

Message from the head: As Christmas events are added into the already packed curriculum there seems more and more to do! I can't thank my staff enough for how hard they are currently working to juggle all the plates required of them. I'd like to thank you too for finding time this week to attend your parents' meetings—they are so important so that you and we are working together to ensure our children make the most progress possible. It was disappointing that some parents were not able to attend their planned meetings and also that they did not inform the school, meaning that teachers are left waiting in the evening as are other parents who could have their meetings brought forward. We understand life can sometimes throw up unexpected problems but we would ask that you keep communication lines as open as possible so that we can adjust and support you as applicable.

I met with some of the school governors this week when the Curriculum and Standards sub-committee met. We looked at the current assessment data as well as the recent OFSTED inspection. I shared my concerns with them around attendance and punctuality and the impact that is likely to have on the children's attainment as well as our ability to provide catch-up support where needed. As you will see below, attendance is very low at the moment. So of you will be receiving invites soon to come and meet with me to discuss these issues and see how we can work together to improve things for your children. Research consistently shows that the children who achieve the best outcomes from education are those with the best attendance. I do think there is a danger, post pandemic, that we are a little too quick to keep our children off school when they have minor coughs and colds. Please do consider this when deciding to keep the children off school.

Today we have our Winter Fair after school. The PA have been working incredibly hard to get everything ready and I am sure it will be a huge success. I hope to see many of you there—it starts straight after school. If any of you are able to help out for a short stint on any of the stalls I know it will be greatly appreciated. Here's hoping by the end we are a step closer to raising all we need for the junior playground. Have a great weekend and hope those watching the England game this evening get the result they are hoping for!

Parent Meetings

Thank you to all the parents from Rec-Y6 who came along to parent meetings this week. Your involvement and opinion is important to us. If you were not able to attend a meeting please do try to find a mutual time to speak with your child's teacher so they can pass on the targets for your child. You should also have been given a web link at your meeting to complete the annual parent survey. We will send these out next week via Parent Hub so any of you who may have misplaced the paper you were given can still complete. The survey is open until the end of term. Nursery parent evenings are coming up. See below:
Nursery parent meetings: 1st December

NOTE: Following recent announcement there is an additional School closure due to an extra Bank Holiday for King Charles' coronation scheduled for 8th May 2023. The Terms dates have now been updated on the school website.

School Photographer: Photos

Don't forget to return your order forms for your child's individual photos by Monday 28th November. You can either return your completed form in the envelope provided, along with the correct amount of cash to the office, or you can order and pay online by going to www.suesphotostudio.co.uk.



Nasal Flu Vaccine

If your child missed their Nasal Flu Vaccine—either because you hadn't completed the consent form in time or they were off—you can call the Nasal Flu Team on 0203 317 5076 to arrange for them to get it done at their clinic in Kentish Town.

Punctuality Award

This week the prize for the most punctual class goes to Year 1 with 2 lates. They were far and away the best with no other class under 5 and year 2 and year 4 particularly high. If your child arrives late they are not only missing their own education and often the vital introduction instructions to the first task of the day but they are risking disturbing the other children's learning. That is not fair. As always a huge thank you to those families who are consistently in on time for your continued effort. If Please ensure your children are **IN** class by 9am.



Attendance Award

Attendance this week was very low at 88.6%. This is mainly due to a number of children who have been missing multiple days, all across the school but especially in Reception and KS1, with various illnesses. No class was above 96% this week with Year 4 the highest at 94.1%. While we know that from time to time children will be too unwell to be here we would ask you to support their learning by not keeping off for too long when coming back from illness. Being in school, with many children, often takes their minds off not feeling 100% as they are kept so busy. It is best to send them in if you are in doubt and we would send them home if over the day they don't improve. Missing days has such a big impact on their learning and we want them to learn to be resilient. Overall attendance for the year is currently 94.4%.



Lunch Menu: 28th Nov—2nd Dec

Meat Free Monday

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

Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Roast Turkey
Vegetarian: Quorn Casserole
Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Carrots & Brussel Sprouts
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

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

Meat/Halal: Spaghetti Bolognaise
Vegetarian: Vegetable Fajitas
Garlic Bread
Green Beans, Roasted
Butternut Squash
Rice Pudding & Berries

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



JOIN US FOR

FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WINTER FAIR!

Kick off the festive season with a magical evening, packed with fun games & activities, delicious snacks, hot food (from 4.30pm), festive drinks, a range of homemade crafts & giftware, pre-loved books, toys & music!

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
3.30-6.45PM

FREE ENTRY & lots of FANTASTIC prizes to be won!

Can't make it? Don't worry, you can still buy raffle tickets, bid on our amazing auction prizes and/or donate using the QR code.

Thank you for your support!



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 always being such a positive and kind member of our class. You are a great friend and always look after everyone. Well done!

Year 1

You have been working really hard during carpet times especially during phonics lessons. Jo and I are really proud of you. Keep it up!



Year 2

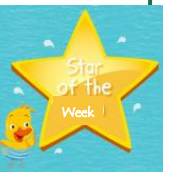
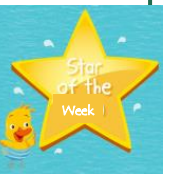
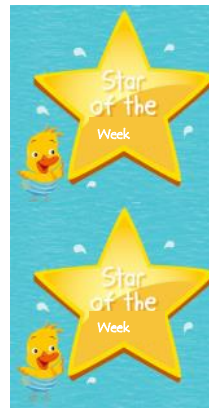
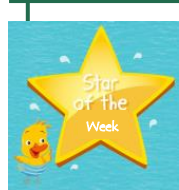
For great behaviour and attitude this week. We have especially noticed your fantastic effort in Maths - you are a shape super-star! Well done.

Year 3

For always showing resilience with your learning. You are always striving to make improvements with your work and make it your best. Keep demonstrating such a fantastic attitude to learning!

Year 4

For your fantastic attitude towards your learning. Everyday, you tackle your work with positivity and focus. Well done for always trying your best!



Year 5

Your focus is improving lots and you are making real strides! You also asked interesting and pertinent questions during our Christianity workshop this week!

Year 6

For your enthusiasm and focus during our Citizenship Training in Camden. Constable Berthram was particularly impressed with your ideas and engagement! Keep up the focus

Fleet Facts!



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

Year 3: Robyn, Ayman, Mason, Angelo, Amine, Denys, Frankie

Year 4: Lottie, Okpe, Jarod, Sam, Yacub, Lashanty, Saaimah, Lena, Mia, Noah, Mickey

Year 5: Tabby, Millie, Rayn, Ena, Yara, Abid, Theo

Year 6: Nasiru, Adil, Lexi, Ivana, Zayan, Riley, Amber Lily, Poppy

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: Benita—1,130 coins!

Year 3: Frankie—3,170 coins—3rd week in row!

Year 4: Okpe—24,590 coins—8th week in a row!

Year 5: Ena—8,361 coins—2nd week in a row!

Year 6: Aadam—4,664 coins—2nd week in a row!

Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2023



The Calendar Art Competition for creating a school calendar at the end of the year is still on. 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!

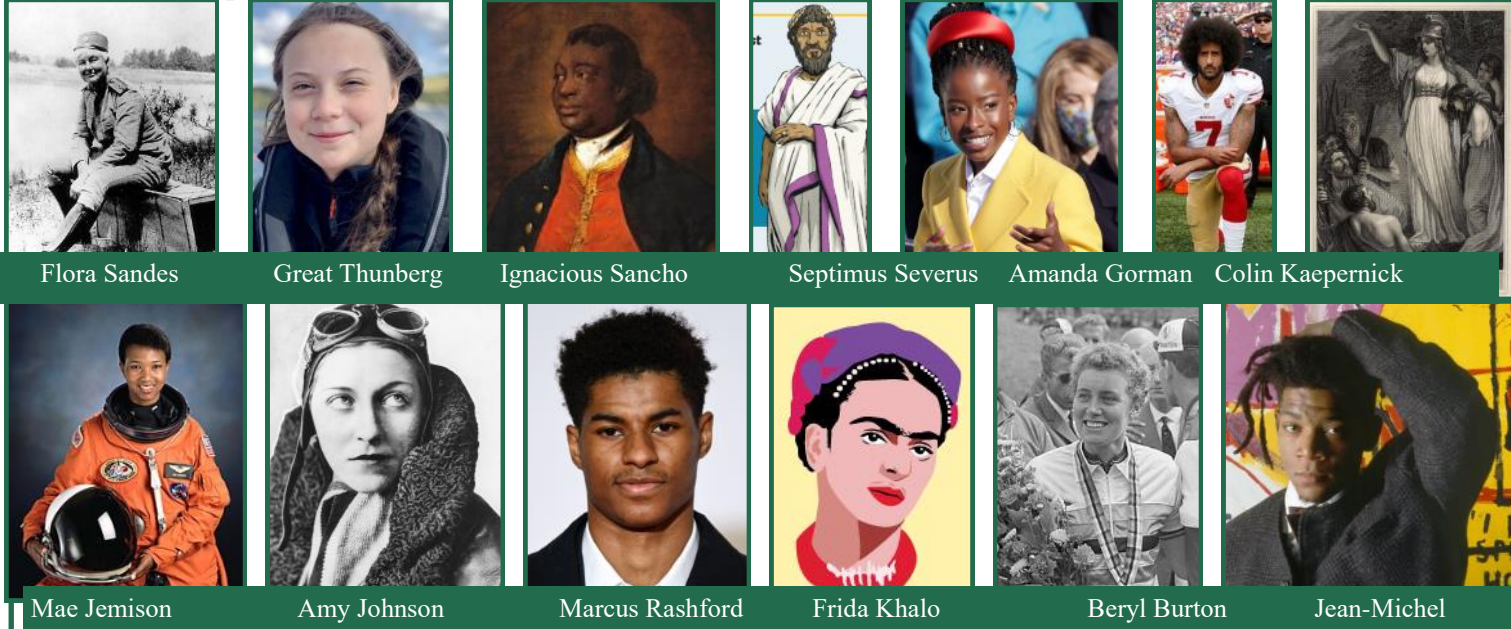
This year the theme links in with the 'Lifting Limits' gender equality work we are doing in all classes and also with the racial equality work that runs throughout our curriculum. We are asking that the subject of the art be inspired by a historical figure—contemporary or older.

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 last year in assemblies or topics - can you think of anyone new?



Flora Sandes Great Thunberg Ignacious Sancho Septimus Severus Amanda Gorman Colin Kaepernick

Mae Jemison Amy Johnson Marcus Rashford Frida Khalo Beryl Burton Jean-Michel

Autumn Term Topics 2022



Reception—Mini Engineers

Year 1—Our Favourite Toys

Year 2—All Around the World

Year 3—We Will Rock You

Year 4—An Adventure Through Time

Year 5—Winter Wonderland

Year 6—City of Stars



This week at Fleet...

In the last week it has started to feel more Christmassy even though it's still December! Many of the classes have been visiting Gospel Oak Church learning about Advent while back in school classes have been making decorations to go up in the hall for today's winter fair. The Infants are well on the way to learning their songs for next week's Infant Christmas Show (Friday @ 10am for infant parents) and the juniors too are rehearsing for their show the week after. On top of this there has been some brilliant writing in English across the school (see Jake in Y4's great piece inspired by Oliver Twist) as well as excellent hands on maths and science lessons taking place. Music lessons continue with Year 4 and 5's brass lessons while Year 6 and Year 3 have been buddying up for some reading sessions. There has also been a couple of theatre trips this week for nursery and year 5 as well as a visit to the CLC for year 3 at the end of last week and Year 6 took part in a citizenship workshop where, among other things, they brushed up on their first aid skills. We even had some sushi making in Year 1 inspired by one of their stories! Things never slow down for Christmas—it just means even more to fit in and the staff are doing a great job as usual in getting it all done while the children are being as fantastic as ever! Well done everyone!

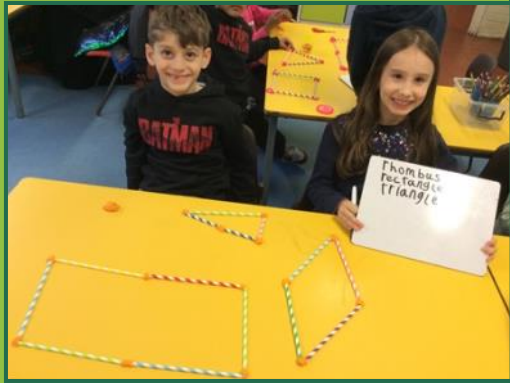
Creative Writing—Character Descriptions in Year 4 from work looking at Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist:

Standing in a busy London street was a scared, harmless little boy called Oliver Twist. Right that moment a carriage pulled up. A boy stepped out. Oliver was standing there staring. He was wearing torn apart clothes and his eyes were brown, dark brown, browner than his hat. He was wearing a beige leather jacket. Oliver had just ran for 7 days straight, running away from his previous home. He had run several days without food or water. This boy, his nickname was the Artful Dodger. Oliver's feet were crumpled like a piece of paper. They were dirty from filth from walking. They had splinters and blisters. He managed to not feel the pain but it was hard to avoid. His stomach was aching with starvation. Just then the Artful Dodger stole two pieces of bread and said, "What are you looking at weirdo? You hungry?" "Yes, I'm starving!" yelled Oliver. "Who are you? I've never seen you here before", replied the Artful Dodger. "I'm Oliver, Oliver Twist." "You got anywhere to sleep?" said the Artful Dodger. "no money, nope, a change of clothes, never, wow, must've been hard. Well I know someone who will help". "REALLY?" yelled Oliver. "Yep. Follow me," replied the Artful Dodger. Oliver had only just arrived in London and had made his first ever friend in the whole entire world.

By Jake Sullivan



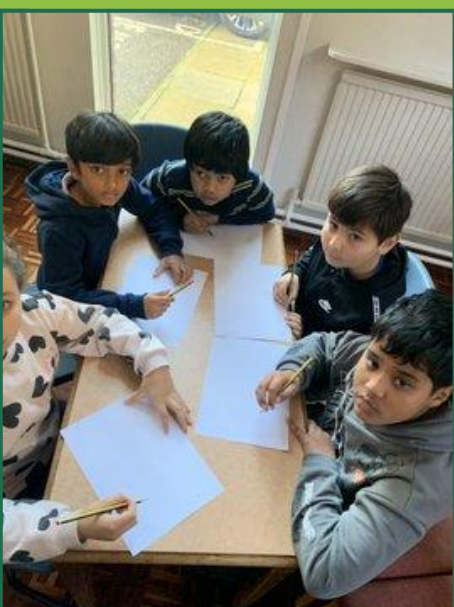
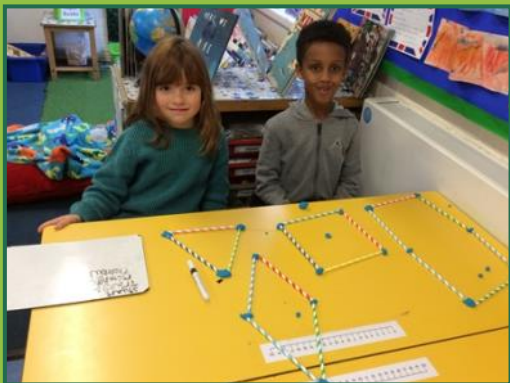
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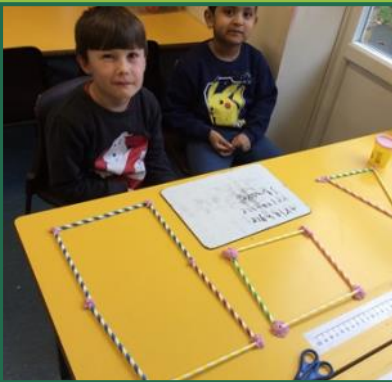
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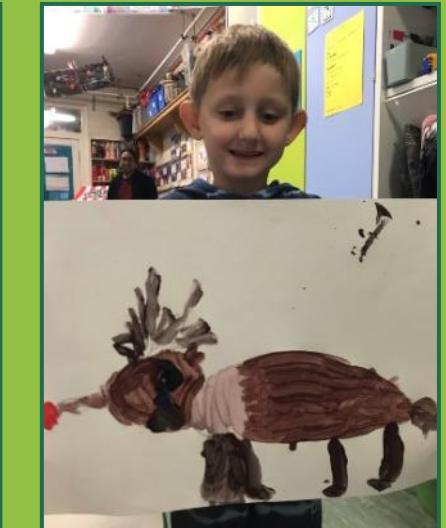
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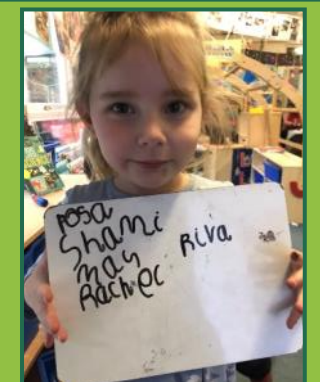
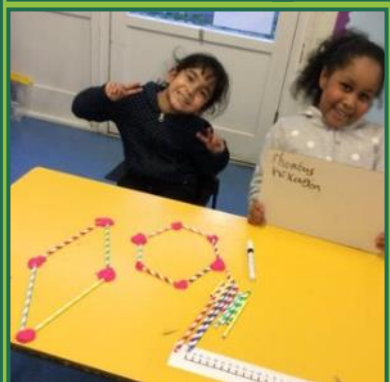
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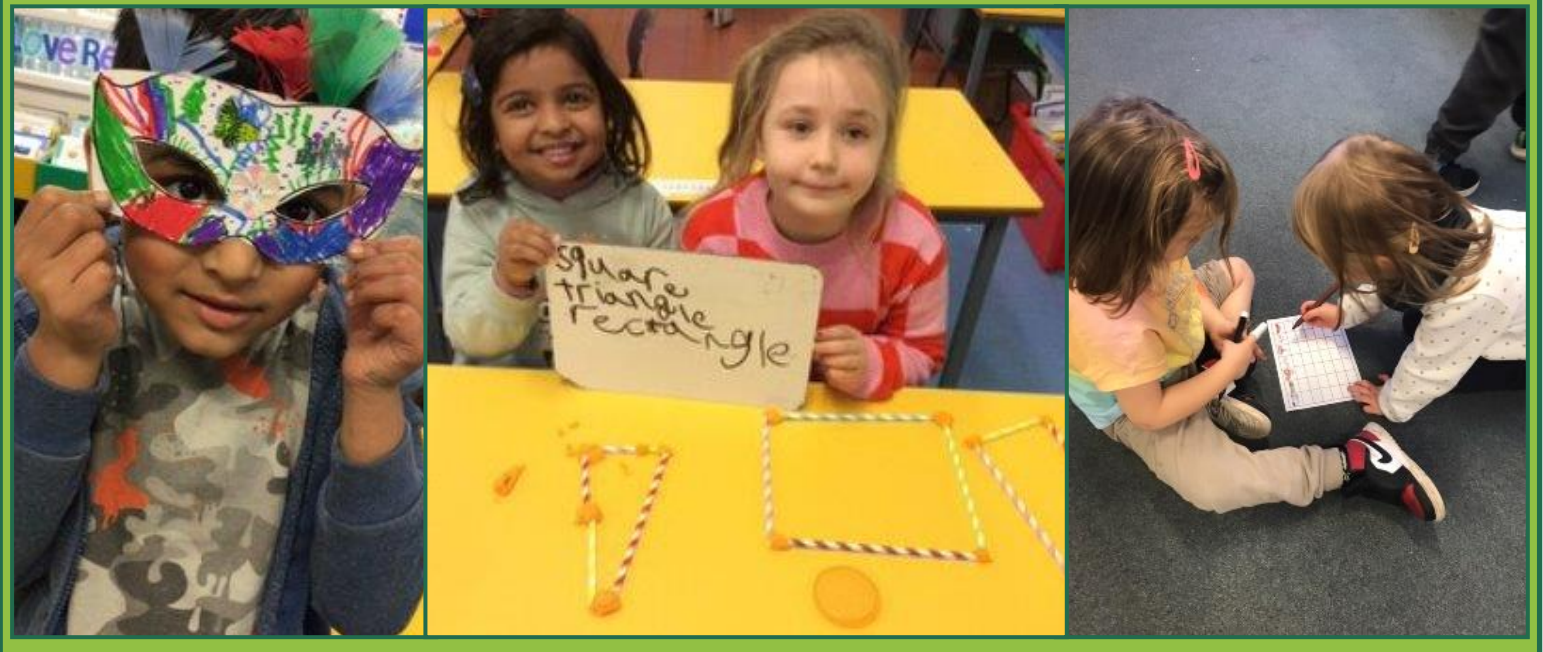
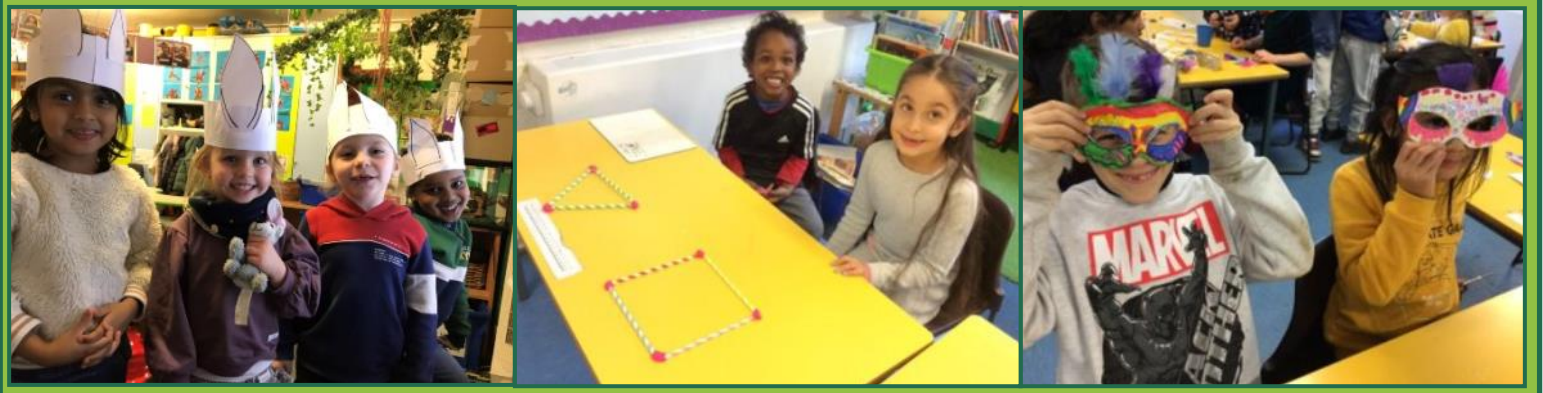
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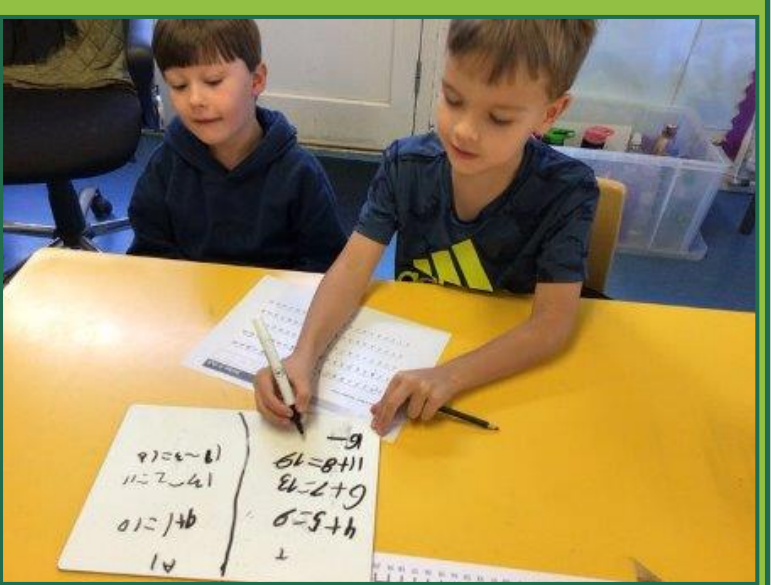
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Dates for your diary this term...

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.

- . **28th November:** Y4 to the CLC
- . **29th November:** Y5 First Aid and Defibrillator Training
- . **29th November:** Y6 to the Theatre (back late—5.30pm)
- . **30th November:** Y5 to the CLC
- . **1st December:** Nursery Parent Meetings—2pm-6pm
- . **2nd December:** Infant Christmas Show @ 10am
- . **5th December:** Y5 to Parliament Hill School
- . **8th December:** Junior Christmas Show @ 9.30am (no ticket needed)
- . **8th December:** Junior Christmas Show @ 7pm (ticketed)
- . **9th December:** School Christmas Lunch
- . **12th December:** KS1 to Belsize Synagogue
- . **13th December:** KS2 to Belsize Synagogue
- . **14th December:** Infant Christmas Parties
- . **15th December:** Junior Talent Show & Christmas Parties
- . **16th December:** end of term—school closes at 2pm
- . **4th January:** Spring Term Starts—Children Back