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Opening doors to our future.

I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. Revelation 3:8

Thursday 23rd February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure everyone will agree that last half term was incredibly busy and I hope that you all had a restful holiday to recuperate, ready for the half term ahead!

There was a lot of brilliant learning that went on and hopefully you will get a flavour for the exciting things that have happened. The children thoughtfully reflected upon our value of Respect and we spent a lot of time thinking about the what this means for ourselves, for each other and for the world around us. As always, we continue to feel privileged to work with such an amazing group of children, and so proud when we go out on school trips, where they demonstrate what brilliant role models and excellent ambassadors for our school.

Music Lessons with Miss Richards

We have been very lucky as a whole to school to have Miss Richards back and in our music lessons. Every child has had the opportunity to play an instrument – for most it has been the glockenspiel.

Take a look at Year 1 absolutely loving learning how to follow a rhythm and pulse and sing!



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People Who Help Us – Reception

Reception enjoyed their topic 'People Who Help Us' and started by looking at the important work of the emergency services. The children have learned how to call for help using 999 in an emergency, but never to call that number for fun. They loved lots of stories and role play involving the emergency services and some of our children even built their own police car in the outside area using a range of our large building equipment.



Year 3 DT Sewing Project

The children in Year 3 were very busy bees last half term, designing, stitching and evaluating their pencil cases. They learnt about different stitches and the best way to attach material.



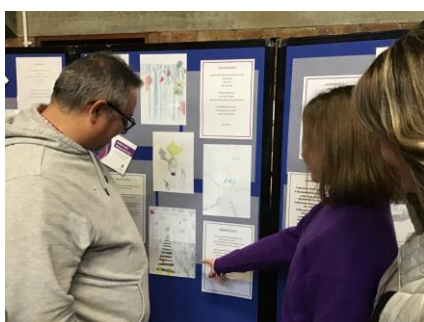
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Whole School Ultimate Frisbee

The children in every year group had a brilliant time trying out 'Ultimate Frisbee' when we were visited by the coaches from Sports Cool. They had so much fun learning new skills and throwing techniques. Check out the pictures of Years 5 and 6 having a great time!



Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Service



On 27th January, we hosted a service to remember those affected by genocide. The children sang beautifully and demonstrated impressive maturity and empathy throughout the emotional service. The children were also very proud to have their artwork and poetry exhibited.

Year 6 Trip to the Harlow Museum

Our Year 6 children also visited Harlow museum and participated in various activities linked to our WW2 history unit. They even discovered that Harlow was a popular destination for evacuated children from London!



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Year 4 Ancient Greece Day

Year 4 had an amazing time learning all about the life and times of the Ancient Greeks during their Ancient Greece Day. The whole day was filled with hands on experiences and lots of fun!



Coming Up This Half Term!

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Please be reminded that World Book Day is next Thursday 2nd March and all children are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day. We will not be asking for any donations for dressing up. Our focus for the day is to continue to promote a love of all things reading!



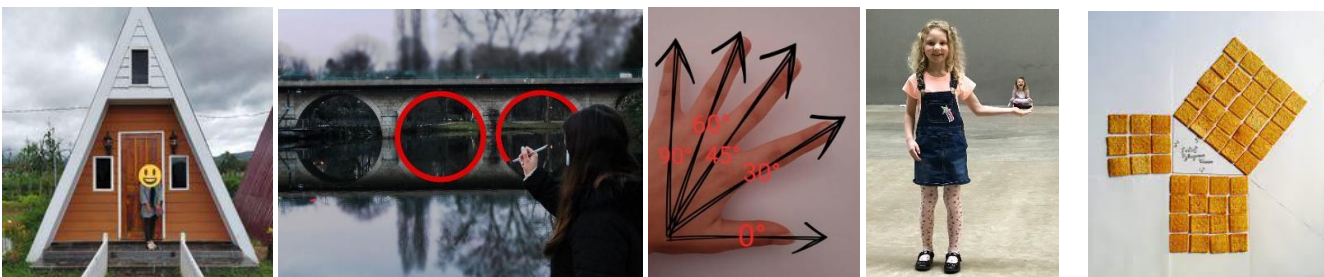
World Maths Day Competition



This week, the children were advised of a whole school maths competition, whereby they are encouraged to submit photographs that show maths in the real world.

Entries are to be emailed to the school office, no later than Monday 6th March. The winners will be announced on Wednesday 8th March – World Maths Day 2023.

Entries can be submitted as an individual, group or class. There is no limit to the number of entries.



Happy creative snapping!!



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PE Days this Half Term

Class	Days
Reception	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 1	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 2	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 3	Mondays and Fridays
Year 4	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 5	Fridays - Swimming at Stewards
Year 6	Mondays and Thursdays



Our Value This Half Term: Forgiveness

To tie in with Lent and Easter, this half term we will be focusing on the Christian value of Forgiveness during collective worship.

Upcoming dates

Monday 20 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
Wednesday 22 nd February	Parent consultation meetings
Friday 24 th February	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 28 th February	Year 5 Trip – Fitzwilliam museum
Thursday 2 nd March	World book day – Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character
Friday 3 rd March	Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 8 th March	Year 2 In-school Florence Nightingale workshop
Friday 10 th March	Year 5 Swimming
Friday 17 th March	Year 5 Swimming
	Red Nose Day – Dress down for £1
Wednesday 22 nd March	Reception Trip - Boydell's Farm
Friday 24 th March	Year 1 Trip – Mountfitchet Castle Year 5 swimming
Thursday 30 th March	Year 6 Trip – Harlow museum
Friday 31 st March	Year 5 Swimming
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	End of Term School Closed
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school at normal time

With best wishes

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