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Summer

MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wow! Another year has come to a close and what a fantastic year it has been!

In September, we welcomed the children back in their updated uniforms - looking very smart in their white tops. Year 6 went off on their PGL trip where they took part in numerous outdoor and adventurous activities.

The children throughout the Autumn term engaged with lots of celebrations and moments of reflection including our Halloween disco and Remembrance Day.

In December, we were visited by Ofsted and were beyond proud of our outcome of expected standard in all areas. Since this visit we have continued to look at how we can move forward and start our journey towards strong standard. We also had lots of opportunities to get festive with our Christmas jumper day, carol concerts and nativities.

The Spring term brought an array of learning opportunities from basketball to Inuit art. We focused on how to be safe on the internet and were taught lots about how we can safely use AI.



Throughout the Summer term, we have invited parents in to learn more about assessment in Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6. These sessions were very well attended and will continue next year.

The final few weeks of term have been busy! Sports day, day trips out, stay and play sessions, enterprise day, the colour run and finally saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. We wish them all the best of luck as they take their next step in their journey.

We look forward to the next academic year and are excited to plan more opportunities for parents and families to work with the school and share in our learning experiences.

We hope you all have a lovely Summer and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

SAPLINGS

As we finish the year and talk about transition, we have discussed that some children will return in September, some will be in their new classroom over in Nursery and a few will start at another setting. We have looked back at the activities and resources the children have enjoyed and might miss. The children spend lots of time looking and reading books, this is an activity we know they will love in Nursery. When asked what they have enjoyed, many chose the playdough, the “T-Rex”, your office, Dinosaurs, and dressing up.
A favourite resource is the large piece of indoor climbing equipment, we have spoken about saying goodbye to it as there isn’t one in Nursery although there are many other new activities, toys and games to explore. In our small groups we have lined the children up as we talk about height, we spoke about starting Preschool, growing and now getting too big moving onto Nursery.













NURSERY

This week, the children had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a PE lesson with Mr Stephenson. The lesson was based on ball skills, and they thoroughly enjoyed joining in.
The children worked incredibly hard throughout the session, listened carefully to instructions, and showed excellent teamwork and determination. They were fantastic Nursery role models, demonstrating kindness, resilience, and enthusiasm every step of the way.





YEAR 1

This week in Maths the children in Year 1 have been playing maths games. This has helped consolidate their addition and subtraction skills.





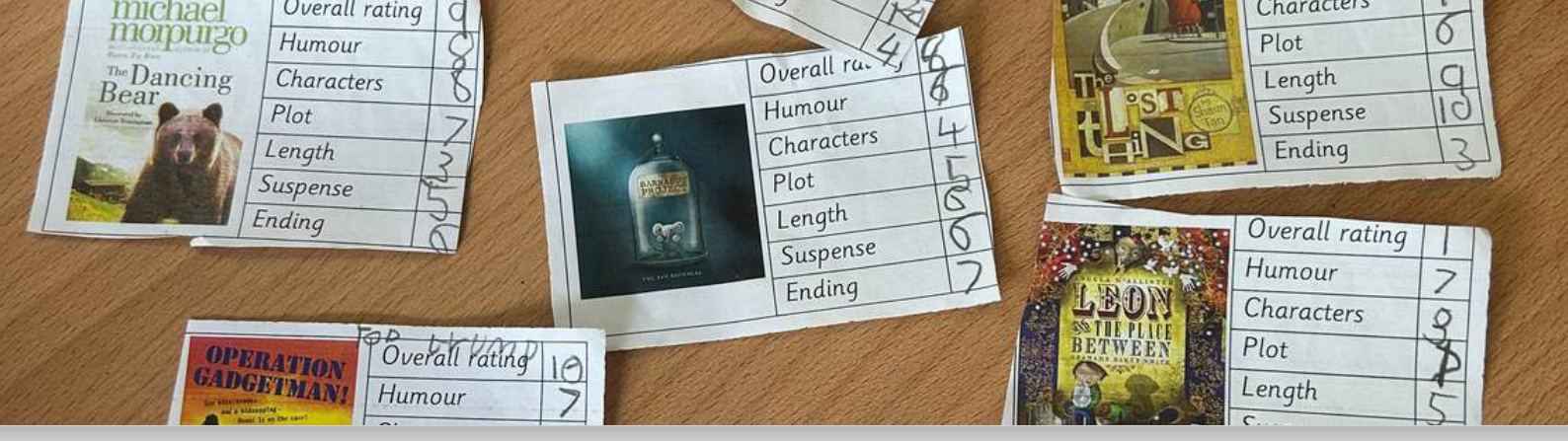


YEAR 2

In Year 2 the children have been completing their 'Push and Pull' projects for DT. They have learned about different mechanisms, how they move and then designed and created their own moving picture. Their moving pictures demonstrate the use of levers and sliders within a garden scene linked to their Science learning about animal survival.







YEAR 3

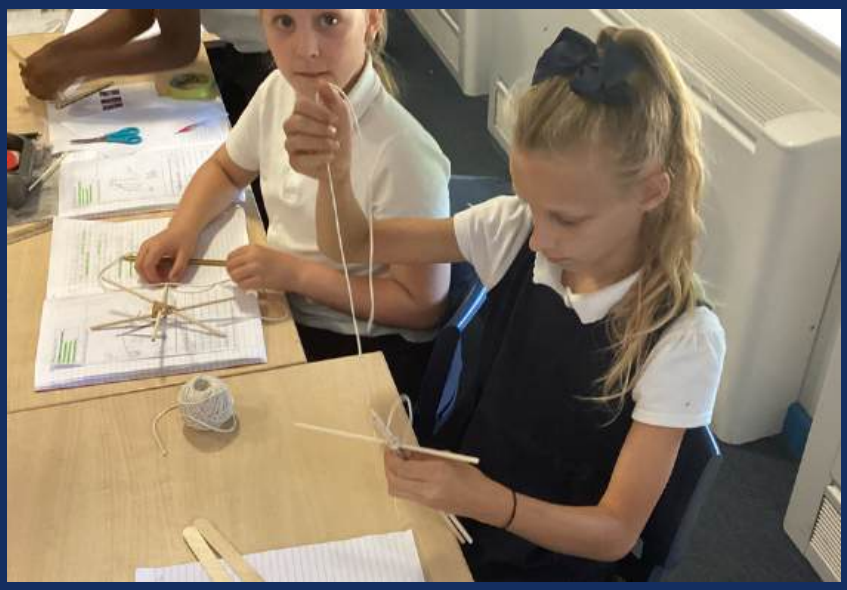
Year 3 created their own Top Trumps game, featuring the texts we have used in our learning this year. We ranked categories about the books such as length, characters, plot and ending. We then played the game, seeing who could collect the most cards! It gave us the chance to have some interesting discussion about the texts and share our opinions.



YEAR 4

To finish the term, Year 4 were challenged to make their own Shaduf structure. This linked heavily with the Ancient Egyptian learning that the children had been completing. The children planned out their structures before using equipment available to them to make Shaduf constructions. The children came up with some wonderful designs and can be very proud of their successes!















YEAR 5

Year 5 have completed their DT unit and have made temples based on the Ancient Greeks. They have looked at different ways of building using strengthening, stability and joining techniques.





YEAR 6

What a fantastic way to finish primary school! This week is packed with exciting events, including the Colour Run and the School Disco. We can't wait to celebrate all of Year 6's hard work and make some amazing final memories together before they head off to their next adventure!













Farewell

STAFFING NEWS

At the end of this term, the following teachers will be leaving Martins Wood. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school community, and wish them every success and happiness in the future.



Mr. Downie



Mr. Firminger





Miss McInerney

Miss Laycock



DATES FOR THE DIARY

01st September - Inset Day
02nd September - Children return to School

This week's average attendance is 90.9%. Our average whole school attendance is currently at 89.7%
Remember - to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day, on time.

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