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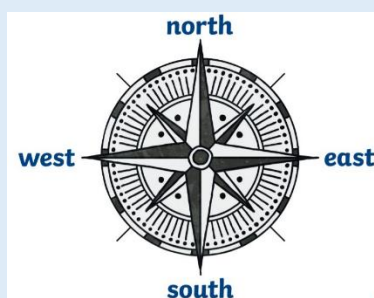
Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks. In writing, we have been reading 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak and we have enjoyed using this stimulus to help us write a description. We have explored unusual and exciting adjectives to help us describe a 'wild thing' and we have used prepositional language to add more detail to our sentences. In maths, we have been busy learning about fractions and place value to 100. The children have worked hard to understand halves and quarters, as well as recognizing numbers to 100. In History, we have been learning about the significant individual Rowland Hill. We have found out about the history of communication methods and how Rowland Hill changed the post by introducing a pre-paid stamp. In Science, we have enjoyed learning about the season of Summer. We have compared the changes that occur between Summer and Spring and discussed how we can keep ourselves safe in the sun. Last week, we took part in a special music workshop based on Stravinsky's 'The Firebird', which was led by members of the CBSO. We thoroughly enjoyed using the instruments and playing musical games. Thank you to Miss Skinner and Miss Morrison for organising this fantastic session for us!



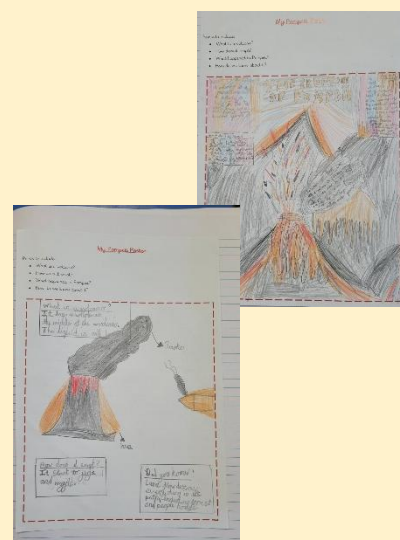
Year 2

Year Two have continued their unit of writing based on The Bear and the Piano and we planned and wrote our innovation of the beginning of the story. The children were so imaginative with the animals and instrument choices they made. We have also been thinking carefully about our vocabulary choices being as ambitious as we can. In Maths, we have continued our learning of fractions including unit and non-unit fractions. In our History unit, we have discovered who Bessie Coleman was and why she was so significant in aviation. In Science, we discovered that the seeds in the cupboard did germinate and grow, but they were a yellow colour. However, as soon as we took them out of the cupboard, the cress began to change to green. Our broad beans in bags need to be seen to be believed as they are so tall! The children love looking each morning to see how much they have grown. Our Geography unit continues and we have learnt how we can use compass points to help us navigate on a map. We were confident to use the terms North, East, South and West.



Year 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard over the last two weeks as they have been preparing for and completing their final assessments of the year. We have continued our Geography unit on Italy, learning all about volcanoes, focusing on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii in 79AD. We are also working towards creating our final product in D&T, creating an electrical poster that links to our Geography topic. In our Science topic, we are continuing to learn about light and have learnt about the dangers of sunlight as well as identifying objects that are opaque, transparent and translucent. We want to say a big thank you to the parents for their support last week with the heat, as well as a well done to all the children for trying their absolute best, despite the warm temperatures.





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Year 4

In Writing, we have been focusing on using prepositional phrases and subordinating conjunctions to make our sentences more detailed and interesting. The children have been working hard to improve their sentence structure and are beginning to use these skills confidently in their writing—well done Year 4! In our Reading lessons, we are really enjoying analysing an extract from *Little Women*. The class have been making thoughtful observations about the characters and discussing the text with great enthusiasm. It has been fantastic to hear their ideas and predictions. In Maths, we have been exploring how to reflect images in a line of symmetry. The children have shown great concentration when identifying lines of symmetry and carefully creating accurate reflections using a mirror. Finally, the children were very excited to be making crumbles and they were delicious! It was a wonderful opportunity to learn new cooking skills, follow instructions and have some fun together. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 4!



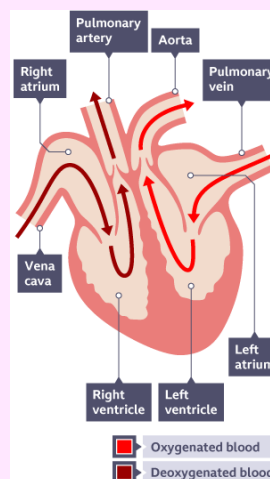
Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard on their final writing piece of the year, creating newspaper reports based on the incredible Moon Landing. As part of this unit, the children have explored the key features of newspaper reports, including headlines, introductory paragraphs and factual reporting. They have also been developing their understanding of direct and indirect speech and have practised using these accurately within their writing. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to build on these skills, helping the children to become even more confident and effective writers. In Design and Technology, Year 5 created impressive Shang Dynasty-style artefacts using soap. The children learned and applied techniques such as carving, shaping, smoothing and adding detailed decorative patterns to replicate ancient artefacts. In PSHE, we have been discussing the changes that occur in our bodies as we grow and develop, encouraging thoughtful and respectful conversations. In History, our focus has been the Shang Dynasty, where the children have explored daily life, achievements and the lasting impact of this fascinating ancient civilisation.



YEAR 6

It has been another wonderfully busy fortnight in Year 6, with lots of brilliant learning, plenty of fresh air and just a few *Lion King* roars echoing through the school! In English, the children have been publishing their fantastic non-chronological reports on the deadly yellow-spotted lizard. Thankfully, everyone survived the writing process - although we are now all very well informed about its venom, fangs and rather alarming habits! We have also loved our Forest School sessions, where the children have enjoyed getting outdoors, exploring and learning in nature. Mud may have made an appearance, but we like to call that “evidence of enthusiasm”. Our RE lessons have been focused around Hindu stories and beliefs, including *The Man in the Well*, Hindu values and reincarnation. The children have shown real maturity when discussing these big ideas and thinking carefully about how stories can teach important lessons. Science has been just as fascinating. We have explored how scientists classify animals and have also learnt about the components of blood and the important job blood does in our bodies. There were plenty of “wow” moments - and thankfully no actual blood required! Alongside all of this, we have been practising hard for Sports Day and rehearsing lots for our upcoming *Lion King* performance. The singing, acting and dancing are really coming together, and we cannot wait for you to see the children shine on stage.





Bonjour!

As the school year draws to an end, I would like to thank all the children for all their hard work and parents/carers for all the support and encouragement that they have given them over the course of the year.

I have been delighted at the level of interest, commitment and engagement shown by children in all years of study.

Special congratulations go to the following children who have gained the most points for their Languagenut work from September to the end of June:

Class/Position	1	2	3
Toucans	William S	Jamie-G R	Aria B
Flamingos	Daniel O	Joseph C	Theodore H
Macaws	Edward H	Evelyn F	Clara W
Finches	Jade K	Amelia P	Greyson S
Nightingales	William D	Allisia S	Felix D
Larks	Elijah W	Joshua M	Caleb B
Cranes	Oliver K	Rafay W	Harrison C
Hérons	Alex S	Noah S	Penelope B
Storks	Finley D	Penny B	Celyn R
Eagles	Niamh D	Jovan S	Milo D
Hawks	Oliver T	Finley A	Tom W
Ospreys	Daniel B	Albert S	Roman D



A big 'bravo' goes out to Grace M and Scarlett C in Year 4, who invited Year 2 children to a lunchtime language work shop. They introduced children to French, Spanish and Welsh. The girls did a fabulous job of organising everything and everyone learnt something together! Fantastique!



Bonnes vacances à tout le monde!

Musical Concerts!

This term has been as busy as ever for all our musicians. Many children have taken medals and grade exams, putting in lots of practice at home and in lessons to perfect their pieces. The choir has been working on their harmony singing and is now looking forward to an informal singalong to their teachers before the summer holidays. In September we hope to take part in a fabulous Ex Cathedra workshop and concert, which will be an exciting start for our newest Year Four members.

Meanwhile, Year Three have been learning the recorder all year and are ready to give their first concert at the end of term. And in the last couple of weeks, almost all of our instrumentalists have performed in five separate concerts to wow their family members and inspire our Year Three children. They have all, without exception, been amazing – and I am so proud of the 18 flautists, 9 clarinettists, 2 oboists, 23 violinists, 2 viola players, 2 cellists, 10 brass players, 6 ukulele players and 44 guitarists who took part!

Many thanks also, as always, to parents and carers for all their support over the year.

Miss Cheyney

