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Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly this last half term has gone! The month of May has been incredibly busy here in school with many exciting learning opportunities filling our timetables.

On Friday 3rd May, Dr Helen Yandell and colleagues filled our school hall with all sorts of exciting medical goodies to explore, question and have hands on experiences with. From skeletons to CPR, bandaging teddies to ultrasound, our children were delighted to be immersed in practical workshops. Thank you to Helen and her team for inspiring our children with such passion and who knows...a future generation of medics!

Mr Wood and Mrs Walmsley organised a fabulous Maths afternoon for parents and carers of children in Acorn through to Class 5, on Thursday 9th May. Luke Oaks, from the Boolean Maths Hub, spoke about the Mastery approach being used in school and resources used during maths lessons were shared. We were delighted with the turn out and welcomed the feedback from those who attended.

We had our very first Spirituality Day on Monday 20th May. This really was a special event. We began the day with an assembly, led by Rev Nick, followed by every class taking part in numerous activities. Throughout the day we were thinking about what spirituality looks like within our school. In our intervention area we re-created our own version of the Peace Doves which are in situ in Wells Cathedral. A special thank you to Mrs Harding and Mrs Brook (plus husbands) for taking time over the weekend to create our vision for this. Our library area was filled with a space dome, where children were able to explore all that lies beyond. Classes also went on their own mini pilgrimage, stopping at St Catherine's Church where Rev Nick welcomed them all. Each child was able to light their own candle surrounded by the calm and peace in a time of thoughtful reflection. A big thank you to our governors who came and joined us for the day as well as all those helpers who joined us on our pilgrimages.



We were very proud of the way all our year 6 children approached their SATS last week. The children began their test days with a hearty breakfast in school, followed by fresh air and time to go over a few last-minute revision questions. I would like to thank all the teachers, staff, governors and volunteers who supported the children throughout the week. Your time was very much appreciated.

Thank you to FOAS for sending out their recent newsletter sharing all their fabulous work to help raise funds for school. The total profit from the Saints Hills run was absolutely AWESOME! Our new picnic benches are a delight and just in time for our picnic lunches. We look forward to hearing news about our summer FOAS event soon.

Gentle reminder - we have an INSET day on Monday 3rd June; therefore, we will see you all back in school on Tuesday 4th June.

Have a wonderful half term everyone.

Best wishes

Mrs Bowditch

ACORNS

We have had an exciting month in Acorns with the highlight being our trip to Axe Valley. The children were so excited to go on a coach, playing 'I spy' for most of the journey. We were lucky enough to handle snakes, tortoises and stick insects. Then we helped the keepers by feeding the meerkats! A big thank you to FOAS for covering the cost of our afternoon ice cream, a welcome treat on a hot day.



In Math's we have been building number sentences to 5 and 10, using physical resources. As well as practicing our number formations by creating our own number lines.



In RE we have been exploring special places and what makes them special to different people. We visited the Baptist church in Montacute and Pastor Heather made us very welcome with a tour. We got to play on the organ, have a bible song and biscuits.



Thank you so much to the parents who kindly donated some garden supplies and compost, the children have already started to sow some seeds!

We hope you have a lovely restful half term.

Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Walmsley and Miss Soper

CLASS 1

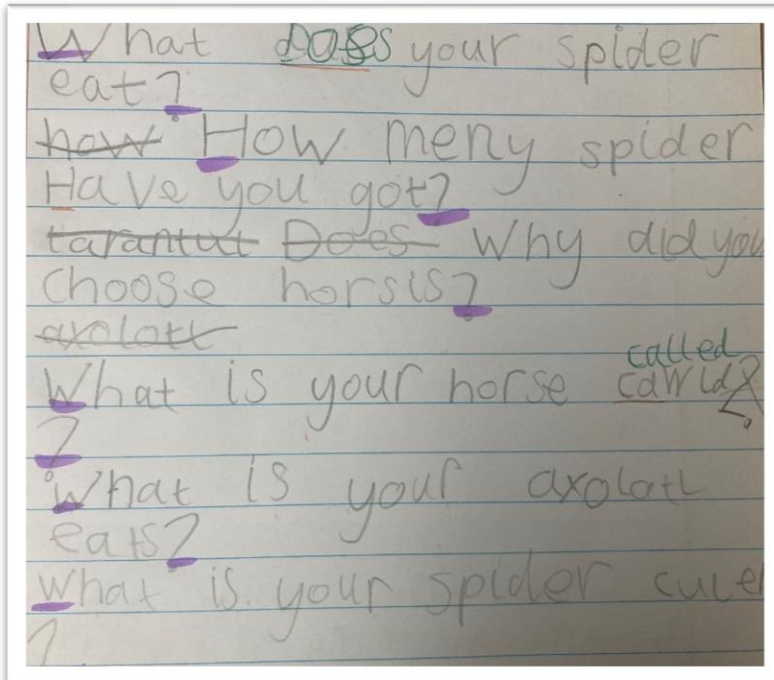
The children have continued to be marvellous mathematicians this month and have been exploring position and direction - they learnt about quarter, half, three quarter and whole turns as well as telling the difference between left and right. They loved applying their knowledge to send the BeeBots on different routes. You can practise this skill at home with your child/ren on the following website: <https://beebot.terrapiinlogo.com/>

As well as exploring position and direction, the children have also been deepening their understanding of place value and have looked at numbers within 100. There are many online games that you could play with your child but this is one that the children particularly enjoyed in school: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

We are really proud of the children as they have been learning about cricket in PE and many of them have been learning completely new skills such as batting, bowling and throwing underarm - ask them to show you their "Usain Bolt" throwing stance!

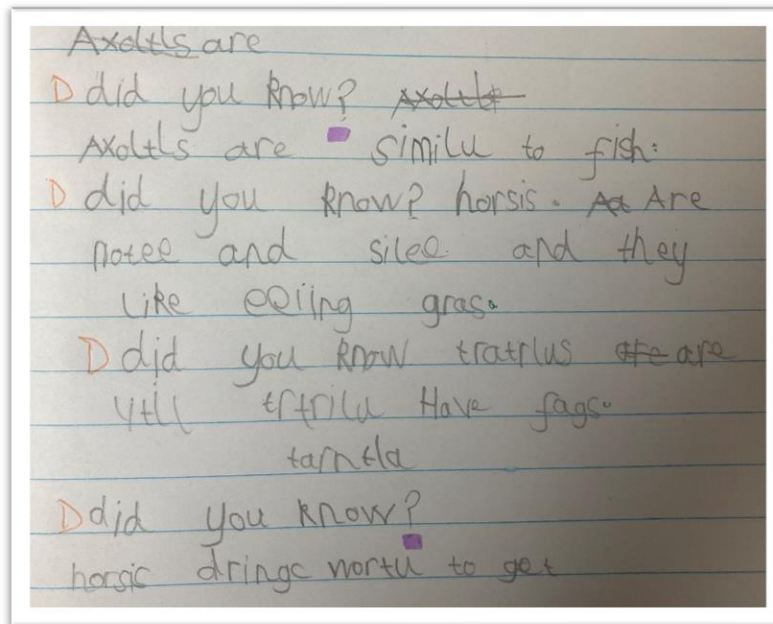
In music, the children have been learning more songs and performing these. They have also been learning about the tempo of music meaning how fast/slow the music is. In addition to this, they have learnt about dynamics being important and how loud or quietly you make sound has different effects.

In our English learning this term we have been looking at the skills needed to write an information text about unusual pets. We had visits from three different pet owners to tell us about how to look after their unusual pet. Before they came we thought about the information we wanted to find out about these animals and wrote questions we could ask. Here are some of the questions we wanted to ask...



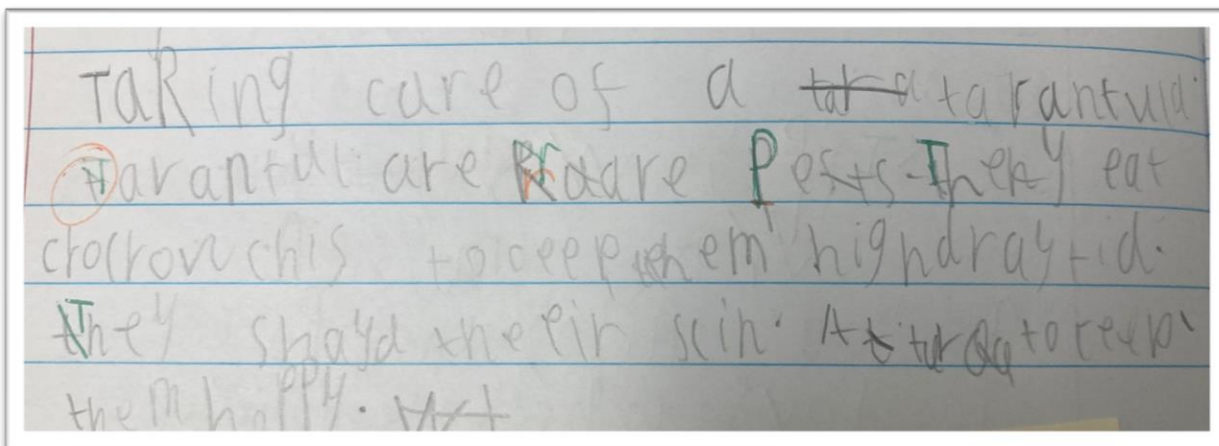
Ms Parsons came and talked to us about her tarantulas. Mrs Westcott talked about the horses she used to have and Austin from Class 3 told us all about his axolotl 'Flash'. Afterwards we wrote 'Did you know?' facts about the things that had surprised us!





Finally, we could complete our final information text including sub-headings, diagram with labels and 'Did you know?' facts.

Here is an example of the beginning of an information text written about the tarantula.



We are so proud of the writing the children have produced throughout this English learning journey. Well done, Class 1.

We had more exciting visitors in the same week. Class 1 were lucky to meet some doctors and nurses who told them all about parts of our bodies and learnt how to bandage our teddies!



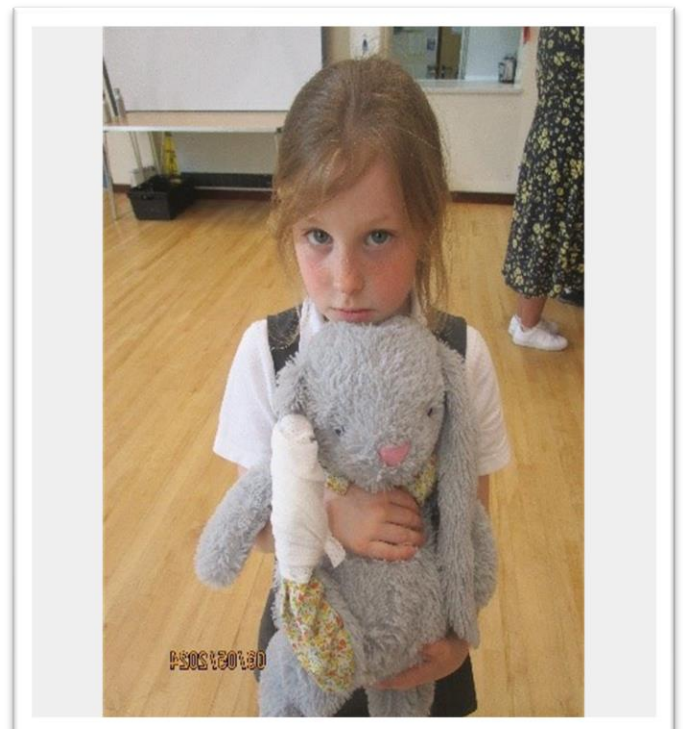
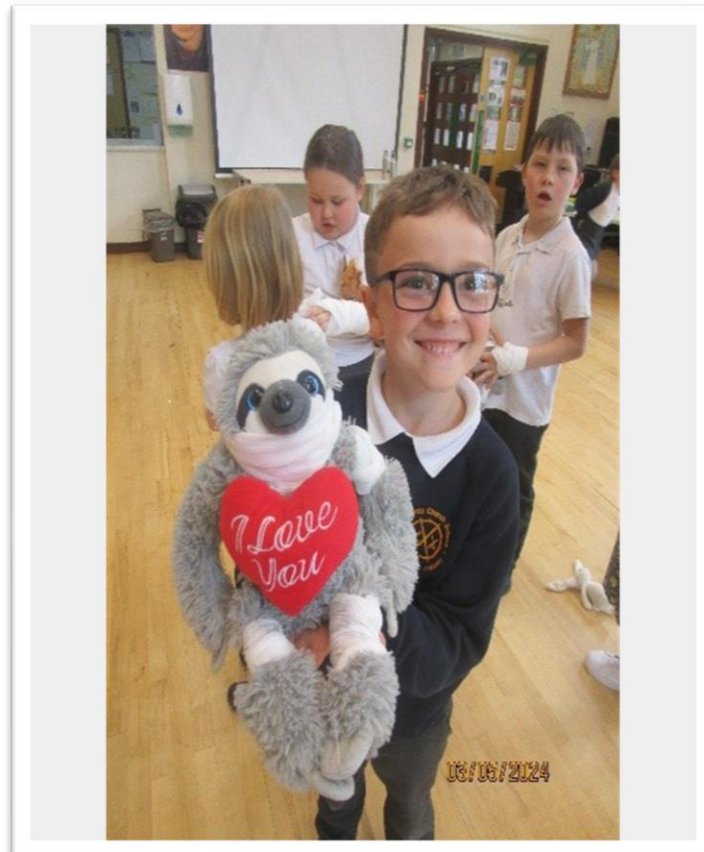


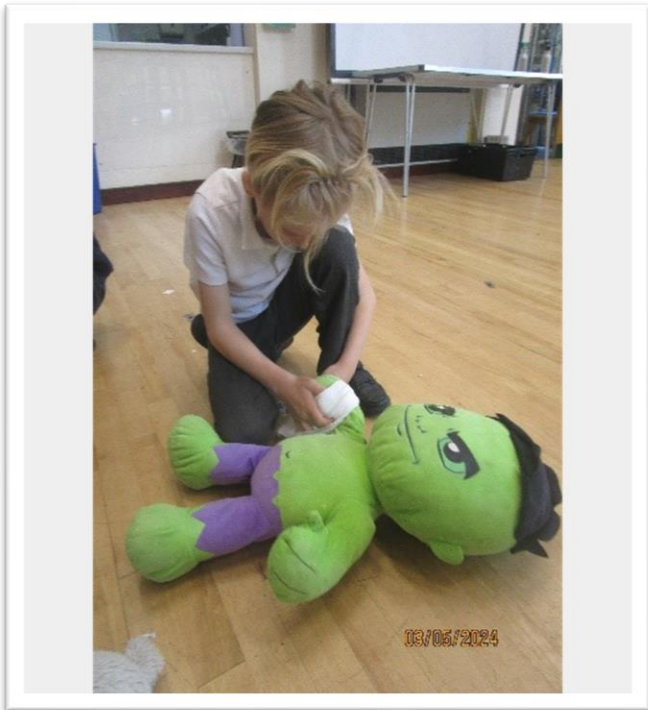
We wish the children a good rest ready for their final term of learning before the summer!

CLASS 2

Class 2 has had a very busy month! We have learnt lots about our topic of “ How explorers have changed the World,” and have also had lots of exciting extra events too.

We were fortunate to have doctors and nurses from YDH visiting us as part of Careers Week. We spent time bandaging our teddies, learning about the insides of our bodies, our blood pressure and then had a look inside our bodies by looking at X rays. We were shown CT scans inside dinosaur eggs and then we created skeletons using different types of pasta. It was a fantastic session, and we were very grateful to YDH for visiting us.





Our wonderful Mrs Cheeseman has been running every day for the last 499 days, through all weathers and no matter how she felt. She wanted to run her 500th day with class 2, so we joined her on this final mile. The children were so excited, and many did actually join in for the whole mile- ten times round the school field. They were all rewarded by a medal which Freya had made for them and they were all delighted with their achievement. Well done Mrs Cheeseman – you are a superstar!



CLASS 3

We have had a fun-packed May.

Although not officially this month, I would like to share some photographs of the STEaM challenge Augusta Westlands kindly provided us with, and our shadow puppet theatre afternoon – now I am able to upload photographs from an iPad (you're never too old to learn!).



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Our English has been inspired by the book we are reading in class called, 'The Boy who Fell Through Time' and the children have written their own historic time travel stories.

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Taking advantage of the weather to read our stories to each other.

NHS STEaM. We had an exciting opportunity to learn from the amazing staff from Yeovil District Hospital. The staff allowed the children to experiment with equipment which showed the children's nerves and blood in action, listen to each other's hearts, investigate each other's ears, and how to perform CPR. We learned how radiographers can check for broken limbs and what a variety of x-rayed chocolate bars look like. The children also had the chance to look at organs which some enjoyed more than others.



Money has been our maths module. The children have been counting money, adding amounts and giving change. I tested their skills by playing shops – nobody went bankrupt, so they all excelled!



The children enjoyed their last swimming session on Wednesday and Mrs Roberts was very proud of how well the children behaved and supported each other.

Spirituality Day - Photo's



In Class 3 we have been learning all about fruit in French. We have learnt to say whether we like a fruit or dislike it. We have even tried to link our previous learning, about colours, when we are talking about fruit.

In Art, we have been exploring with how illustrators make pictures move. We have observed the movement of animals and positioning of body parts, such as arms, legs or eyes to show movement in our drawings. We also enjoyed creating a character, using different media to colour them, and creating moving parts with split pins. We are now working on a background for our character.

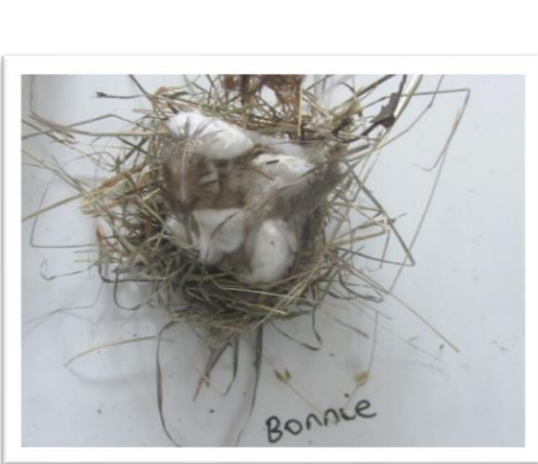
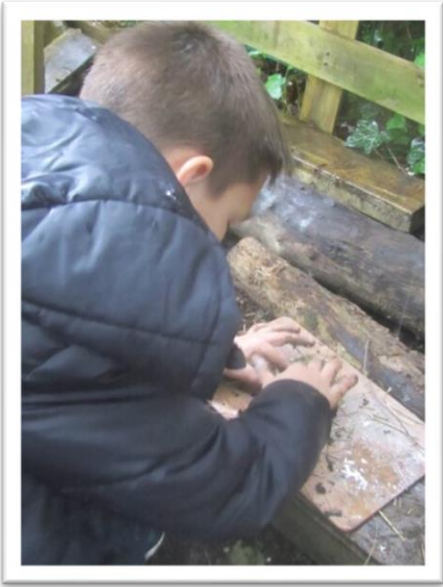
Wishing you all a safe and lovely half-term break (whatever the weather).

Mrs Coleman and Mrs MacKenzie

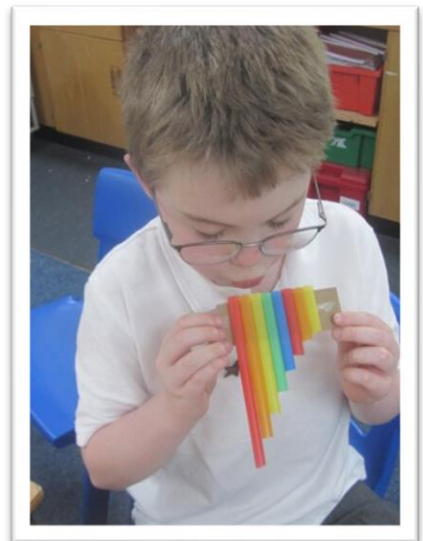
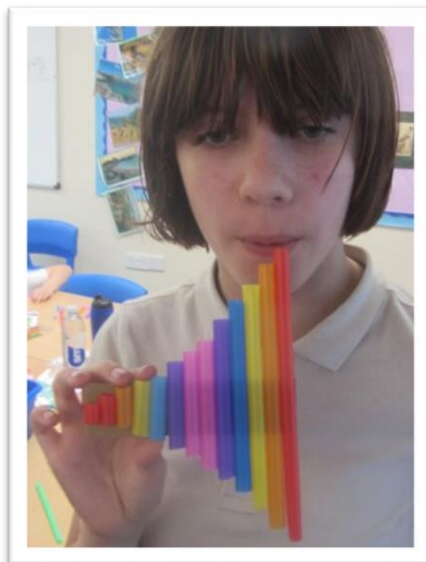
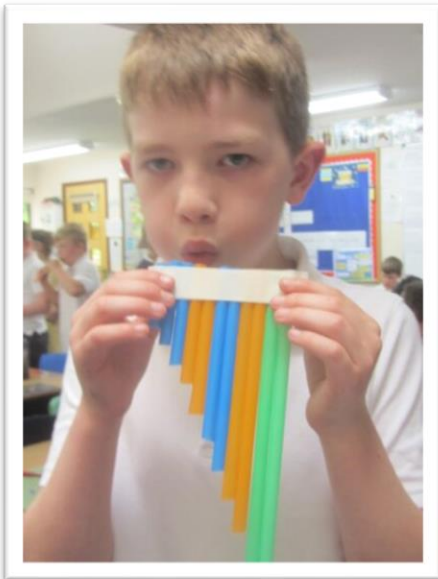
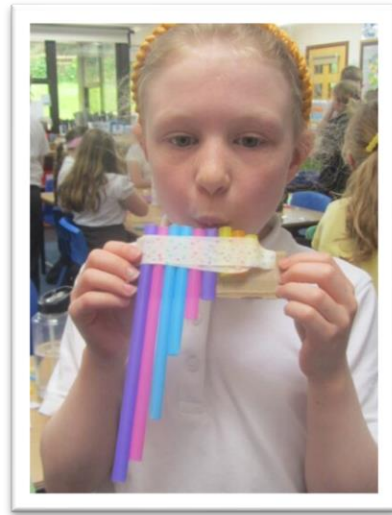
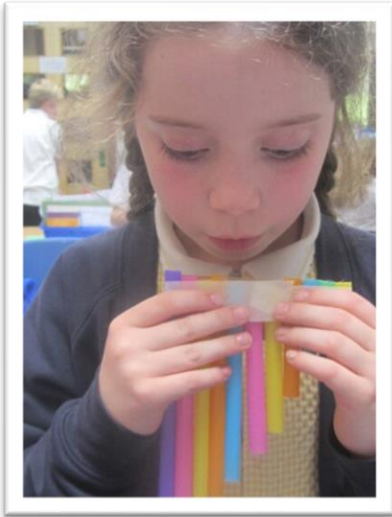
CLASS 4

We have been very busy in Class 4!

In art we used our forest school time to complete our art unit on 'Working in 3 dimensions' and used our determination and inventiveness to build our own 3D nests using wire and pretty much anything we can! (just like birds would!) Here are some pictures of us making and some finished nests.

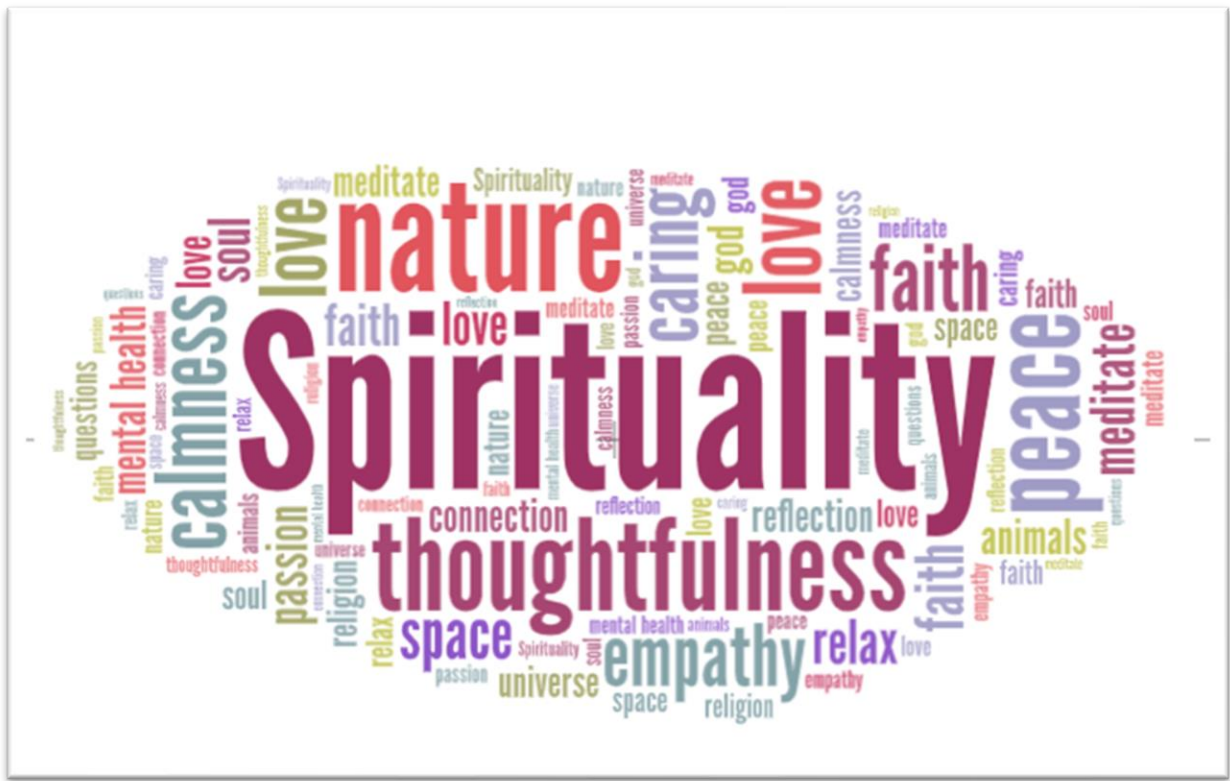


In science we have been learning about what makes high and low sounds. We learnt that the pitch of a sound is made by the frequency of the sound waves. Fast vibrations make high sounds and slow vibrations make low sounds. We tested this out by making some panpipes

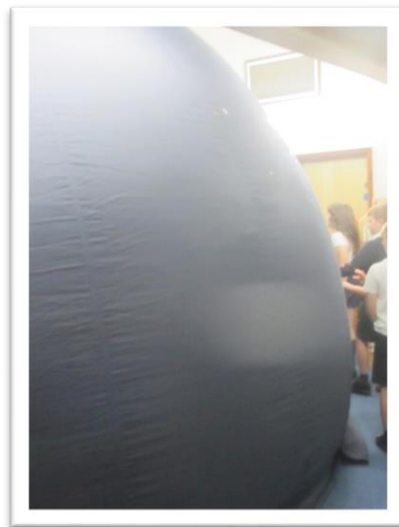


On Monday 20th May we had a whole school spirituality day which was such good fun.

The children thought about what spirituality meant to them and came up with some really thoughtful words which we turned into word art



We also experience spirituality in lots of different ways including lying under peace doves, a visit to a space dome, a look at nature and a pilgrimage to our local church to light a candle!



Our Samba Music lessons have developed well over the weeks, and we have now managed to combine our syncopated rhythms and perform together. It was much easier practising outside in small groups and then combining our rhythm to perform.

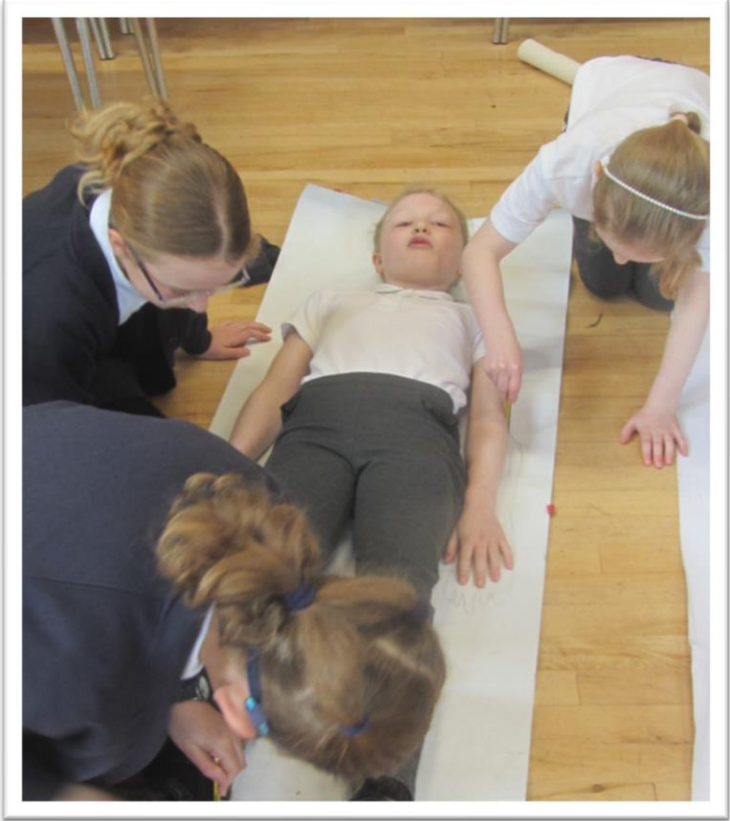
We have shared some videos for you to view on J2E.



NHS Steam afternoon.

We had a great afternoon learning about our bodies and finding out about all the amazing jobs undertaken at Yeovil District Hospital. The staff visiting were insightful, supportive and so patient with all the children, who got stuck into all the practical tasks and had lots of questions. We learnt so much during the session including how radiographers check inside our bodies for broken bones and injuries and the role of a sonographer. Some children could see their heart beating through the ultrasound! We are so grateful to all the staff for giving up their time to inspire our children.

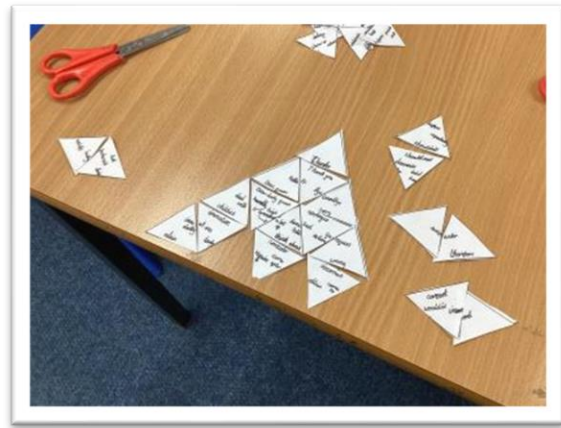




CLASS 5

In Class 5, we have been studying physical and human geographical features of the UK, Mexico and Greece. Using our research skills, we have made comparisons of similarities and differences. We have been excited by our findings and it has encouraged us to further our learning and answer some of our curious questions. Our research has also inspired us to think of how we can show comparative data, based on our mathematical knowledge. We are about to study various Greek islands so that we can continue to draw comparisons and link our work, with English, by using our persuasive writing skills.

Our English lessons have focused on the art of persuasion and the children have been learning a range of techniques to help them with this. As part of these sessions, we looked at formal writing. The children made a tarsia matching game using formal and informal phrases, which they then challenged another group to complete. Our final pieces of writing have had a Greek focus and have included titles such as: 'Is the Minotaur misunderstood?' and 'Were the Greeks the best inventors?'



In RE, we have been discussing in depth the story of Moses and how this links to the themes of vulnerability, freedom and leadership. Working as a group, we have created a Godly play script to share our understanding of the story using key object to help us.



During our Spirituality Day, we went on a voyage of discovery learning about spirituality and what it means to us. The children were involved in a range of activities to help them search for the meaning. These consisted of a visit to the space dome, time reflecting with our dove installation, meditation and a pilgrimage to the church. As the day went on, the discussions about spirituality really deepened and the children were able to define their own ideas of what spirituality meant to them.

Class 5 would like to say thank you to the adults who came with us on the walk and to the members of staff who spent much of their time creating the beautiful dove installation in the intervention area.





Finally, as part of our Buddy training, year 5 went to spend an hour playing with class 1. It was lovely watching the year 5s supporting the younger children with games, reading and drawing. Year 5 were all pleased to hear that they have passed their training, and they are now looking forward to finding out who their buddies will be next year.



CLASS 6

We hope this newsletter finds you well! It has been an eventful month in Class 6, and we're excited to share some highlights with you.

1. **SATs Week Success** Last week, our incredible Class 6 students tackled their SATs with determination and resilience. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and positive attitude. Well done, everyone!
2. **Enjoying the Sunshine** Despite the busy schedule, we made sure to take advantage of the beautiful sunshine. Outdoor breaks, walks, sport and fresh air were essential for recharging our minds.
3. **Yinka Ilori Art/Design Technology** Our creative journey continues with Yinka Ilori-inspired art and design projects. Students are crafting unique chairs and seats that reflect their personalities. Stay tuned for the grand reveal!
4. **Exploring 1960s Fashion and Historical Figures** In history, we've delved into the vibrant fashion of the 1960s. From miniskirts to bob hairstyles, our students have explored iconic trends and learned about influential figures from that era.
5. **Spirituality Day** Our pilgrimage around the village was an enriching experience. Sharing some time with the acorns, the space dome, and an impressive dove display all contributed to our spiritual growth. We even had a touch of David Attenborough's wisdom!
6. **3D Modelling Adventures** In computing, we've embarked on a 3D modelling unit using Computer Aided Design (CAD). Students are designing their own products, exploring shapes, and honing their digital skills.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to more exciting adventures in June!

