



# MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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We have reached the end of the Spring term, and what a fantastic term it has been, full of lots of exciting opportunities and learning for our children at Martins Wood. Some of these include:

**Science Week** - All children across the school had the opportunity to engage in experiments to test an hypothesis such as 'Does toast always land butter side up?' and 'What makes the best hanky when you have a cold?'. These were exciting, messy and so much fun!

**Bikeability** - Our Yr 5 children have been out and about in the local community learning how to ride their bikes safely and to navigate the roads. I wonder how many times they have been spotted by the parents of Martins Wood?

**World Book Day** - The children had a fantastic time celebrating all things reading and books. They thoughtfully unpicked the story 'Mixed' and created some super poems, speeches and art work. We now have lots of this learning displayed in our Key Stage 1 library area.

We look forward to the Summer Term, and with the improving weather the opportunity to be outside more in our extensive grounds. We currently looking at ways in which we can improve the outside area for everyone. If you, as a parent, have any skills or connections that you feel will support us with this development please do let us know. Any help from our community is always appreciated.

*Mrs Taylor and Mrs Phillips*

## SAPLINGS

The children in Saplings have been building friendships and learning how to share right from their very first session. As we are moving towards their last term, we are watching these friendships embed and blossom. Some children choose one or two regular peers to engage with whereas others play with all children and some children prefer solitary play (all of these are age appropriate). Lets see what happens in the final term.



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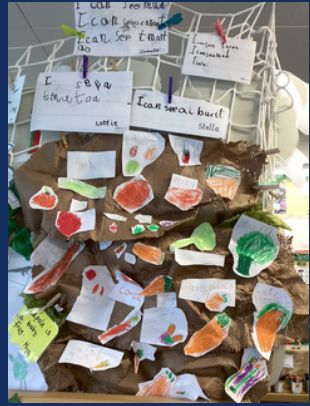


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# RECEPTION

We have been learning where food comes from. We have learnt that food comes from plants and animals. We sorted images into two hoops plant and animal food. We were intrigued to learn all the different food that can be made from cow's milk and that bacon comes from pigs! We created a vegetable garden and practiced applying our phonic knowledge to label the vegetables. We even planted some tomatoes, potatoes, and carrots. We can't wait to watch the food grow.



# NURSERY

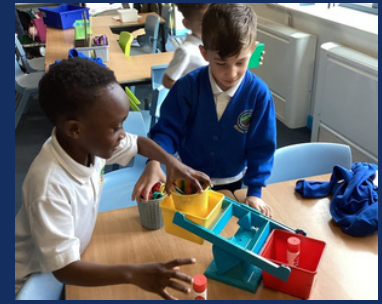
Ready, Steady, Grow.

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend our spring stay and play. The children were so proud to show you what they have been learning over the term. From exploring repeated patterns and developing their mark making skills. To practicing subsidising and matching numerals to a quantity. We hope you enjoyed seeing their learning in action as much as we do everyday!



# YEAR 1

We have been learning about mass in maths. We have been exploring comparative language such as heavier, heavy, heaviest, light, lighter and lightest.



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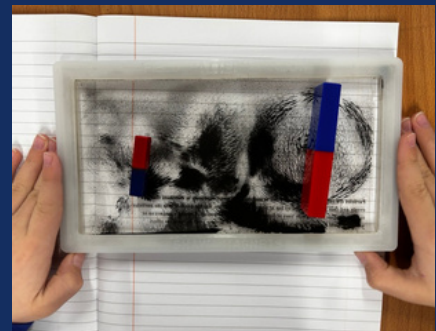
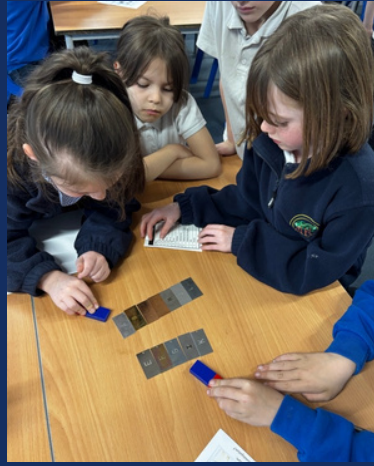
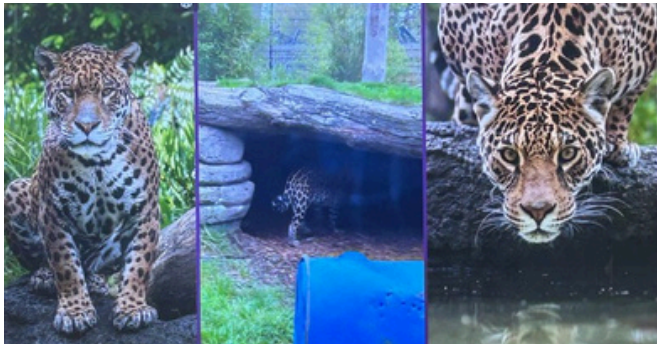
## YEAR 3

FOMW very kindly and generously funded fabulous new science resources for year 3's forces unit. They bought a set of testing materials, magnetic and non-magnetic metals and some terrific iron filings mats. Here are the children in action using these resources.

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## YEAR 2

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their 'Amazing Adaptations' workshops delivered by Hertfordshire Zoo. They explored animal x-rays and looked at a range of different animal skull adaptations to suit different habitats. Year 2 would like to thank you all for supporting this event.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fantastic experience learning more about BSL this afternoon. The children started by learning some key greetings before practising in pairs. They revisited the letters of the alphabet and celebrated what they had learnt in the session. We can't wait for our next session of BSL!



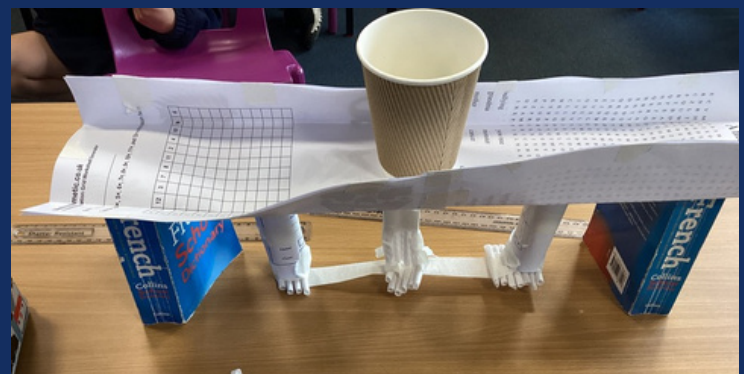
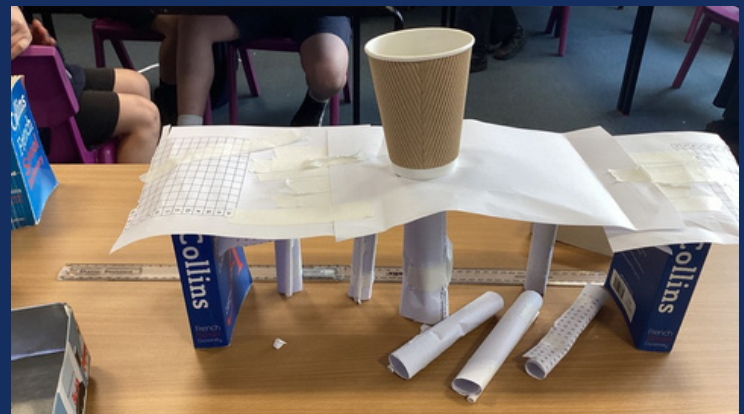
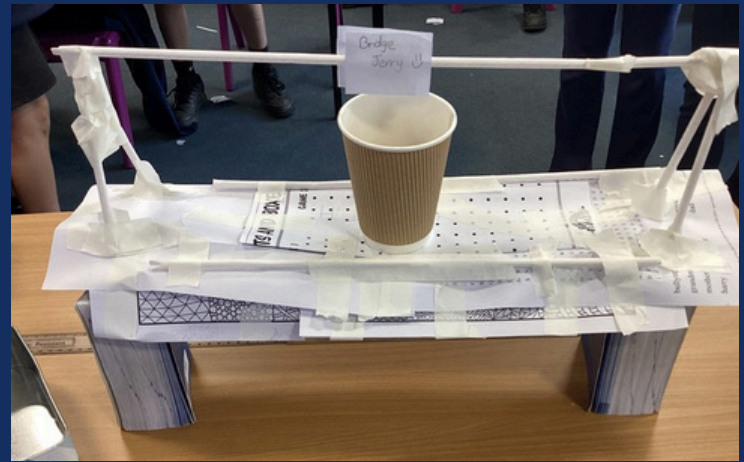
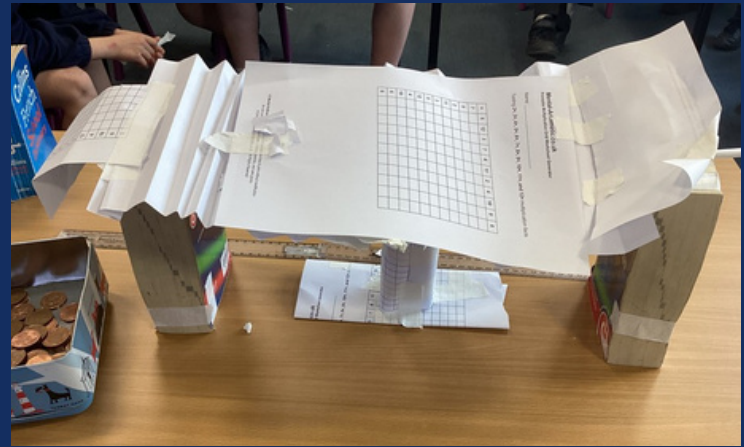
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# YEAR 6

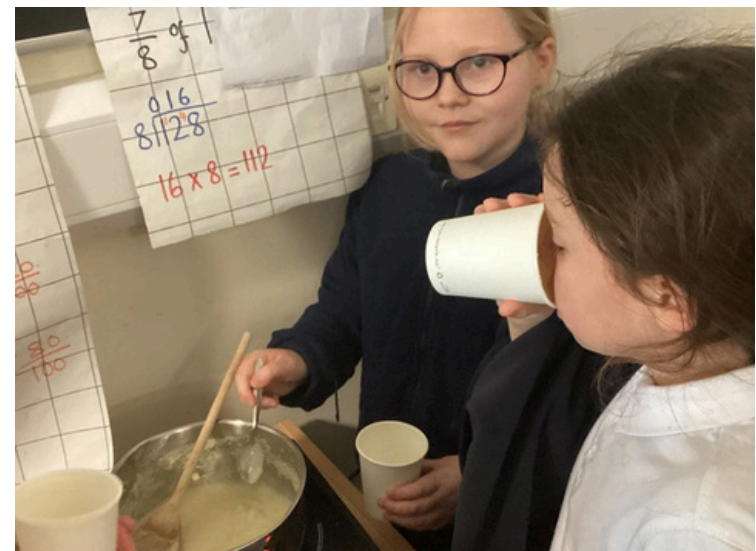
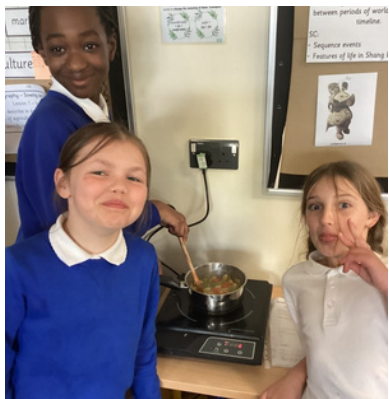
This half term, Year 6 have been exploring structures of different bridges. This week, they have been putting their engineering skills to the test and trying to create the strongest bridge using paper, masking tape and art straws. The children then recorded how many 2p coins it could hold to determine the strongest design and therefore the most successful design.



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# YEAR 5

Year 5 have been putting their chef hats on as they have been making soup using seasonal ingredients. They have chopped, simmered and peeled various vegetables. Their soups got a big thumbs up!



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## Thank You to FOMW

A huge thank you to FOMW for their continued support this term. Their support makes a real difference to the opportunities and resources we can provide for our children.

Some of the resources they have kindly donated include a Bee-Bot robots for Early Years and Year 1, new science resources for Year 3, and a range of PE equipment such as basketball starter packs, a basketball trolley, Mitre footballs, a playground soccer ball, Eurohoc sticks and balls, mini tennis nets and posts, combi rebounder nets, and a Samba aluminium folding goal. The children are also enjoying new playground equipment including outdoor table tennis bats and a Mega 4 in a line. We have also received a Sondico electric air compressor to help maintain the equipment.

In the summer term, FOMW will also be investing in improvements to our outdoor areas, helping to create even better spaces for all children to play and learn.

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of FOMW and thankful to all the parents who donate and support events, as this would not be possible without them.

## Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 pupils recently took part in Bikeability training, where they developed their cycling skills and learned how to ride safely on the road.

The pupils showed great focus and enthusiasm throughout the sessions and did a fantastic job building their confidence and understanding of road safety. Well done, Year 5!



## BSL Returns to Our School

We are pleased to have British Sign Language (BSL) come to school to offer Spring term enrichment sessions. BSL provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn new ways of communicating while promoting inclusivity and understanding. The children have enjoyed learning and practising different signs, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and engagement during the sessions.

We look forward to continuing to develop BSL across the school and giving pupils the chance to build these valuable communication skills.



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### **Pupil Parliament and Community Defibrillator**

Our Pupil Parliament recently visited and took photos with the new community defibrillator donated from Martins Wood to Hearts for Herts. The defibrillator is now situated by the school car park gate so it is easily accessible for the local community 24 hours a day, rather than being behind the school gates. The pupils were proud to see equipment that could help save lives and enjoyed learning about the important work carried out by Hearts for Herts to support communities.

### **Paddington Wishes Everyone a Happy Easter**

Our school dog, Paddington, has been busy spreading smiles around the school and would like to wish all our pupils, families and staff a very happy Easter.

We hope everyone enjoys a lovely and relaxing Easter break!



### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Inset Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> April** - Children back to school
- 17<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 3 Sleepover
- 29<sup>th</sup> April - 01<sup>st</sup> May** - Year 5 Wymondly Woods
- 07<sup>th</sup> May** - Saplings Closed
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May** - SATs week
- 12<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 Knebworth House
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Inset Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Half Term



This week's average attendance is 92.8%. Our average whole school attendance is currently at 95%  
Remember - to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day, on time.

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