



Welcome to our Spring 2 Learning Newsletter!

Here is some of the BRILLIANT learning from this half term.

We are extremely proud of all of our BRILLIANT learners...a huge well done!

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Early Years

Another busy term in Nursery which started with the very exciting arrival of the eggs from Eggucation! Watching the eggs begin to hatch and then care for the chicks is such an amazing experience for the children and is only possible by the funding from the brilliant P.T.A team. The arrival of the eggs fits in perfectly with the new story focus 'Hattie Peck The Journey Home' by Emma Levey. A hen who can't lay eggs of her own but goes around the world to look after abandoned eggs. We decided that of course Nursery should help Hattie out with the egg minding! It also supports the Science curriculum during Spring term of Baby Animals and Life Cycles. The children always adore the chicks and every year they inspire even the most reluctant writers to begin to mark make in lots of different ways. One child even decide to write their own chick story and read it to them on World Book Day! Thank you P.T.A for enriching the children's learning with this fantastic experience. We have also been very busy consolidating our numbers knowledge to six and explored size and capacity and learnt lots of new key vocabulary linked to the learning. Nursery are ending the half term with a very special send off for the 'brilliant' Mrs Myers and are wishing her a fantastic, well deserved retirement.



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Early Years continued...

This term in reception, we have been focusing on measure in maths and the composition of numbers. We had fun learning about odds and evens and understanding what is meant by "double". In R.E we are enjoying thinking about our world and using view finders to find things that catch our eye and things we find interesting. We have celebrated Red Nose Day, World Book Day and had some very special visitors in. We had the pleasure of inviting in some parents who are doctors. This was a great opportunity to link our learning of how things have changed from the past, in particular how the roles of mummies, daddies and teachers have changed over time. P.E has been fun learning about fundamental skills and in design technology we have designed, tested and made our own boats!



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Year 3

Y3 has had a super half term of incredible learning alongside experiences that have really enhanced the curriculum. The children had the amazing opportunity to become presenters, directors, camera operators and sound engineers when Mr Hirsch brought his fabulous equipment and shared the techniques to bring these important roles to life! The children were very professional and really enjoyed their experience linking to their ICT objectives for this half term. Y3 have also been on their first out of school experience, the Manchester Museum! It was such an engaging way for the children to kick start their Egyptian topic ready for next half term. They were inquisitive about ancient artefacts and curious when exploring the fascinating exhibitions. What a great half term we've had Y3!



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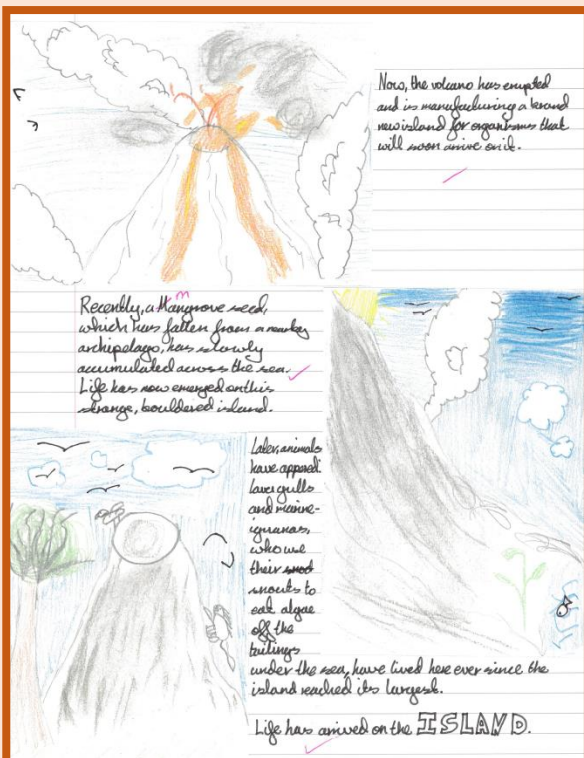
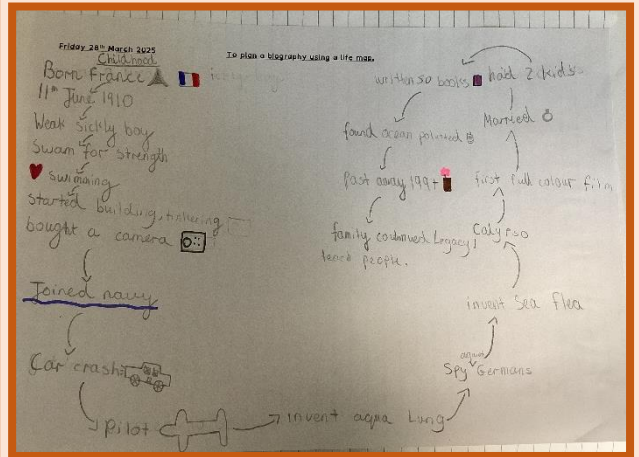
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Year 6

This half term, Year 6 enjoyed their workshops on World Book Day where they created freeze frames for different genres. In design technology, we have been designing and creating playground structures taking into consideration safety, fun and inclusivity for their designs. In English, we have been learning about Jacques Cousteau in order to write a biography about him. Some children also wrote a text about the Galapagos Islands using present perfect tenses.



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Year 2

Another BRILLIANT half term in year 2. We have enjoyed reading 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' in English. We have learnt all about The Blitz and how two toy soldiers watched history unfold over generations. We wrote recount diary entries recalling the events of a day during this time. In maths, we've been exploring multiplication, division and fractions in lots of practical, fun ways! We have loved learning about Kings and Queens in history. We explored who was the most powerful monarch and learnt about how monarchy has changed over time. 2SH showcased their learning in their fantastic assembly.

We LOVED making our Ferris Wheels in design technology. We learnt about wheels and axles. In computing, we've been using ScratchJr to explore programming and debugging.

We've been practising ball skills and striking and fielding in PE. It's been lovely to do this in the sunshine! We've learnt all about animal's basic needs in science. We've learnt about animal groups, offspring, lifecycles, animal diets and created fact files for a chosen animal.



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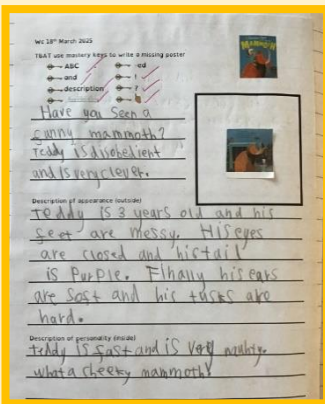
Year 1

This half term in English, we have been reading the book, 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' and used this as a stimulus for writing missing posters and class poems. The children have then planned and written their own version of the story where a different creature goes missing in a museum that comes to life! We have had a focus on using past tense verbs with -ed endings, and to join words and clauses as well as using!

In our science lessons, we have continued to use our 'Stem In A Box' kits to investigate what things are made of. We have learnt about properties of different types of materials. As part of learning about the seasons across the whole year, we also learnt about changes that take place in Spring and went for a walk to look for any signs of the new season on our school field.

We learnt about finding halves and quarters in maths at the start of this half term and used paper, string and ribbon to find these fractions. We also grouped counters to find a half or quarter of a number. We carried out lots of practical work with counters to explore arrays and understanding the vocabulary of columns and rows. Finally, we have been learning about the meaning of mass and ordering items from lightest to heaviest. We used the pan balance scales to help us achieve this.

In PSHE, we have discussed how to keep healthy as well as how to keep ourselves clean. We learnt about how to use medicines safely and the importance of reading the instructions before taking any medication.



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Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy and enjoyable half term packed with exciting learning!

During art lessons, we have been looking at different types of sculptures, where children have made their own designs using soap bars and metal wire. They tried hard to remain positive despite many of them using these tricky materials for the first time. Some year 4 artwork is being shown off at the Parsonage too, including ancient Mayan masks, and da-Vinci inspired flowers in a vase!

In science, during our animals including humans topic, the children took part in two interesting experiments - the first we used hard-boiled eggs to show how teeth could be damaged by sugary drinks, and in the second we showed how the digestive system worked, from the mouth, all the way through to the intestines, to the ultimate smelly end point. This experiment was not for the queasy, and needed plenty of courage to get through!



During writing sessions, we have been learning through both a fiction and non-fiction text. They have shown a responsibility to both their own, and their partner's learning, when creating some imaginative shared writing in their books. Towards the end of this unit, they created some independent travel brochure adverts linked to one of the places in the world they've been learning about.

Finally, in our RE lessons, we have continued to show respect for a variety of religions. We have learnt about Gandhi and why he was a hero to many Hindu people around the world, whilst we also visited a local church to hear about the story of Easter.



The children deserve a good rest over the holidays after all their hard work!

The year 4 team

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Year 5

This half term has been all about the Vikings! We have learnt about how and why they invaded England, what the Danegeld was and who the Norse Gods were. In writing, we have been reading Arthur and the Golden Rope which has a brilliant twist at the end and from this we are going to be writing our own myths. We have also written descriptions and narrated a perilous journey across the sea (where we met Posiedon and a purple kraken!) Additionally, we had a visit from the real-life Viking Olaf who taught us about battle formations and told us stories in front of the fire! A brilliant half term!



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