



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY
27/11/2025



NURSERY

The nursery children enjoyed exploring the change in weather. They put on their puddle suits and welly boots and headed outside to investigate the snow and ice. They explored the snow and the big puddle, splashing around with excitement. The children loved noticing how the outdoor environment looked and felt different, making it a wonderful sensory learning experience!



RECEPTION

Reception have enjoyed their theme learning on pop ups and puppets. We have watched some puppet shows, discussed different types of puppets and how the puppeteers have made them move. We have explored different types of puppets and then designed our own puppet that we wanted to make. We thought about what materials we would need and how we would join them together. We had great fun making our own puppets and getting them to move.



SAPPLINGS

Over the last two weeks we have experienced snow and ice. The children were sad that the snow was minimal, but we did venture out to touch and explore the ice that had formed over night. We spoke about the temperature dropping, turning water into ice. We had lots of conversation about how it felt and the noise it made when we dropped it.

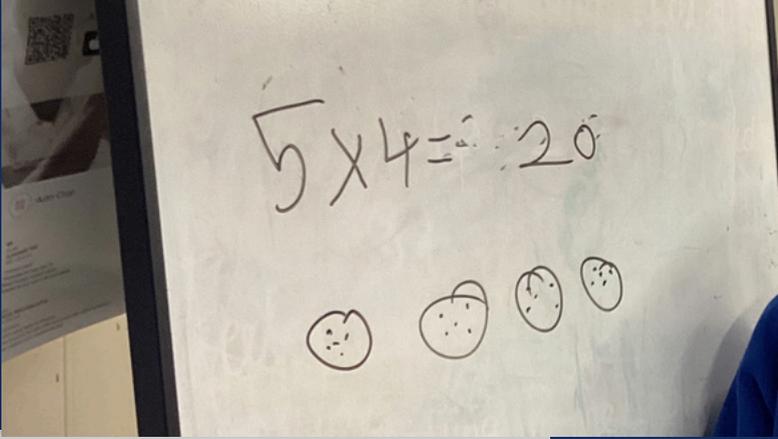


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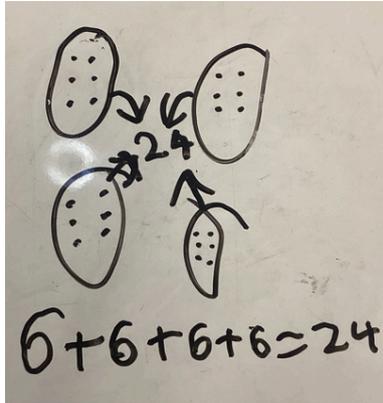
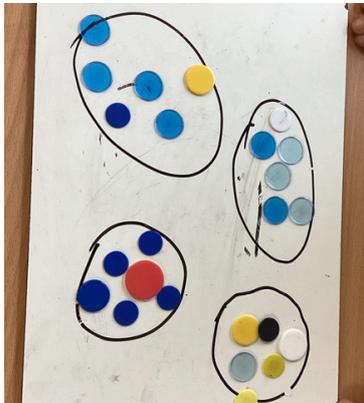


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YEAR 2

Year 2 have started their multiplication and division unit in Maths this week. They have been creating arrays using counters and they have had to make sure that each array contained equal parts. They have been using stem sentences to explain how many parts were in the array and how many were in each part.



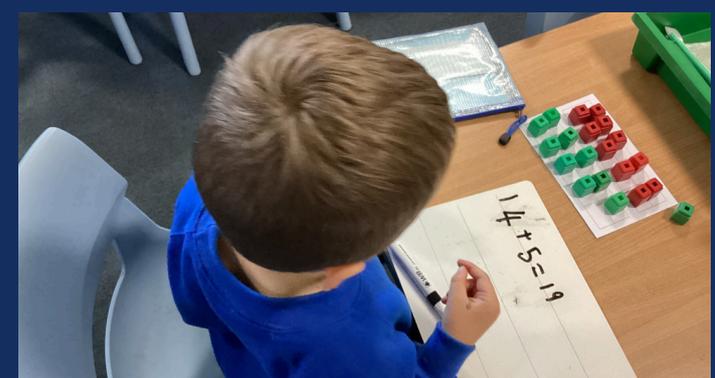
YEAR 3

This half term Year 3 have been learning about maintaining a balanced and nutritious diet. They have learnt about the eatwell plate that helps them choose the right amount of each food group and have shared this information with other children. Most excitingly, however, they have been practicing their slicing and chopping skills by preparing vegetables for a ratatouille dish. They then got to taste it and will be evaluating the dish in their next lesson of the unit.



YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been learning to use known facts to help us find the answer when adding a 1-digit number to a number between 10 and 20. We used tens frames to build the number and then added some more. When explaining our answers we used the language of tens and ones to share our thinking.



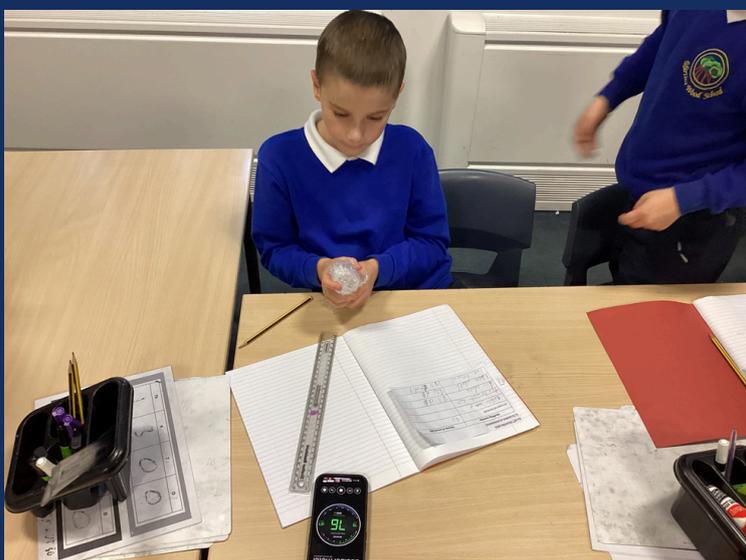


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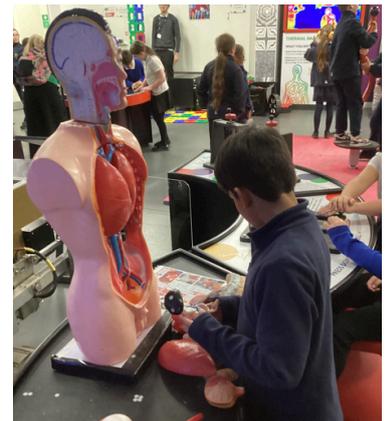
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been exploring sound this half term and have been measuring the volume of sounds using a sound meter. In this lesson, the children tested different materials to try to muffle sound effectively. The children showed collaboration skills and effective scientific knowledge during the session.



YEAR 5

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to the STEM Discovery Centre. They explored the stars, made and launched rockets and learnt all about the Mars Rover. They had a lot of fun and learnt plenty! The children showed good behaviour for learning and were a credit to the school.



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A Heartfelt Gift to Our School

This week we received a special gift from one of our Martins Wood pupils. With support from his family, a student has used his own money and raised the rest to buy a new football kit for Martins Wood School. This kind gesture and thoughtful gift has made the football team and PE staff very happy. Thank you 😊

NHS Winter Health Advice for Families

East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust has launched its Winter Preparedness campaign to help families access reliable health advice and choose the right NHS service when children become unwell.

Many parents understandably worry when symptoms appear, and online searches can often lead to unnecessary concern. To support families, the Trust has introduced its new NHS Symptom Checker, now available to provide clear, factual guidance on when to use pharmacies, GP surgeries, Urgent Treatment Centres or NHS 111.

You can access the Symptom Checker here: <https://111.nhs.uk/>



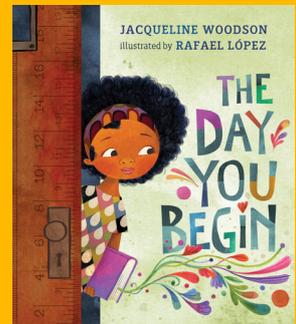
RECOMMENDED READS

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

A gripping and emotional story set during WWII, following a young boy evacuated from London who must navigate loss, courage, and growing up in extraordinary circumstances.

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

A beautifully illustrated book about celebrating differences, finding your voice, and feeling brave when you're the new kid or standing out from the crowd.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 28th November - Occasional Day School Closed
- 3rd December - FOMW Wreath Making 6:30pm
- 10th December - KS1+KS2 Christmas Performance
- 11th December - Y6 Pantomime @ Nobel School
- 11th december - Y4 Viking Workshop
- 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th December - EYFS Stay & Play Sessions
- 17th December - Christmas Lunch
- 19th December - End of Term - 2pm

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.3%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.

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