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FUN! ACTIVE! MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

GOL!

ELITE COACHING

AGES 4-12

SUMMER CAMP 2026

Three children in the foreground hold GOL! Player of the Week cards and blue drawstring bags. The background shows a group of children on a soccer field with various inflatable games like a large dartboard and a soccer goal.

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*Book by 21st June

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- ✓ Ofsted Registered

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Each Wednesday evening from June 24th

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19:00 - 20:30



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Discounted Family Fun upto half price off



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Ice Skating
Laser Tag

Glo Golf
Flip Out
Soft Play

Bowling
Donutting
Paddle Boarding

Plus more as well as Days Out including
Chessington, Legoland
and more

Gold membership is available for all families. It is
£7.50 per person per year which gives you access to
a year's timetable of activities at up to 50% off and
then our charity funds the difference.

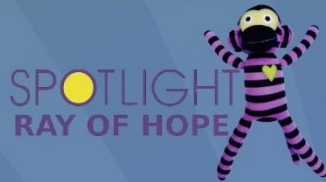
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Spotlight UK's Ray of Hope Discounted Family Fun



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Soft Play

Bowling
Donutting
Paddle Boarding

Plus more as well as Days Out including
Chessington, Legoland

Spotlight UK's Ray of Hope Membership is for children and families on Free school meals and children with a parent/carer in the armed forces or emergency services. It is £2.50 per person per year to register which gives you access to a year's timetable of activities at discounted prices and then our charity funds the difference.

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Spotlight UK's Scarlett's Smiles Discounted Family Fun



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High Score Arcade, Swimming, Paddle boarding,
Flip Out, Rock Up in Whiteley, Clip n Climb,
Legoland, Chessington and more...**

**Spotlight UK's Scarlett's Smiles Membership is free and
gives you access to a year's timetable of free and
discounted activities and then our charity funds the
difference**

Criteria.....

**Children in care, Young Carers, Children affected by
loss, Children with disabilities, Families affected by
Domestic abuse, Children with terminal illness,
children who have a parent/carer with disabilities**

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3K/5K/10K WALK/RUN/CYCLE/HOP /SKIP YOUR WAY AROUND BLACKBUSHE RUNWAY

Saturday 12th Sept 5.15pm

Spotlight UK are looking for people who would be interested in taking part in this year's Twilight Challenge at Blackbushe Airport to help raise funds to support Armed Forces and their families, young carers, Children in care, children with mental health issues, children affected by loss and separation and children with long term medical illness/terminal illness

REGISTER NOW

CALL: 07804880072 EMAIL: ADMIN@SPOTLIGHTUK.ORG

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WHAT WE OFFER

PRIVATE TUITION

All options on our class list are available for private tuition, whether it's in the comfort of your own home or in a hired space, we provide tailor made sessions for any group size whether that be 1 or 100 attendees.

Looking for a choreographer to help you with your wedding dance? Or perhaps you are looking for 1 to 1 sessions to boost your child's confidence?

HOME EDUCATION

Designed to inspire creativity, confidence, and a love of movement, our sessions offer a supportive environment where young dancers can learn, express themselves, and stay active. Our classes are tailored specifically for home-educated children, combining structured dance techniques with fun, imaginative activities that encourage personal growth and social interaction.



PARTIES

- Disco and Games Parties
- Dance Parties
- Themed Parties

Enquire Here



BOOGIE PUMPS BOYS

BP boys aimed to inspire lads to dance, with weekly classes focusing on performance, fitness, contemporary dance techniques and improvisation.

Reuben now aspires to bring the legacy of Boogie Pumps Boys to Newbury and continue to use all of his teaching experience and passion for getting men and boys dancing to build a community where boys can engage with Performing Arts.

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT

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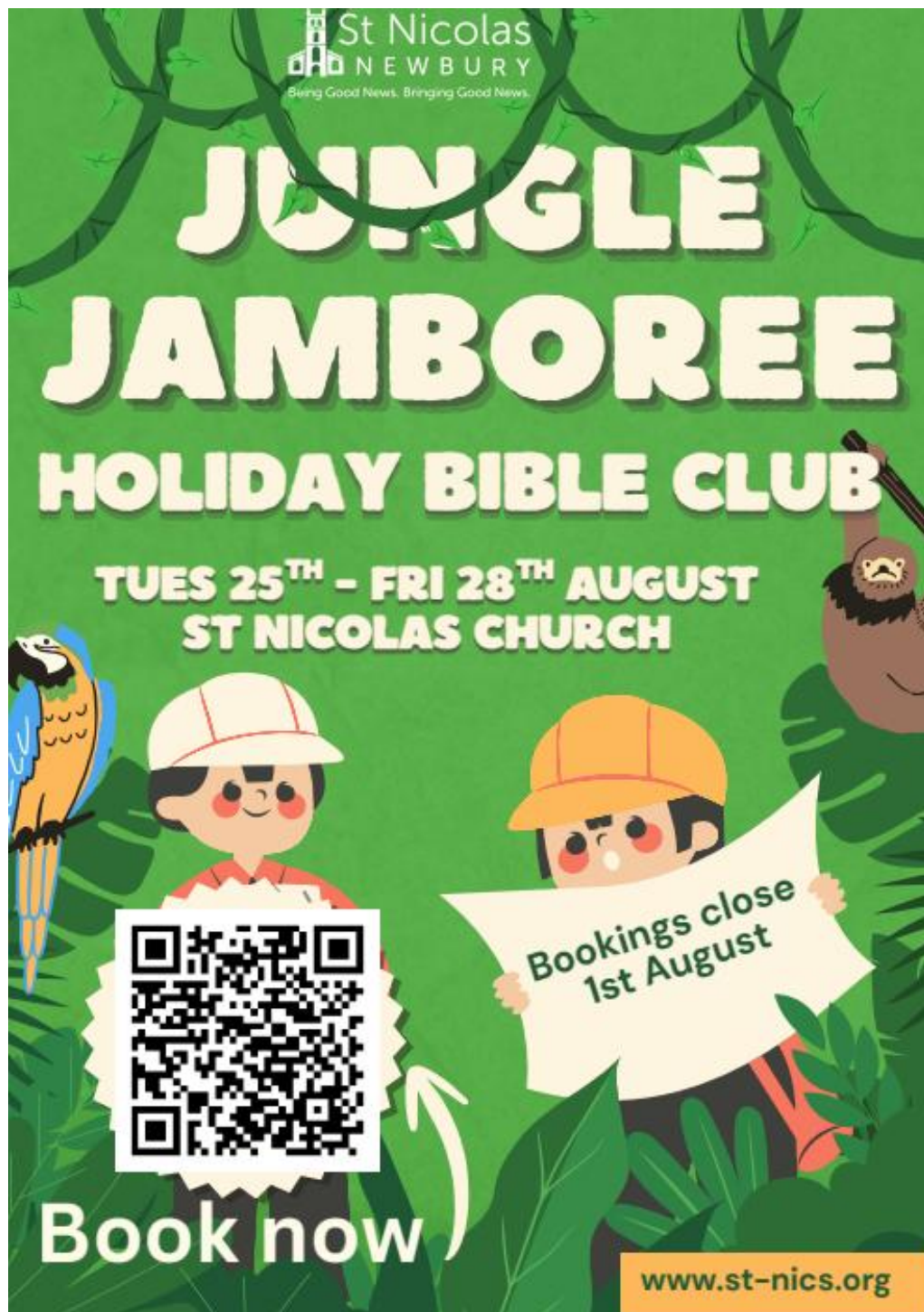


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Summer Holiday Trampoline Sessions



SESSION TIMES

Tuesdays: 6:30 – 7:30pm
Wednesdays: 10:00 – 11.0am



Trial Offer

£5 for the first session
for anyone new to us.



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Young People



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Welcome from the Immunisation team covering the West Berkshire Locality

We are a dedicated team of highly skilled professionals working in the West Berkshire area. We deliver vaccines to children aged 5-16 (Reception to Year 11) in schools and community venues across Berkshire. We are very experienced in giving vaccinations to children who may be anxious, worried or who may have additional needs. If you have any questions, you can contact a member of the team using the details below. We can book clinics, check vaccine status and offer information and advice.



**We have
Therapy
dog
clinics!**



**Meningitis
ACWY due in
Year 9**

**Flu vaccine due
in Reception up
to Yr 11**

**Tetanus/Diphtheria
and Polio due in
Year 9**

**Human Papilloma
Virus due in Year
8**

**Measles/Mumps
and Rubella- 2
doses**



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10-4pm
Saturday 25th July

FAMILY FUN DAY



COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN
BOUNCY CASTLES, SLIDES, LASER TAG
AND MORE...

Saturday 25th July
10-4pm - £10 for a day of unlimited fun on
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DISCOUNTED



BIG DAYS OUT

Disclaimer - these are the price for non members



19th July & 9th Aug | Thorpe Park | £25

1st Aug | Paultons Park | £37

2nd Aug | Legoland | £25

3rd Aug | Cadbury's World | £22

4th Aug | Marwell Zoo | £19 - £22

5th & 13th Aug | 4 Kingdoms | £9.50

6th & 27th Aug | Finkley Down Farm | £12

10th Aug | Butlins Bognor Regis | £20

15th Aug | Alton Towers | £25

16th Aug | Chessington | £27

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Discounted Activities Summer Holidays



- 26th July | Lagoon Waterpark Reading | 2pm | £6.50
| Bucklebury Farm | 10am | £10
3rd Aug | Bowling Reading | 6pm | £3.50
| Paddleboarding Wokingham | 1pm | 1:30pm | £7.50
7th Aug | Paddleboarding Pangbourne
10am | 11am | 12pm | £6.50
8th Aug | Lagoon Waterpark Reading | 2pm | £6.50
20th Aug | Paddleboarding Pangbourne
10am | 11am | 12pm | £6.50

All discounted prices are subsidised by Spotlight UK



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 Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
 Creating positive memories

21st July | Bowling Camberley | 6pm | £3.50
22nd July | Atmosphere Basingstoke | 6pm | £4
27th July | High Score Farnborough | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | £5
28th July | High Score Andover | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | £5
29th July | Flipout Basingstoke | 1pm | £6.50
31st July | Ice Skating Basingstoke | 11:30am | £6.50
 | 360 Play Farnborough | 6:30pm | £3 - £4.50
4th Aug | Bowling Basingstoke | 6pm | £3.50
6th Aug | Donutting Aldershot | 1:30pm | £6.50
7th Aug | Glo Golf & Laser Tag Andover | 6pm | £6.50
 | Bowling & Laser Tag Andover | 6:30pm | £6.50
11th Aug | Bowling & Laser Tag Camberley | 6:30pm | £6.50
18th Aug | Family Swim Basingstoke | 2pm | £4 - £7
21st Aug | Donutting Aldershot | 1:30pm | £6.50
24th Aug | Ice Skating Basingstoke | 11:30am | £6.50
28th Aug | 360 Play Farnborough | 6:30pm | £3 - £4.50

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Phoenix Lacrosse Club



Looking for new U13 members

Try it out - first 3 sessions free!

Have fun, get fit and learn a new sport with our experienced coaches - school years 5 to 13, plus Ladies

Phoenix nurtures young talent to help children excel to national and regional development programmes

Training every Wednesday evening and Saturday mornings at St. Barts School, with matches and tournaments at the weekends

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Facebook: <http://facebook.com/Phoenixlacrosseclub>
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DISCOUNTED TICKETS

ATOMOSPHERE, BASINGSTOKE



VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

Spotlight UK are offering discounted tickets to Atmosphere Basingstoke. Weekdays and weekends available.

£4 PER PERSON ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS



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Any other booking enquiries to danielh@spotlightuk.org
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Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates

July 2026

FREE PERIOD PANTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE

Period pants are now available on our website on a first come, first served basis. We will email everyone to confirm their orders, so no-one is left wondering. Please make sure you give us a valid email address.

You are welcome to request pants for each member of your household but please complete a form for each person so everyone gets the correct size period pants. We expect this service to be very popular so please allow 28 days for us to pick, pack and post your pants. You can order at www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

DADS DO PADS – AUTUMN DATES

Our next Dads Do Pads Sessions will be back in the Autumn. These free online workshops give dads, carers, and other men a relaxed, confidential space to learn about periods so they can better support the young people in their lives.

On **Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm**, **Dads Do Pads** offers a comprehensive guide to everything from pads and tampons to menstrual cups and period underwear, including how to use and care for them safely.

Then on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm**, the **Menstrual Cycle Edition** walks through the four stages of the cycle and how each can affect energy, mood, and confidence, helping dads offer meaningful, well-informed support.

Both sessions are held online, in a men-only space to encourage open conversation, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. To sign up, visit www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events

SUMMER COLLECTION

Our period boxes will be available throughout the summer holidays from our community collection points. Find your nearest point here www.allyoursbox.co.uk/box-collection-points

Prefer reusables? You can still order those online anytime www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

Can't get to a collection point? No problem, just drop us a line at box@allyoursbox.co.uk and we'll send you information on how to access our special delivery service.

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Year 1 Newsletter

Sports Day: Budding Athletes

Sports Day was an absolute triumph! We couldn't be prouder of the children, who brought incredible energy and positive attitudes to every single event. Throughout the day, their outstanding sportsmanship shone as they cheered each other on, celebrated every victory, and participated with pure enthusiasm. Working seamlessly in their teams, they built an amazing, supportive spirit.

We were especially inspired by their **resilience**—they tackled every challenge head-on, gave their absolute best, and refused to give up when things got tough. Seeing their confidence, determination, and teamwork in action made the entire day a massive success for everyone.



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Super Scientists: Continuing to explore Everyday Materials!

In Science this term, the children continued their learning of materials. They became real-world engineers as they explored the fascinating world of materials and their properties. They investigated different materials—such as wood, plastic, metal, and fabric—to discover what makes them strong, flexible, waterproof, or insulating.

Putting their scientific knowledge to the test, the children then designed and built their own model houses. They had to think critically about which materials would work best for each part of the structure, carefully selecting sturdy materials for the walls and waterproof barriers for the roofs to keep their "residents" dry. The children then turned their attention to designing furniture and which materials would be most suitable for the various pieces. It was wonderful to see them apply their classroom learning so practically, demonstrating fantastic problem-solving, creativity, and scientific thinking throughout the entire building process!



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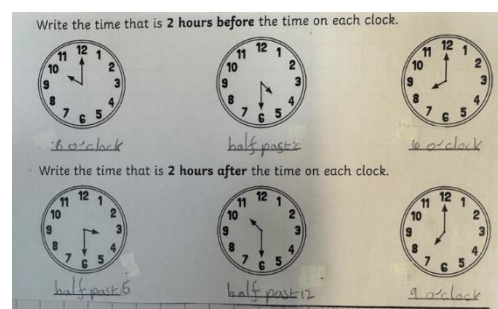
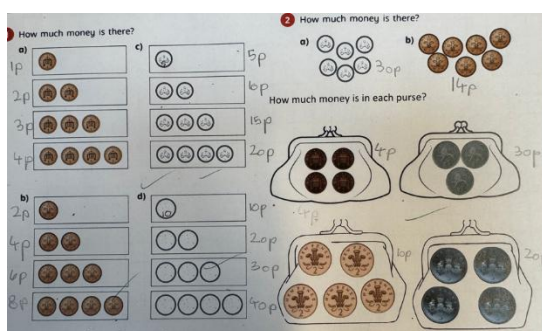
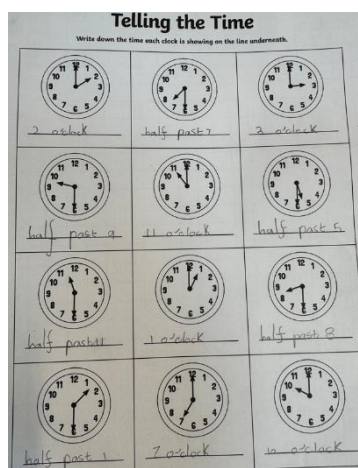
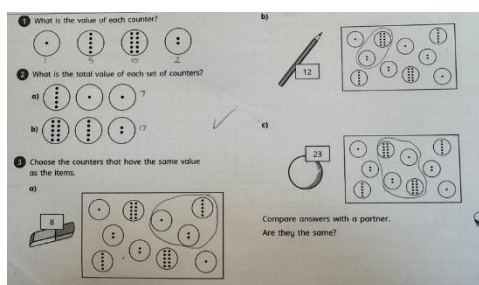
Maths:

In Maths, the children have been incredibly busy mastering several key skills! We have taken a giant leap with our number work, building immense confidence as we explored numbers all the way up to 100, practicing our counting, ordering, and place value.

Alongside this, the children have been exploring position and direction, learning how to describe movement and turns using mathematical vocabulary like left, right, forwards, backwards, half-turns, and quarter-turns.

We also dived into the world of money, learning to recognise different coins and notes, understand their values, and practice making different amounts.

Finally, we turned our focus to the clock, learning how to tell the time to the hour (o'clock) and half-hour (half past) through plenty of hands-on practice. It has been wonderful to see their mathematical vocabulary and confidence grow so much across all of these practical topics!



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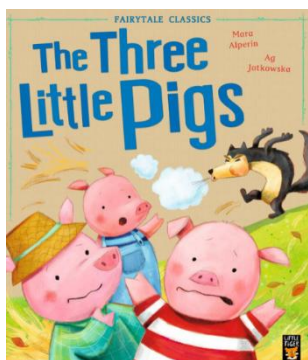
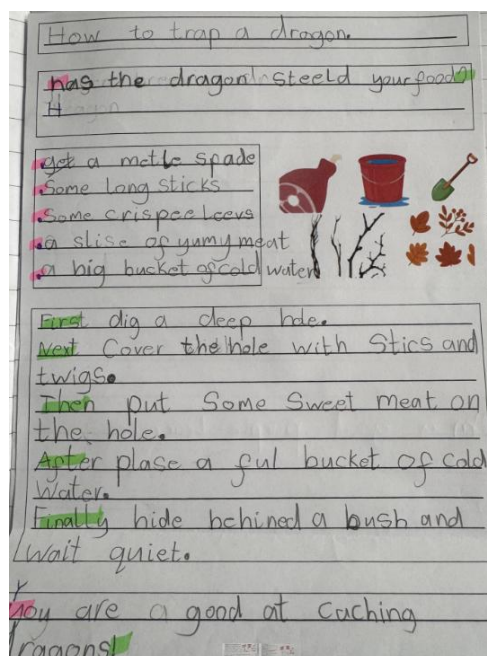
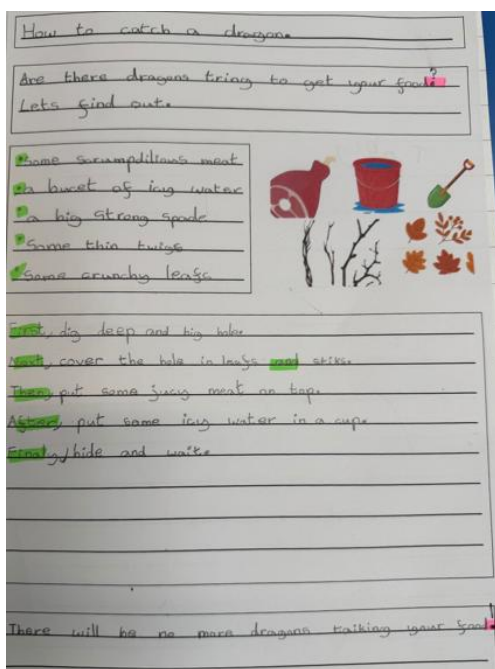
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English: Future Authors

In English, our young writers embarked on a mythical adventure as they dived into the world of instructional writing, inspired by the wonderful book, *How to Catch a Dragon*. The children explored the key ingredients of great instructions, learning how to use imperative ("bossy") verbs, clear step-by-step sequences, and precise time conjunctions. Putting their new skills to the test, they let their imaginations run wild to design and write their very own dragon traps and survival guides. It was fantastic to see them combine such creative, magical ideas with highly structured, clear writing—proving they are now absolute experts at giving instructions!



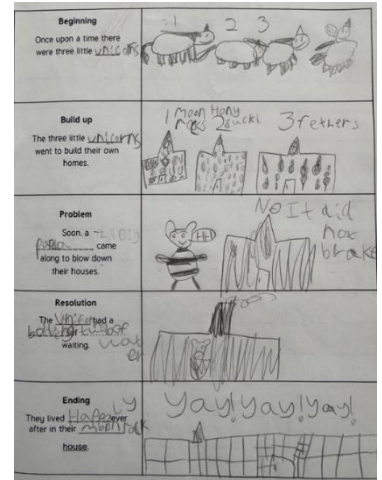
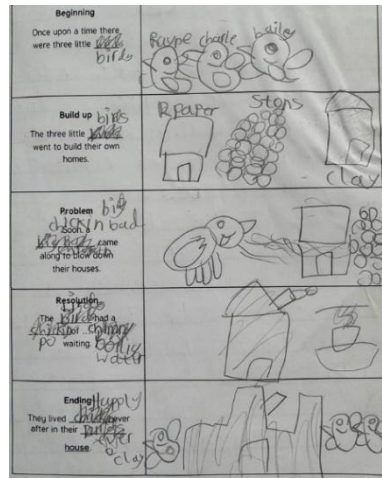
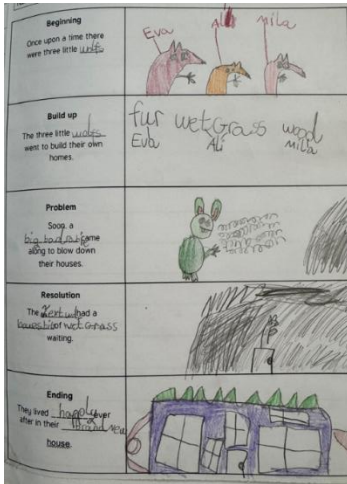
Our English journey also took us into the familiar world of traditional tales, where we used the story of *The Three Little Pigs* to explore the magic of repeated language. The children loved identifying the story's famous, catchy refrains—like "I'll huff and I'll puff!"—learning how repetition builds suspense and excitement. They then used this structure to innovate the classic tale, using their brilliant imaginations to invent their own unique characters to replace the pigs and the wolf. It was fantastic to see them apply these repeated language patterns to their own creative story variations, showing a wonderful understanding of how to keep their readers hooked from start to finish!

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DT

This term in DT, the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring healthy eating and designing their own tasty wraps. They learnt about the different food groups and identified a range of foods that belong to each group. Through tasting and discussing a variety of ingredients, the children developed their ability to describe foods using words related to taste, texture and smell. They showed great creativity when planning different wrap combinations, carefully considering flavours that would work well together. Using their plans, the children confidently prepared and constructed their own wraps, developing important food preparation skills along the way. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to try new foods, and everyone had a fantastic time making and tasting their delicious creations.



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Sports Day

Sports Day was a fantastic event, and we were incredibly proud of the children for the positive attitudes they demonstrated throughout the day. They showed excellent sportsmanship by encouraging one another, celebrating each other's successes and participating with enthusiasm. The children worked together brilliantly in their teams, supporting their peers and contributing to a wonderful team spirit. They also showed great resilience, persevering through challenges, trying their best in every event and not giving up, even when tasks were difficult. It was a joy to see their confidence, determination and teamwork shine, making the day enjoyable and successful for everyone involved.

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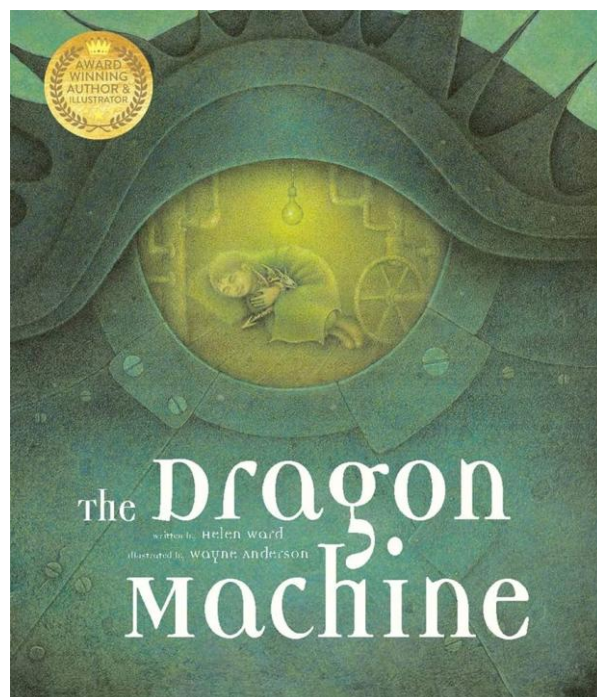
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English

This term in English, the children enjoyed studying *The Dragon Machine* and used the story as inspiration for a range of exciting reading and writing activities. They developed their use of positional language to create detailed descriptions and learnt how prefixes (such as **un-**) and suffixes (**-ment** and **-ness**) can change the meaning of words. The children practised writing different sentence types, including commands, and used expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and adverbs to make their writing more engaging. They planned, drafted, edited and published their own narratives, carefully creating exciting openings, middles and endings. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they developed their storytelling skills and produced imaginative and well-structured pieces of writing.



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Year 3 Newsletter

We wanted to take a moment to say a huge and heartfelt well done to every single one of our wonderful Year 3 children.

This year, we have watched each and every one of you grow in confidence, achieve so much and reach your goals. We have seen perseverance like never before and have loved watching each of you discover your unique talents, strengths and interests.

From our amazing historians, who impressed us with their curiosity about life in the Stone Age, to our astonishing sportspeople, who demonstrated fantastic teamwork and leadership; from our budding artists and talented musicians to our creative poets, marvellous mathematicians, enthusiastic scientists and so much more – every one of you has given us so many reasons to be proud.

Most importantly, you have shown kindness, resilience, determination and a willingness to challenge yourselves. These are qualities that will help you achieve great things, both in school and beyond.

We could not be prouder of you all, and it has been an absolute pleasure to teach you this year. Thank you for making Year 3 such a memorable and enjoyable experience. We know you will continue to shine and accomplish wonderful things in Year 4.

Keep believing in yourselves, keep trying your best, and never stop being the incredible people you are.

Keep shining!

Ms Blake, Miss White and Mrs MacDonald



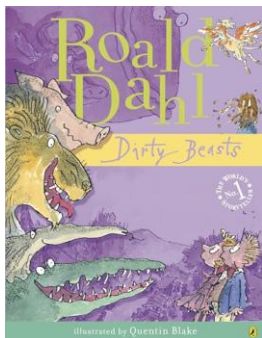
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Art



What a fantastic and artistic half term we have had! The children have been studying the work and distinctive style of the illustrator and author Quentin Blake. We spent time exploring his Dirty Beasts poems before using them as inspiration to draw and paint our own illustrations in his unique, expressive style.

The creativity did not stop there! The children then designed and created their very own beasts, carefully planning their ideas and writing descriptions of their unusual features. They learnt how to exaggerate key characteristics to make their creatures even more imaginative and full of personality.

Once their designs were complete, the children brought their beasts to life through both drawing and clay sculpture. They explored different ways of manipulating clay, learning techniques such as rolling, pinching, shaping and smoothing. They also discovered how to use scoring and slip to securely join pieces of clay together and create strong, detailed sculptures.

The finished creations were absolutely fantastic—full of creativity, character and imagination, if not a little gruesome! We are incredibly proud of the effort, perseverance and artistic flair the children demonstrated throughout this project.



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Science

This half term in Science, the children have been developing their scientific enquiry skills by planning, conducting and evaluating a range of exciting experiments. They have learnt about the importance of fair testing, making predictions, collecting and recording results accurately, and presenting their findings in a variety of ways.

One of our favourite investigations was discovering the best way to clean old coins. We learnt about acids and alkalis, exploring their properties and how they can react with different materials. Before carrying out our investigation, we tested a range of substances using litmus paper to identify whether they were acidic, alkaline or neutral. The children then made thoughtful predictions about which substance would clean the coins most effectively.

After testing their theories, we found that the more acidic substances were the most successful at removing the tarnish from the coins. It was fantastic to see the children working scientifically, making careful observations and comparing their results. It was certainly good, messy fun, and a memorable way to learn about chemistry!

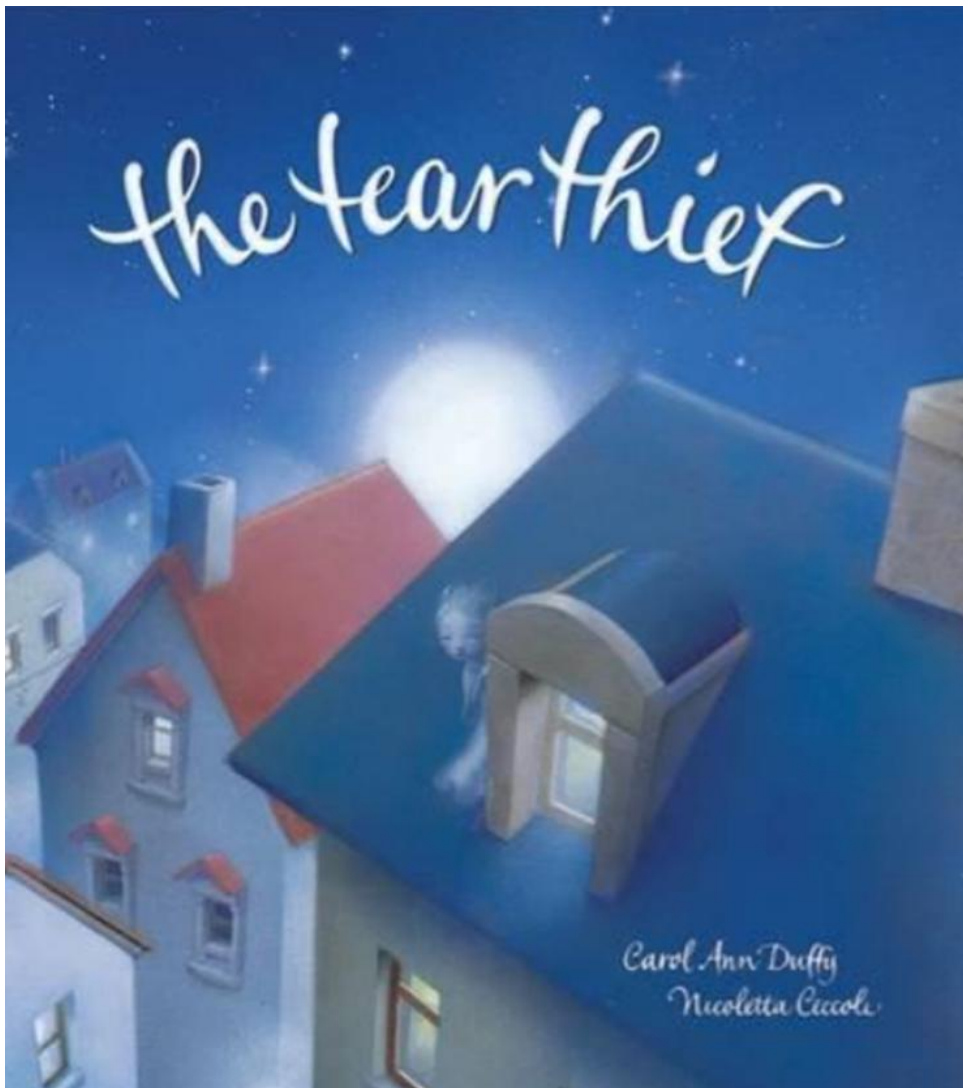


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English

In English, we really enjoyed reading the story of the Tear Thief. We focused on character and setting descriptions, improving our use of adventurous vocabulary and sentence structure. We adapted the story with our own version of the Tear Thief and published our stories which we had a chance to read to each other.



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Maths

In Maths we have enjoyed exploring the values of coins and notes. We have added and subtracted amounts of money within the same denomination. We started using our knowledge of decimal notation for the first time... now we can write four pounds and twenty five pence as £4.25! We have been able to use our knowledge of decimal points to represent part of a pound; £1 = 100p and 1 whole = 100 hundredths.



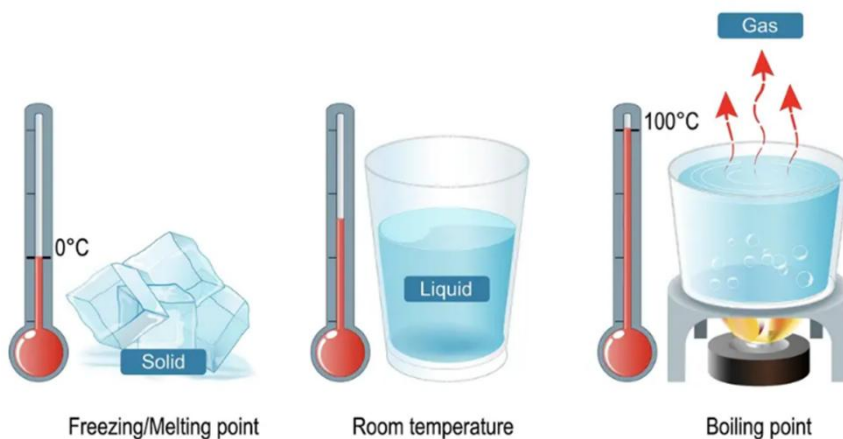
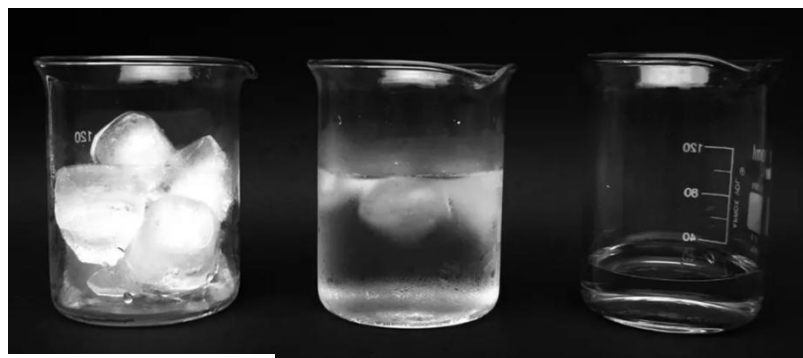
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This half term in Science, we have been learning about changes in state. We explored the three states of matter and described their features.

We thought about different items and grouped them by their state of matter.

We described how particles behave in a solid, liquid and gas and drew scientific diagrams to support our explanation. We also learnt what a melting, freezing and boiling point is and that different solids, liquids and gases have a variety of melting, freezing and boiling points.



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A Year to Remember in Year 5

What a wonderful year it has been for Year 5!

From the very beginning of the year, when the children set off on their exciting PGL residential, they demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to challenge themselves. The teamwork, determination and confidence they showed during those first few weeks set the tone for the rest of the year and helped create a supportive and ambitious Year 5 community.

Throughout the year, the children have embraced every opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. We have been incredibly proud of the progress they have made, not only academically but also in their independence, maturity and confidence. They have approached new challenges with positivity and have shown a real commitment to improving and achieving their best.

A particular highlight has been the children's engagement with our Purple Learning approach. They have demonstrated excellent learning behaviours, showing perseverance when tasks were challenging, reflecting thoughtfully on their learning and taking increasing ownership of their progress. It has been wonderful to see them developing into reflective, resilient learners who are not afraid to take risks and learn from mistakes.

Their exceptional curiosity has shone through in every subject. Whether asking thoughtful questions in class, exploring new ideas, investigating historical mysteries or conducting scientific enquiries, Year 5 have shown a genuine love of learning. This was especially evident during our Science Trip, where the children represented the school brilliantly, engaging with activities enthusiastically and demonstrating their scientific thinking through insightful observations and questions.

We have also enjoyed many memorable experiences throughout the year, including themed learning days, exciting curriculum projects and opportunities to work collaboratively with classmates. These experiences have helped the children develop not only their knowledge but also important life skills such as communication, problem-solving and teamwork.

As we reach the end of the year, we would like to thank all of our wonderful Year 5 children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positivity. They should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the progress they have made.

We wish each and every one of them the very best as they move on to Year 6. We know they will continue to work hard, embrace new challenges and achieve great things. Good luck, Year 5—we are so proud of you and cannot wait to see all that you accomplish in the future!

The Year 5 Team

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Anglo-Saxon Experience Day on 17th July, bringing our History learning to life through a range of exciting hands-on activities.

Throughout the day, the children stepped into the shoes of historians, archaeologists, settlers, monks and members of King Alfred's council as they explored life in Anglo-Saxon

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and Viking Britain. The children worked collaboratively to build Anglo-Saxon settlements, investigated historical artefacts and burial mysteries, learned about the spread of Christianity, and took part in Viking and Saxon strategy games.

One of the highlights of the day was our whole-year Witan Council, where the children debated how much the Anglo-Saxons changed Britain. We were incredibly impressed by their historical knowledge, thoughtful arguments and enthusiasm.

Many children came dressed as Anglo-Saxons, helping to create a wonderful atmosphere and truly immerse themselves in the period. Their costumes, creativity and willingness to embrace the day made the experience even more memorable.

The Year 5 team would like to thank families for their support in helping to make the day such a success. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of history through practical experiences, and they thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

We are very proud of the curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm shown by all of the children throughout this memorable day of learning.

English

This year, Year 5 have produced some truly outstanding writing and have grown in confidence as authors. One of the highlights of the year was our work based on Matilda by Roald Dahl, where the children wrote their own chapter inspired by Bruce Bogtrotter and the Chocolate Cake. The quality of writing was incredibly impressive, with children using a wide range of sentence types, ambitious vocabulary and effective dialogue to bring their ideas to life. Their ability to develop character, build suspense and engage the reader really showcased the progress they have made throughout the year.

More recently, the children have been inspired by the beautiful short film The Ridge by Danny MacAskill. Using the film as a stimulus for writing, they crafted vivid descriptions, carefully selected language for effect and considered how authors create atmosphere and emotion for their readers. It has been wonderful to see the children drawing upon the many skills they have developed this year to produce writing that is imaginative, fluent and engaging.

What has impressed us most is the way the children have increasingly challenged themselves to write like authors. They have experimented with sophisticated sentence structures, carefully crafted dialogue and thoughtful language choices, always striving to have an impact on their audience. Their willingness to take risks, edit their work and continually improve has been a pleasure to see.

We are incredibly proud of the progress every child has made as a writer this year and look forward to seeing how their talents continue to develop in Year 6. We have no doubt that they will continue to grow in confidence, creativity and skill, and we cannot wait to hear the fantastic writing they produce in the years ahead.

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PE

This year has been full of fantastic achievements in PE, and we have been particularly proud of the group of children who took part in swimming lessons. Throughout the programme, they demonstrated tremendous resilience, determination and perseverance, continually pushing themselves to improve their confidence and skills in the water. Even when faced with challenges, they approached each session with a positive attitude and a willingness to keep trying. It was wonderful to see the progress they made and the pride they felt in their achievements.

Another highlight of the year was our annual Sports Day. The children represented Year 5 brilliantly, taking part with enthusiasm, energy and a real sense of teamwork. While there was plenty of healthy competition, what stood out most was the exceptional sportsmanship shown throughout the day. The children encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes and demonstrated respect and kindness, regardless of the result.

We were incredibly proud to see Year 5 embody the values we encourage in PE: determination, resilience, teamwork and respect. Their positive attitudes and willingness to support one another have made this year a pleasure, and we have no doubt that they will continue to thrive in Year 6 and beyond.

Design & Technology: Stuffed Toy Project

Our Year 5 pupils have been busy developing their sewing and design skills in Design & Technology by creating their very own stuffed toys. Throughout the project, the children carefully planned, designed and made unique soft toys, demonstrating creativity, perseverance and excellent craftsmanship.

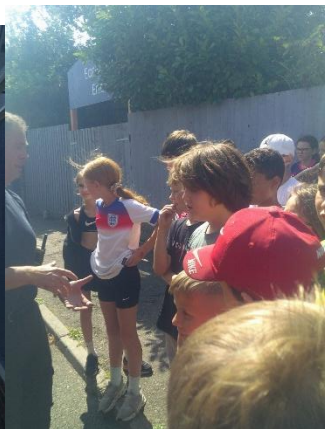
As part of the making process, pupils learned and practised a range of sewing techniques, including the running stitch, cross stitch and blanket stitch. They worked diligently to improve the accuracy of their stitching and gained confidence in using needles and thread safely and effectively.

To personalise their creations, the children added a variety of colourful appliqué decorations, enhancing both the appearance and character of their toys. From animals and fantasy creatures to imaginative original designs, every toy reflected the individuality and creativity of its maker.

We are incredibly proud of the resilience, focus and enthusiasm shown throughout the project. The finished toys showcase not only the children's growing practical skills but also their ability to evaluate, adapt and improve their work. Well done, Year 5, on producing such fantastic and imaginative creations!

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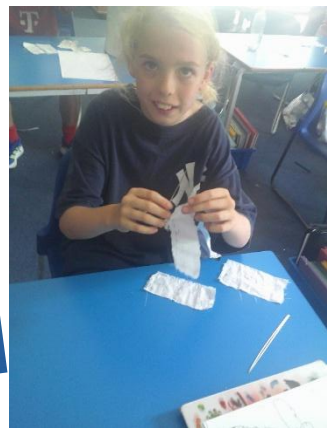
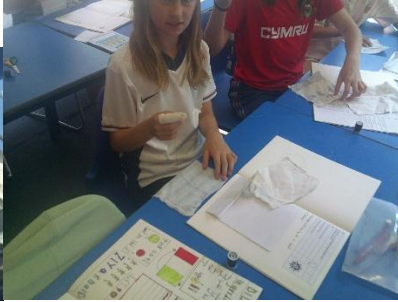
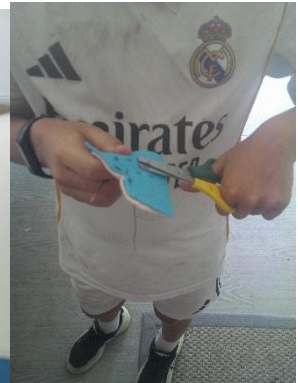


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Year 6 Newsletter



As we reach the end of our Year Six journey, we would like to take a moment to say just how incredibly proud we are of all our children. Over the past few weeks, they have impressed us time and time again with their maturity, resilience and positive attitude. It has been a wonderfully busy period, filled with exciting events, memorable experiences and opportunities to celebrate all that they have achieved during their time at primary school.

From representing the school at Sports Day with determination, teamwork and enthusiasm, to performing, taking part in special activities and supporting one another, our Year 6 pupils have shown kindness, confidence and responsibility in abundance – they have been true Purple Learners.

As they prepare for the next stage of their education, they leave us with many happy memories and a great sense of pride. We know they have bright futures ahead of them and we wish them every success and happiness in the years to come.



Design and Technology - Come Dine with me!

Our Year 6 children have impressed us all with their creativity, teamwork and cooking skills during their *Come Dine With Me* Design Technology project. Each child selected a hero ingredient—salmon, pineapple or pepper—and researched recipes to inspire their own unique dish. They then worked collaboratively to plan, prepare and cook a range of delicious creations, demonstrating excellent food preparation techniques and a growing understanding of nutrition and flavour combinations. We were delighted by their enthusiasm, independence and willingness to support one another, and the tasty results were a testament to their hard work and innovation.

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Newbury Skate School

A huge thank you to Newbury Skate School for providing our Year 6 children with the opportunity to learn an exciting new skill. Throughout the sessions, the children demonstrated an excellent growth mindset, embracing challenges with enthusiasm and perseverance. They listened carefully to instructions, showed respect for the coaches, and continually pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones as they developed their skateboarding skills. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow during the sessions. Well done, Year 6, for rising to the challenge and making the most of this fantastic experience!



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Scientific discoveries - Light and Periscopes

This term, Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their Science learning about light. They explored how light travels in straight lines, how shadows are formed, and how light can be reflected and manipulated for a variety of practical uses. To bring their learning to life, the children designed and created their own periscopes, applying their understanding of reflection to make them work effectively. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills as they tested and refined their designs. We were incredibly impressed with their scientific thinking and enthusiasm throughout the topic, and their finished periscopes were a fantastic culmination of their learning.



Year 6 Transition Workshop with Newbury COINS

Year 6 recently took part in a valuable and reflective transition session led by the Newbury COINS team, helping them prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. Through a range of collaborative activities, including building structures and participating in drama-based challenges, the children explored the importance of teamwork, communication and resilience.. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating maturity and confidence as they reflected on the changes ahead and recognised the strengths they will take with them to secondary school. We are grateful to the Newbury COINS team for providing such an engaging and meaningful experience.

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Fantastic Thorpe Park!

This term also saw Year 6 children enjoy a fantastic end-of-year trip to Thorpe Park in recognition of the positive learning behaviours they have demonstrated throughout the year. It was a day filled with excitement, laughter and memorable experiences, with everyone making the most of the opportunity. The teaching team were incredibly proud of the children, who represented the school brilliantly by showing kindness, respect and responsibility throughout the day. We were especially impressed by the way they supported and encouraged one another, ensuring that everyone felt included and confident. It was a truly wonderful day and a fitting celebration of all their hard work and achievements this year.



Marvellous Matilda

We could not be prouder of our Year 6 children for their outstanding production of *Matilda*. Every child thrived throughout the process, embracing new singing, acting and performance skills with enthusiasm, confidence and determination or worked tirelessly to create all the props that helped bring the show to life. From rehearsals to the final performance, they demonstrated remarkable teamwork, resilience and commitment, pulling together to create a truly fantastic staged show at St Bartholomew's. The children brought the characters and songs to life with energy and joy, entertaining audiences and showcasing their many talents. It was a wonderful celebration of their hard work and a memorable experience for all involved. Year 6, you were simply amazing!