

**Message from the head:** I have finished off this week with the Year 5 children on their residential trip to Sayer's Croft. It's always great to see the children outside the bubble of school and how they approach the different activities, pushing themselves outside their comfort zone. It really is a fantastic opportunity and one they will remember for a long time. Their busy week is perfectly timed to give them the half term to rest after all the excitement. All the children at Fleet (and the staff) have worked incredibly hard this term, fitting so much learning in, and all will be looking forward to next week's break. It's a time to recharge, catch up with friends and family, and generally take a break. Whatever you and they get up to, I wish you all the best and hope you are able to have a good balance of adventure and rest and see you all back next half term.

## Home Learning Projects

It's that time of term when the children from Year 2-6 will be thinking about their half term home learning projects. I know some have already started!

As a reminder, the task is to create a 'project' - be that writing, artwork, model, computer presentation—anything at all—inspired by an aspect of their topic they have been learning about all term. They have until Tuesday 7th November to bring them in to class.

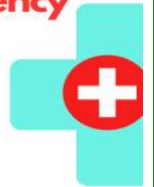
We will then present all the projects in the hall after school on the 7th November and again before school on the 8th November in a 'Home Learning Exhibition' so you can all come along and celebrate the amazing creativity of the children. We can't wait to see what amazing ideas you have.



## Parents & Carers: Would you like to learn basic paediatric first aid skills?

You could learn basic life support skills such as:

- Managing an Emergency
- Bleeding
- Choking
- Injuries
- Recovery position and much more....



The course is **FREE** and will be held on **Tuesday 7th November 9:00am - 12:30pm** in the Qube. Places are limited.

If you would like take part, sign up by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/1vWoMFWMVtFyzucq7>

## Parent Workshops

We have managed to arrange a number of parent workshops this term based on feedback and requests from parents. See below for details.



**Tuesday 7th November:** *First Aid Training for Parents (limited spaces—need to sign up)*

**Friday 17th November:** *Supporting Children with Challenging behaviour (including 'zones of regulation')*

**Wednesday 31st January:** *Creating healthy boundaries around screen time and healthy media*

## Lunch Menu: 30th Oct—3rd Nov

### Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:  
Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
Pasta Salad  
Cous Cous  
Vegetables of the day  
Lemon Drizzle Cake

### Wednesday

Meat/Halal:  
Roast of the day  
Vegetarian:  
Veg Wellington  
Stuffing & Gravy  
Mashed/Roast Potatoes  
Vegetables of the day  
Fresh Fruit

### Friday

Meat/Halal:  
Fish Fingers  
Vegetarian:  
5 Bean Chilli  
Chips or Rice  
Tomato Sauce  
Vegetables of the day  
Oaty Cookie

### 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**

### Tuesday

Meat/Halal:  
Beef Burger  
Vegetarian:  
Bean Burger  
Potato Wedges  
Vegetables of the day  
Fruit Jelly with Mandarins

### Thursday

Meat/Halal:  
Chicken Korma  
Vegetarian:  
Veggie Bolognaise  
Rice & Garlic Bread  
Vegetables of the day  
Apple Sponge Cake

## Punctuality Award

Lates have crept up this week, increasing to 31, compared to 22 last week and 24 the week before that. Thanks to the vast majority of you who arrive everyday on time—we have been really impressed by the positive start to this year, however—we need to ensure that we keep up good punctuality. Well done to Year 2 and Year 4—our winners with 3 lates each. Good effort. Year 6 in second place with 4 lates, Year 3 and Reception tied in third place with 5 each leaving Year 1 with 9 lates. Lets try for 0 lates after the half term break!



**Attendance Award** Attendance has dropped this week, down from 96% to 93%, which means we are below our target of 96% again. All year groups were below 96% (with the exception of Year 5 who are on school journey). Winners this week were Year 5 with 100%, followed by Year 1 (94.3%), Year 3 (93.7%), Year 6 (93%), Year 4 (92.2%) and Reception (88.2%). We need to work hard to bring our attendance back up after the half term break, as good attendance will ensure children maximise their learning potential. Please remember, you should not book holidays during term time. Time off during term time will be unauthorised and you may receive a fine from the local authority.

# Stars of the week!



## Nursery

For being so kind and caring to all our new friends in Nursery and also instigating some fabulous imaginative play.

## Reception

For ALWAYS trying his very best with his learning. You listen so well during carpet times and play really nicely with your friends. Thanks for being such a sweet and kind member of our class!

## Year 1

For working so well in pairs this week. You worked really hard on the activity and were a supportive partner. Well done for such fantastic teamwork.



## Year 2

For your fantastic effort this week! Wow Logan, we've been noticing you trying so hard in everything! We're especially impressed with your reading and how keen you are to help others. Keep it up, you're a superstar.

## Year 3

For always being determined to succeed! You have already made fantastic progress in reading this half term and that is due to your excellent attitude to learning. You are a great role model. Keep it up superstar!

## Year 4

For your enthusiasm And preparation in our assembly rehearsals. You have been a sensible and reliable cast member and I've loved seeing you shine on stage! As well as this, you are showing an increasingly mature attitude towards your learning in all areas! Well done and keep it up!



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.



## Year 5

For her positive 'give-it-a-go' attitude to every activity at Sayer's Croft. She has been a joy in all activities always ready to listen and give it her best shot. Working well with all other children. She has made the most of the residential experience—a perfect participant!

## Year 6

For your hard work in all lessons. I was particularly impressed with your newspaper report. Well done!

# Fleet Halloween Disco

KIDS £2.50  
ADULTS £3  
OR FAMILY TICKET £10



**DJ AND LOTS OF SPOOKY TREATS!**

**Wednesday 1st November  
4.45-7.15pm in the Hall**

**PRIZES FOR  
BEST COSTUMES!**



**FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE TO BUY**

**CHILDREN MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

# Term Dates for 2023-24

## AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023
Last day of term	Nursery- Wednesday 20th December 2023 Reception- Year 6- Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023- close @ 2pm

## SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024
Last day of term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – close at 2pm

## SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024

## STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 <sup>st</sup> half term	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> half term			Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start. |

# Fleet Facts!



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

**Year 2:** James, Suhayb, Salamah, Waed, Zaina, Yusuf, Zaina, Yusuf, Krena, Ilyes, Aleeza, Astrid, Grace D, Robin, Sera, Fatima

**Year 3:** Albie, Jane, Emmy, Max

**Year 4:** Frankie, Robyn, Thaddeus, Ayman, Amine, Lir, Abida, Rocco, Mo, Naz, Leo, Shivi, Kimberley, Angelo, Ellie-Mae, Millie

**Year 6:** Rayn C, Millie, Evangeline, Hana, Tabby, Abid, Conor, Ranya, Ena, Alfie, Sienna, Nadeem, Theo, Gabi, Hunter, Natasha, Yara, Emma, Tyrell

# Times Tables Rock Stars of the Term!

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

**Year 3: Max—4,698 coins!**

**Year 4: Frankie—15,330 coins!**

**Year 5: Okpe—7,050 coins!**

**Year 6: Ena— 80,275 coins!**

# 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 need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via parenthub closer to the date of a trip and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

## WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

23rd-27th October	Half Term Week—School Closed
7th November	Parent Workshop—First Aid Training—limited places—please sign up
7th November	Institute of Imagination Workshops—KS1 & KS2
7th November	Citizens Advice Parent 1-1 Sessions—book via Lisa in the office
7th November	Home Learning Project Exhibition in the hall—Y2-Y6
13th November	Anti-bullying week
13th November	School Photographer in—Individual Children's Photographs
17th November	Parent workshop—Supporting Children With Challenging Behaviour
21st November	Citizens Advice Session—Contact Lisa for an appointment
28th November	Parent—Teacher Meetings after school—Y2
29th November	Parent—Teacher Meetings after school—Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
30th November	Parent—Teacher Meetings after school—Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
15th December	Christmas Lunch
19th December	Infant Class Christmas Parties
20th December	Junior Class Christmas Parties & Junior Talent Show
21st December	Last Day of Term—finish at 2pm (Nursery finish the day before usual time)
9th January	First Day of Spring Term—School reopens
31st January	Parent Workshop—Creating Healthy Boundaries around screen time/media

## Parents Association Events

Wed 1st Nov	Halloween Disco
Sat 2nd Dec	Winter Fair
Thurs 25th April	International Food Evening
Sat 6th July	Summer Fair

## YEAR 4 2023-24

30 Oct—10 Nov	Swimming—everyday (2 wks)
21st November	Cinema—Camden Odeon
24th November	Trip to the CLC
28th November	Sport at Talacre (AM)
30th November	Trip to Tower of London
5th December	Sport at Talacre (AM)
12th December	Sport at Talacre (AM)
14th Dec	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)

## YEAR 5 2023-24

30th Oct—3rd Nov	Bike Training (optional—15 children)
7th Nov	Sport at Talacre (AM)
14th Nov	Sport at Talacre (AM)
15th Nov	To the Cinema: Camden Odeon
21st Nov	Sport at Talacre (AM)
27th Nov	First Aid and Defibrillator Training Workshop
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)

## YEAR 6 2023-24

2nd November	Trip to Science Museum
13th November	Camden Citizenship Training
21st November	Trip to Hackney Empire (back late—around 4pm)
27th November	Trip to the Royal Institute
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)



## NURSERY 2023-24

2nd November	Parent Meetings
21st November	Trip to Keats Library
30th November	Parent Run Class Tea
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am
13th December	Trip to theatre
20th December	Last day of term for Nursery

## RECEPTION 2023-24

10th November	Parents Stay and Play Session
16th November	Heath Walk
16th November	Parent Run Class Tea
1st December	Trip to theatre
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

## YEAR 1 2023-24

9th November	Parent Run Class Tea
10th November	Class Assembly
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

## YEAR 2 2023-24

31st October	Trip to October Gallery
2nd November	Sport at Talacre (AM)
9th November	Sport at Talacre (AM)
16th November	Sport at Talacre (AM)
17th November	Trip to the CLC
7th December	Parent Run Class Tea
8th December	Infant Christmas Show—10am

## YEAR 3 2023-24

2nd November	Parent Run Class Tea
3rd November	Class Assembly—10am
22nd November	To the Cinema—Camden Odeon
23rd November	Sport at Talacre (AM)
30th November	Sport at Talacre (AM)
7th December	Sport at Talacre (AM)
14th December	Junior Christmas Show—10am (anyone) & 7pm (ticketed)

# Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2024

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.

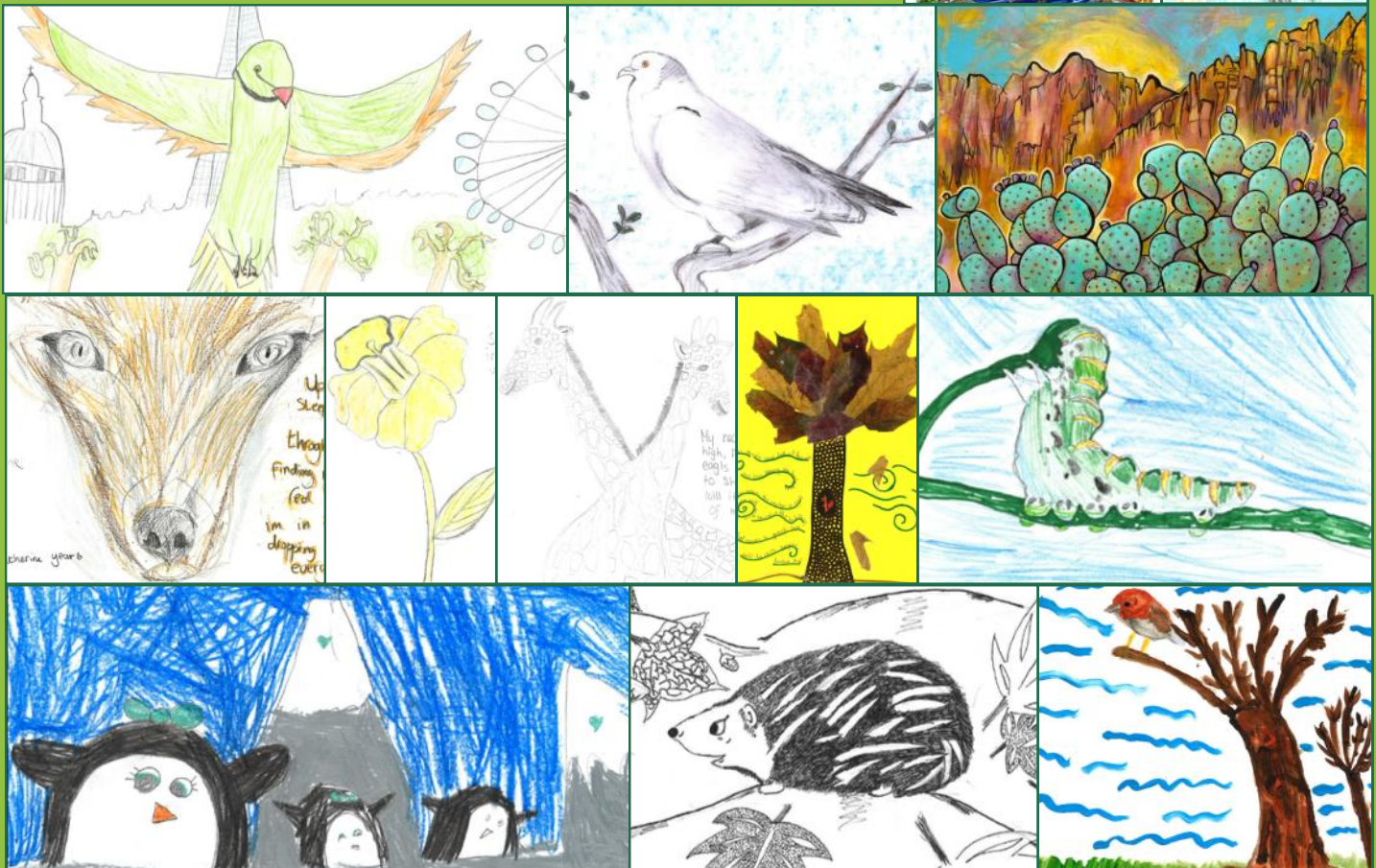
Children can use any art medium in their entries as long as it is A4 in size and they can enter as many times in a term as they want. It is important that they put their name and class on the reverse side of the picture in pencil (don't write in pen and not on the front). They should also include a 'fun fact' about their subject written on the back too which will be included in the final calendar if their image is selected.

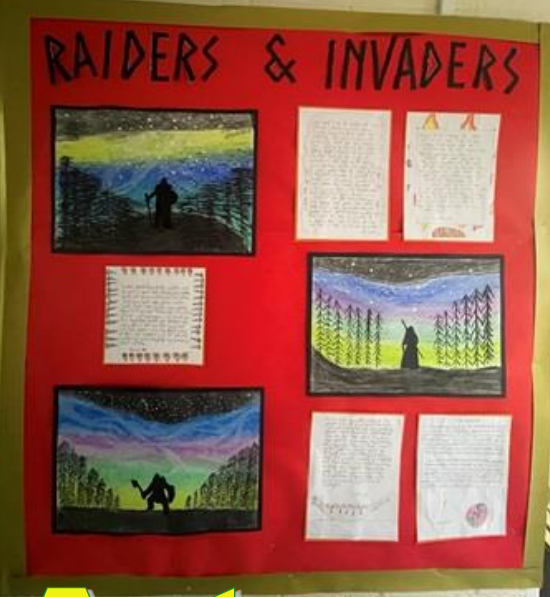
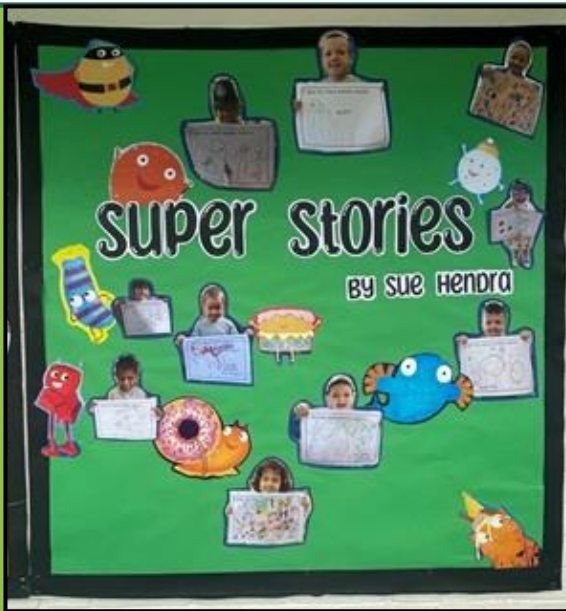
Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2024. Entries should be handed in to the school office. We have some very talented artists at Fleet and we can't wait to see the fantastic pieces the children come up with. Deadline for this term is December 1st Good luck!

July 2023	
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**Fun Fact:**  
Frida Kahlo was a Mexican artist. She was born in 1907 and died in 1955. She was known for her self-portraits and her use of vibrant colors. She was also a feminist and a social activist.

**Fun Fact:**  
The girl who painted this picture is called Alice. She is 10 years old and she lives in Fleet. She loves to draw and she has a pet dog called Spot. She also likes to read books and she has a collection of stickers.





Come and see the displays in the admin block!

Year 6:  
Arabian Nights  
Year 5:  
Raiders & Invaders  
Year 4:  
Togas to Tunics  
Y3 - Fierce Earth



# Autumn Term Topics

Year 2: All Around the World  
Year 1: Lost!  
Reception: Super Stories by Sue Hendra  
Nursery: Marvellous me and my family tree!



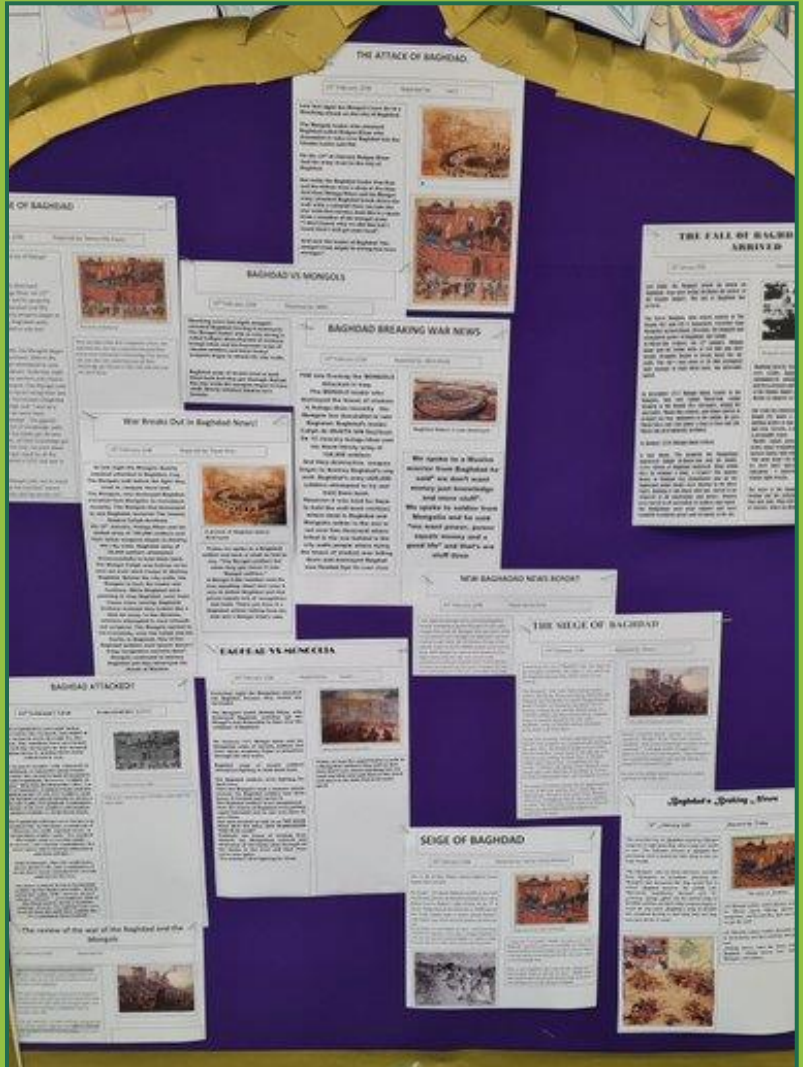
# This week at Fleet...

The final week of this half term has been as busy as all the others—no slowing down for the children of Fleet! Year 5 have been away on their residential—check out all the smiling faces from page 11-16—they have been amazing! Meanwhile, for everyone back in Fleet there has been trips to Gunnersbury Museum and the Natural History Museum as well as lots of fun lessons in school—from Kaleidoscope making, to maths games and newspaper article writing. On top of all this there was the brilliant Year 4 class assembly today. Well done to all the children on a very successful term. We can't wait to see what parts of their topic has made the biggest impression and that they decide to pursue for their Home Learning Projects over half term (see page 1 for more detail). Have a great half term and enjoy the last montage of photos from this half term's learning.



## Camden Food Bank

A big thank you to all of you who donated to our collection for the Camden Food Bank. Massive thank you too to the Rights Respecting Ambassadors for organising. Thank you.

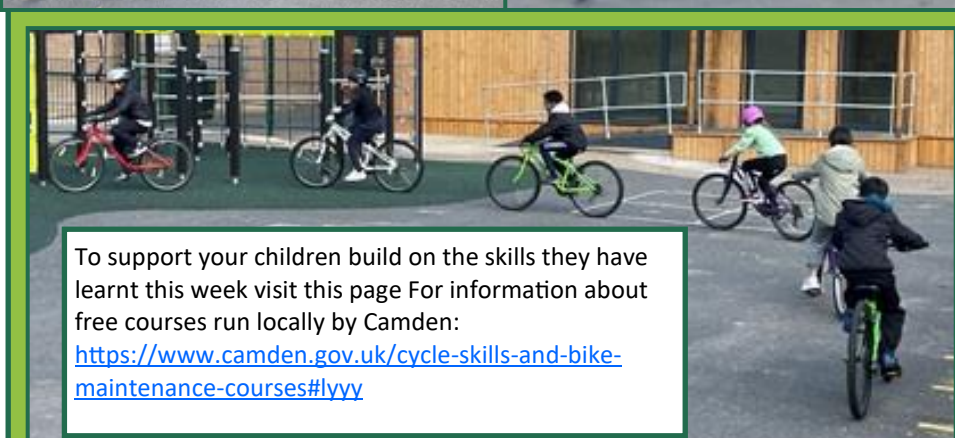


# Year 4 Class Assembly

Well done to our Year 4 class for their brilliant assembly all about the Romans!



# Cycle Training with Year 6!

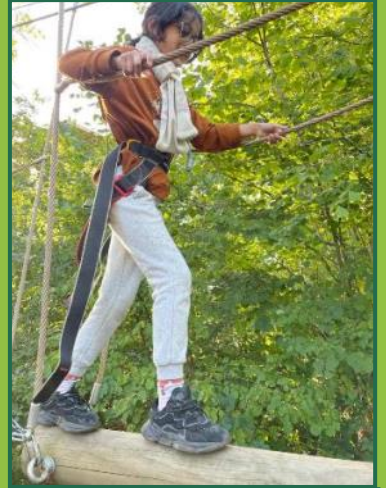
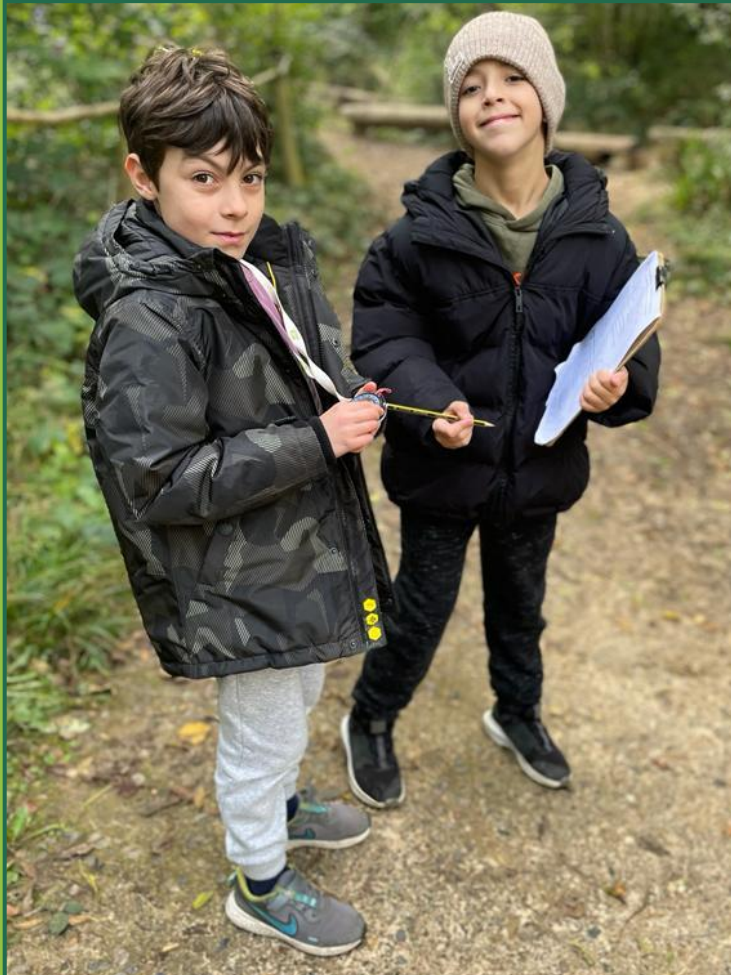


To support your children build on the skills they have learnt this week visit this page For information about free courses run locally by Camden:  
<https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycle-skills-and-bike-maintenance-courses#lyyy>

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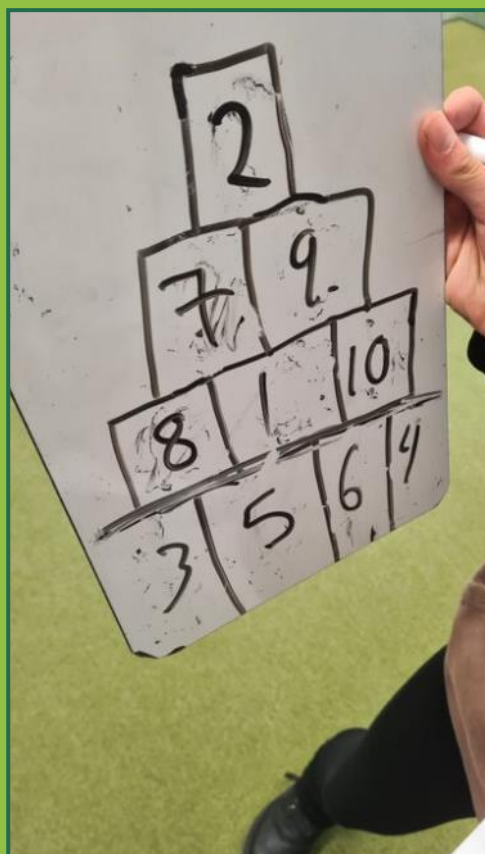
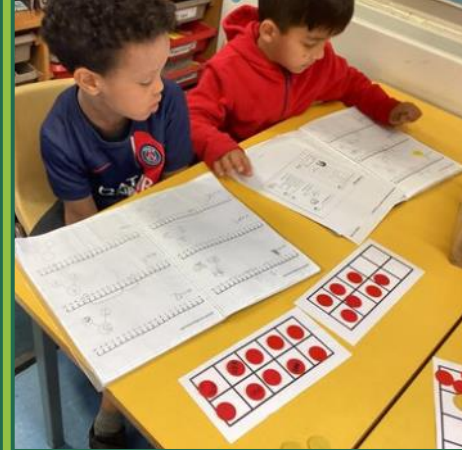
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## SEIGE OF BAGHDAD


25<sup>th</sup> February 1258

Reported by: Hunter James Rohoman

Early in the morning, Mongols attacked Baghdad because Baghdad didn't surrender.

The Mongols, who attacked Baghdad, travelled on horse back from Mongolia. Recently, the Mongols had demanded total control of Baghdad however Baghdad's caliph declined. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, Hulagu Khan and his brutal army of 150,000 men and their deadly weapons began to advance through Baghdad's walls. Baghdad's army of 20,000 men bravely attempted to hold them off but failed.


When the Mongols were inside Baghdad, they started to kill all the citizens with battle axes, long knives, swords, spears, and daggers. Behind the city walls, that were supposed to protect Baghdad, is a complete wreckage. During the attack brave scholars tried to protect books but got killed.



Drawing of the siege of Baghdad

A civilian said "I was petrified, I thought I was going to die" another Mongol said "our power is great no one can challenge us!" Scholars said they burnt the House of wisdom and threw its contents in the river making it run black with ink. On the south part of the city, some people escaped but we are still looking for them.

Today we went to Baghdad to talk to some survivors, a Mongol said "I don't feel guilty because we need land and power," A Muslim scholar called Ali said he had lost his life because he lost his books. So one knows what will happen next and what will happen to Baghdad.




# This week at Fleet...

## THE FALL OF BAGHDAD HAS ARRIVED

25<sup>th</sup> February 1258

Reported by: Evangeline Li Lee

Last night, the Mongols struck an attack on Baghdad, Iraq after being declined the power of the Islamic Empire. The fall of Baghdad has arrived.....

The fierce Nongots, who seized control of The Round City and left it ransacked, travelled from Mongolia on horseback. Recently, the Mongols had demanded power of Baghdad- but Caliph Al-Musta'sim refused. On 12<sup>th</sup> January, Hulagu Khan and his lethal army of 150 000 and their deadly weapons began to break down the city walls. The city's own army of 20 000 attempted with courage to hold them back, but miserably failed.

In December 1257 Hulagu Khan, leader of the Mongols, had sent Caliph Musta'sim, caliph [leader] of the Round City, messages, urging his surrender. Musta'sim refused, and Khan started to prepare for war, unknown to the Caliph. He gave Musta'sim a last visit under a flag of truce but still Musta'sim determinedly declined.

At January 1258 Hulagu Khan struck.

It was chaos. The moment the Mongolians murdered Caliph Al-Musta'sim and his family, every citizen of Baghdad panicked. What would they do without a king, a leader? The famous House of Wisdom was demolished and all the important noble books were thrown in the River Tigris, making it run black with ink, cursed to be removed of all knowledge and power. Women were forced to be betrothed to soldiers and raped. The Mongolians used siege engines and used catapults to launch spears and weapons at the city.



Mongolian warriors on horseback

Baghdad bravely tried to fight back with spears, axes, scythes, daggers and scythes but were outnumbered outrageously. The enemy stole priceless artefacts and paintings, taking the crown of the Islamic Empire and Hulagu Khan sat on the throne as emperor of the Islamic Empire.

Our team has journeyed to the very centre of The Round City under a neutral flag between the battling armies to take their points of perspective and view. Laverne, a interviewer, has brought us a acceptable report.

"Murder equals power, power equals riches, riches equal recognition." A victorious Mongolian warrior smirks with relish.

"Our army wasn't the biggest or the toughest as we were more interested in knowledge and education." A battered but resilient Muslim scholar sighs wearily.

The heart of the Islamic Empire has stopped beating and the civilization has crumbled into dust and ruins. What will happen next in this city of violence, where no Muslim is safe?

## Baghdad's Braking News

25<sup>th</sup> February 1258

Reported by: Tabby

The powerful city of Baghdad seized by Mongol army late at night yesterday after a long two weeks at war. The Muslim citizens of Baghdad had previously tried to attack but their army is just not large enough.

The Mongols, who are fierce and brave, travelled from Mongolia on horseback. Recently, the Mongols had announced that they would like to control Baghdad however, the Caliph Al-Mustasim immediately declined. On 12<sup>th</sup> January, Hulagu Khan and his skilled army of 150 000 soldiers and their lethal weapons began to wreck the city walls. Baghdad's army of 20 000 men attempted bravely to hold them back but they were just the bit to weak.

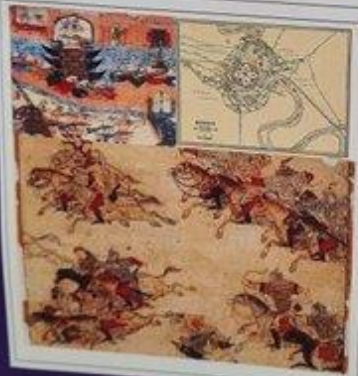


The siege of Baghdad

A Mongol soldier, called Sassan, said this us 'Power equals Money. Power equals recognition.' and he said this 'We want the land we get the land!'

A Muslim lookout soldier described the see as devastating and that watching destroyed his soul.

Nobody knows what the future holds for Baghdad, nobody knows how much the Mongols will achieve...



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