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The winning house this week is Blue House who may wear their own clothes on Monday.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Poole, our new Deputy headteacher, who has spent time in the KS2 classes this week. We also said goodbye to Mrs Peart and wish her well in her exciting new role.

Commendation Awards

Freya K

Natalie G

Logan W

Leo E

Isaac F

Elliott M

Seb G

Finn S

Imogen Mc

Reception

In Reception, we enjoyed listening to the story 'The Kiss That Missed' by David Melling. We then focused on the images/illustrations to talk about the past and to find out information including people who lived in castles and their jobs. We worked together to make our own castle and discussed the different features such as a moat, drawbridge, turrets and battlements.





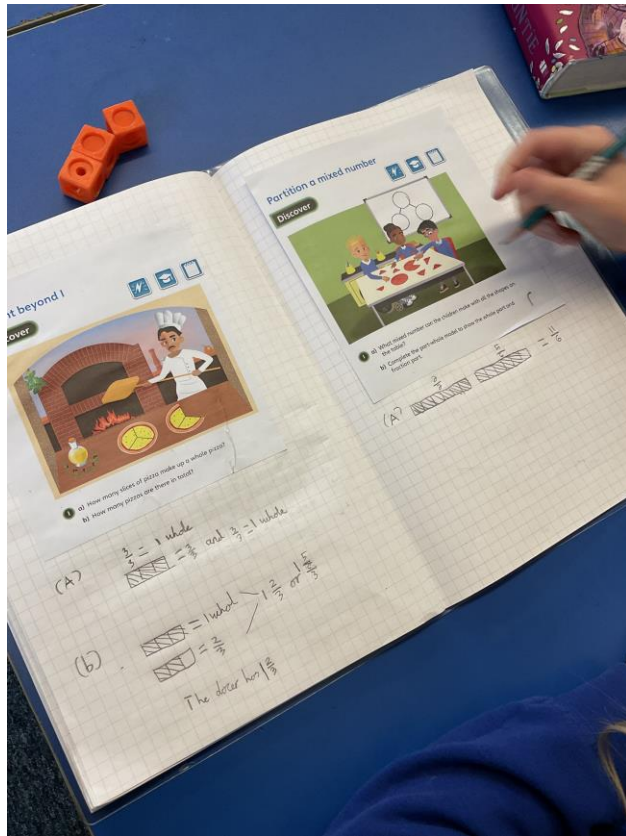


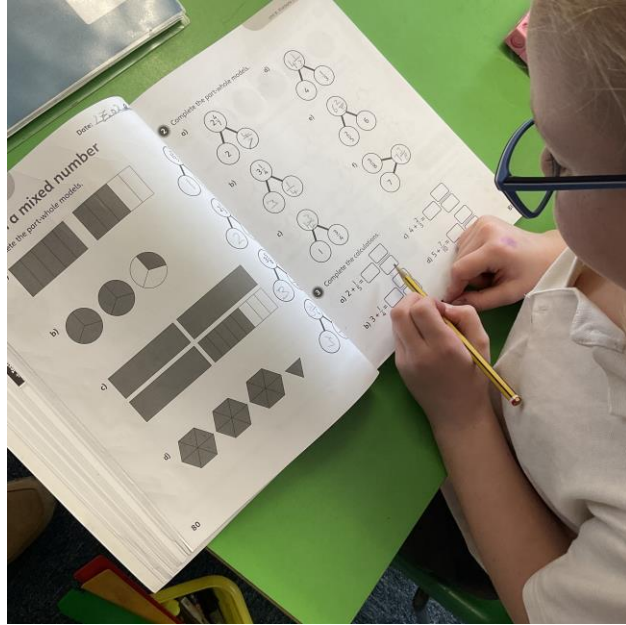
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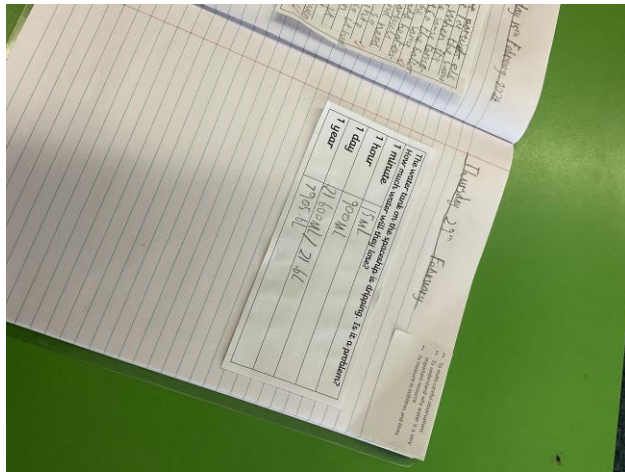
We have had a busy first week back after half term in KS1. We have begun our new P.E. units - gymnastics and invasion games. In gymnastics we looked at different gymnastic positions such as pike, straddle, tuck and dish. We have been learning about attackers and defenders in invasion games. We worked collaboratively to try different skills to develop our ball control

LKS2

In science this week we were looking at water usage and the children have been looking at helping out on a space mission gone wrong. They were presented with the scenario that a spaceship had been struck by a meteor that had damaged the water tank tap. The ship has a 500 litres tank and we needed to work out how long the water supply would last with water dripping from the tap. The children came up with the idea to work out how much water had dripped out in 1 minute, and then use that to work out how much water would be lost in 1 hour, 1 day and 1 year. We worked out that the water tank would be empty in around 20 days and that in a year we would lose around 9000 litres of water from a dripping tap.







Water leak on artemis



The rocket was hit by a meteor and is losing water. The pump to the tap was damaged. If this carries on they could run out of water! NASA is investigating the problem so the astronauts can fix it.

We have worked out that the amount of water that they will lose in on minute is 15ml ,therefore in an hour they will lose 900ml that means in a day they will lose 21.6 litres. In a year they will lose 7905.6 Litres in 22 days they will lose most of their water.



From the most amazing NASA scientists in the world Ava and James

Artemis space leak

The NASA spaceship Artemis has been damaged by a meteor! Luckily, there panels and systems weren't harmed but there's been a leak. The crew is now in danger because they only have 500 L of water, this is a question of life and death. Will they survive?

If the leak continues for a minute it will lose 15 ml which is a problem because if it goes on for an hour it will lose 900ml. If it continues for day we will have such an impact on water storage that the amount will reduce by 21.6L which is too much wasted. In a years time we will lose 7905L!



Molly and Isaac



NASA spaceship water leak

A NASA spaceship called Artemis has run into problems on its recent mission. The shuttle was struck by a meteor in a storm and it has damaged the tap on the crew's water tank. The astronauts only have a 500 litre supply of fresh water to keep them hydrated on their long quest.

In one minute the ship can lose 15 mililiters which isent that big of a deal but in an hour 900ml can be lost. That means in a day 21.6 Lthat means in a year 7905.6l can be lost in a year and there are only 500l in it.

UKS2

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their half term break.

In our science lessons this week, the children in UKS2 have been delving into the fascinating world of Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. Exploring the concept of adaptation and natural selection, they have enjoyed learning about the wonders of how species change over time.

Inspired by Darwin's observations on the Galapagos Islands, the children conducted a hands-on investigation in class. Using a variety of tools such as chopsticks, spoons, and pegs, the children simulated the beaks of different birds. They were tasked with picking up variously sized pieces of food, including cubes, rice, and spaghetti, mimicking the challenges faced by different bird species in obtaining food in their respective environments.

Not only was this activity great fun, but it also provided invaluable learning opportunities. Through experimentation and observation, the children gained a deeper understanding of how certain traits can be advantageous for survival in specific environments, thus reinforcing the concepts of adaptation and natural selection.

We were thrilled to see the enthusiasm of the children and feel confident that it has enhanced their understanding of Darwin's theory of evolution.















Attendance

I wanted to celebrate the good news that our school attendance is currently 96.4% and we are in the top 10% of schools nationally. Thank you to all our teachers who do their best to make school life a rich and varied experience and to our families who work with us to support our children's excellent attendance. We have had a noticeable decline in absence requests for children during term time and also appreciate your support with this. Well done to everyone! You will have noticed that attendance has been in the news this week and that the DfE are proposing to increase the fines. Please be aware that as a Cheshire East school, we are required to follow their policy on fines. Revenue from the penalty fines is paid to the local authority and not school.

World Book Day

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Dear parents and carers

World Book Day is just around the corner! This year our whole school book theme will be 'Amazing Adventures'. We would like the children to choose a favourite book with an adventurous theme to share in school. This might be a book based around a journey, an expedition, a quest, a sport or simply trying something new. Examples for KS2 might include:



Examples for KS1 might include:

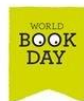


As we have various exciting trips planned during the same week, we will be celebrating on different days. KS1 will be on Friday March 8th and KS2 World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. On their respective days, we would like to invite the children to dress up as a character from their chosen adventure themed book. Alternatively, they may prefer to wear comfy clothes to snuggle down and enjoy a story in, for example onesies, oodies or pyjamas. We would also ask that children bring in their chosen adventure themed book on to share with the class.

On this day, the children will enjoy various book related activities. In preparation for this, please find attached some separate information for **KS2 only**.

Many thanks for your support; we look forward to celebrating our love of reading and books across the whole school!

Lower Park staff



Dear KS2 Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 7th March, in school, KS2 children will be provided with a container and asked to either construct a scene from their favourite book or fill it with related items. The finished container should provide subtle clues as to the title of their chosen book as they will form the basis of a whole school quiz.

We will provide a range of materials for them to use, however, they may also enjoy thinking about it at home, prior to this date. They may also bring any bits and pieces that they think may add to the effectiveness of their design into school. For example, mini Harry Potter Lego figure for a Harry Potter themed container.



Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll



Gangsta Granny, David Walliams

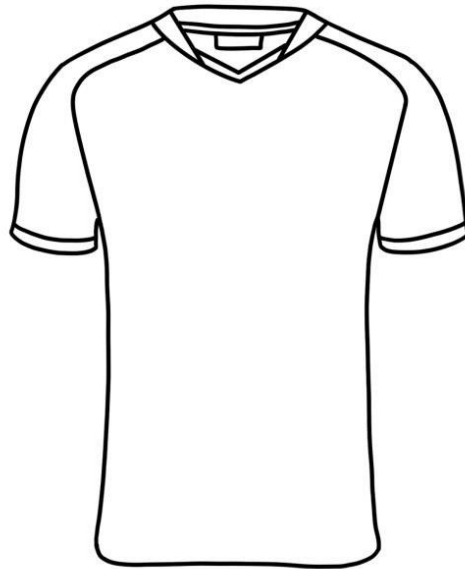


Design a Football or Football Shirt Competition

The School Games Group are running two competitions. Pupils can design either a football or football shirt. See the templates below. The top 3 designs from each will win a football.

If you wish to enter please return your completed designs to Mr Cunha by Monday 11th March.

Design Your Own Football Shirt



www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk

Design Your Own Soccer Ball



www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk

Communication from the PTA

Planning for the summer fair will start after the half term and we would love to invite as many of you to get involved at this early stage. The fair hasn't been held for a number of years and we're excited to see what we can do. We'll be meeting in Weatherspoons at around 7:30 on Thursday 7th March, please either speak to the office or grab Shauna Silcock (Y1 & Y3) or Amy Billing (Y1) at pick up/drop off to ask any questions or find out more.

Save the dates - details for these events will follow

26th April - Fashion Show

11th May - Bingo night

18th May - Plant sale

23rd May - Disco

29th June - Summer Fair

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Spring 2024

Wednesday 6th March – Yr 3/4 (MC) morning visit to Quarry Bank Mill

Thursday 7th/8th March - World Book Day - See details above

Thursday 7th March - KS1 visit to Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation (morning visit)

Friday 8th March – Year 3 (RC) morning visit to Quarry Bank Mill

- Year 4 (AS) afternoon visit to Quarry Bank Mill

18th March week – Celebrating Science Week in school

Community noticeboard



Free MTB/BMX Event
in partnership with

Join us at Brecon Park, Poynton, SK12 1AU for some mountain bike and BMX fun. You must register in advance, see details below.

Under 12's must be supervised by an adult. A limited number of bikes and helmets are available, please bring your own equipment if possible. See you there.

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2024**

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