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MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SAPLINGS

Over the next couple of weeks, the children in Saplings will experiment with the wonder of "Gloop" (cornflour and water) and jelly play alongside our usual playdough. We have had so much fun so far touching and pushing the gloop. Exploring what happens when it runs through our fingers. There has been so much rich language shared, adults adding this to their play and several children describing how it felt. Language used such as "sticky, yucky, thick, hard, soft, runny and disgusting".



NURSERY

The children in Nursery have been enjoying the change of weather and have made the most of the sunshine exploring in outside area. They have been developing their gross motor skills and creativity through imaginative play with the large building bricks, working together to build and create. The reading boat has also been a popular spot, where the children have loved sharing stories and singing songs together.

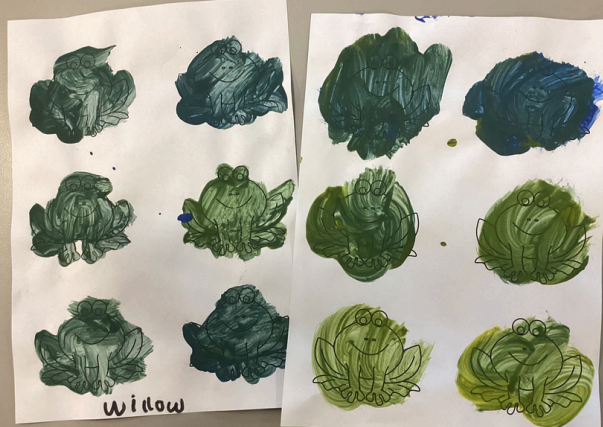


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RECEPTION

Reception have enjoyed spending time in the reading boat looking and sharing books with staff and their friends.

We have been looking at signs of Spring. We have looked at photos from Winter and compared them to what we can see outside now. We thought about what other things happen during Springtime. We talked about Spring being the time of year that many baby animals are born.

We have been reading the book Tad which has helped us understand the life cycle of a frog. We have had fun making our own Tads and made frog faces as our cutting challenge. We have explored colour mixing by making different shades of green to paint our frogs.



YEAR 1

On Thursday Year One had a lovely time exploring the Book Fair. They were able to spend time looking at the covers of the books and deciding which ones they would like to look at further. They also enjoyed listening to story.



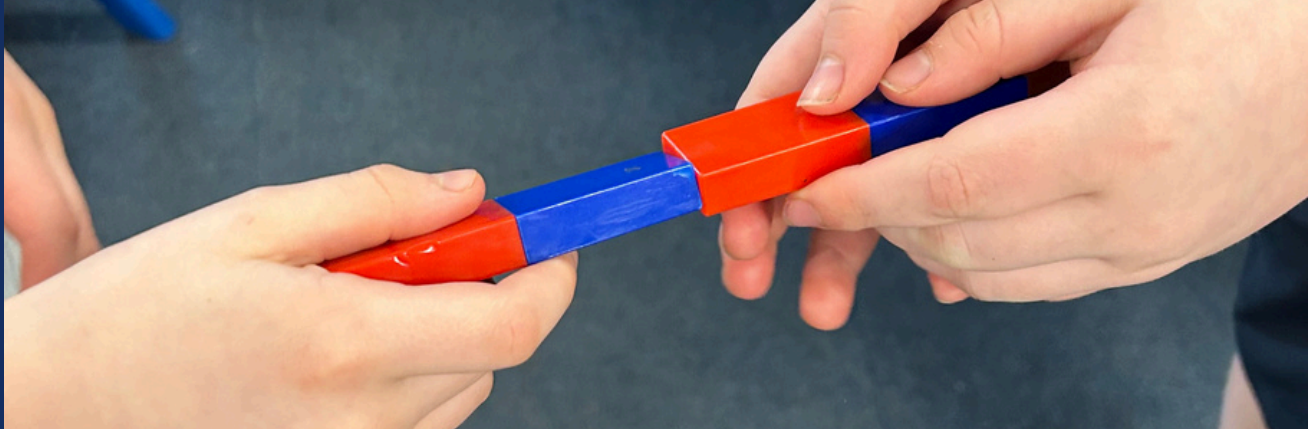
YEAR 2

Year 2 have been exploring the school grounds looking for signs of Spring as they begin their new topic of 'Plant Survival'. The children looked closely at the buds on the trees and are looking forward to seeing the blossom bloom over the next few weeks.





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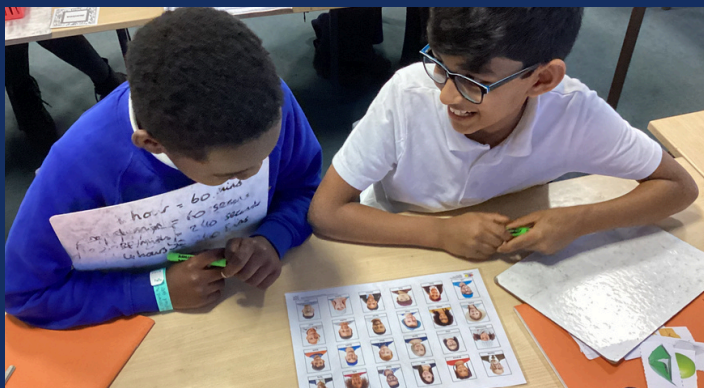
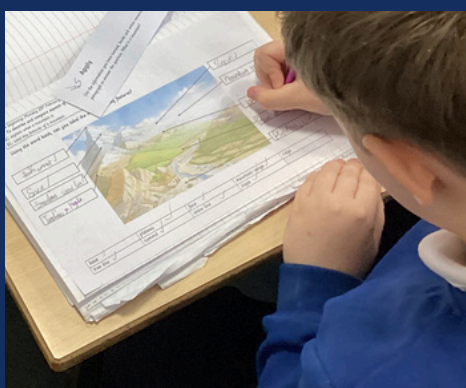
YEAR 3

In Science this half term, Year 3 will be exploring magnetism. To introduce this unit of learning, we explored bar magnets and hunted for items around the classroom that were magnetic. We discussed that magnets have poles which can be north or south. Using our key vocabulary of 'attract' (attraction) and 'repel' (repulsion), we investigated what happened when the same poles are put together and then when opposite poles are put together.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been busy during the first few days of the half term to say the least! The children have been exploring classification by playing the classic game of 'Guess Who!'. After beating the computer in an online game, the children had a version of the game to play in pairs themselves, using a range of closed questions. Year 4 have also begun learning about mountains, labelling the key features and exploring the purpose of mountains. Perhaps you can research some famous mountains at home!



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YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a very exciting week taking part in the K'Nex STEM challenge. They made rockets that could be used to launched into space and had very specific criteria to meet. The Year 5 team were exceptionally impressed with their resilience and creativity!

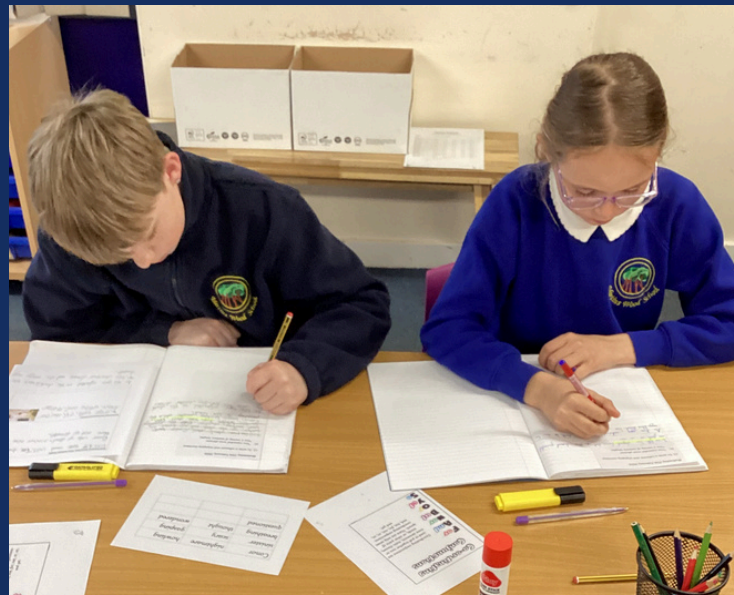
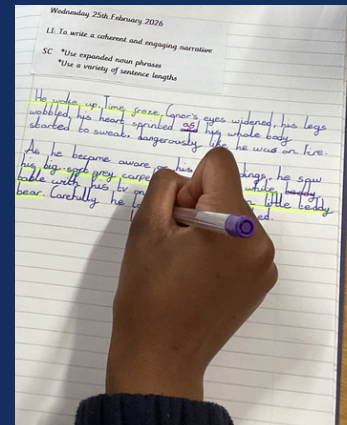
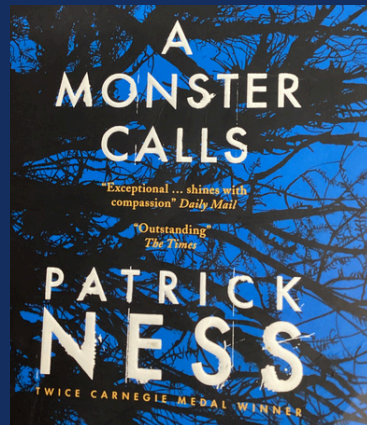


DATES FOR THE DIARY

26th Feb - 3rd March - Book Fair 3:30 - 4:00pm
3rd March - Reception Bubble Workshop
5th March - World Book Day
20th March - Rocksteady Concert
23rd - 27th March - Y5 Bikeability
27th March - End of Term - 2pm

YEAR 6

In our English writing lessons this week, we have taken our inspiration from the novel *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. Year 6 have been using techniques such as expanded noun phrases and rhetorical questions in our writing. We use our yellow highlighters to identify where we have used these techniques to show that we have met and understood the Success Criteria that our teacher has set for the lesson.



World Book Day

MAIN MENU

Storytime Sausage & Mash with Gravy
 (Pork or Plant Sausage (Ve) (FreeFrom*))
 or Bookworm Green Pesto Spaghetti
 with Herby Garlic Bread (v)

SERVED WITH

• Page-Turning Peas and Chapter Carrots

DESSERT

Readers Rice Crispy Squares or
 Wordy Watermelon Wedge

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
 available where applicable)

5TH OF MARCH

This week's average attendance is 95%. Our average whole school attendance is currently at 95.2%
 Remember - to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day, on time.

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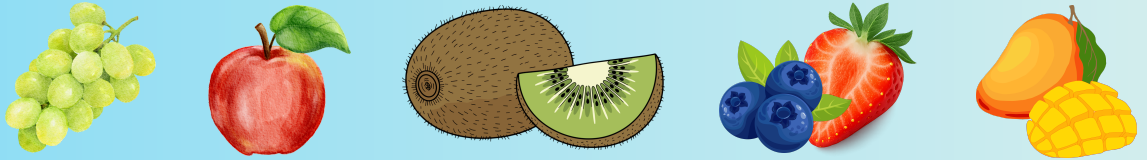


Pack your child a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

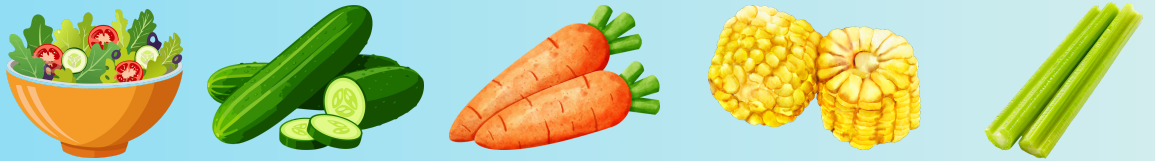
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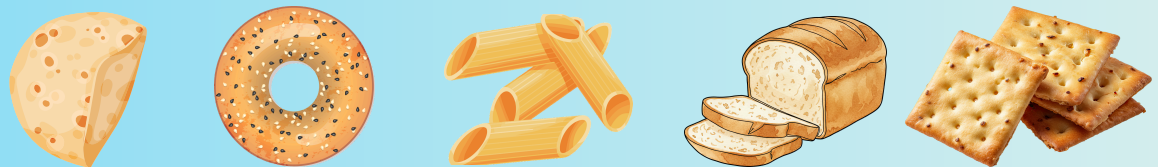
Vegetables



Dairy



Wholegrain



Meat or alternatives



A Healthy Lunch Box



What to avoid in a Packed Lunch



Sugary snacks



Sweets & Chocolate Bars



Fizzy & Energy Drinks



Nuts or anything containing nuts

**Make
WATER
your
DRINK**

