

Message from the head:

This week I had to make the difficult decision to close the school next Wednesday due to the industrial action by the NEU. I know the members of that union don't take decisions like striking lightly and I think the fact this is the first teachers strike in many years highlights this. What is often lost in media coverage about the recent strikes, whether it be the nurses, rail workers, teachers or whoever, is the huge increases in basic running costs we have all seen over the last few years and the impact on service delivery. This means year on year we are stretched to even manage the same level of support with less money. Coming through the pandemic has meant more than ever we need to be able to do more and more and sadly often lack the financial resources to do that. With the extra pressure this brings on staff it is no surprise when you read about the teacher shortages and the number of people leaving the profession over the last few years. The staff at Fleet are incredibly dedicated to doing the best for your children and delivering for them the best educational experience they can. While I recognise my decision to close the school next week will be inconvenient for parents, at the same time as leading to your children missing a days education, I hope there is some level of understanding as to why teachers are doing what they are doing. You will also know there are further days of strike action planned for March. As soon as I know more as to how many, if any teachers, will be available on those days, I will be able to make a decision as to whether school will need to close. Thanks for your patience and understanding throughout this period. Next week (see below for details of days) we are holding maths open mornings in KS1 and KS2. I hope many of you will be able to come along and get some ideas for fun maths activities you can do at home to support your children. Also below are details of an opportunity to take part in the London Mini Marathon. It requires parental support on the day (a Saturday in April). Please let the office know if you are interested. Have a good weekend and see you next week.

Open Mornings Next Week

This term's open morning for Key Stage 1 and 2 will have a focus on Maths. We hope you will be able to come along for the beginning of the day on the date shown below.

The class teachers will be demonstrating fun maths activities and games that you will be able to use at home to support your child to develop, practice and consolidate their maths skills.

The open morning sessions will finish at 9.30am.

Thursday 2nd February Year 1 ONLY

Friday 3rd February Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

London Mini Marathon

On Saturday April the 22nd, the London Marathon is being run (the day before the real event). This is open to school children from all over London. There are two possible distances (1 mile for Reception to Year 7; 2.6km for Year 5 to Year 12). It is free to enter and there is a medal for any child taking place. £10 per finisher is also donated to the school. To take part entry must be done through school. As this is an event taking place on a weekend we want to know if there is enough interest for us to request places. If you would be interested in obtaining a place for your child, and are available to accompany them on the day, please let us know by contacting the school office by end of the school day on Monday next week to we have time to request places if there is enough interest. Thank you.



Punctuality Award

This week, as usual, the majority of children managed to get to school on time. Overall lates were up this week by 7 compared to last week with 47! More than half of these were from two classes—year 2 (17) and year 6 (10). A massive thank you to Year 5 who had just 1 late and also special mention to year 3 and 4 with 3 lates each. Please ensure that children are arriving at school in plenty time. We will have some exciting news about breakfast club to share with you soon and we hope this will encourage more of the children to come in to school earlier. Being in and settled at 9am ready to start makes such a difference to the children and their learning and ultimately their educational outcomes. Please, if your child was late this week, do all you can to avoid this being repeated.



Attendance Award

Our attendance continues to move in the right direction. All classes were above 90% this week and 3 classes beat the target of 96% (Year 2, 3 and 5) with the best being year 2 with 97.4%. Year 1 continued their recent improvements coming very close to the target with 95.6%. For the week we were also up on last week with 94.9% - we're getting closer and closer to our goal of 96%. For the academic year we are still way down on that target but week on week now for the last 3 weeks we continue to creep up as the class attendances improve. We are now at 92.3%, up 0.2% from last week. We hope this continues with children seeming to be recovering from the many bugs that have been around and also hopefully building their immunity moving forward for the rest of Winter and into Spring. A big thank you for your continued support in ensuring the children are in school as much as possible.



Lunch Menu: 30th Jan—3rd Feb

Meat Free Monday

Cheese and tomato
Pizza or
Veggie chilli & Rice
Green Beans & Carrots
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

**SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO
STRIKE ACTION**

Friday

Meat/Halal: Fish
fingers
Vegetarian: Quiche
Chips or New Potatoes
Tomato Sauce
Baked Beans &
Garden Peas
Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Sausage
Roll
Vegetarian: Veggie
Sausage
Potato Wedges
Baked Beans &
Sweetcorn
Apple & Blackberry
Roll with Custard

Thursday

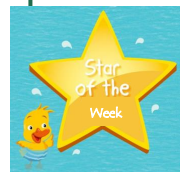
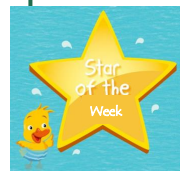
Meat/Halal: Sticky chicken
Noodles
Vegetarian: Chinese Vegetable
Curry
Rice
Broccoli & Carrots
Banana Sponge with Custard

Available Daily

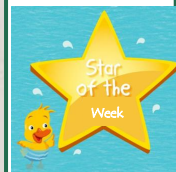
Freshly Cooked Jacket
Potato
Freshly Baked Bread

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

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.

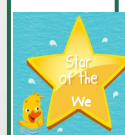
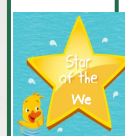
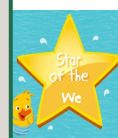
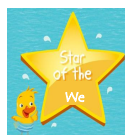
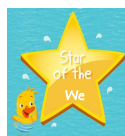


Reception

You have been making excellent choices about your learning, behaviour and play. We are very proud of how well you are doing. Well done and keep it up!

Year 1

For applying your phonics learning to the real world. It was brilliant seeing you try and read all of the station names and signs while we were out on our trip to Discover. You noticed lots of diagraphs and blended words super confidently. Go you!



Year 2

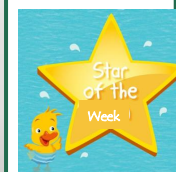
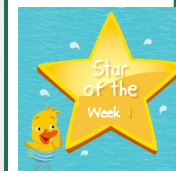
I've loved reading your writing recently. You are challenging yourself to write longer pieces and are listening carefully to what you need to include in your work. Well done!

Year 3

What a brilliant week you have had! You have really focussed and tried your hardest with your work. I am impressed with how much you have remembered about Greek mythology. Keep up the excellent work superstar!

Year 4

For being such a focused and independent learner this week! I've been very impressed with how hard you have been working, particularly when planning your story. Well done!



Year 5

For your amazing efforts! You are working so hard at developing your independence and are such a resilient learner! Well done for great progress - you should be so proud of yourself!

Year 6

You've been super-focused in class this week and it's showing in your learning. You came up with some great ideas for your story opening for Arabian Nights. Well done!

Dates for your diary this term...

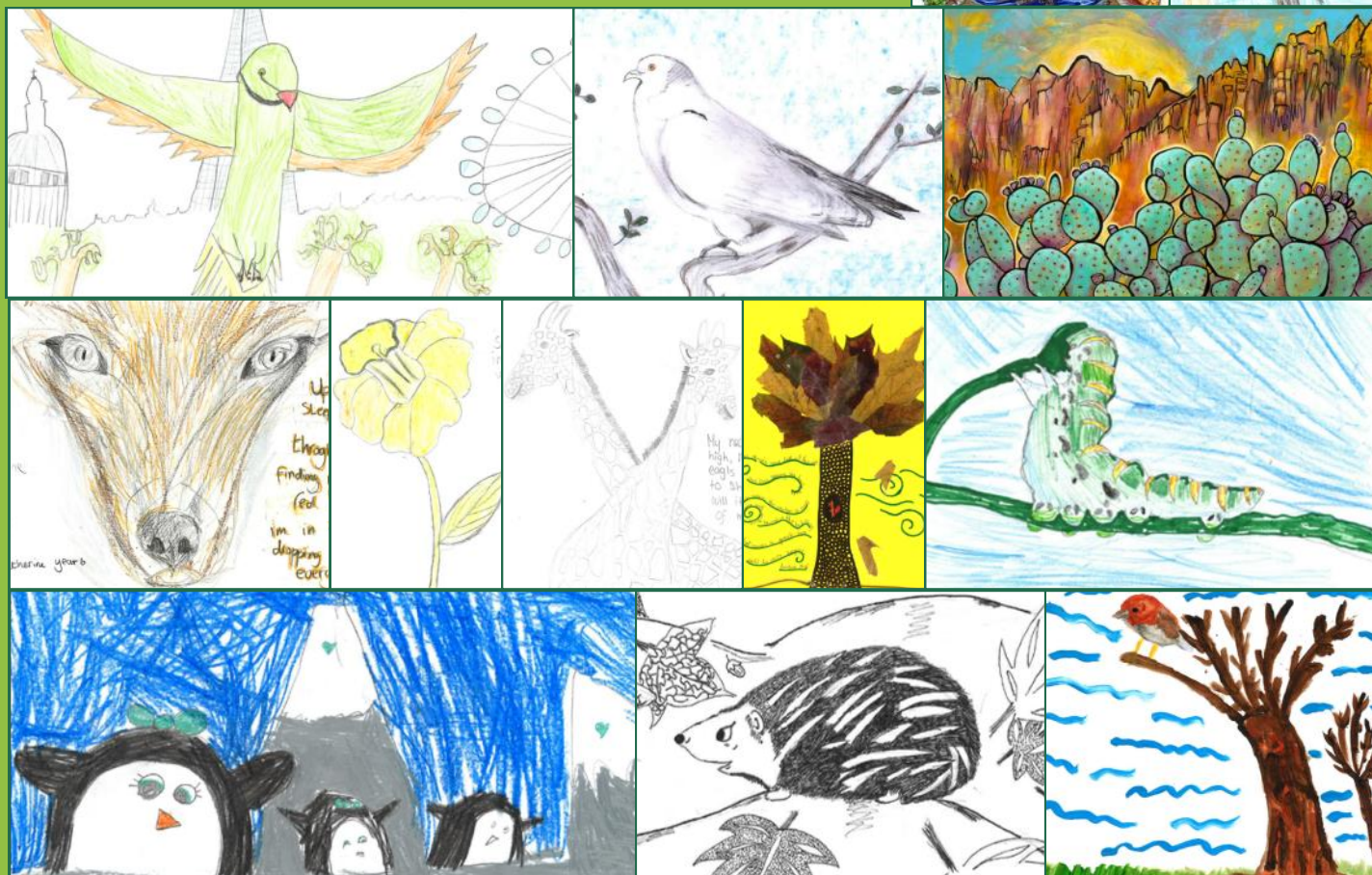
Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows 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.

- **31st January:** Year 2 & Year 5 Dance Workshop in school
- **1st February: SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION**
- **1st February:** Pitch Perfect to UCL Grant Museum (3.45pm—8pm) - going ahead
- **2nd February:** Year 1 Open Morning—Maths
- **2nd February:** Year 3 to Talacre
- **3rd February:** KS1 & KS2 Open Morning—Maths (not Year 1)
- **7th February:** Pitch Perfect to Bloomsbury Theatre for recording
- **9th February:** Year 3 to Wigmore Hall
- **9th February:** Year 2 to Talacre
- **9th February:** Year 6 Class Tea
- **10th February:** Year 6 Class Assembly
- **10th February:** Year 4 to October Gallery
- **13th-17th February:** Half Term—school closed
- **20th Feb-3rd Mar:** Bike Training for Y3, Y1 and EYFS
- **21st February:** Year 3 to British Museum
- **23rd February:** Year 2 STEAM Workshop (in school)
- **23rd February:** Year 5 Class Tea
- **24th February:** Year 5 Class Assembly
- **27th February:** Book Week
- **2nd March:** World Book Day—Dress Up as your favourite story character
- **2nd March: FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school status t.b.c.**
- **2nd March:** Year 4 Class Tea
- **3rd March:** Year 4 Class Assembly
- **7th March:** Year 1 to the Heath
- **7th March:** Year 5 to Royal Observatory, Greenwich
- **8th March:** Year 2 to the Heath
- **8th March:** Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball @ Talacre after school (selected children)
- **9th March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **10th March:** Year 2 Class Assembly
- **13th March:** Year 6 to British Museum
- **15th & 16th March: FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school status t.b.c.**
- **15th March:** Nursery to Kentish Town City Farm
- **16th March:** Year 2 to Regents Park
- **16th March:** Year 3 Class Tea
- **17th March:** Year 3 Class Assembly
- **20th—30th March:** Year 5 Swimming everyday
- **21st March:** Year 6 to British Library
- **21st March:** Parent Meetings: only Year 1 and Year 2
- **22nd March:** Parent Meetings: only Reception, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
- **23rd March:** Parent Meetings: all classes—Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- **23rd March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath
- **23rd March:** Year 5 Trumpets & Trombones RAH rehearsal (at Fleet)
- **23rd March:** Year 1 Class Tea
- **24th March:** Year 1 Class Assembly
- **27th March:** Year 4 to Science Museum
- **28th March:** Year 4 Airspace Workshop (in school)
- **30th March:** Year 1 to the Zoo
- **30th March:** International Food Evening—5-7pm
- **31st March:** end of term—school closes at 2pm
- **18th April:** Summer Term Starts—Children Back

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

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.

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



Fleet Facts!

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



Year 2: Max, Suha

Year 3: Lir, Mason, Thaddeus, Hester, Amine, Robyn, Angelo, Abida

Year 5: Evangeline, Rayn, Gabi, Yonis, Jordan, Nadeem, Theo, Ranya, Alea, Saheim, Hana, Abid, Millie, Sufiyan, Yara, Ena, Alfie, Arin, Florence, Rayan, Hunter, Tabby

Year 6: Adil

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—228 coins!

Year 3: Frankie—5,220 coins—2 weeks in a row!

Year 4: Okpe—18,785 coins—2 weeks in a row!

Year 5: Ena—30,300 coins—2 weeks in a row!

Year 6: Aadam—10,362 coins—2 weeks in a row!

This term's topics...

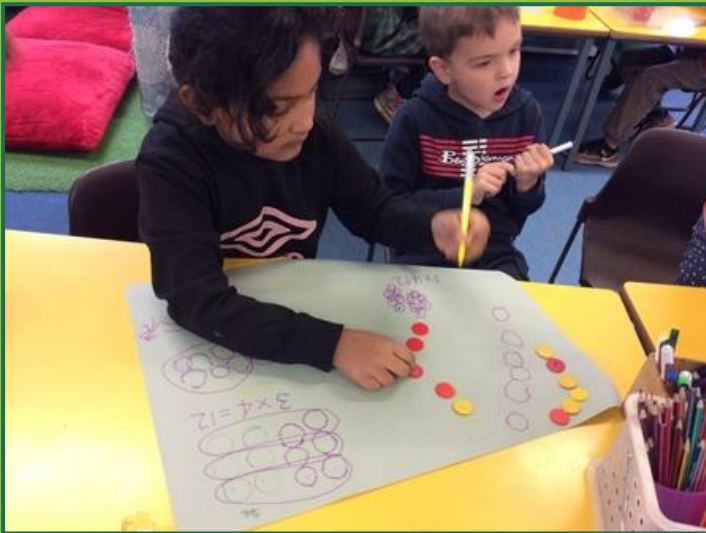


Nursery: Giant Paws and Monster Roars
Reception: Let's Go to the Shops
Year 1: Wild Things
Year 2: Seeds and Thneeds
Year 3: Glorious Greeks
Year 4: We are Heroes
Year 5: Just Beyond the Stars
Year 6: Arabian Nights

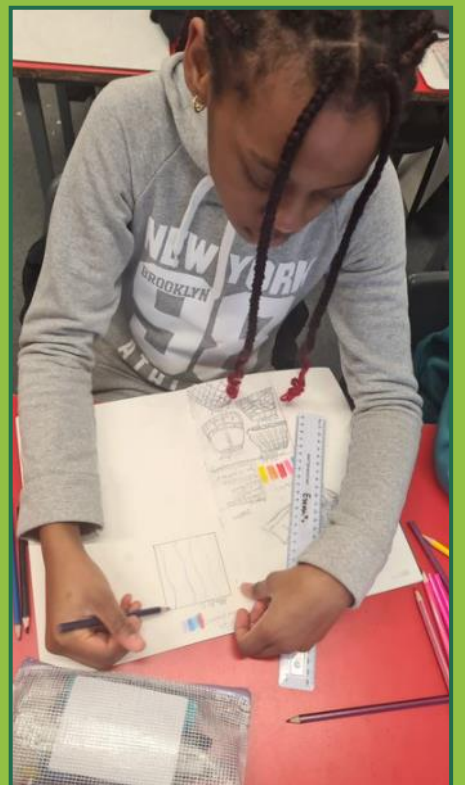


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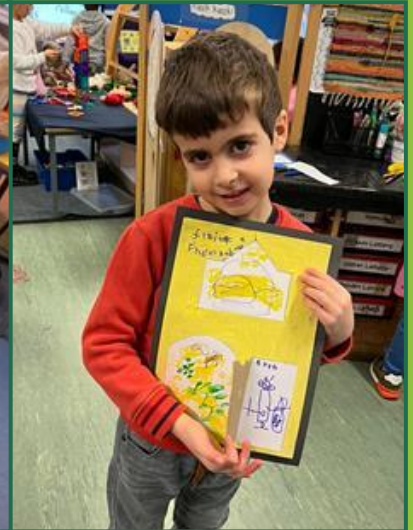
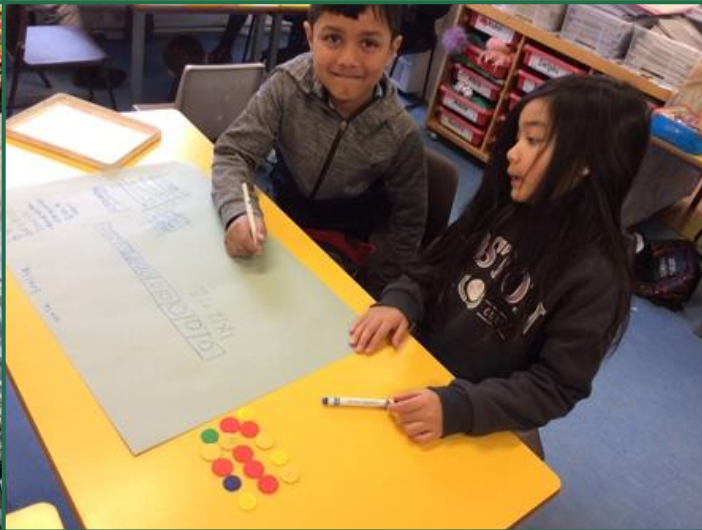
This week the children have been busy on a number of different things as you can see from the next few pages. There has been art inspired by Van Gogh's *Starry Starry Night* in Year 5, while next door in year 6 they have been working on designing fashion inspired by 9th century Baghdad and combined with today's styles. Nursery have been especially busy this week with lots of 'Wild Things' themed activities—they've been making crowns and masks as well as some science where they have been investigating floating and sinking. Meanwhile, year two have been doing lots of array work in maths as well as keeping an eye on their 'beans in a bag' experiment in science. Year 1 had a great trip to the discover Story centre, while Year 2 visited Burgh House in Hampstead. Year 3 also ventured out this week with a sports morning at Talacre. Reception welcomed back Kelly while Rachel is off and have been working exceptionally hard on their phonics work amongst all the other fabulous play based learning they have been doing. Busy, busy, busy...



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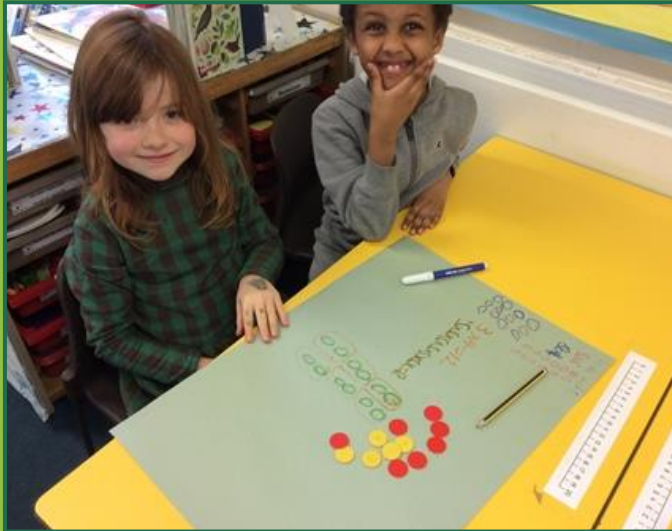
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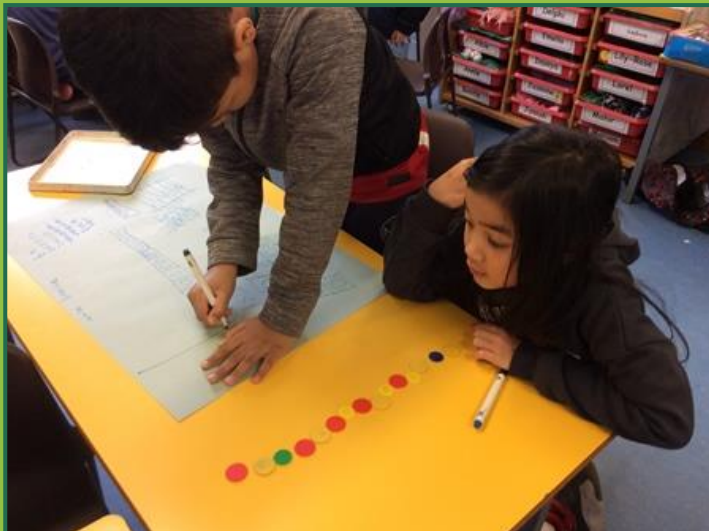
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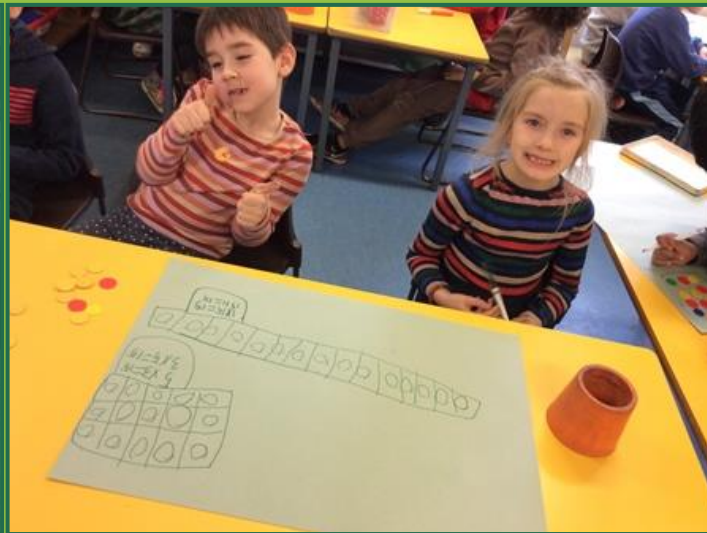
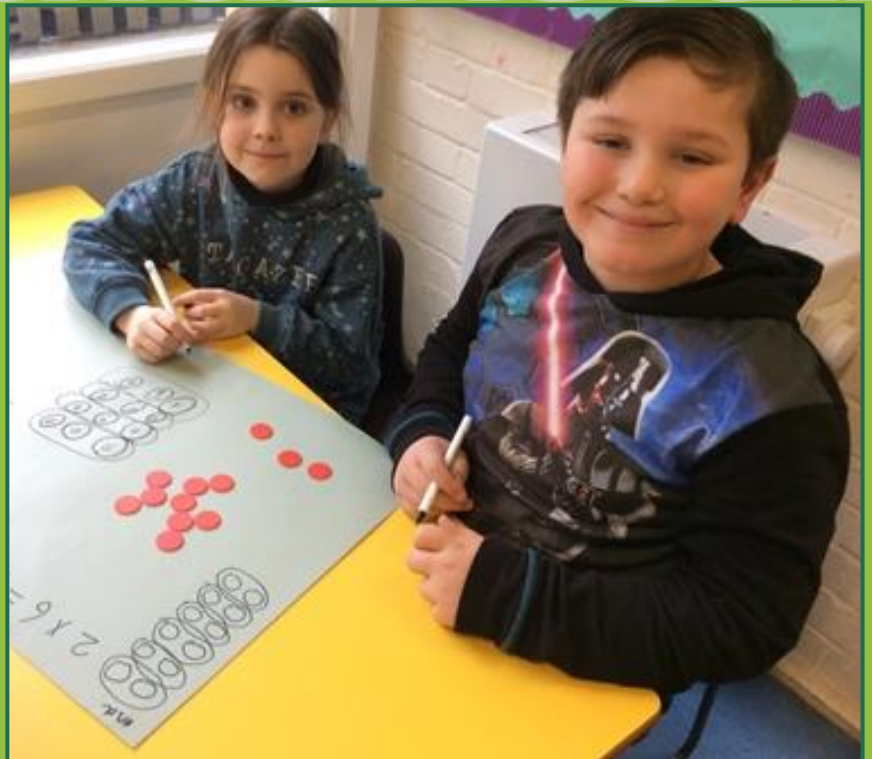
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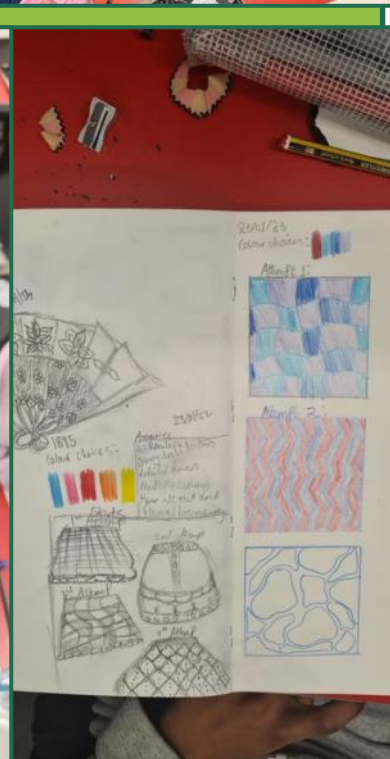
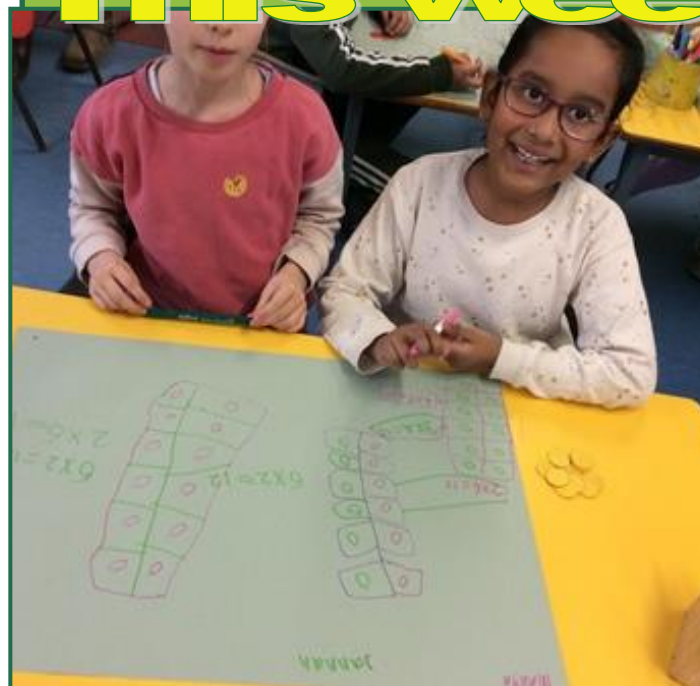
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One day I was in my Lerkim when someone was knocking on my door. I looked outside and I felt nervous because I didn't know that little boy and I was scared because I thought he was the Lorax. I was in my Oncler Wagon when I suddenly saw beautiful Truffula Trees. I felt so excited because I can make lots of thneeds and get money and update my factory. I felt excited because I chopped down my first Truffula Tree and I made my first thneed.

By



One day I was in bed sleeping when all of a sudden I heard a big knock on my door. I felt annoyed because he kept knocking. I decided to talk to him. When I saw the beautiful trees and they smelt like butterfly milk. I chopped one of the trees. I felt happy because it was my first time chopping. Then I started to make my first thneed and I made lots of money. I felt excited because I wanted more money!

By

