



# MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Learning inside and outside of the school
- Dates

### Year 5 - Science

In Science this week, Year Five were investigating solubility. To investigate this property, the children were provided with solutes such as cornflour, sand and epsom salts and they mixed these with water for 30 seconds. The children then observed the mixture to see if the solute dissolved within the solvent (water). If it dissolved, the material had the property of solubility and if it did not, it was insoluble.



### Reception - Minibeasts

This half term in Reception, the children have been looking at things that creep, crawl and wriggle. This week they have been on a mini-beast hunt in the wild area of the school field. They took a tally of how many minibeasts they saw and enjoyed looking at the bugs in their natural habitats. They discussed being careful with the bugs and their homes and trying not to disturb them too much.



### Year 1 - Art

Year 1 have been exploring the artistic genre of Pop Art. They first looked at a number of works of art by different artists and identified that Pop Art is generally colourful, bold and can look a bit like a cartoon. They then took a number of everyday items such as plates and bowls and drew them before creating Pop Art representations. They have also begun a more detailed study on the work of New York artist James Rizzi who created fun, vibrant city landscapes and buildings. We have been exploring how to make houses in a James Rizzi style with 3-D effects so that different elements stick out and 'pop'!



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## SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking part in this years SATs tests. The children have been invited into school at 8:30AM each day to enjoy breakfast. We would like to wish them all the best!

Our Year 2's will be using the non-statutory assessments this year to moderate teacher assessments. Children are used to completing tasks in this way so these assessments will not impact their normal routine in school.



SAT

## Wow Learning!

In English, Year 5 have been writing their own narrative poems inspired by The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.



**The road was a lightless walkway.  
The wind was a blow of questions.  
The moon was a light to endless moor.  
And the highway rabbit came bouncing,  
Bouncing, bouncing.  
The highway rabbit came bouncing up to the carrot  
store.**

**He'd a cape upon his skin, boots upon his feet.  
A red coat for poshness and a carrot that he could  
eat.  
They were never too tight.  
They reflected the light.  
He rode with a burrowing sparkle.  
His rapier was a sparkle.  
His jewels they just sparkle under the glowing light.**

An excerpt taken from Chloe G's writing:

## Summer is here!

Now that the sun has come out, can we please remind you to apply your 12 hour suncream before school as we are unable to apply it. Many thanks.

## Diary Dates

### May

In school Swimming - continues

Key stage 2 SATs(with breakfast)  
Week beg. Mon 13th

Half term - 27th - 31st

### June

Inset day (SCHOOL CLOSED) - Mon 3rd

Year 4 Multiplication tables check-  
Week beg 4th

Year 5 sleepover -Thur 6th

Year 4 sleepover -Fri 7th

Year 6 trip to Chessington - Fri 7th

Sports Days -  
Wed 12 (Early years AM , y1/2 PM)  
Thur 13th (y3/4 AM , y5/6 PM)

Class Photos - Fri 14th June

### July

Year 6 Performance -  
Mon 8th 6pm and Tue 9th 2PM

Y6 Disco - Thur 18th

Leavers Assembly -Tue 23rd

End of term -Tue 23rd 2PM

New term begins -  
Tue 3rd September