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MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SAPLINGS

The children in Saplings have just finished learning about the season of Winter. We discussed what we wore and how we felt. Lots of the discussions were around wearing hats and gloves, this has led to the children practicing their independence skills trying to dress themselves.

They have learnt their three key words which were Penguin, black and white (being able to use BSL to say and sign), producing some amazing Penguins. When the weather has been too wet or cold the children chose their learning indoors experiencing working together to play parachute games.



NURSERY

This week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. The children listened to the story of The Great Race and enjoyed using the animal figures to retell and act out the story themselves.

We explored some of the traditions that take place during Chinese New Year, including cleaning the house, eating lots of food, and setting off fireworks. The children also learnt that the colour red is very important, as it means good luck.

We looked at the dragon dance and talked about how dragons are believed to be lucky. The children then had lots of fun making and performing their own dragon dance together.

To finish the week, we learnt and sang our new song "Kung Hei Fat Choy", which the children really enjoyed!



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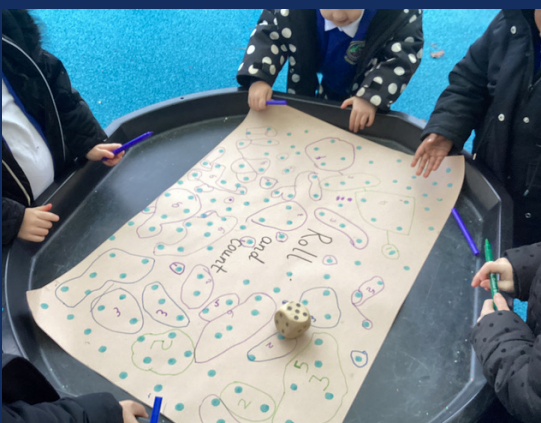


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RECEPTION

Reception have been finding out how other cultures celebrate. They found out that people believe red and yellow bring good luck. They have been applying their phonics knowledge to spell animals in the story of the Chinese Zodiac called 'The great race'. The children voted for which animal in the zodiac was their favourite.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about deciduous trees and their seasonal changes in science as well as physical features in geography.

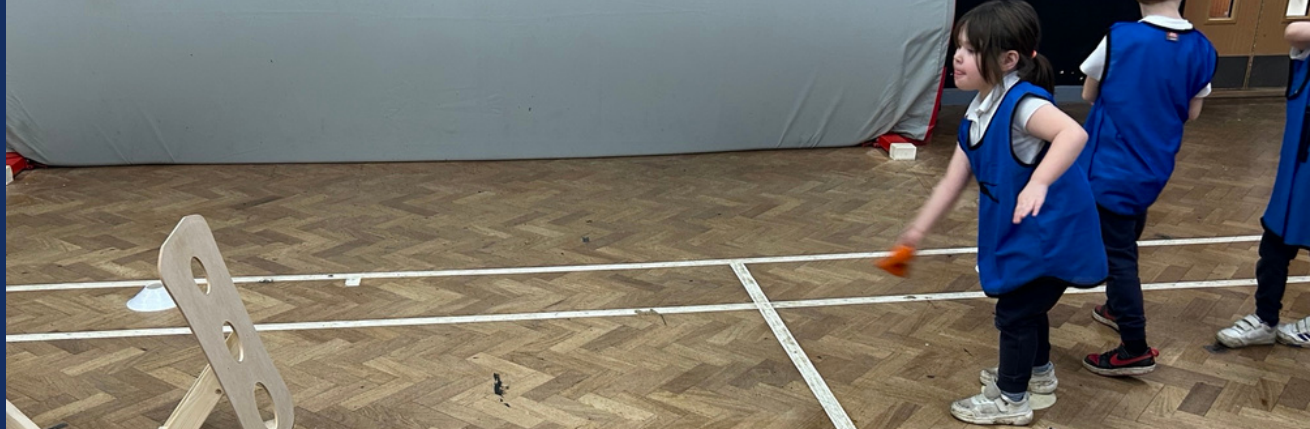


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YEAR 2

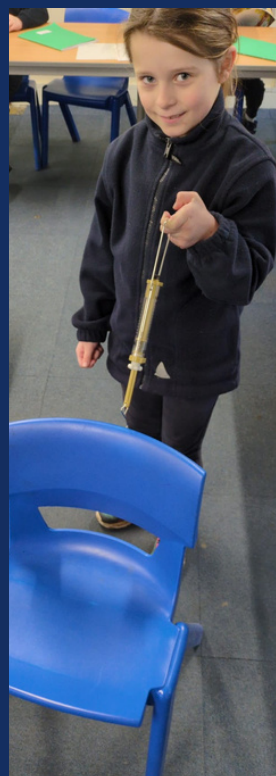
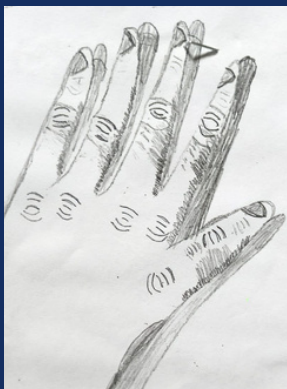
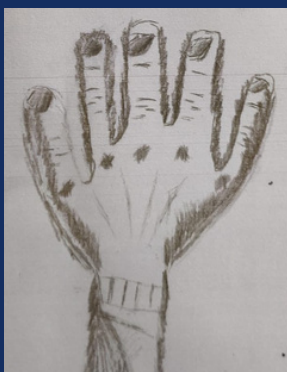
In Year 2 PE we have been focusing on gymnastics and athletic skills. In gymnastics, we have been engaging our core to hold balances on a range of equipment and have been developing our throwing, running and jumping skills in athletics.



YEAR 3

This term in Art Year 3 have been learning sketching and shading skills. We looked at the work of LS Lowry and his ordinary people and towns.

We have also been exploring force meters and measuring how many Newtons it takes to pull an object.

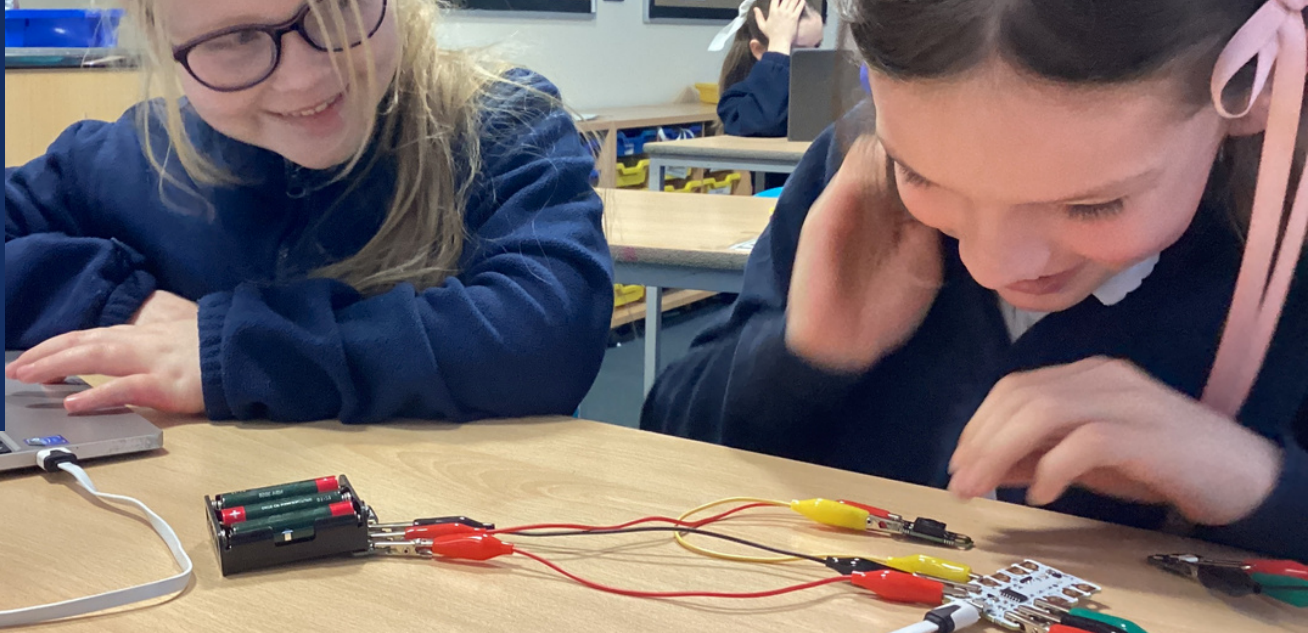


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YEAR 4

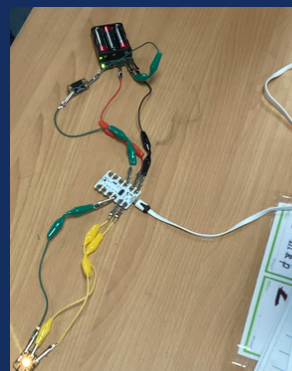
Year 4 have been practising a range of sketching techniques this term, applying them into a landscape picture. They had to think carefully about what techniques to use for the foreground, middle ground and background of the landscape picture.

Year 4 have also been experimenting with states of matter in Science. This week, the children were measuring the temperature of different states of water. This involved accurate reading of thermometers and observation skills.



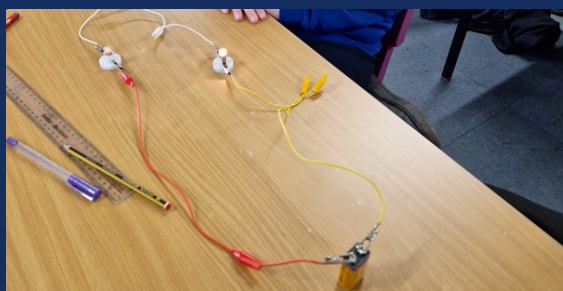
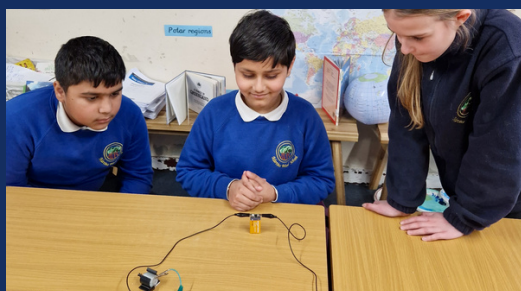
YEAR 5

Year 5 have continued to use Crumbles to programme a variety of outputs. This week, we looked at using conditions, the condition being if a switch had been pressed or not. The children used their resilience and problem-solving skills to debug any issues they might have had!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been investigating circuits, learning how to build them and understand how electricity flows.



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PADDINGTON SPECIAL



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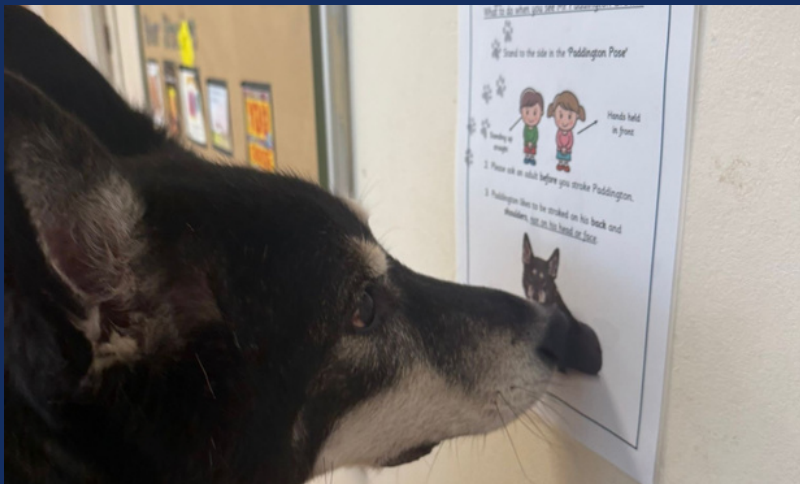
READING TIME

Paddington loves nothing more than listening to the children read to him. He sits patiently while pupils share their stories, helping them to feel calm, confident and proud of their reading. Paddington is a wonderful reading buddy, he never rushes and always listens carefully.



NEW SIGN!

Paddington has been very interested in his new sign and has enjoyed investigating it during the school day. He seems very proud to have his own sign and has been spotted stopping by to check it out, making sure everyone knows who our important four legged team member is!



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle time is one of Paddington's favourite parts of the school day. He loves gentle cuddles and quiet moments.



PADDINGTON IN TRAINING

Paddington has been working hard on his training and is doing a fantastic job. He practises good manners, listening carefully and responding to commands, which helps him to be calm and well behaved around the children. Paddington's training is an important part of his role as our school dog and shows how much effort he puts into being the very best member of the team.



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RECOMMENDED READS

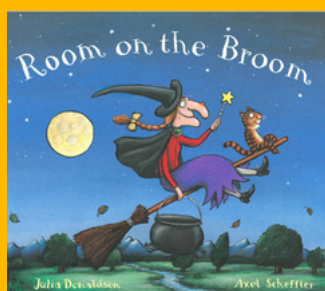


The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler

is a funny and exciting story about a secret hotel for magical creatures, where nothing is ever quite as normal as it seems!

is a powerful and heart-warming story about kindness, friendship and acceptance, following a boy who shows that being different is something to be proud of.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio



Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

is a fun and magical story about a kind witch, her cat, and their adventures, perfect for reading aloud and sparking imagination.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th February - Parents Evening 4-8pm

11th February - Parents Evening 4-6pm

16th - 20th February - HALF TERM

3rd March - Reception Bubble Workshop

20th March - Rocksteady Concert

23rd - 27th March - Y5 Bikeability

27th March - End of Term -2pm

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.8%

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

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