

Message from the head:

What a busy week! While reading is a major focus at all times, World Book Day is a good opportunity to renew that focus and emphasise the power of stories to transport children (and adults) to imaginary worlds. Seeing the children enjoying stories, especially the older children reading to them, is great. In a world of devices and digitisation, the joy of an actual paper book is often forgotten. The world of words that books open up makes such an impact on children's writing. Reading after all is the gateway to studying and learning in most subjects. Thankyou for all your support this week, coming along to the Book Fair on Tuesday and helping the children dress up on Thursday. I'd also like to thank my staff and especially Ruth (our English lead) for their hard work this week to help make the extra activities happen. The Reading Café was a particular success. Today is International Women's Day. We are very proud of the work we have done over the last few years to ensure that our curriculum reflects both male and female figures from current day and historical contexts. Year 3, in their assembly this morning, made reference to Ancient Greece and the lack of rights women enjoyed and how for them, in Camden things are much improved. There is a long way to go I think for complete parity but the generation we are helping to develop will hopefully make it there. Ramadan is due to start shortly and so too all our Muslim families I wish you Ramadan

Good Luck Sinead!

Sinead Costelloe, our fantastic Year 4 teacher, starts her maternity leave next week. She has done very well getting this far into her pregnancy and not slowed down in the slightest so is now taking the next couple of weeks before her due date to slow down and prepare. Abida has had a great week mixing between getting to know the children and working with Sinead on planning for the coming term. We look forward to meeting the new addition to Sinead's family and the Fleet community. Come back and visit with the mini Costelloe soon Sinead! Enjoy the time, it will fly by and you'll be back before you know it!

Rhi Rhi needs a holiday—Can you help!

We are looking for a home for the school tortoise over the Easter break. If you are not going away anywhere and have enough space for his enclosure and would like to pet sit for the period please get in touch with Becca Wall. He is thriving and loves to wander about his enclosure so anyone looking after him will have fun to watch him—just ask school council!



Mubarak.
I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

CHOCOLATE PARTY
FLEET SPRING DISCO
THURSDAY 21ST MARCH
4.45PM - 7PM
PTA EVENT
Chocolate Aim Game
DJ
Hot Food & Drink
Child £2.50
Adult £3
Family Ticket £10

TIP 7
Singing rhymes with me is a great way to bond and be together.
Share books with me, talk with me about the pictures.

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Lunch Menu: 11th—15th March

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:
Tomato Pasta or Cheesy Swirl
New Potatoes
Vegetables of the day
Carrot Cake

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken
Vegetarian:
Vegan Quorn
Jolof Rice
Seasoned Potatoes
Vegetables of the day

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Fish Fingers
Vegetarian:
Chinese Veg Noodles
Chips
Tomato Sauce
Vegetables of the day
Vanilla Shortbread

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken Tikka Masala
Vegetarian:
Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry
Rice
Vegetables of the day
Apple Crumble & Custard

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Spaghetti Bolognaise
Vegetarian:
Veggie Meatballs
Rice & Garlic Bread
Vegetables of the day
Chocolate Drizzle Cake

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

Weekly Punctuality Award

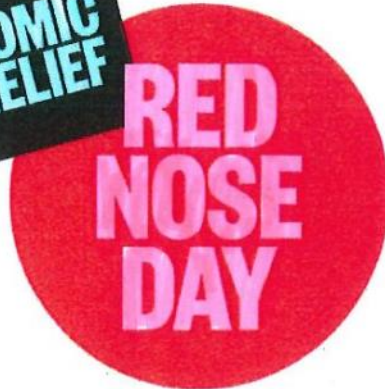
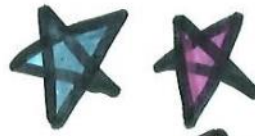
Lates continue to drop which is excellent—thankyou. Only 14 down from 18 last week. The most punctual classes this week were Year 5 (again!) and Reception with none! Well done to them. Year 2 and Year 3 only had 2 each with Years 1 and 6 just behind on 3. Year had 4 lates. Thanks to the majority who get here everyday on time ensuring they don't miss any of their learning.

Weekly Attendance Award

Attendance continues to be low across the school with only one class this week achieving our target of 96% - well done to Year 3 with 96.4%. They were followed by Year 4 with 94.7%. All other classes were significantly below the 96% target. Another low week has pulled our overall figure for the year down to 93.3%. We continue to be hit with a lot of illnesses and whilst we understand that sometimes children are not well enough to attend school, it is important to bring your child back to school as soon as they are well. Thank you for your support.

Class	%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 5	92.6%
Year 6	92.6%
Rec	88.6%
Year 2	85%

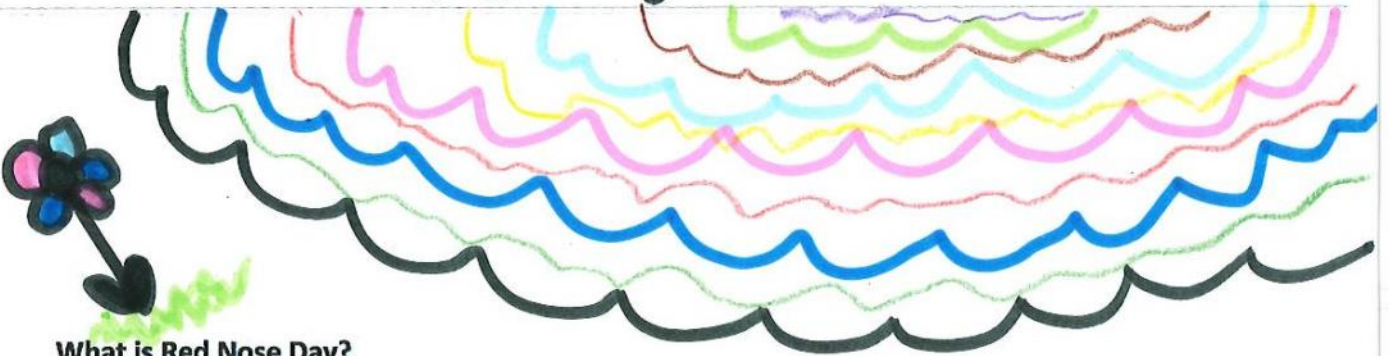
By Ursula.



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

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*Red and donate
Money.*



What is Red Nose Day?

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief.
- Comic Relief is a UK charity which aims to create a **just world free from poverty**.
- The money raised is used to transform lives in the UK and around the world.

Where the money goes

- **£10** could pay for a much-needed respite session for an isolated young carer in the UK.
- **£50** could provide toiletry packs for 10 people sleeping rough in the UK, offering dignity and the basics needed to stay clean.
- **£200** could pay for legal aid to help reunite five separated refugee families.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition



Every year we hold an Easter Egg decorating competition and we are all impressed and amused with the children's eggs -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, **Thursday 28th March**. They will be judged that morning and then shared in the end of term assembly and

prizes given out.

To submit your entry you need to:

- Decorate you egg/egg scene—special consideration for prizes given for creativity and imagination!
- Bring in your egg/scene on the morning of **Thursday 28th March** for judging

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



Stars of the week!



Nursery

For your wonderful engagement with Book Week. You have been busy writing, drawing and telling lots of stories and we have loved seeing what you have been

Reception

For putting lots of effort into recording his ideas with increasing pace, especially during phonics times. It has been fantastic seeing you read 'real' books too! Keep it up.

Year 1

For all your amazing ideas in our English lessons this week. You thought of some fantastic words to use in your Book Week writing. Well done!



Year 2

For working hard in our writing lessons this week. You have been trying your best and challenging yourself to write as much as possible. Well done you!

Year 3

For your lovely manners! You are being really kind to adults and your peers. You have also shown such great focus this week! Keep up the wonderful attitude!

Year 4

For your improvements in your writing! You've worked so hard and are become such an accomplished author. Well done, superstar!



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 the enthusiasm and kindness you showed towards your nursery 'buddy' during buddy reading. Well done for entertaining them and demonstrating a love for reading!

Year 6

For your excellent effort during our Art lessons. You're always doing your best, really focused on your work, and consistently trying to improve. Keep it up!

Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will 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

11th-22nd March	Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk—travel to school 'actively'
13th March	School Council to the Houses of Parliament
15th March	Red Nose Day—bring a £1 and dress in something red!
20th & 21st March	Parent Teacher Meetings Y1-Y6 (Y2 not doing 20th but 19th instead)
26th March	Bike Doctor in—book your bikes in for a free service (must book in—limited spaces)
28th March	Last Day of Term—finish at 2pm

NURSERY 2023-24

15th March	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
18th March	Reading Café—3-3.20pm
21st March	Individual Parents Appointments

PARENTS ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Thurs 21st March	Disco 4.45-6.30pm
Thurs 25th April	International Food Evening
Sat 6th July	Summer Fair

RECEPTION 2023-24

15th March	Stay and Play Parent Session
26th March	Trip to Camley Street

YEAR 3 2023-24

8th March	Y3 Class Assembly @ 10am
15th March	Trip to the CLC
21st March	Trip to October Gallery

YEAR 4 2023-24

20th March	Trip to Keats Library
22nd March	Dance Workshop

YEAR 1 2023-24

12th March	Talacre sports morning
21st March	Y1 Class Tea after school—parent run
22nd March	Y1 Class Assembly @ 10am

YEAR 5 2023-24

12th March	Trip to London Zoo
18th-28th March	Swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool

YEAR 6 2023-24

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YEAR 2 2023-24

13th March	Concert @ Cecil Sharp House
14th March	Y2 Class Tea after school—parent run
15th March	Y2 Class Assembly @ 10am
19th March	Parent Meetings—3.30-5.30pm
22nd March	Trip to Heath (am)
22nd March	Dance Workshop (pm)

Term Dates for 2023-24

SPRING TERM

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

SUMMER TERM

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

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Provisional Term Dates for 2024-25

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st November 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
2 nd half term	

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.

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Tips for Talking

Each week we will be sharing 1 of 10 top tips with you to implement with your children. We hope you will find them useful and together we can help your child to develop their speech, language and communication skills.

Using the tips

Here are some of the simple things we can all do to support the development of babies' and young children's speech, language and communication skills and give them the best start in life.

TIP 6

Screens away, it's time to play! Put down phones and ipads.

When you talk to me it helps me learn about the world around me.

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Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2025

This year's theme... Famous buildings and landmarks around the world!

The theme this year is **'Famous buildings and landmarks around the world'**. Big thank you to school council for coming up with this year's theme.

We are looking for artwork inspired by buildings and landmarks around the world. These can be man made—buildings, statues, bridges etc. or natural—rivers, reefs, mountains, valleys etc.

Children can use any art medium in their entries 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. Good luck!



Cover Image
Upper KS2
Winner
Spring Term

Artist...
Alex Krasniqi

Fascinating Fact:
Giraffes can grow
up to 5.5m tall—
that's taller than 3
average humans!

Fleet Primary School Calendar 2024 'Wonderful World'

List of artists by month

Cover ... Giraffe by Alex Krasniqi	May ... Bear by Urzula S Hipp	October ... Watersfall and Mountains by Jona Zapp
January ... Houses by Hannah Robinson	June ... Hippo & Jellyfish by Hana Lu Pralova	November ... Giraffe by Amir Schupp
February ... Scarlet Macaw by Toby Balme	July ... Sparkling Sun & Mountains in the Desert by Jana Sulwan	December ... Kingfisher, Adde r, Robin and Otter by Robyn Cudde
March ... Acorn and Bird in a Plating Can by Amber-Lily Cooke	August ... Giraffe by Skylar Martin	
April ... Butterfly by Myra Ibrahim	September ... Cat and Dog by Alex Krasniqi	

Fleet Facts!



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

Year 2: Amara, Sera, Sovann, Robin, Rron, Myrah, Zainab, Adam, Krena, Seun, James

Year 3: Tymur, Lilli, Mohamed

Year 4: Alfie, Frankie, Jona, Leo, Lir, Lola

Year 6: Evangeline, Conor, Gabi, Tyrell, Ranya, Tabby, Alea, Sufiyan, Rayn

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 2: Rron—6,937 coins!

Year 3: Aahil—560 coins!

Year 4: Leo—52,809 coins!

Year 5: Okpe—15,750 coins!

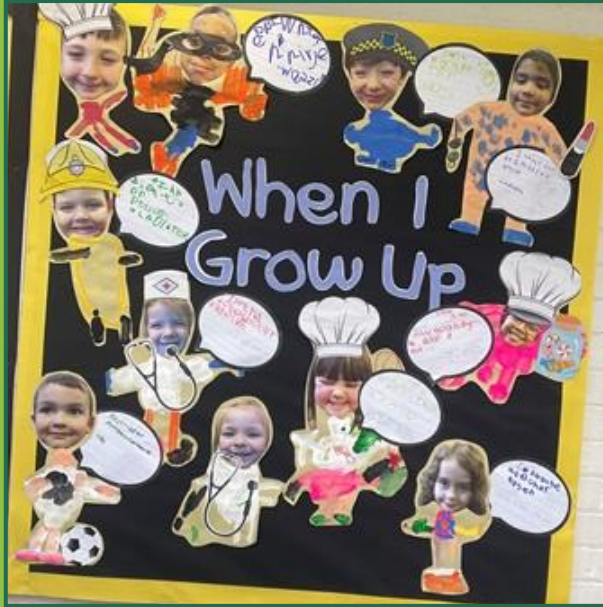
Year 6: Ena—47,485 coins!

Numbots Star of the Week!

Year 2: Rron—7,151 coins!

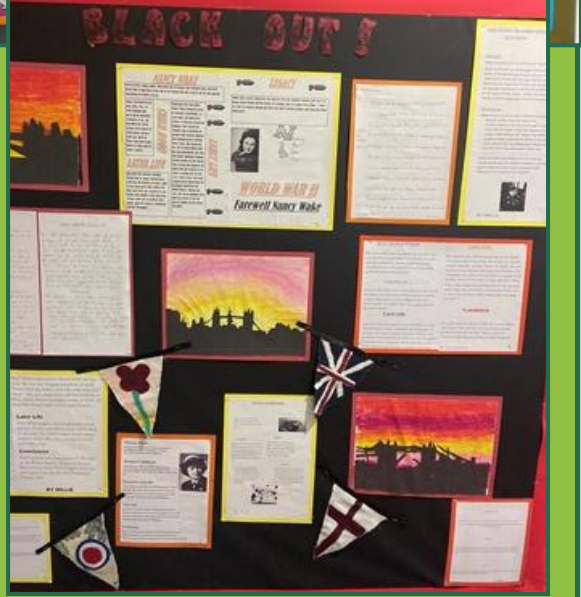
Year 3: Yahya – 575 coins!

Fleet's Creative Curriculum



Come and see the displays in the admin block!

Year 6:
Blackout
Year 5:
Incredible India
Year 4:
Hope & Heroes
Y3 - Glorious Greeks



Spring Term Term Topics

Year 2: Seeds and Thneeds
Year 1: Wild Things
Reception: When I Grow Up...
Nursery: Off We Go!

This week at Fleet...

This week has been our Book Week—linking in with 'World Book Day' which was on Thursday. All week there has been an extra focus on reading and stories with the children spending time with 'buddies' reading, visiting the year 6 run 'reading café' as well as inspiring writing. You'd think that would be enough to fill a week but as well as this there has been trips to Talacre, British Museum, the V&A museum, and numerous classes out at Keats Library. On top of all of this the Year 3 class managed to pull off a fabulous class assembly this morning showcasing all the amazing learning they have done around their topic, Ancient Greece—what a brilliant week!

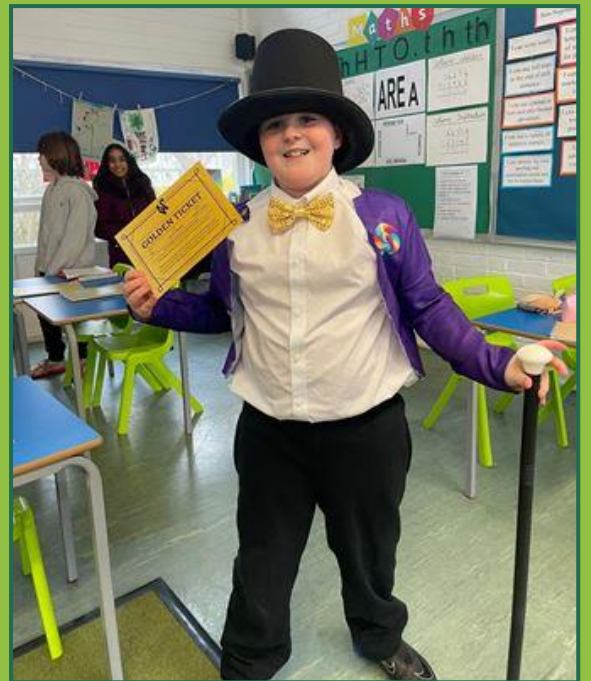




Y3 Class Assembly Glorious Greeks



World Book Day Dressing Up!



As part of the Fleet Book week and tying in with 'World Book Day' lots of children (and staff!) came in on Thursday dressed up. It was wonderful to see the characters that inspire them in stories. Well done to all the children (and grown ups who helped!) - you looked fantastic!

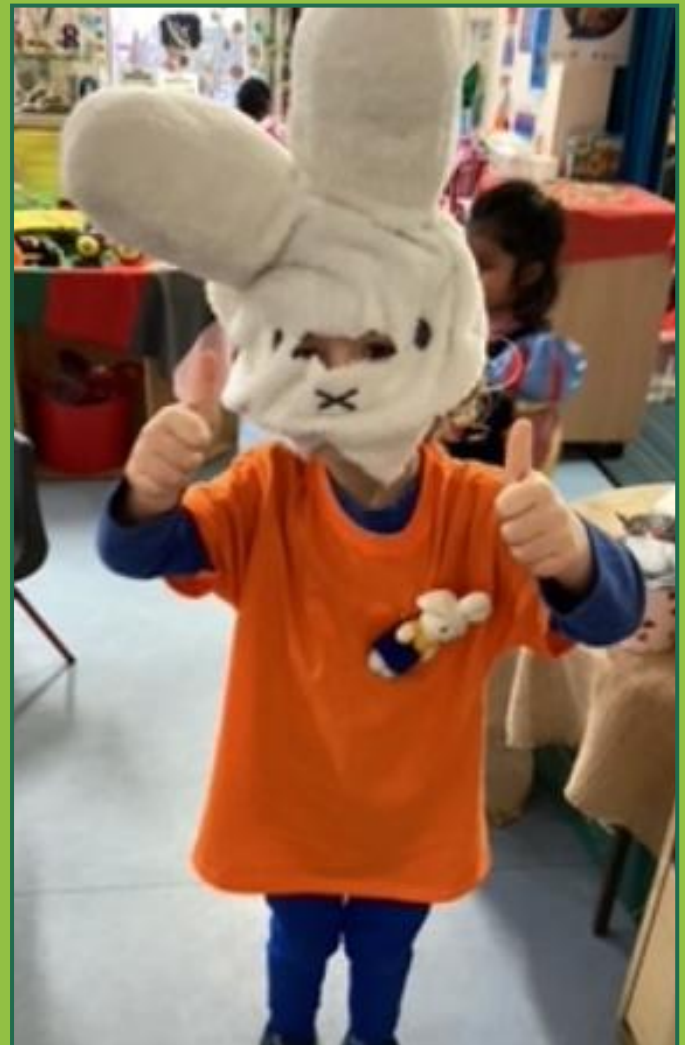
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Fleet Reading Cafe!



As part of the Fleet Book week our wonderful Year 6 children ran a 'Reading Café' for the rest of the school. Children chose books of a menu and then had time reading them. The younger children were supported to read by their year 6 'waiting staff'! Massive thank you to the year 6 children and Ruth for organising this fun event.

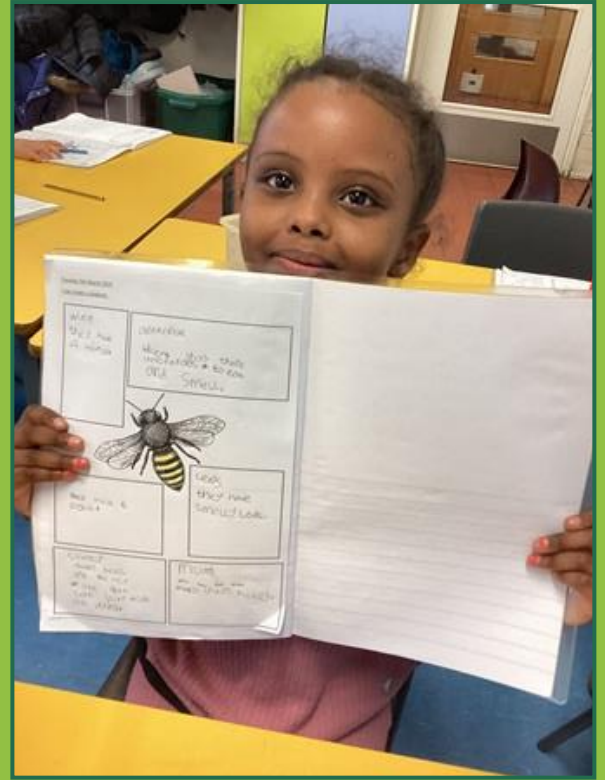
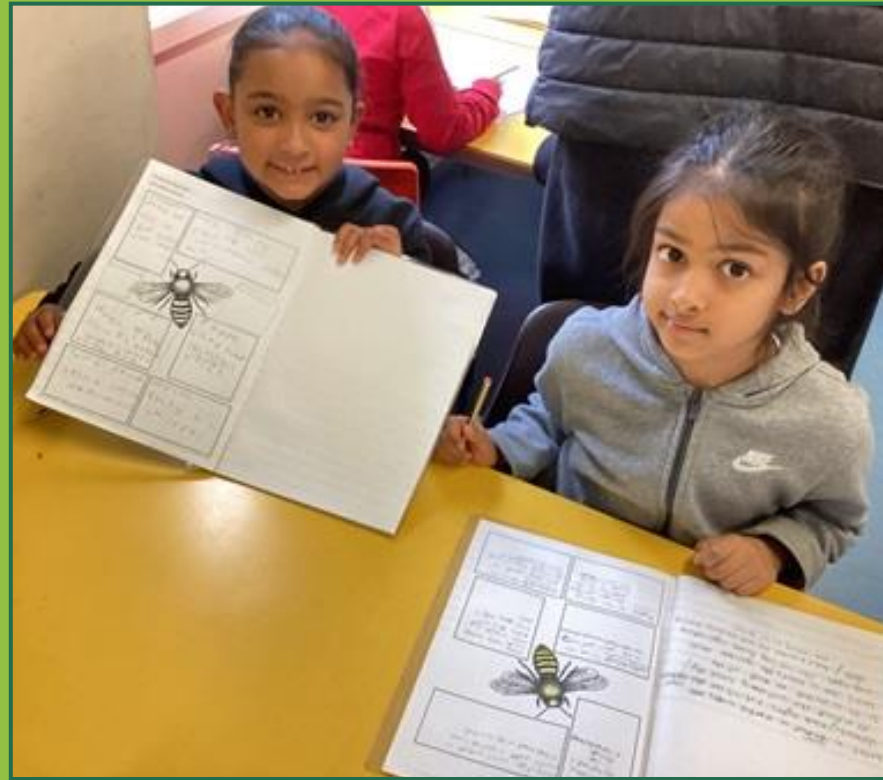
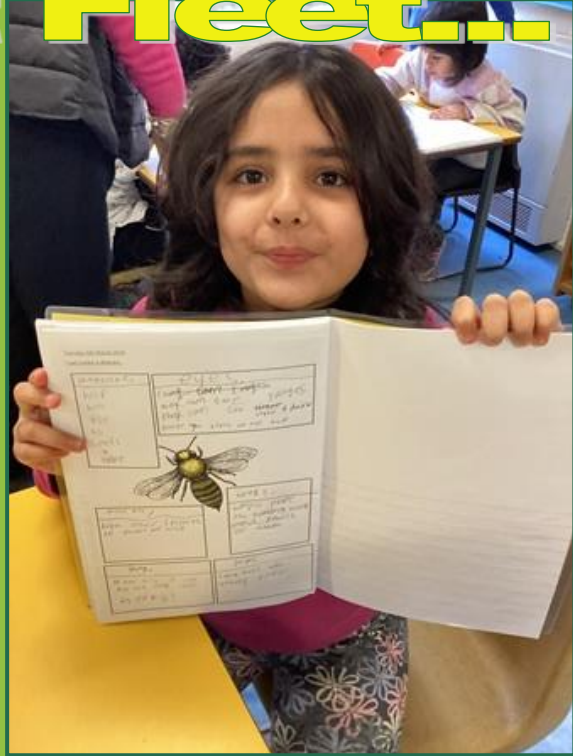
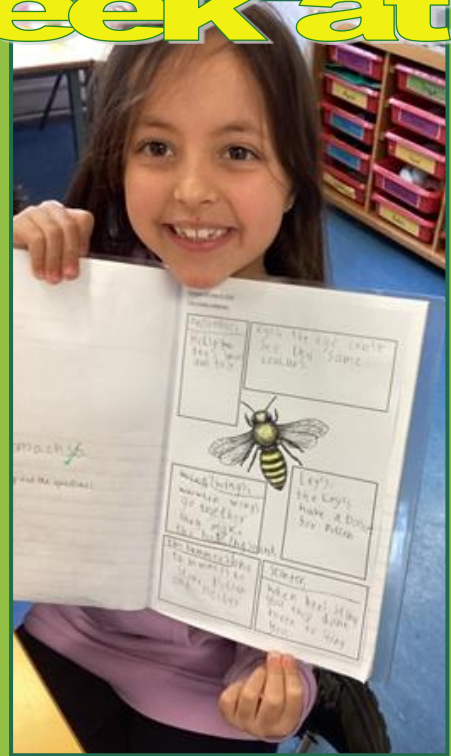
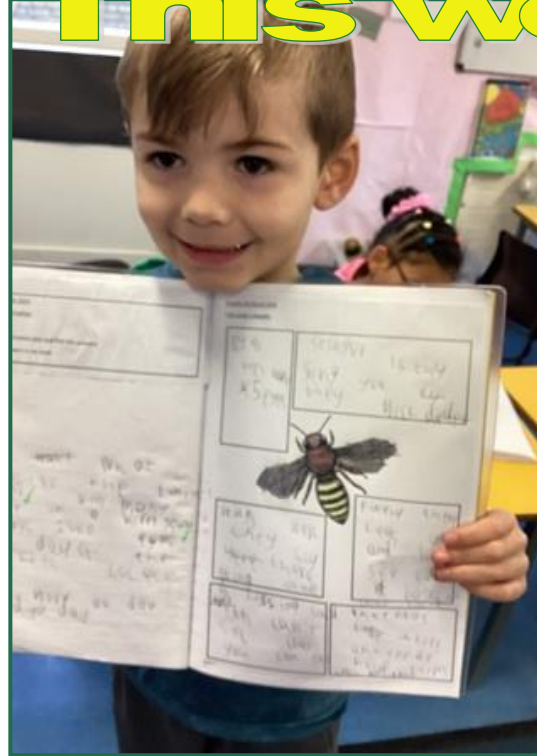
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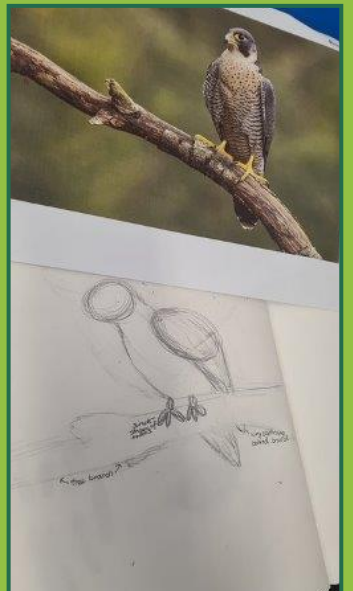
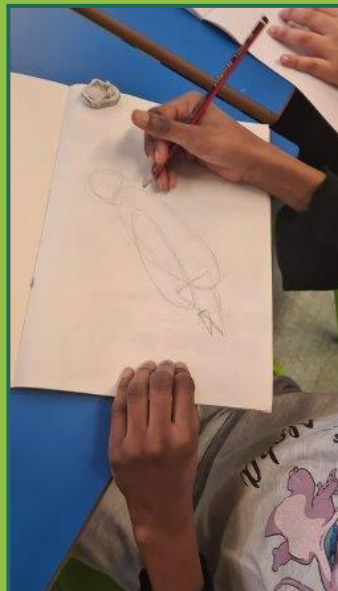


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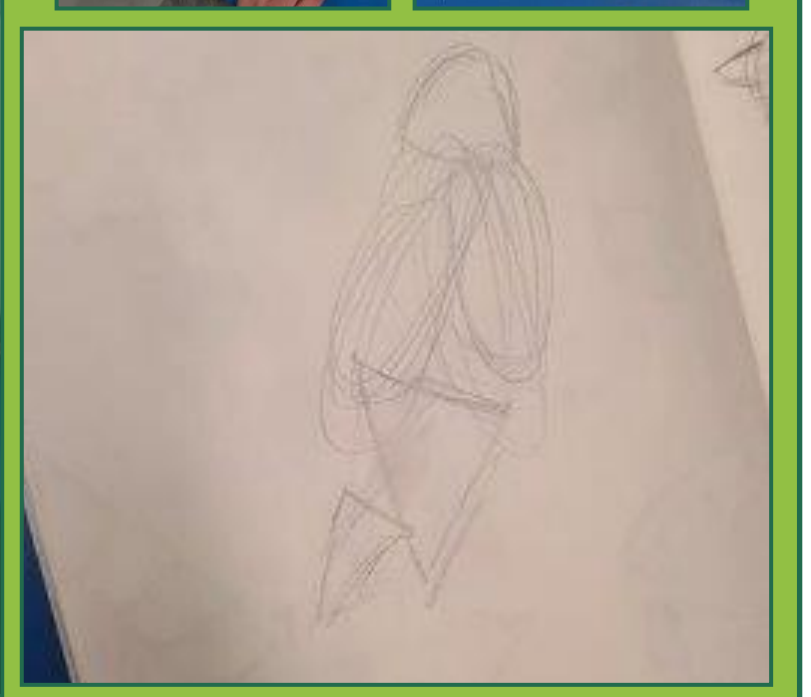
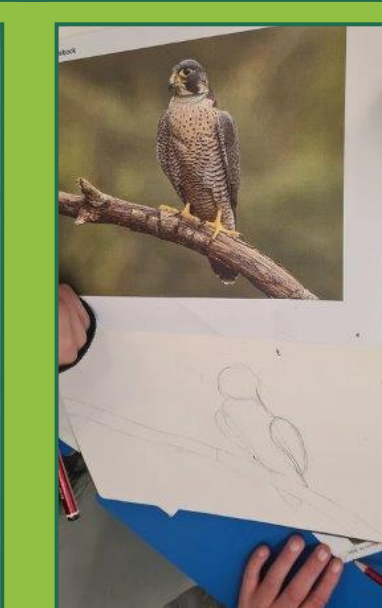
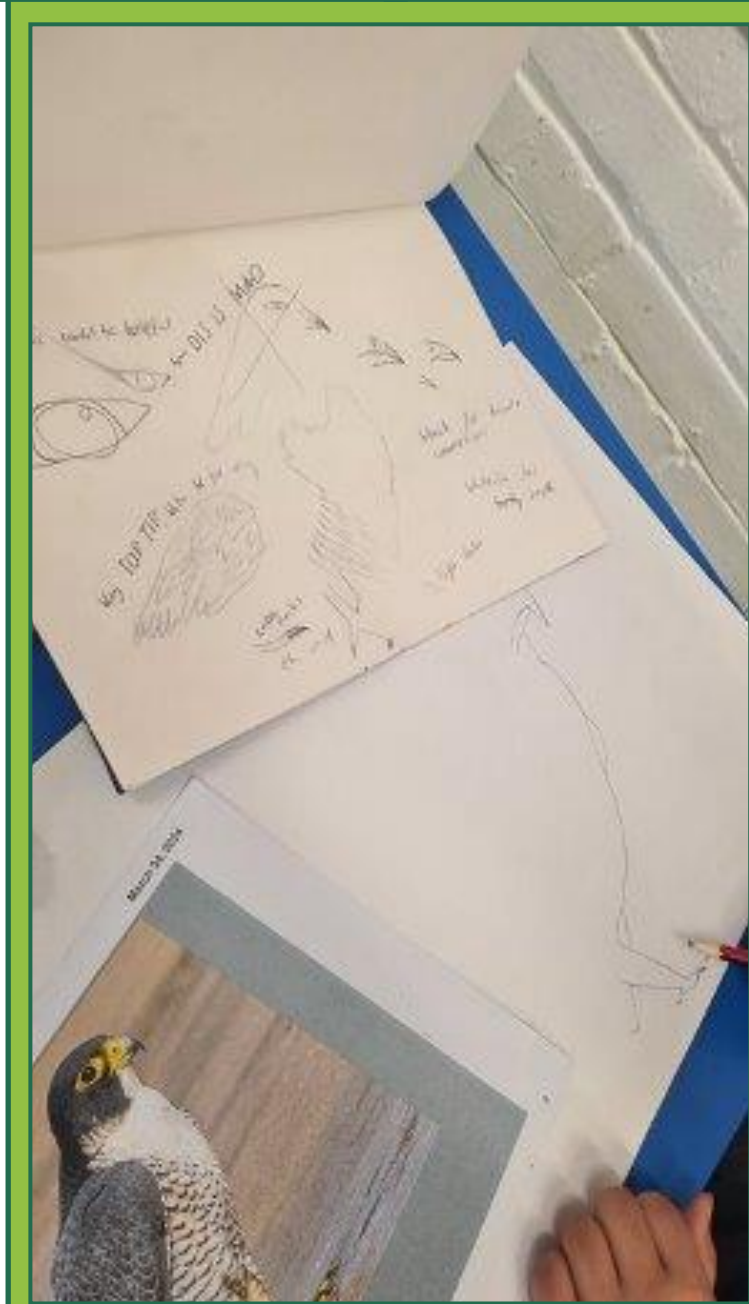




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As part of their WW2 topic, Year 6 used a video as a stimulus for some writing. The video depicts some children, who have discovered their grandfather's war chest and have become engrossed in it suddenly, in their imaginations, transported to the D-Day landings. The video is very powerful and the discussion and writing it has inspired is impressive. Here are two pieces from Alea and Rayan that they worked incredibly hard on. The link to the right is the video the class used.

[https://
www.youtube.com/
watch?
v=ncRsHc5bgVo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncRsHc5bgVo)

Soldiers crowded, helmets bashing together, loud noises consuming the boys. Determined soldiers clenched their guns facing the fact they were going to battle. Soldiers ran in thick sand puddles as two boys followed.

Obviously, the boys were horrified at their sight. Harry thought to himself, "Oh help us, someone! Please!" Harry clenched Adam's hand tightly.

Enemy gunfire just about misses Adam's head. "Harry! I'm exhausted! How much longer?" Harry stared at Adam muttering under his breath, "I don't know. I seriously don't know."

Adam and Harry keep on running.

Suddenly a bomb explodes behind them throwing them onto the floor.

"Oh my! Adam! Are you okay?" as Adam reached out a hand.

"Yes. Well I think so..." Adam grabbed Harry's hand.

"Harry! A metal barricade!" Adam grabbed Harry's hand and pulled him to the metal barricade.

"Let's stay here Adam." Harry turned around and saw his grandfather.

"No way...Adam look."

"Wait is that grandpa?" Adam looked over at Harry and sighed the sigh of relief.

"Adam! Let's go!"

Adam sprinted to his grandfather, Harry behind him.

A paper soldier fell to the floor taking on last gasp of air. Their grandfather looked behind him, determined.

Intensely, a bomb dropped on the floor creating a hole as the boys hugged each other...

By Alea

Soldiers anxiously waited to arrive at the beach prepared for battle. Two boys, hidden in the midst of the soldiers, were clearly terrified.

"Get ready, this is it," said Bob (the elder brother).

As the nose of the boat crashed down, turning into a ramp, Bob gazed at the terrible sight of soldiers running into battle, tank traps scattered around the battlefield, but quickly snapped out of it as bullets flew around him. Timmy clenched his older brother's leg and shook with fear. The two brothers ran up the battlefield along with the soldiers hoping this will be over.

The two boys didn't look back as they sprinted across the treacherous warzone until they feared their hearts will but out of their chest. Just then a huge BOOM launched them into the air but still with their hopes high Bob dragged himself up and said, "Timmy come on, you can do this. There is a tank trap here we can hide there!"

Timmy, with tears in his eyes reluctantly got up and hid with his brother behind the tank. The two boys carefully peered over and a moment of realisation bolted through them fast than a bullet could ever be. Their mouths dropped and their eyebrows shot up—they couldn't believe it—it was their grandfather! They both dashed to him and looked up to him but their grandfather didn't have a reaction instead he checked the area and joined advancing soldiers. The two boys couldn't take it anymore. They held each other as showers of never ending paper fell on them...

By Rayan