

11th March 2022

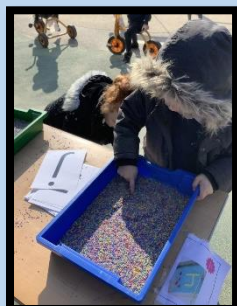
Learning that has been occurring this week:

Darwin:

This week have been learning about colour and how colours change when we mix them together. We have been exploring different ways of mixing our colours and have used water and paint to drip our paint onto the paper. We held our paper in the air and watched as our paint mixed and dripped down the paper. We have also been on a colour hunt around our classroom and garden to find different colours, the children found different shades of red, green and yellow. We have been practising our pen grips this week and have been drawing lines from one dot to another. Finally, we have been learning about repeating patterns this week and the children independently made a pattern using blocks which they then drew.

Stars of the week :

- Safi for creating independent artwork.
- James for sharing with others.



Cartwright:

The children have continued to have a wonderful week learning and exploring across the provision. We had a very exciting maths lesson on Monday as we continued to learn about height and length. We drew around our friends on the floor and counted with our feet how long we were. We recorded our results and discovered that many of us are the same height. In STEAM and Literacy, we have been describing the art we see. We talked about the shapes, colours, and materials it looked like. Our STEAM objective was to apply the printing and rubbing skill to observe the different marks that can be created. But most of all, we are very excited about our school trip next week and have put a countdown on the board!

Star of the Week – Korvin, for settling so well back into school and enjoying all aspects of his learning.

Star Writer – Zen, using smarter, legible handwriting when describing the piece of art in Literacy. Great independent sentence writing too!

Star Reader – Laura, for independently reading aloud in a small group. She demonstrated confidence and determination as she sounded out unfamiliar words.

Kandinsky:

This week in Kandinsky Class, we have been investigating what happens when we add/subtract zero from a number, and what happens when we subtract a number from itself. We have used counters and tens frames to help us see the patterns. In English, we have learned all about Traction Man and his adventures. We began putting the events on a story mountain, identifying what happened in the beginning, middle and end. In STEAM, we explored plants by naming common plants, and by looking at how they change over time. Over this past week, we watched our class plant grow. It began as buds, but it has begun blooming into flowers. Well done for a great week Year 1!

Star of the Week – . Mahad for a fantastic first week in Kandinsky Class.

Star Writer – . Paige for making excellent progress in her writing.

Star Reader - Lamisa for having a wonderful love for reading.



Seacole:

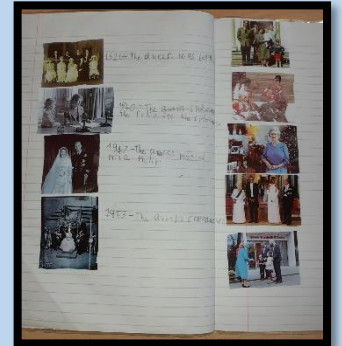
Seacole have been working very hard applying their mental arithmetic skills to complete Maths booklets this week. We have used scanning and skimming strategies to answer reading comprehension booklets as well demonstrating sustained reading concentration. In our spelling, grammar and punctuation booklets we identified misconceptions and also successfully used our phonics to 'fred' missing vocabulary from sentences. In STEAM we discussed the clues that identified the Queen and sequenced photographs of her life in chronological order.

Well done Seacole for a fantastic Week!

Star of the Week – Nikola for always trying the very best in everything he does.

Star Writer - Tyler for working really hard on his letter formation.

Star Reader - Julia for showing sustained reading in her reading assessments this week.



Valentina:

This week, Valentina class have begun writing their narratives within their English lessons. It has been fantastic to see all the amazing techniques the children have been including in their writing, including: expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and conjunctions. We will be completing our golden write next week, I am sure these will be excellent. Within our French lessons, we have begun learning how to identify and introduce members of our family. This has linked with our STEAM learning about the Tudors, where we have been creating a Tudor family tree. We were very surprised to learn that Henry VIII had six wives and even beheaded some of them!

Well done to all children in Valentina Class for another fantastic week!

Star of the Week – Natalia, for always putting her best effort into everything she does.

Star Writer – Jack, for trying especially hard with his letter formation.

Star Reader - Oliver, for finding key words in texts.

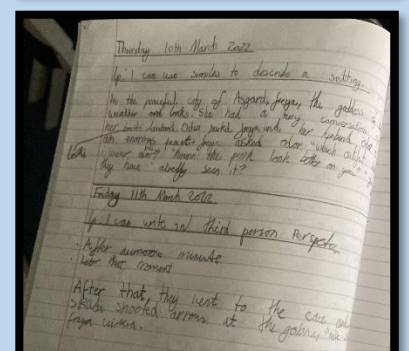
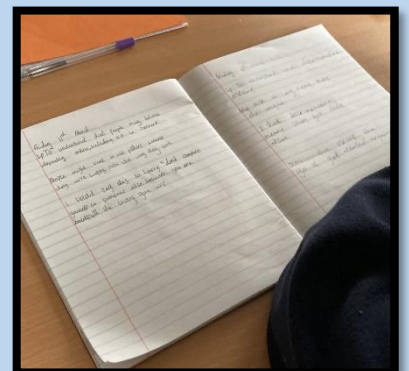
Ramanujan:

This week year 4 have been looking at multiplying and dividing by ten and hundred in one and two-step word problems. The children have also shown a great improvement in memorising their 6 times table facts in fluency. In English, the children have been working on their Viking Saga, including detailed descriptions of setting and conveying atmosphere using speech. In STEAM, the children have been researching the Sutton Hoo burial ground and collecting information themselves online. Many predicted that they found treasure and gold - we were fascinated by what we found was buried under the mounds!

Star of the Week – Harper for showing a great attitude to learning and sharing her ideas in class discussions.

Star Writer – Sapphire for showing excellent creativity in her writing.

Star Reader - Jeremiah for showing great enthusiasm and engagement for the class novel.



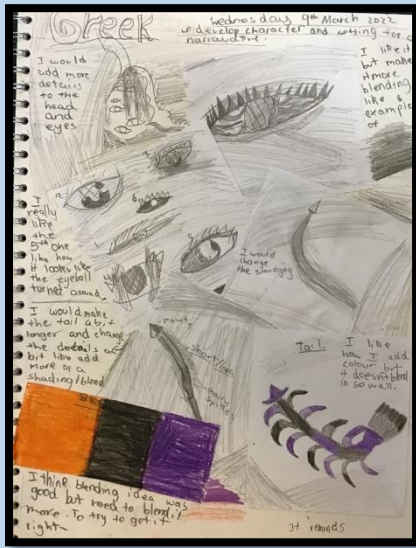
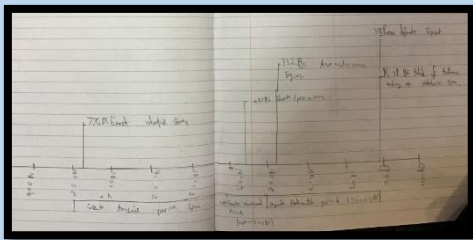
Davinci:

In DaVinci class this week we have really begun to delve deeper into the Ancient Greek civilisation. We researched key events from this period in history and put them on our own timeline. We have thought about how we find out about life in Ancient Greece and the artefacts that provide useful information about what was important to the Ancient Greeks. We have also begun to think about the design for our own pots and begun to use the clay to experiment with different techniques. In English we created our own beasts for our Ancient Greek myth, using our sketch books to refine our ideas and get a clear idea of the different parts of our beast. In mathematics we have finished our unit on cuboids, we think our times table knowledge has improved through the unit!

Star of the Week – Areesha for a fantastic start and fitting in so wonderfully into Year 5.

Star Writer - Arthur for a beautifully presented timeline of key event in Ancient Greece.

Star Reader - Michelle for her love of reading.



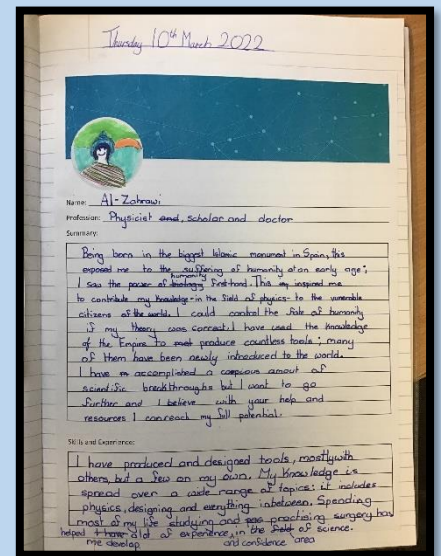
Shakespeare:

This week, year 6 have been delving deeper into the history of Baghdad and Early Islamic Civilisation. So far, we have learnt about the origins and architecture of the Round City as we prepare to write travel advertisements based around 900AD, to convince travellers to visit the city and its buildings. In maths, we have been revising statistics, solving problems with circle and coordinates. We will be moving on to area and perimeter next week. In HRE we have been considering how to look out for our friends and family and we have continued hockey and badminton in PE.

Star of the Week - Ruby, for being more confident in the classroom.

Star Writer - Kelsie, for being a supportive proofreading and editing partner.

Star Reader - Eryn, for lots of reading at home AGAIN!



Forest School:

Team Trees enjoyed a glorious winter sunny morning connecting with nature and being super active. We used our tools for the first time, and it was so nice to see them work responsibly and determined to complete their projects. Children made tent pegs and whittle daggers, while Mrs. Hextall helped others do some bird feeders and create clay crafts. We also got busy playing games and bug hunting.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

	School Ends	School Starts	School Closed
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	15 th of July @ 1pm		
INSET Day			18 th , 19 th , 20 st of July

Comic Relief

The children will have chance to be part of this years Comic Relief campaign, on Friday 18th March.

Children are encouraged to wear the colour red for a £1 donation which can be made via ParentPay. We do ask that children not bring money into school, as we would hate for it to get lost.

ParentPay: <https://www.parentpay.com/>



Key Dates

March 29th – Weight and Height Check

March 18th – Year 5 Trip – Tudor Hall

March 18th – Reception Trip

March 18th – Comic Relief

March 23rd – Year 4 Trip

April 27th – Class Photos

June 20th to June 22nd - Year 6 Residential

June 27th to June 29th – Year 4 Residential

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you for helping Parent/Teacher meetings run so smoothly on Monday and Thursday. If you missed your appointment or were unable to attend, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher at another time convenient for you both.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Kind regards, Ally Johns and the School Team



Easter Football Camp

@ St Johns RC School

Avocet Way, Banbury OX16 9YA

April 11th to April 14th & April 19th to 22nd April

In our 20th Year!

Our FUN Camps are now located within the safe & secure environment of St Johns RC School.

Our games have been specifically designed for Boys & Girls of all abilities aged 4 – 12



Kick Off: 10.00am

Final Whistle: 3.00pm

(Drop off from 9.30am)

Call/Txt/WhatsApp Mark on

07952 579358

mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk

Do YOU have any football kit, football boots or trainers that are now surplus to your requirements? We are collecting to send equipment to the children of SIERRA LEONE. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.



Don't forget YOURS

1 day £20

2 days £35

Thereafter

£10

per day

