

Friday 4th February 2022

## Message from the head:

It's been another very busy week as we approach the end of what is such a short half term. As we have gone through this week the number of staff and children off due to covid has increased (massive thank you to June who continues to keep the office going—we lost Debbie this week as well as Lisa!). I know from many of you there are cases in your wider families too. If you are one of the classes affected please follow the guidance that has been sent out in regards to daily testing using LFD kits before the children come to school so that we can prevent wider outbreaks and avoid having to implement measures such as bubbles, staggered start and finish times and in worst case scenarios closing classes—all of these are measures that have been seen recently in a number of schools across Camden.

I wanted to say a big thank you to Reception and Nursery parents who have both held their class teas in the last couple of weeks to great success, raising good amounts of money for the school towards curriculum and trip costs. Don't forget these class teas take place every Thursday straight after school in the hall. Next up is Year 5 next week.

At the end of this newsletter is a list of dates for this term. I've tried to pull together as many of the trips and events that we currently have booked in. Please do bear in mind that these are all subject to last minute change in the event of cancellations, staff absence, lack of parent volunteers, Covid rules changing etc. Wherever we can we will give as much notice as we can to any changes or for any new opportunities that come up.

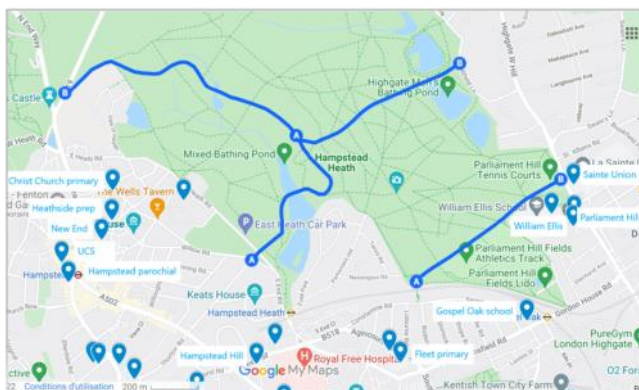
There is an interesting item below about a proposal to establish a 'cycle train' across the Heath. If this would support any of you with your journey to school and encourage more cycling and active travel please do take the time to read the item and complete the survey. It's great to see so many of the children already walking, scooting and cycling to school and we want to support anything that can make this easier and safer for our families.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week.

## Hampstead Heath Cycle Train Proposal for School Runs

Following feedback from parents and Green School Runs regarding the need for more active travel opportunities in Hampstead to offset the narrow and often saturated roads around school drop off and pick-up times, Camden council are in initial discussions with City of London Corporation to explore the idea of organising a trial 'cycle train' for children and parents/carers across the Heath. A (or several) departure points could be set up for parents/carers and their children to meet, in order to cycle through Hampstead Heath as a group during the

school runs. This would create an incentive for parents/carers and children to give cycling to school a go, and provides an opportunity for socialising. The first step in this trial is to gauge the needs and interest in the idea from schools, parents/carers, and children. The council have set up a questionnaire to be completed to gather your views. If cycling across the Heath would help your commute please consider answering them. The questions they ask and the link are shown below.



The questionnaire can be shared using this Google Forms link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

### Questions for parents and carers:

- How do you currently get to school? (ex: walking, cycling, by car, bus...etc)
- Would you consider cycling to school 1 day a week in the spring/summer terms?
- Would you be interested in cycling to school through the Heath as a group social activity?
- Looking at the below map of current lanes open to cycling across the Heath: could any of these routes be included in your school commute?

## Lunch Menu: 7th—11th February

### Monday

**Meat Free Monday**  
Veg & Kidney Bean  
Pasta Bake or  
Macaroni cheese  
Green Beans & Carrots  
Fruit & Yoghurt

### Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Beef  
Burger  
Vegetarian: Quorn  
Burger  
Potato Wedges  
Peppers & Sweetcorn  
Apple Crumble &  
Custard

### Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Chicken  
Drumsticks  
Vegetarian: Veg & Lentil  
Wellington  
Roast Potatoes or Rice  
Cauliflower & Broccoli  
Fruit & Yoghurt

### Thursday

Meat/Halal: Beef Bol-  
gnaise & Spaghetti  
Vegetarian: Tomato &  
Lentil Pasta  
Green Cabbage & Carrots  
Apple, Cheese & Biscuits

### Friday

Meat/Halal: Salmon  
Fish Fingers  
Vegetarian: Bean &  
Leek Sausage  
Chips or Cous Cous  
Baked Beans & Peas  
Jelly, Yoghurt &  
Fruit

### Available Daily

Freshly Cooked Jacket  
Potato  
Freshly Baked Bread

**Please remember to  
let the office know if  
you want your child  
to change to or from  
school lunches so you  
are charged correctly**

## Punctuality Award

The Punctuality award goes to Year 2 again with only 2 lates! The total lates came down this week with 50—but that's still too many missing valuable learning at the start of the day—Y5 especially need to improve. Thank you to those of you who arrive on time everyday and ensure that children are **in class by 9am**.

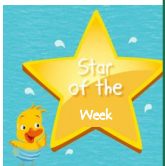
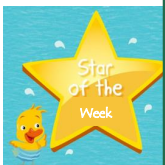


## Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Reception with 99.6% (Year 1 so close with 99.3%)—brilliant! Overall for the year we're still at 95.7%—close to the 96% target—we can do it! Thank you for all you do to ensure the children are here as much as possible.



# Stars of the week!



Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Week' - Well done to all these children, and to all the rest who might not have been picked this week but could have been.



## Reception—Fatima

For trying so hard with your writing and phonics this term. You focus hard to learn all the new sounds and have been practising your blending to read and write words. Well done!

## Year 1—Delphi

For being positive and engaged during our lessons and for such excellent explanations of difficult ideas during Maths this week. You've really impressed us, Delphi - well done and keep being wonderful you!



## Year 2—Mohammed

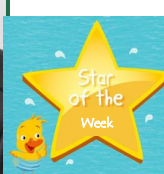
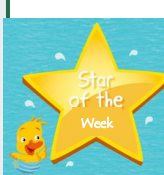
For your increasing independence in lessons. I've been so pleased to see how you challenge yourself to do your best in English and Maths and it's great to see you trying things on your own!

## Year 3—Jake

For your resilient attitude to problem solving! You make such an effort and are approaching your learning with real maturity. Your positive attitude makes learning with you such an enjoyable experience - thank you and keep it up!

## Year 4—Gabriela

You've been so resilient this week, particularly with tricky maths. I've been impressed by how you've not given up and kept going until you've mastered the method. Keep it up!



## Year 5—Suraiya

For your hard work, resilience and perseverance in maths. You always make an effort to challenge yourself and will keep going until you get it right. Well done for having such a great attitude to your learning!

## Year 6—Nathan

You have been so focused on your learning recently. It has been brilliant to see you ignore any distractions, engage really well with our discussions and produce great reflective work as a result. We are so impressed with you! Keep up the excellent effort!

# Fleet Facts!



**Well done to all these children who have passed their Fleet Facts test this week!**

**Year 2:** Abida, Lir, Humayra, Ayra, Amine, Thaddeus, Leo, Aisha, Ayman, Sativa, Jona

**Year 3:** Alana, Lashanty, Marcel, Samaarah, Saaimah, Lena, Layan, Lorik, Fatma, Jake Sullivan, Daniel, Okpe, Mia, Jake Sidoli, Jarod

**Year 4:** Mia, Sufiyan, Rayan, Hana, Alea, Tabby, Gabriela, Rayn, Evangeline, Hunter, Natasha

**Year 5:** Hiba, Rayane, Zain, Hamzah, Amiin, Eva, Amber-Lily, Ryan, Marli, Suraiya, Lexi, Poppy, Ben, Sara, Tawfiq, Kai, Ugo, Aman, Asma

**Year 6:** Riley, Freddy, Sara, Lily, Jayda, Gloria, Isaac, Peter

## Times Tables Rock Stars of the Week!

**Well done to these children who earned the most coins in their class on Times Tables Rock Stars this week!**

**Year 2:** Abida—2,899 coins!

**Year 3:** Okpe—3,591—3rd week in a row!

**Year 4:** Rayan—8,289 coins!

**Year 5:** Tawfiq—31,820 coins—3rd week in a row!

**Year 6:** Sami—1,398 coins!



# Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2023

This week we launched the Calendar Art Competition for creating a school calendar at the end of the year. Due to lockdowns over the last 2 years this popular annual event has not been possible so it's great to bring it back.

Children can use any art medium in their entries as long as it is A4 in size and they can enter as many times in a term as they want.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of winning entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2023 at the end of this year.

Entries should be handed in to the school office and should have the child's name and class on the back (in pencil) along with an indication of the person or event that inspired it.

## This year's theme...Lifting Limits!

This year the theme links in with the 'Lifting Limits' gender equality work we are doing in all classes and also with the racial equality work that runs throughout our curriculum. We are asking that the subject of the art be inspired by a historical figure—contemporary or older.

Think about GENDER EQUALITY - a man or woman who did something amazing and at the time, unusual or not the norm, for someone of their sex.

Think about RACIAL EQUALITY - someone again who was a trailblazer and didn't let their race, colour of their skin or religion stop them from doing something.

It could be someone we have talked about in assembly, or someone you have learnt about in class or even someone you have learnt about from your own reading or investigations.

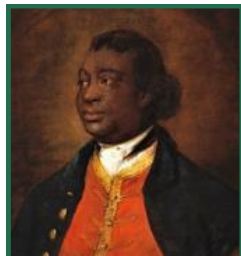
## Ideas from people looked at already this year in assemblies or topics...



Flora Sandes



Greta Thunberg



Ignatius Sancho



Septimius Severus



Amanda Gorman



Colin Kaepernick



Boudicca



Mae Jemison



Amy Johnson



Marcus Rashford



Frida Kahlo



Beryl Burton



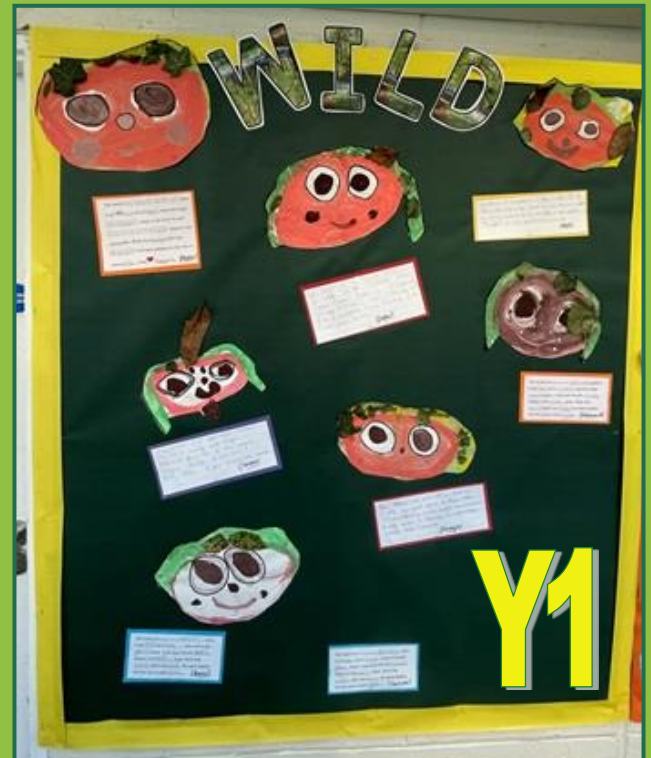
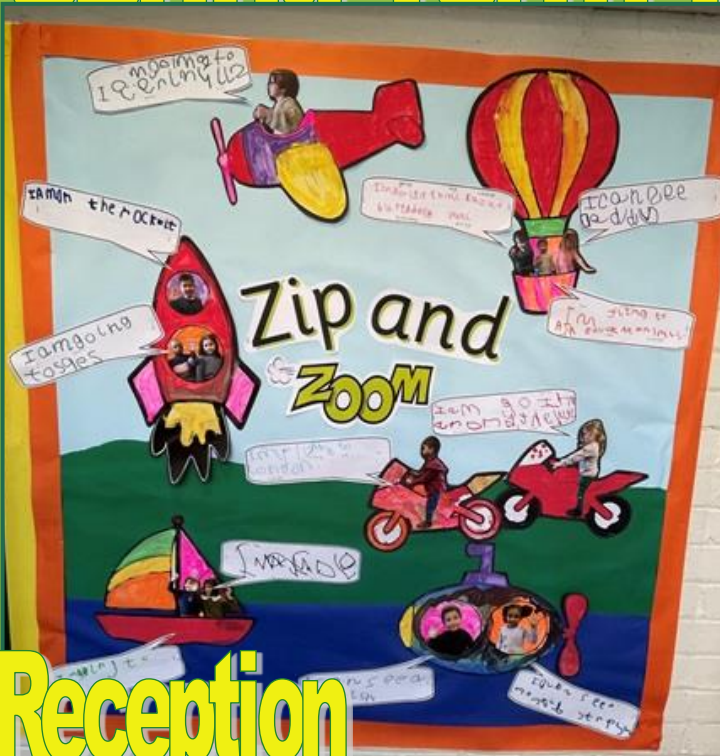
Jean-Michel Basquiat



# Spring Term Topic Displays

The new 'topic displays' are up in the corridor of the admin block. While you are not able to come into the buildings and see the brilliant work the staff and children have created as part of their topic launches we wanted to share the displays with you.

## Reception



## Y1

## Y2

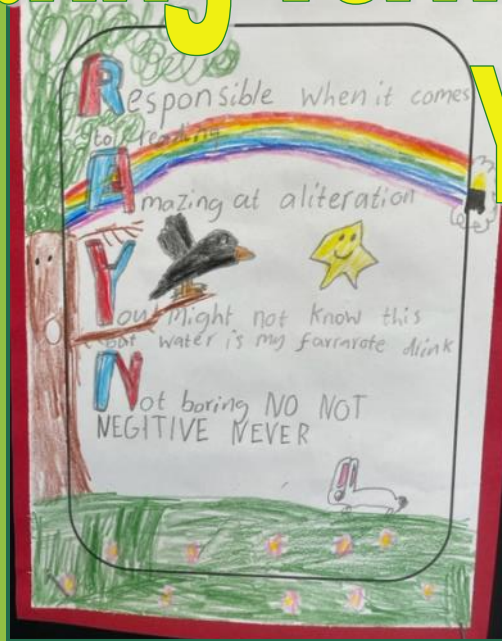


## Y3





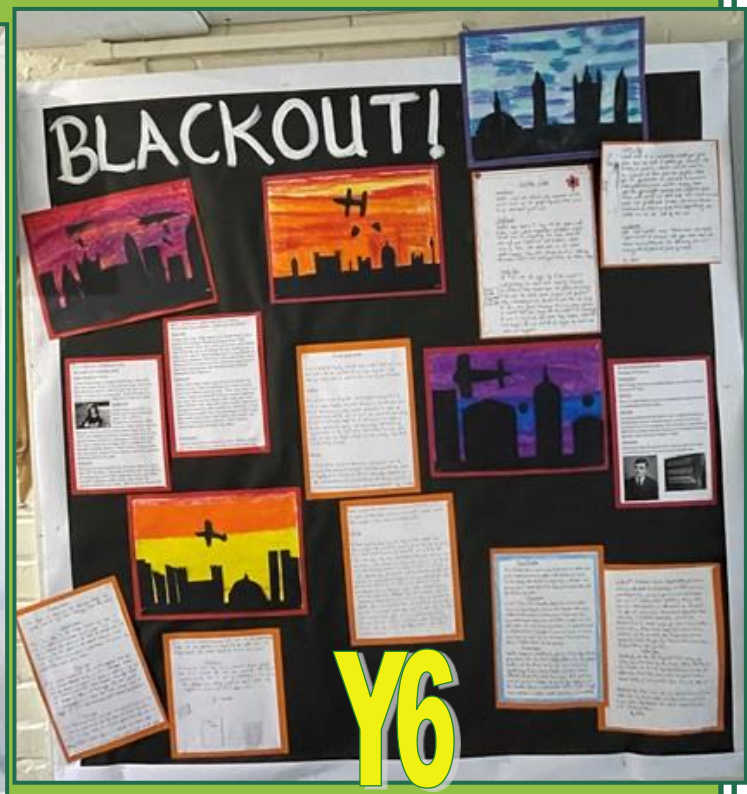
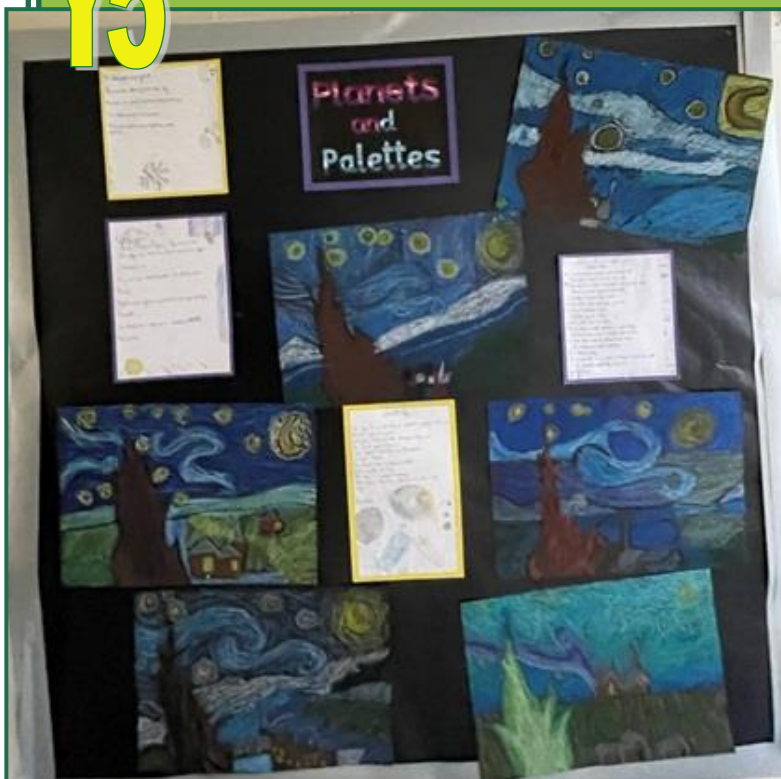
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Y5



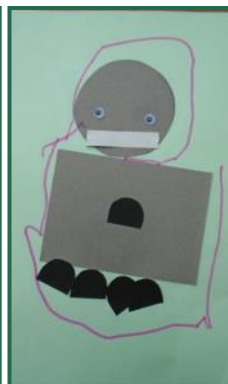
Y6



# Athletics @ Talacre - Y3 & 4







# This week in Nursery...

Building bridges, avoiding trolls, a visit to the farm, making dough mice and painting mice from 'Hickory, dickory dock!' and looking at 2D shapes. All this and time to get busy in the mud kitchen—how do they manage to fit so much into the nursery schedule. Well done to all the children for such fantastic work!

## Topic: Rhyme Time

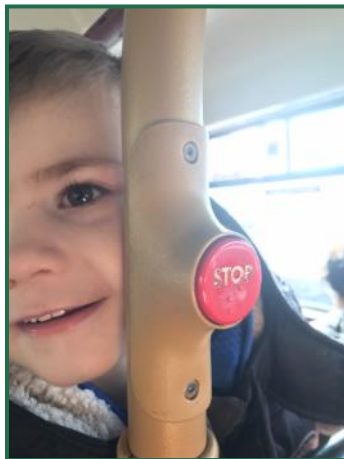
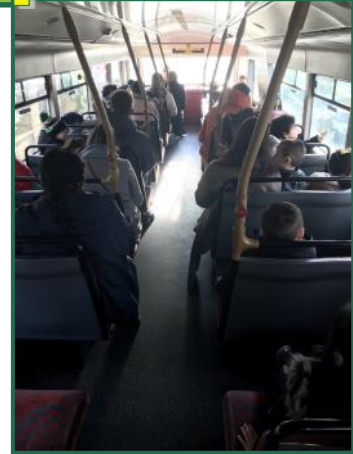




This week Reception had a brilliant trip around central London on the Number 24 bus! They saw lots of London landmarks. Back in school they have been enjoying continuing their topic work and thinking about space and all things rockets! They are so enthusiastic in their learning—we are very proud of them all!

# This week in Reception...

## Topic: Zip & Zoom







# This week in Year 1...

## Topic: Wild!

Another awesome week for the year 1 children. They had their first visit to the CLC this week which was a huge success. They took to the touchscreen like experts and were using painting software, publishing software and problem solving activities. Perhaps the next .Grace Hopper or Steve Job in the making! In school they've been thinking about who helps us in emergencies as well as working on Kehinde-Wiley inspired self portraits and writing alternative endings to 'Wild'. Well done Team Year 1!







## This week in Year 2...

This week the children started their history project making books all about Fleet School—then and now. They will be learning all sorts of amazing facts about our school. They have also been doing some dance in a brilliant workshop based on the text they have loved reading, Dr Seuss' 'the Lorax'. We can't wait to see their finished books and find out things we didn't know about the school. Well done Year 2.

## Topic: Seeds & Thneeds

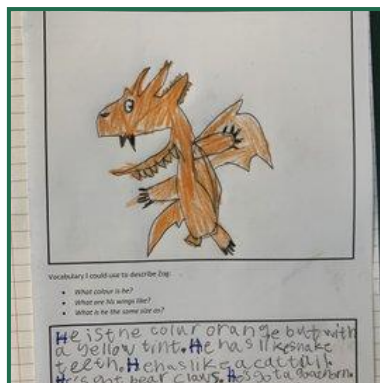




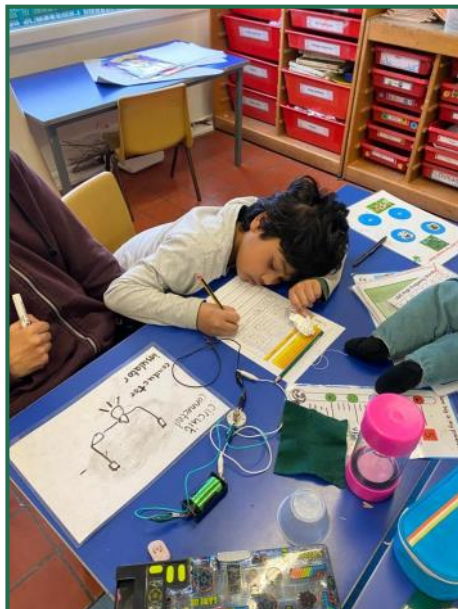
This week the children had a fabulous visit to London Zoo. They saw lots of the animals there but the favourite seemed to be the Komodo Dragon—perfect for their topic! Also this week they have been working hard on creating their own cave paintings which are looking fantastic. In English they have been planning their descriptions of Zog—they've done really well with this and we look forward to reading the finished writing they will do based on this. Well done Year 3.

# This week in Year 3...

# Topic: The Fire Within







## This week in Year 4...

Year 4 have had another busy week. They visited the CLC earlier in the week for a Lego Programming workshop. They showed not just great building skills but their programming was impressive too—making the crocodile open and close its mouth using sensors. The electronics theme continued with some circuit building later in the week during their science lessons—perhaps some future engineers in the making!

## Topic: We Are Heroes

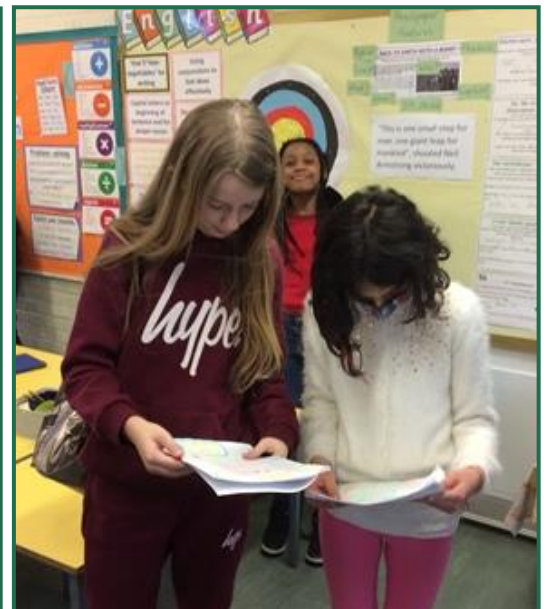




# This week in Year 5...

The space theme continued this week in science with thinking about shadows and how the sun moves. They created a class sundial to test out their theories and marked on it through the day—great investigation skills on display! During their brain buddies session they became zone detectives - thinking about which zone we were in and how that felt. They've also been busy beginning to learn their lines for their class assembly next week—the first to kick off the Spring Term Assemblies. They have also been developing their ball skills in their Arsenal sessions on Tuesdays. Well done Year 5.

## Topic: Planets & Palettes







## This week in Year 6...

Year 6 have really been getting into their topic this term. Following on from last week's amazing workshops this week they finished and tested their Anderson Shelters. They tested them to see whether they could withstand a 'bomb' falling on them and if they were waterproof. They had some mixed results but most would have offered some protection to their inhabitants! Well done Y6.

## Topic: Blackout





# Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via parent hub closer to the date of a trip for requests for help and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

- **3rd February:** Year 3 to London Zoo
- **3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Reception Class Tea
- **8th February:** Y4 and Y6 to Talacre for Sports Morning
- **8th February:** Reception trip to the October Gallery
- **10th February:** Year 3 to Rose Theatre
- **10<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 Class Tea
- **11th February:** Reception—Hampstead Heath Winter Walk
- **11<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **14<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term Week
- **23<sup>rd</sup> February :** Year 2 to the CLC
- **24-25th February:** Y1 Bike training—bring in bike to use if they have one
- **24<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 6 Class Tea
- **25<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 6 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **1st March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath (10am-12pm)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Year 4 Class Tea
- **4<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 4 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **7th-18th March:** Y5 Swimming every-day
- **7th March:** Year 4 to the East London Mosque
- **9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March:** Teacher/Parent Meetings
- **10<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 Class Tea
- **11<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **14th March:** Year 6 to the CLC
- **16th March:** Year 3 to Science Museum
- **17<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **18<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 2 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **21st March:** Year 4 to Hampstead Head 10am-12pm
- **22nd March:** Pitch Perfect Club at Camden Music Festival—1pm-7pm
- **23rd March:** Year 3 to the CLC
- **23rd March:** nursery to the Heath for the morning
- **24th March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath
- **24<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 1 Class Tea
- **25<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 1 Class Assembly @ 10am
- **31st March:** International Food Evening (t.b.c.)
- **1<sup>st</sup> April:** Last Day of Term—children finish at 2pm
- **20<sup>th</sup> April:** Summer Term Starts—children back