

Message from the head:

It would seem that despite the date, Spring is not quite with us with winter holding on for a bit longer. Please ensure the children come in wrapped up warm and dry and have suitable footwear for being outside at play and lunchtime when there are puddles. While if it is raining they stay in, once rain stops we want to get them outside and moving around as physical exercise through the day is so important to support concentration in class and promote more effective learning behaviours. As you will now know, next week we are closed on Wednesday and Thursday due to the NEU strike action. Please do refer to the letter that was sent home with some ideas for activities the children could do over those two days. I am hopeful the government/DfE and the NEU will be able to find a solution to the current situation soon so we don't lose anymore teaching days. Have a good weekend.

Weekly Thursday Class Teas

The class teas we hold on a Thursday after school are one of the ways we try to raise money for Fleet to aid and enhance our curriculum. As you probably know, schools budgets are getting tighter and tighter each year. More than ever we need all the help we can get to simply be able to offer the same things we have previously, never mind finding new resources and projects. While each individual tea raises a relatively modest amount of money, it is vital nonetheless. Over the course of the year it adds up and all goes towards trips, workshops and other curriculum costs. Not only is it a vital financial support to the school, at it's heart (and this has been lost a little since the pandemic) it was always a great opportunity for the school community to come together each week—a chance for parents and children to socialise in the hall and playground, chat and catch up with each other. While each tea is organised by a specific year group which changes each week, the whole school community is welcome to attend and encouraged to come along to the hall to purchase and snack and have a chat. We know everyone is facing tough times financially, and everyone's time is precious too, but these weekly tea sales were, and are, a key part of the Fleet Community Calendar. Please look out on the dates list for when it is your class' turn to host and please, if you can, donate some items for sale and come along to help serve if you can. Remember, they happen most Thursday's in the hall after school—come along whether it's your class tea or not and enjoy the event.

DRINKS IN SCHOOL

Please remember that the school food policy states that children should only bring in water to school—either as part of a packed lunch or to drink throughout the day.

This is just normal, still water. Please do not send in flavoured water or, as is happening at the moment, Prime Water. A reusable water bottle is best to be used to avoid confusion and so the children can regularly refill their bottle from the drinking fountains. Thank you.



Punctuality Award

Lates crept up this week from last week's low of only 14 to 25 this week. This is still an improvement from earlier in the year but we know we can do better. The winners this week (again!) are year 1 with just 1 late. Great job—keep it up. Reception were just behind with 2, and then year 4 with just 3 lates. No class had more than 6 this week showing the improvement all classes are making. Thank you so much for your continued support to ensure children don't miss crucial introductions to their morning lesson and that latecomers aren't disturbing the other children's learning. Remember if for any reason you are struggling please don't wait for us to contact you, come and see us. Well done to all.



Attendance Award

Our recent improving attendance took a hit this week with nearly every class affected by a number of bugs going round. Well done to the super resilient Year 1 children who were our only class with over 96% attendance (the school target) with 98.5%. Close but not quite at the target level were Year 4 with 94.4%. All other classes were well below with some dipping below 90% which is worrying. Hopefully, all the children who have been ill make a speedy recovery. We continue to ask that you don't be over cautious about keeping the children at home when they are a little under the weather. In most situations where children are not feeling great when they wake up, coming in to school and getting moving around and distracted, results in them managing the day and not missing their learning. If they aren't managing having come in we will of course call you to collect them. For the year, due to the drop this week, we have gone down to 92.8%. Let's try to get back up in the high 90s in each class again so we can move towards our 96% target. A big thank you for your continued support.



Lunch Menu: 13th—17th March

Meat Free Monday
Mac & Cheese Station—a choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours with vegetarian toppings
Peas & Carrots
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

School Closed due to NEU Strike

Friday

Meat/Halal: Fish fingers
Vegetarian: Mexican Roll
Chips or Savoury Cous Cous
Tomato Sauce
Baked Beans & Peas
Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Cajun Chicken
Vegetarian: Chickpea & Apricot Tagine
Rice or Cous Cous
Broccoli & Sweetcorn
Lemon Drizzle Cake
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Thursday

School Closed due to NEU Strike

Available Daily

Freshly Cooked Jacket Potato
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

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

For your amazing story telling skills. You were fantastic acting out the Goldilocks story and pretending to have a job interview for our shop. I really look forward to doing more drama with you. Well done!

Year 1

For being really enthusiastic about writing! You work really hard during our sessions and this is really paying off. It has been lovely seeing some of the wonderful things you have written at home too. Go you!



Year 2

For your fantastic attitude and effort during our assembly week. You are such an enthusiastic performer and it's lovely to see how you encourage others in the class too. Well done!

Year 3

For working so hard during our maths unit on fractions. You are really focussing well and developing independence! Keep up the great learning superstar!

Year 4

For a fantastic first week at Fleet. You have settled into our class really well and I was very impressed with the brilliant poem you wrote about the Iron Man. We look forward to getting to know you better!



Year 5

For your improvement in writing. Your presentation is beautiful and you are increasingly challenging yourself! Well done and keep it up!

Year 6

For your effort in Art recently. I was particularly impressed with your pastel line drawing, which captured lots of facial detail. Well done.

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

13th March:	Irish Dancing Workshop for KS1 & KS2
15th & 16th Mar:	FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school closed
30th March:	International Food Evening—5-7pm
31st March:	end of term—school closes at 2pm
18th April:	Summer Term Starts—Children Back

See the tables here (right and below) for events specific to individual classes. If you have any questions about these trips, visits or events please speak to the class teacher or contact the office.

NURSERY

23rd March:	Parent Meetings
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RECEPTION

22nd & 23rd Mar:	Parent Meetings
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YEAR 1

21st March:	Parent Meetings
23rd March:	Parent Meetings
23rd March:	Year 1 Class Tea
24th March:	Year 1 Class Assembly
30th March:	London Zoo

YEAR 2

16th March:	Regents Park
23rd March:	Hampstead Heath
21st March:	Parent Meetings
23rd March:	Parent Meetings
30th March:	Talacre

YEAR 3

16th March:	Year 3 Class Tea
17th March:	Year 3 Class Assembly
22nd March:	Parent Meetings: Year 3
23rd March:	Talacre
23rd March:	Parent Meetings: Year 3

YEAR 4

22nd March:	Parent Meetings
23rd March:	Parent Meetings
27th March:	Science Museum
28th March:	Airspace Workshop

YEAR 5

14th March:	Science Museum
20th—30th Mar:	Year 5 Swimming everyday
22nd March:	Parent Meetings
23rd March:	Rehearsal for Royal Albert Hall—location t.b.c.
23rd March:	Parent Meetings

YEAR 6

13th March:	British Museum
21st March:	British Library
22nd March:	Parent Meetings
23rd March:	Parent Meetings

Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2024

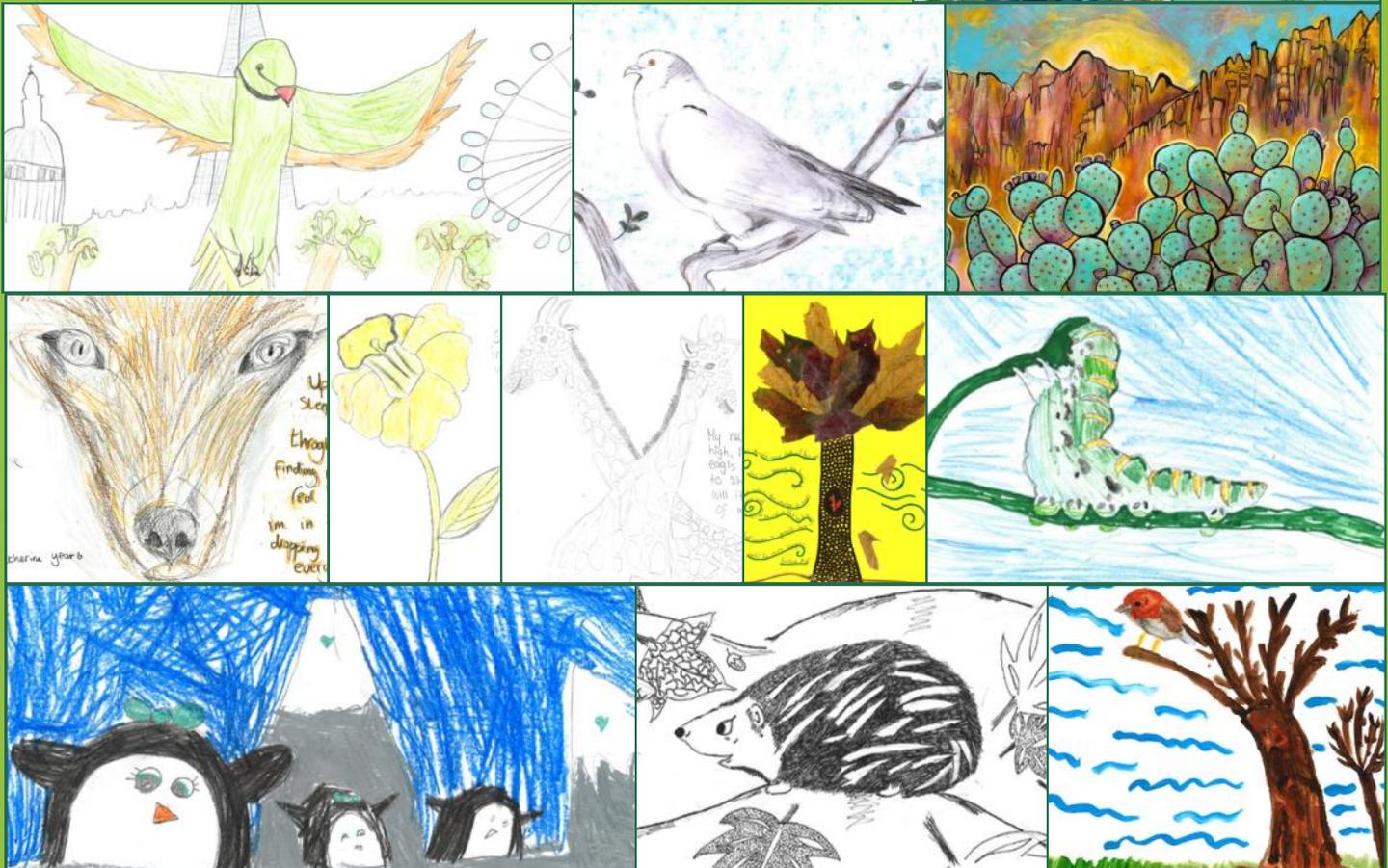
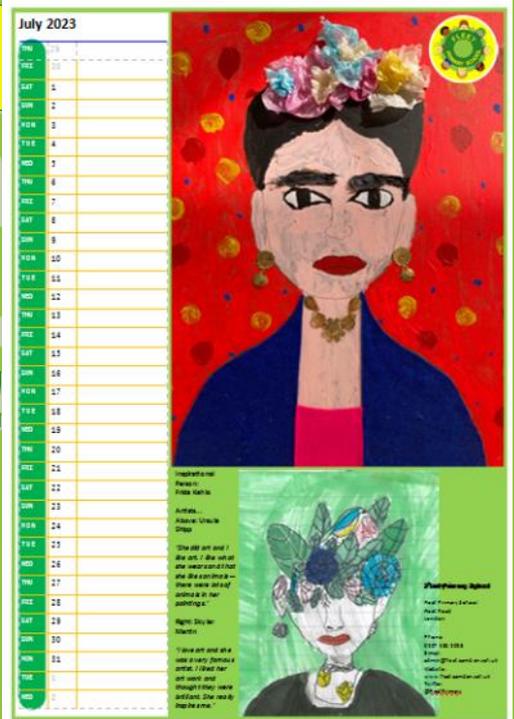
This year's theme...**A Wonderful World!**

This week in assembly we introduced to the children this year's theme for our annual Fleet Calendar Art Competition. The school's Rights Respecting Ambassadors helped to come up with the ideas.

The theme this year is 'A Wonderful World' and is all about the natural world and protecting it. Art can be inspired by nature, animals, plants, insects, birds, ocean life, habitats, protecting the environment or environmentalists—see some of the examples at the bottom of this page.

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. It is important that they put their name and class on the reverse side of the picture in pencil (don't write in pen and not on the front). They should also include a 'fun fact' about their subject written on the back too which will be included in the final calendar if their image is selected.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2024. Entries should be handed in to the school



Easter Egg Decorating Competition



Every year we hold an Easter Egg decorating competition and we are all impressed and amused with the children's egg-cellent decorated eggs and eggs-tremely funny egg scenes!

They have freedom to decorate their Easter Egg scene in any way they see fit – they **don't need to use real eggs** (they can craft egg shapes from anything they would like) it just has to have an element of a designed 'egg' shape in it.

The countdown is now on for this year's competition. Entries should be brought in on the last day of term, **Friday the 31st March**. They will be judged that morning and then shared in the end of term assembly and prizes given out.

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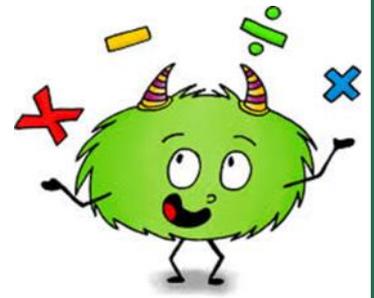
To submit your entry you need to:

- Decorate your egg/egg scene—special consideration for prizes given for creativity and imagination!
- Bring in your egg/scene on the morning of **Friday 31st March** for judging

We can't wait to see the fantastic entries this year.



Fleet Facts!



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

Year 2: Afreen, Jassy, Albie, Tymur, Musa, Annie, Yahya, Benita, Noel, Max, Mahir, Zoya, Mohamed

Year 3: Lir, Mason, Jona, Robyn

Year 4: Lottie, Lashanty, Marcel, Ursula, Layan, Mickey, Arafat

Year 5: Ena, Sufiyan, Yara, Alea, Hunter, Rayan, Hana, Millie, Rayn, Tabby, Alfie, Yonis, Ranya, Evangeline, Saheim, Natasha, Gabi, Muhib, Theo

Year 6: Poppy, Ugo

Times Tables Rock Stars of the Week—this week!

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

Year 2: Albie—500 coins!

Year 3: Frankie—830 coins!

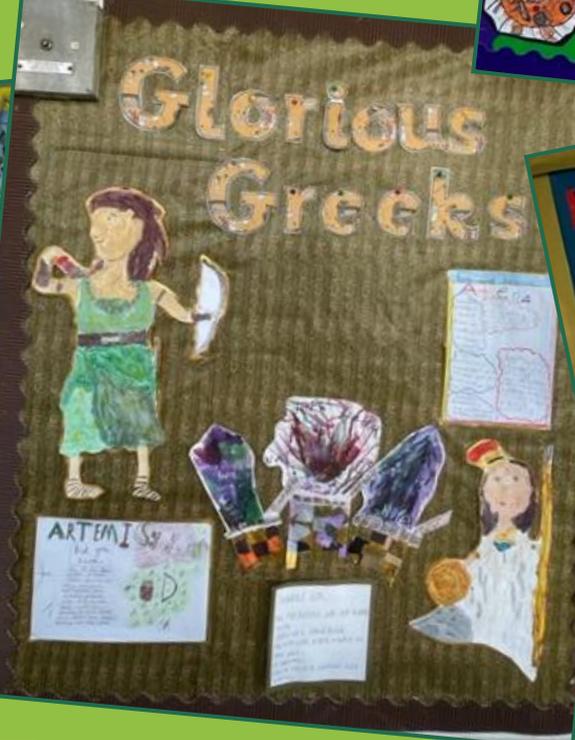
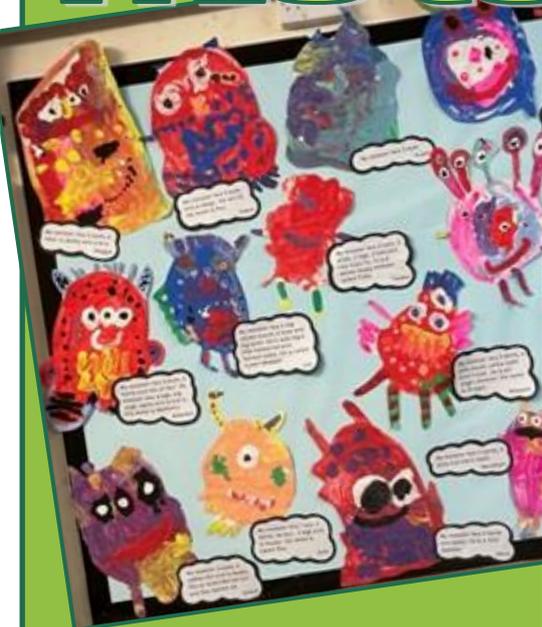
Year 4: Okpe—35,403 coins!

Year 5: Ena—27,323 coins!

Year 6: Aadam—4,438 coins!

We are aware of an issue with current subscription login to 'Times Table Rockstars'—if you are trying to login and it's not working please bear with us. We are working on a resolution and it should be back up and running by early next week if not before.

This term's topics...

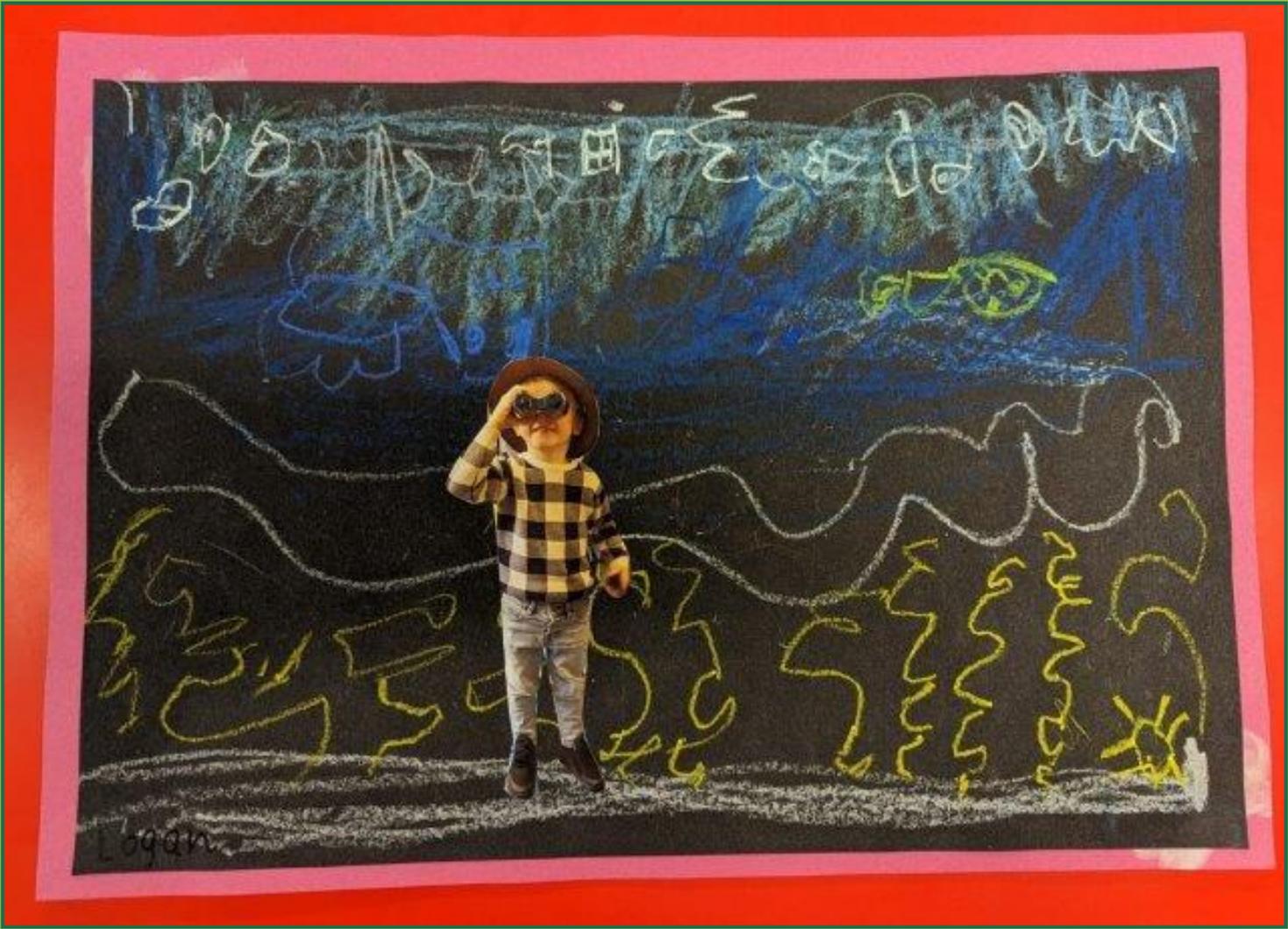


Nursery: Giant Paws and Monster Roars
Reception: Let's Go to the Shops
Year 1: Wild Things
Year 2: Seeds and Thneeds
Year 3: Glorious Greeks
Year 4: We are Heroes
Year 5: Just Beyond the Stars
Year 6: Arabian Nights

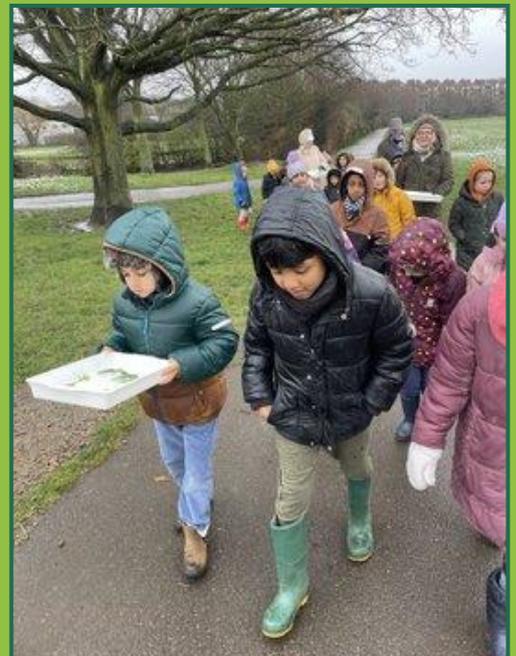


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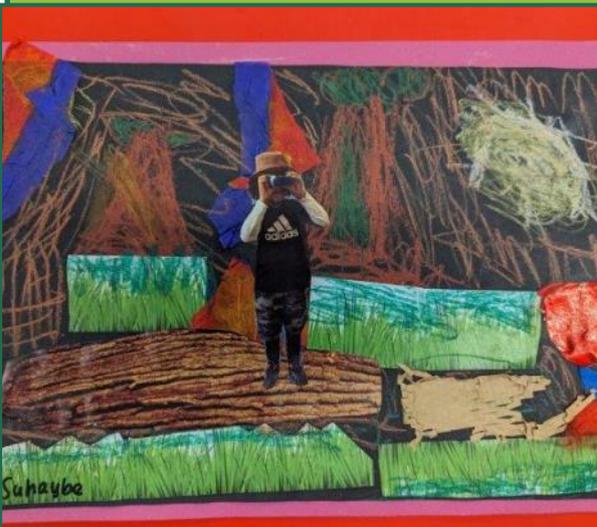
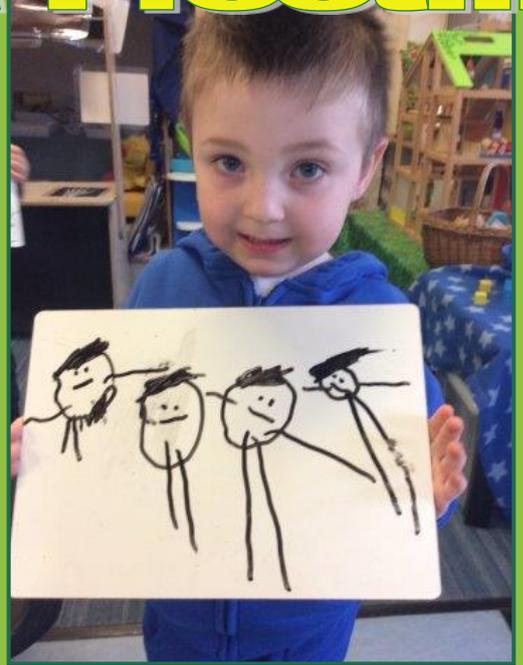
Following on from the busy Writing and Book week held last week we've had another busy week. We finished last week with every class visiting Keats Library which was really enjoyable and then straight into this week with trips to the Greenwich Observatory as part of their space topic (Y5), the Heath to learn about plants, trees and observation drawing (Y2), Talacre for a sports morning (Y6) and some online workshops completed too! Here in school classes have been equally busy with science lessons looking at buoyancy, fabulous art lessons looking at Islamic scholars using collage and pastels, as well as space art inspired by the scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock. In DT there has been some brilliant model building inspired by the class text 'The Iron Man' in Year 4. It's been equally busy in the Early Years with Nursery have been busy thinking about hatching dinosaur eggs and how to care for them, developing their early writing skills with instructions to go with the eggs they've made while in Reception as well as lots of great phonics and maths work the children have been doing lots of cooking too! Classes have also been busy this week thinking about 'International Women's Day' which we celebrated on Wednesday and discussing the difference between equity and equality. We rounded off the week with the fabulous Year 2 Class Assembly today—their version of the Lorax. It was brilliant! Well done to all the children and staff for keeping up the incredible pace they do with their learning week after week. We are very proud of them all.



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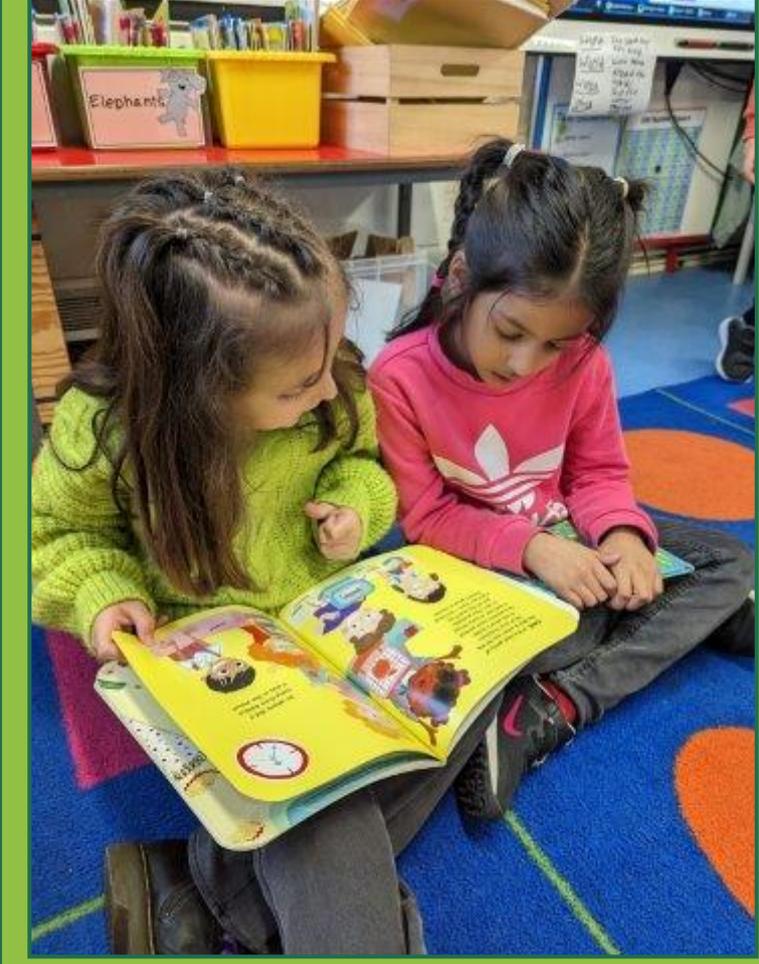
Year 2 Class Assembly - The Lorax!



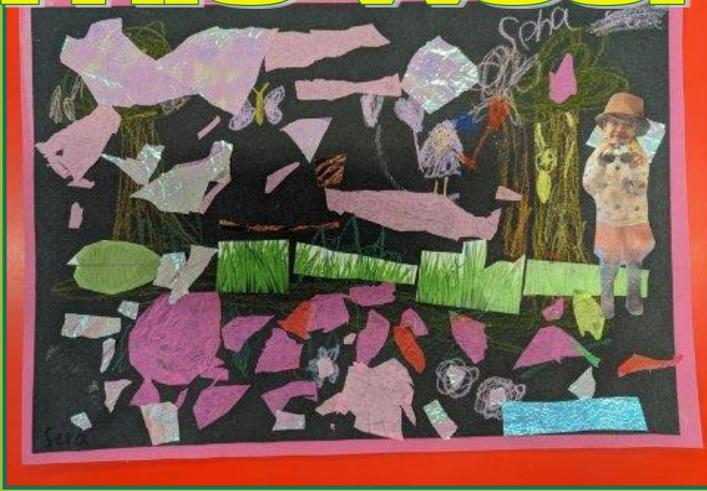
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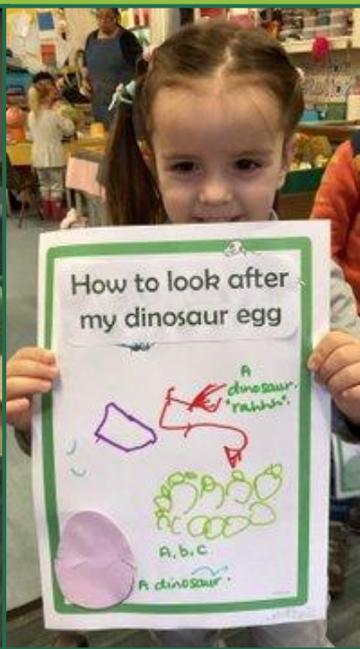
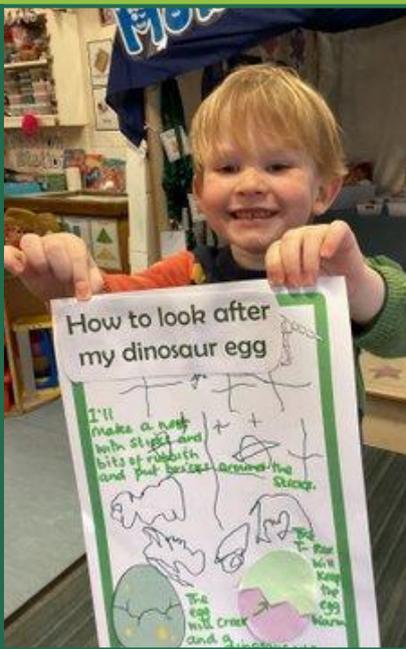
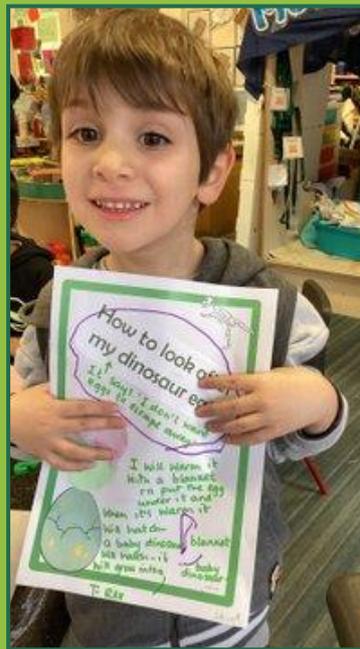
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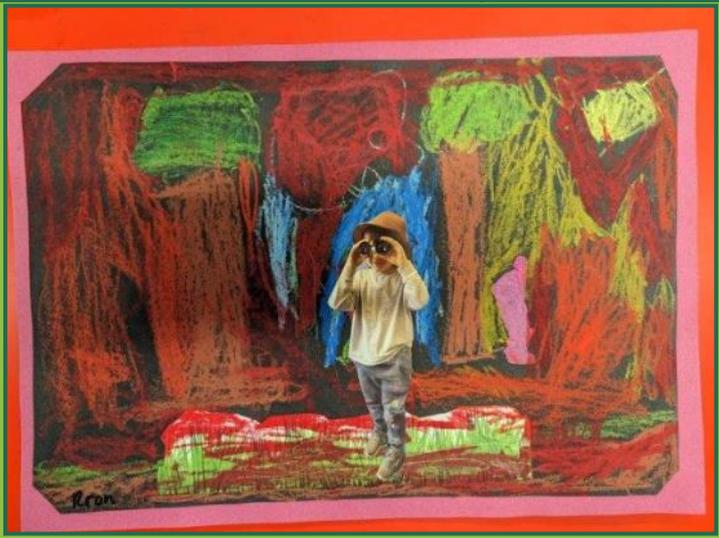
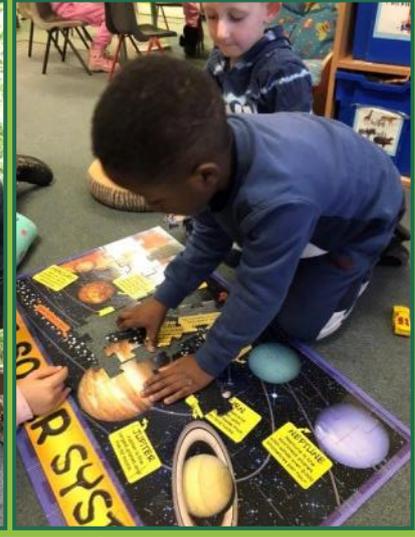
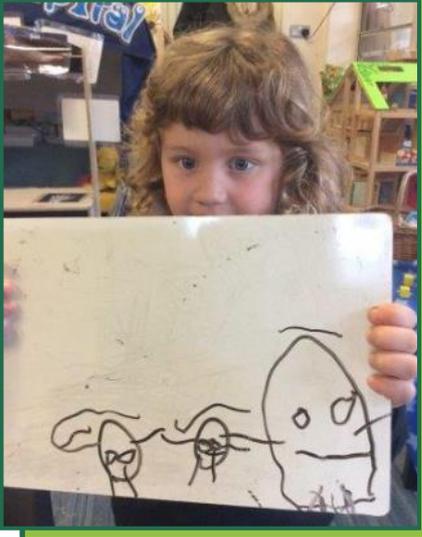
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