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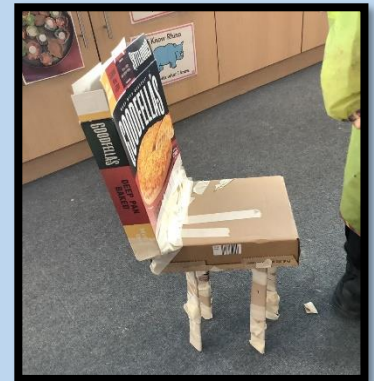
Quote of the week: "Don't wait around for the right time. Create it"

The learning that has been occurring this week:

Darwin:

Nursery have enjoyed reading the story of the Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we have been looking at different types of chairs and the different types of materials they are made from. We sat in three different chairs and we described how they felt when we sat in them, "They are soft, this one is hard". We have also been engineers, building our own chairs. We used paper, Lego, and cardboard to create them and you can see a picture to the right. The children showed perseverance and determination while building their chairs and we tested how strong our chairs were by sitting our teddy bears on them. We also got to bring our own teddy bears into school and the children enjoyed showing their bears and talking about them during circle time.

Stars of the week : - Alfie for showing perseverance and determination while building his chair.



Cartwright:

This week the children have continued their Steam project; learning about materials that are waterproof and not waterproof. In Maths they have been developing their understanding of different ways to make 5. You can practice at home with songs like 5 Little Speckled Frogs! In PE this term we are using bean bags to practice balancing, they all seem to really enjoy PE and try really hard. Just a couple of reminders; please ensure all clothes and bags are labelled, and please keep their reading books in their book bags so we can hear them read in school and change their books.

Have a great weekend!

Star of the Week – Isaac Williams for being so helpful at tidy up time.

Star Writer – Alice for being so determined and enthusiastic with her writing.

Star Reader – Emmie for doing so well with her reading and phonics progression.

Kandinsky:

This week in Kandinsky Class, we have been investigating addition in Maths. We have used our number bond knowledge to identify different ways that we can make a whole. In English, we have been writing our responses to the crayons who quit. We have thought about how they were feeling and questions that we could ask them. In STEAM, we have been investigating wheel axles and how they work.

Star of the Week – Awande for always showing compassion, checking others are okay.

Star Writer – Lamisa for writing an excellent informal letter.

Star Reader - Norah for her expression when reading in RWI.



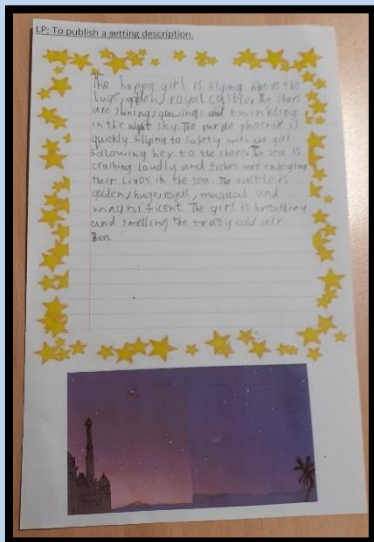
Seacole:

In our Steam lessons this week we have been investigating how paper planes fly as well as designing Kites and testing how effective they are. We have been publishing our setting descriptions based on one of the illustrations of The Journey in Literacy and have learnt how we can use our purple pens to edit our writing. In Maths we have been explaining the relationships between adjacent multiples of two and using our knowledge of the two times tables to solve problems. In our shared reading we have been developing our fluency speed when reading our new text, Coming to England by Floella Benjamin as well as learning facts about Trinidad.

Star of the Week - Mikayel for settling into Seacole class so quickly.

Star Writer - Ben for his excellent use of vocabulary to describe a setting description.

Star Reader - Philip for his improved decoding skills and fluency.



Valentina:

It has been a week of celebrations in Valentina Class. First, we had an additional play as a reward for having the best attendance in school last term. Then we had some free time to celebrate filling our marble reward jar. During our STEAM lessons, we have begun learning about the various types of bridges; beginning with looking at the Ikutsuki Bridge (an example of a Truss bridge). While being engineers and having a go at building, we investigated materials we could use for joining lollipop sticks according to the truss design - we learned that glue sticks were not a good option. We have really enjoyed playing the glockenspiel to our song 'Three Little Birds', which the children have done fantastically. Well done to all children in Valentina Class for a fantastic week.

Star of the Week – Lexie, always trying her hardest with her learning and being kind to others.

Star Writer – Emma, for writing amazing expanded noun phrases to add description.

Star Reader - Ryan, for reading independently and showing a love of reading.



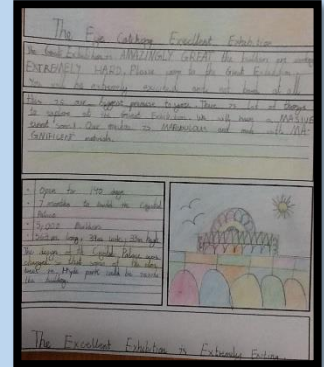
Ramanujan:

his week Year 4 have finished their Golden Writes by writing an advert persuading people to come to The Great Exhibition which took place in 1851. The children linked this learning to their STEAM unit about the Victorian Era, in particular, looking at the invention of steam power and how it revolutionised the world we live in today. In maths, we have been looking at the relationship between the 3- and 6-times table while using different representations. In P.E. the children have been focusing on hitting the ball with a tennis racket accurately. We have also enjoyed learning different colours in French and hopefully the children can share a few of those with you!

Star of the Week – Freya for showing an excellent attitude to learning and giving her best efforts in class.

Star Writer – Eliza for writing a superb advert using various persuasive techniques.

Star Reader - Jerry for using his excellent skimming and scanning skills to retrieve information from a text.



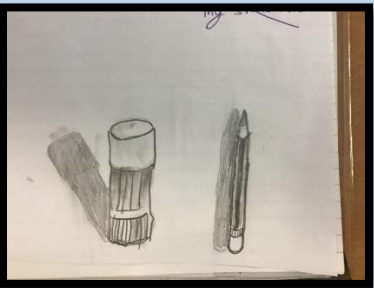
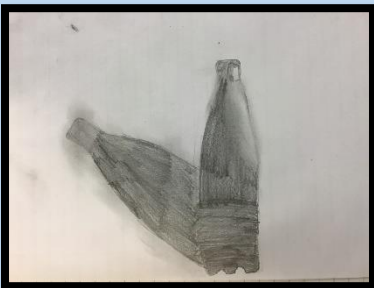
Davinci:

his week DaVinci class have finished their playscripts and worked in pairs to act out what they had written. It was great to see them use this activity to edit and improve their writing. In mathematics, we finished our unit on area and perimeter by completing some problem-solving lessons before moving onto looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. Our STEAM this week has been very art based, we have enjoyed experimenting with light and shadows again and using our knowledge of tones to draw an object with its shadow. We have thought about how to show where the light hits an objects and which parts of the object would remain dark.

Star of the Week – Mikayla for always giving 100% in every area of school life

Star Writer - Lacie for super resilience when editing her writing

Star Reader - Amy for independently skimming and scanning a text when reading and her amazing work on relative clauses



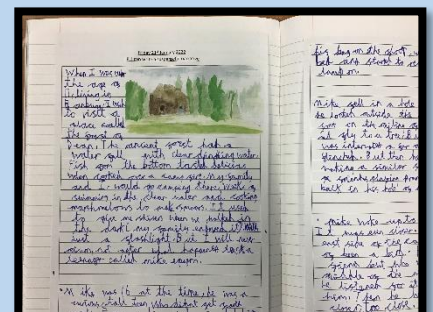
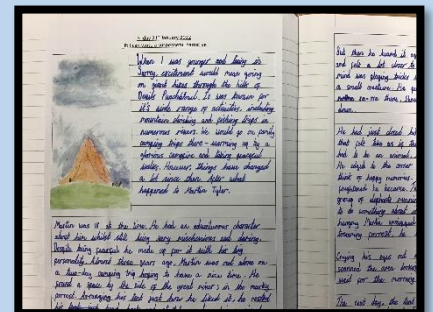
Shakespeare:

This week, in English, we published our suspenseful stories after a number of editing and improving workshops. We used a range of writing tools to alter the pace of our writing and to make our readers feel tense! In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply fractions and will soon be moving onto division. In STEAM, we have been considering what life was like for factory workers throughout industrialisation and we held a debate on whether industrialisation was good or bad for society. Next week, we will start to learn about advances in nuclear energy, computing and robotics.

Star of the Week - Sarah, for speaking confidently during our class debate.

Star Writer - Aalaya, for her independent research and writing in STEAM.

Star Reader - Eryn, for recording lots of reading at home again.



Play for a Day – Tudor Hall Trip

On Thursday, a group of children from mixed KS2 classes attend 'A Play for a Day', at Tudor Hall School. They had a packed day full of creative fun as they learnt about acting techniques, planned a play and then rehearsed and recorded their creation. The children really enjoyed the day and it was great to see their imaginations and artistic talents take shape.



Oxford Science – Year 5 Trip

Friday, saw Year 5 head to Science Oxford as part of their STEAM topic 'Can I design and make a product based on my understanding of the engineering process?'. The children had a chance to explore the exhibits, watch a show in the dark theatre and take part in a workshop where they could explore their engineering skills.

Please remember if you haven't already paid for the trip this can be done on ParentPay.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

	School Ends	School Starts	School Closed
February Half Term	18 th of February	28 th of February	
Easter Holidays	8 th of April @ 1pm	25 th of April	
Bank Holiday			2 nd of May
May Half Term	27 th of May	6 th of June	
INSET Day			24 th of June
Summer Holidays	18 th of July @ 1pm		
INSET Day			19 th , 20 th , 21 st of July

Key Dates

February 7th – Year 5 Bikeability

June 20th to June 22nd - Year 6 Residential

June 27th to June 29th – Year 4 Residential

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Kind regards, Ally Johns and the School Team