY

On Thursday 11th March we had a science day in school, the theme for the day was Innovating for the future and smashing the stereotype of scientists. Our science lead sent a pack around school and each class decided on activities that linked to the theme. Every class started the day by drawing what they thought a scientist looked like and by the end of the day all their perceptions had changed as they discovered science was everywhere. All classes took part in different activities from bridge building to junk modelling to creating environmentally sustainable spoons.





We talked about the items our samples had been taken from.





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Inspire to Achieve

School Leadership Changes

This term we welcome Mrs Suzi Bray as the new Headteacher of Greenacres Primary School, along with Mrs Stephanie Henney as Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Congratulations to Mrs Sam Scott, Executive Headteacher, Miss Sally Brayne and Mrs Kerry Simmons and all members of staff for their positive support of the executive leadership structure introduced across Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School and Market Drayton Junior School in September.

The revised structure has facilitated the development of many positive curriculum and staff links between the schools, further enhancing the continuity and quality of educational opportunities for local children from 3 – 11 years.

A similar executive leadership structure will be introduced across Woodfield Infant School and St. George's Junior School from April 2021. We wish the executive leadership team of Mrs Munro, Executive Headteacher, and Mrs Lee and Mrs Prees, Heads of School, every success in their new roles.

YEAR 3

ST GEORGE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL
SHREWSBURY



This half term we started our 'Active Planet' topic. Pupils both at home and in school have enjoyed beginning their learning on volcanoes and earthquakes around the world.

We have looked at how volcanoes are formed and their locations. Our particular focus has been on the 'Ring of Fire' and the physical geography South America. We have been particularly impressed with some of the art produced by pupils with everything from 'snow volcanoes', to paper models and wonderfully explosive paintings.

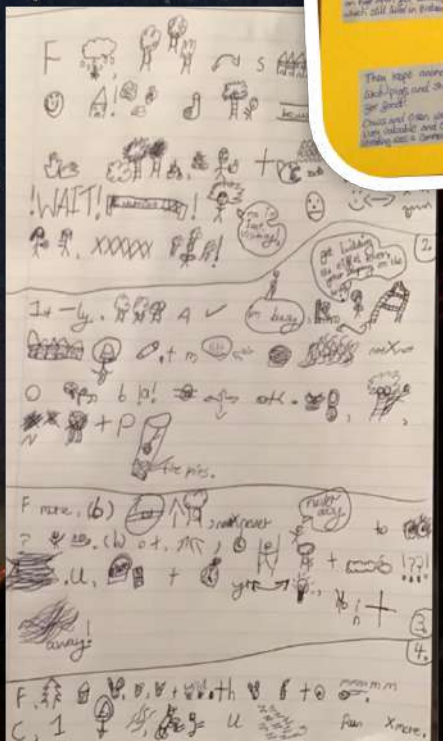






YEAR 4





Year 4 have begun studying the Anglo-Saxons and discovering where they came from. We learnt that when they arrived, the Anglo Saxons divided Britain into seven kingdoms and that Shrewsbury was in the Kingdom of Mercia! In maths we have learnt to use different methods to multiply and divide - we are now applying this learning by working out the area of shape. We have looked at explanation texts in English and have linked this with our new book, 'Why the Whales Came.' We read about why we should not visit the island of Samson and then wrote our own versions to warn people about the dangers of real and invented cities, forests and islands!

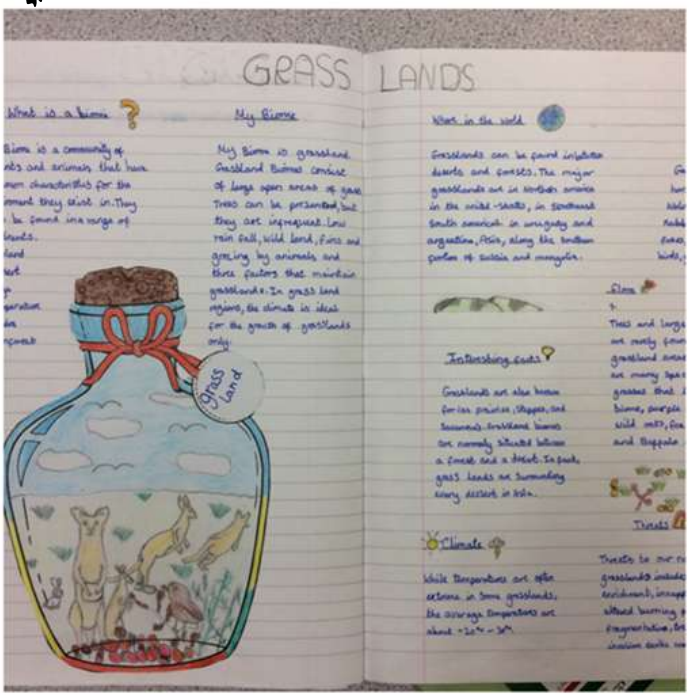
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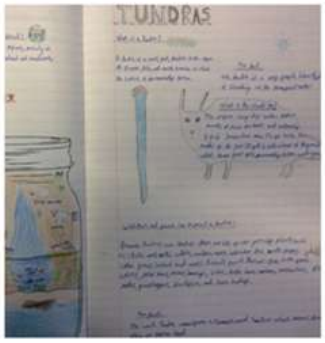
This term year 5 have been exploring what a biome is and have been looking at the variety of biomes across the world. We focused on biomes of North America and explored which animals would find habitats in these particular biomes; the children investigated what the climate would be and what threats our biomes would face.

The children researched how human activity can impact physical environments and created their own ideas on how we can make our world an eco-friendly environment, which they explored further in their Materials topic.

During 'Children's Mental Health' week, the children created their very own animals and suitable biomes for their animals to live in.











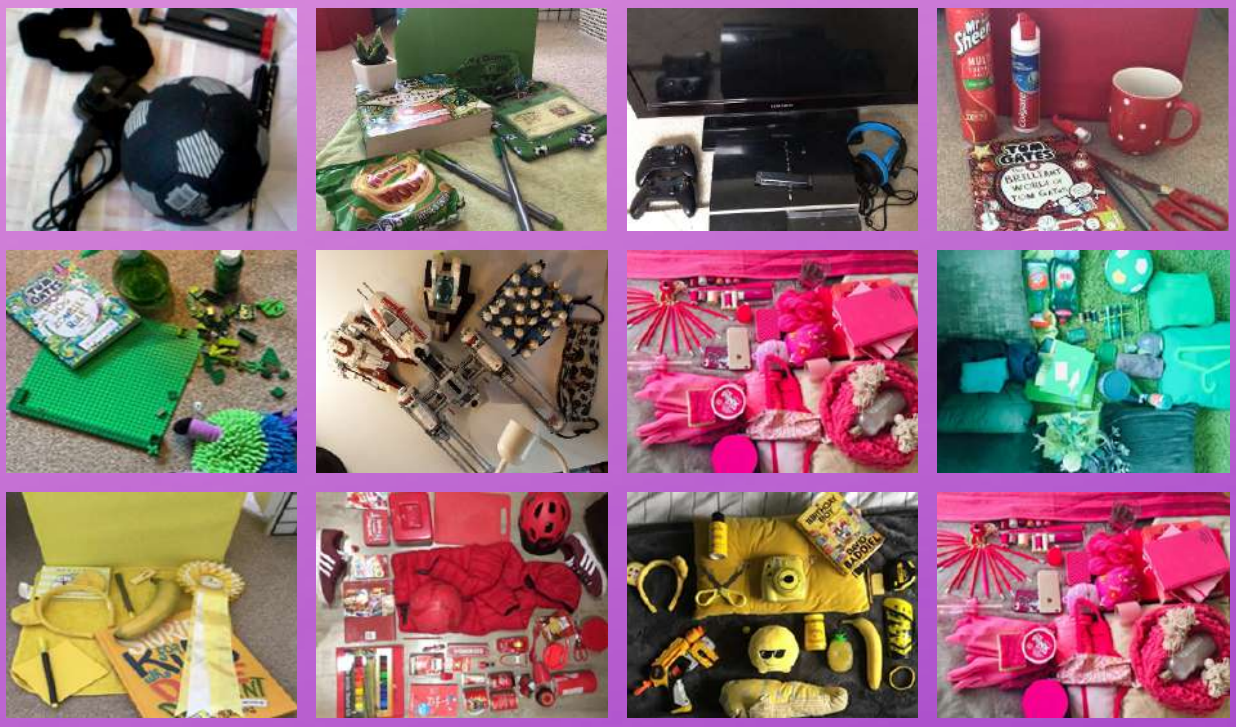


YEAR 6

ST GEORGE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL
SHREWSBURY

In year 6, we used art to express ourselves through colour.

Challenge 1: warm and cool colours. Think about the mood you want to create with your colour choices- arrange your coloured objects to show the different shades and tones. Decide whether you want to use cool or warm colours.



Challenge 2: identify primary, secondary and tertiary colours in your home and use these to create a colour wheel.

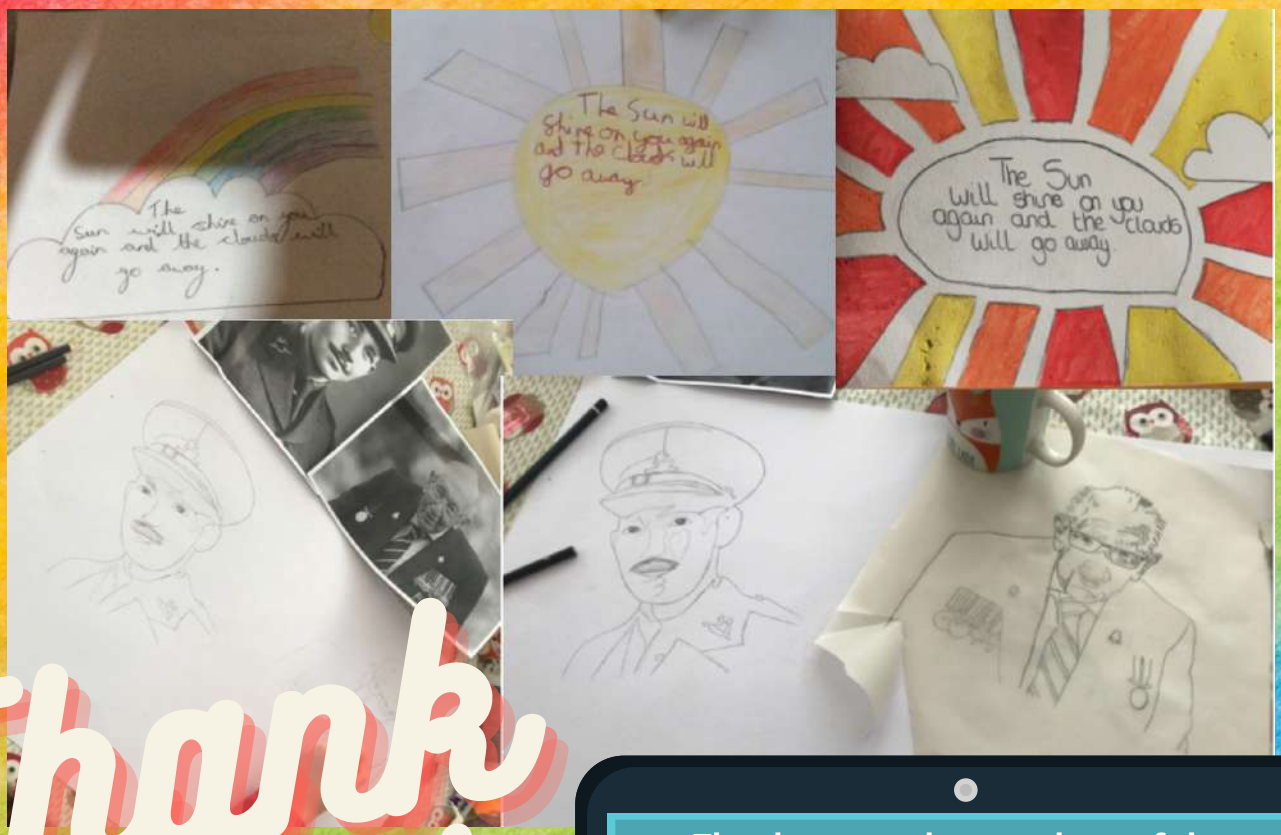




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SHREWSBURY

We also remembered Sir Captain Tom and his fantastic achievements. His outlook on life was always positive and we were inspired by his quotes.



Thank you!

Thank you to the members of the community who donated laptops for pupil use at home. We are truly grateful for this generosity as this has supported over thirty pupils at St. George's Junior School to continue with their digital remote learning and to keep in communication with the school community.



Once again, on behalf of the staff and governors, I'd like to thank all parents and carers for working in partnership with us, for your feedback, replies to emails, wellbeing wishes, daily support and perseverance. We are truly grateful!

COMIC RELIEF

Our schools have had lots of fun raising money for Comic Relief!



















COMIC RELIEF

Activities included run and balance competitions, the 'Red Run', joke competitions and carnivals!





The Red Run!

All classes at St George's pushed themselves incredibly hard to be the winners of the Red Run - a challenge to see how many laps of the track a class could complete in 15 minutes.

There were plenty of red faces as well as red noses after they had finished!

Congratulations to Llanymynech - they completed 234 laps!

Well done to everyone who took part. This was a team event and every lap counted! As a school we ran more than 650km!

Best Joke in School!

My friend thinks he's so smart. He told me an onion is the only fruit that can make you cry .

So I threw a coconut at him!

George - Stiperstones



DANCE!

Live dance lesson with Robin Windsor

Mrs O'Hara arranged for us to have a live, online, exclusive dance lesson with Robin Windsor from Strictly Come Dancing! We were pleased to see so many of you join in from home and in school we had a fantastic time also. Thank you to Mrs O'Hara for organising the event which, judging by the positive comments and feedback we have received, certainly lifted everyone's spirits and gave us all a reason to smile and have fun.















Love Productions have recently opened applications for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

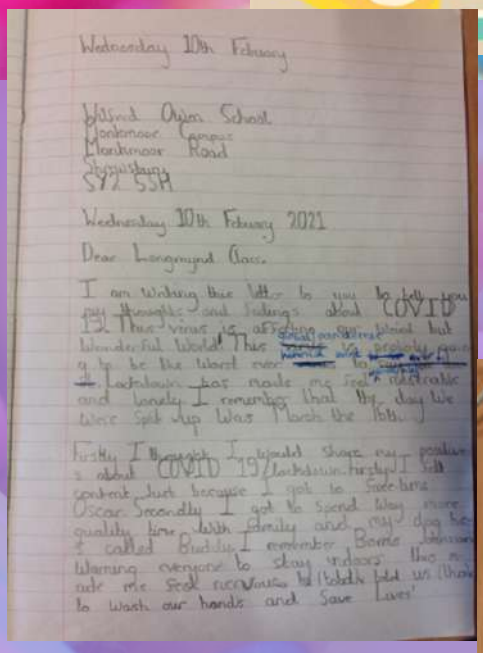
They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



Letter from Lockdown

As part of their Literacy work, children were asked to write a letter from lockdown, sharing their thoughts, feelings and memories about life during the current pandemic and what it means to them. They have had to carefully plan and draft their letters before writing their final versions.

Miss Lewis from Longmynd class has shared this wonderful letter written by Jaycob in Year 3.


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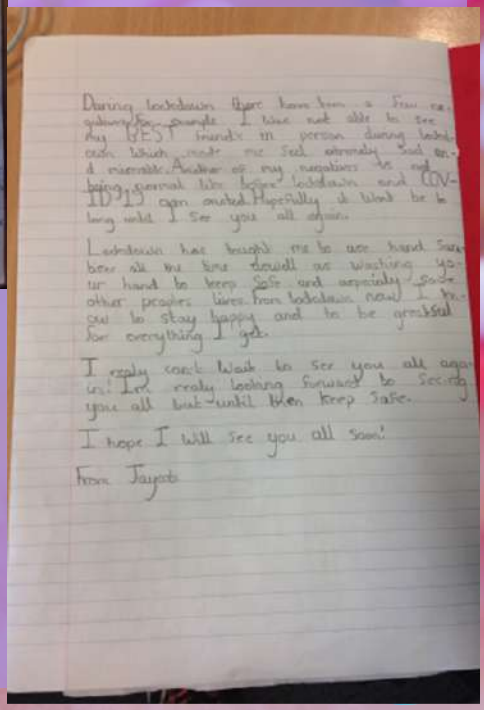
Dear Longmynd Class,

I am writing this letter to you to tell you my thoughts and feelings about COVID 19. This virus is affecting the whole wonderful World. This ... to be the worst ever ... lockdown has made me feel ... and lonely. I remember that the day we were sent up was March the 20th.

Firstly I ... about COVID 19 ... because I got to ... Oscar. Secondly I got to spend way more quality time with family and my dog ... I called Buddy. I remember Boris ... warning everyone to stay indoors. This ... me feel nervous but Public ... us (them) to wash our hands and Save Lives!






During lockdown ... have been a ... for example I was not able to see my BEST friends in person during lockdown which made me feel extremely sad and ... Another of my negatives is not being general like before lockdown and COVID 19 ... Hopefully it will be so long until I see you all again.

Lockdown has taught me to use hand ... how we are ... I would be wasting your hand to keep safe and especially ... other people's lives from lockdown now I have ... to stay happy and to be grateful for everything I get.

I really can't wait to see you all again! I'm really looking forward to seeing you all but until then keep safe.

I hope I will see you all soon!

From Jaycob



Seesaw Stars!

Caradoc Class Superstar

Mrs O'Hara would like to say a huge well done to Lily-Mai in Year 5 who has made a phenomenal effort on TT Rockstars this week, learning her 2's, 3's, 4's and 12 x tables, then asking her mum to test her. She has also really supported the class effort in the class battles. Congratulations Lily-Mai!





Toby has made a super scary mask for Chinese New Year!



Eddie has been writing about the things he is grateful for



Zac did some beautiful art work showing things that plants need

In response to: English 11.02.21

Dear Wrekin Class,

In lockdown I played with my dolls and we got Sky tv so when I had done my work I would watch Youtube or play a game on the television. I was happy because I got to spend more time with my family but I was worried because if my family got the Coronavirus they would give it to me. I felt sad because I liked to go out to Mediaeval Madness and bowling with my Daddy but it was shut because in a different Country called China the Coronavirus started and Boris Johnson shut down some places in our Country to stop the spread . I am looking forward to cuddling people and going back to school, going to the park with friends and visiting places.

Jolie-Rai wrote a lovely letter to her class



Here is a very proud Rosie with her beautiful art work! Wrekin class have been exploring Australia and The Great Barrier Reef so one of their art lessons was to draw some sea creatures. Miss Fox was very impressed with Rosie's art work and thinks she must be an undercover artist! Well done Rosie!

Greenacres Primary School



Learning at Greenacres

This term we are all learning about our environment and celebrating the outdoors. Our children spend a lot of time learning outdoors.











Zones of Regulation

We have introduced the Zones of Regulation this term to support our children with developing their emotional literacy skills. During the day, children can move their name so their teacher knows how they are feeling. They can then practice strategies to help them to 'Get to Green' so they feel ready to learn.

Learning Celebrations

Our children have been working hard to demonstrate our school values and earn a celebration postcard.





SNEAK PEEK!

Our new library is under construction.

We can't wait for the big reveal next term!

Reading at Greenacres

Our children enjoying daily Reading for Pleasure.

Greenacres Primary School

We have been taking part in fundraising games and a 'wear read' non-uniform day for Red Nose Day!





Nose in the Hole

RED NOSE DAY





Nose and Spoon Races





Wear Red!



Forest School Spring Term Fun at Woodfield Infant School

Some of the EYFS children have enjoyed their first taster of Forest School this Spring Term. Our most exciting news is that we have a pair of blue tits nesting in our bird box, so the children are able to watch them busying about starting to nest. The children are putting bird food out at the beginning of every session to encourage other birds to visit. We are lucky enough to have magpies, long tail tits, wood pigeons , blackbirds and sparrows and many of the children can now identify these birds. We have our resident 'Bobbin the Robin' who is always hopping about, feeding and watching us closely, especially in the digging area!

We have made bird feeders with a kitchen roll inner, lard and seeds, the children took them home to hang in their gardens, to watch who visits.

This week we thought of which animals from the puppet box would like to live in one of our lovely trees, and what the different parts of a tree are called; "A trunk, that on an elephant"

A yummy session was had when we made a fire, carefully toasted marshmallows to make s'mores and had delicious hot chocolate. We discussed what we needed to make a fire and how we need to be extra careful with a fire and always be with a grownup.
We hope you enjoy looking at some of our photographs below and look forward to welcoming all the children back to school and to see our beautiful daffodils come into flower and enjoying the warmer weather at Forest School.

Sarah Urand
Forest School Lead









Our Values



EMPOWERMENT

We actively promote opportunities for every child, adult and school to influence their own practice and future.



AMBITION

We encourage and support every child, adult and school to aim high to achieve their aspirations.



COLLABORATION

We work together to support everyone to achieve their aims.



POSITIVITY

We adopt a 'can do' attitude and an optimistic approach.



RESPECT

We are thoughtful and considerate to ourselves, others and the environment.



INTEGRITY

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