



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 17th May 2024



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

I am extremely proud of our Year 6 children who have had an important week this week - they have sat their Key Stage 2 SATs. It has been a tough week of tests yet they have shown great determination and resilience. It is always a privilege to watch a child's journey through school and it seems like only yesterday they were skipping through the gate on their first day of school! They have learnt so much and tried so hard to show all that they have learnt in their tests. Well done Year 6!

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns and Berries -

This week in Foundation, we have been learning about stars! We started by focusing on our own main star in our solar system, the Sun, and then we moved on to looking at other stars. We found out that, compared to other stars in space, our Sun is not the hottest star or the biggest! We learned that blue coloured stars are the hottest and red coloured stars are the coldest. We also learned that stars are mapped into constellations and created our own constellations inspired by the ones we looked at.

In our Maths sessions, we looked at arrangements of shapes in different ways. We identified which shapes were in the arrangement and then used our own shapes to recreate the arrangements we could see. We then identified which shapes we had used and how they were positioned. We also played a pirate treasure game in provision to apply our subtraction skills, it was lots of fun!

In provision, we created rockets using squares of coloured paper and wrote each letter of our names on the sections to build our rocket up. We also explored the idea of catching a star using the book 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We talked about how the boy had used our PROUD principles in the story and imagined what we would do with our star if we caught one



Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb

Year One and Two-

This week in KS1, we had a fantastic visit from Ross Neary, a tennis coach from Great Brickhill Tennis Club, as a part of our 'Bounce' topic. We had a great time learning how to direct a tennis ball to a target in small steps. We started with bean bags and then were promoted to a tennis ball and racket. Everyone showed excellent resilience and demonstrated respect throughout - well done!



In English this week, Year 1 have been developing their punctuation skills through editing sentences linked to the BFG story. We've really enjoyed using special green pens to tick and fix. In Year 2, the children have started to innovate their own version of the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We can't wait to show you our finished stories next week!

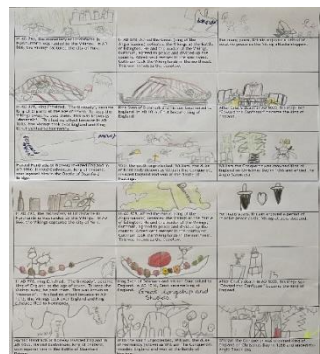


In Maths, Year 1 have finished their volume and mass unit with a fun lesson making comparisons with water! We were very careful using cups to measure and then using the vocabulary of greater than and less than. In Year 2, the children have been showing their super powers in fractions findings thirds.

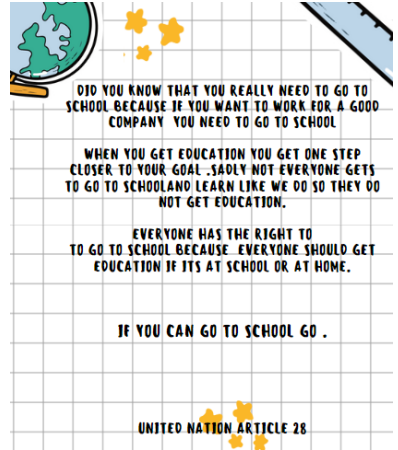
Over the next few weeks, Year 1 will be busy in preparations for their phonics screening tests. Some of our RWI lessons will alter and you may not get a group phonics reading book as frequently. However, the children are still able to change their book bag book and library books each day.

Miss Webb, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Barrasford

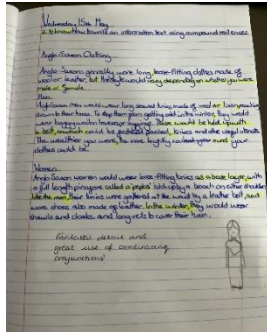
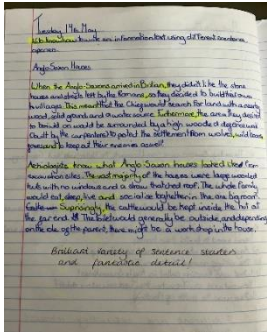
Year Three and Four-



In history this week, we created a comic strip to show the chronological events at the end of the Anglo Saxon era as the Vikings invaded. We showed how the Norman period started following the Battle of Hastings. Our favourite part was when the Vikings bribed the church and the kings.



In Year 4 French, we have been describing clothing using colours as adjectives and translating descriptions recapping on all our French knowledge on family members and names. Year 3 have been learning about shopping in Euros. In PSHE, we created posters to describe the Rights of a Child that the UN promotes worldwide. We learnt why there are essential and non-essential needs.



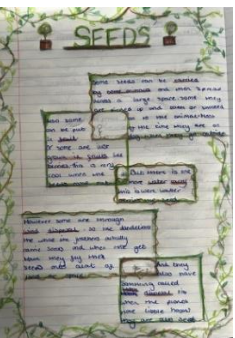
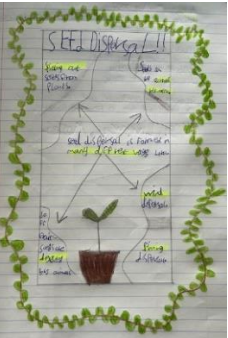
In English, we have been identifying the features of an information text and using formal language and a range of sentence starters to write our own paragraphs about Anglo Saxon houses. We wrote our own questions that could be answered using the text, we used subheadings to guide the reader here to look for the answers.

Miss Maylor, Mrs Gough, Mrs Wood and Mr Devitt

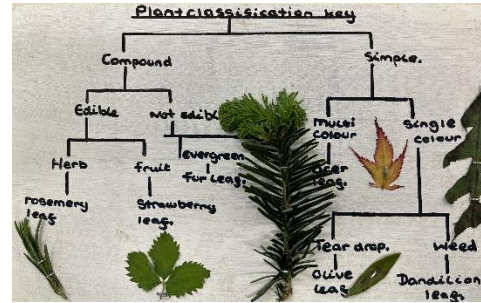
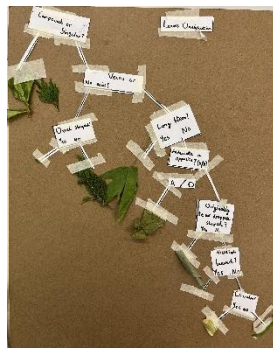
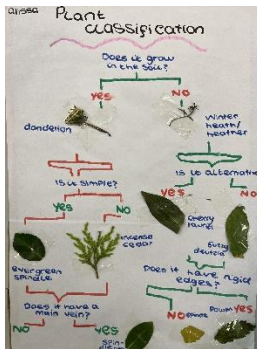
Year 5 and 6

As you may be aware, Year 6 have been very busy completing their SATs this week while the Year 5 students have been doing their mock verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests. In addition to this, we have been continuing with our topic - Into the Unknown.

In science, we have studying the different methods of seed dispersal. There are so many varieties that we created an informative poster to summarise the various methods of dispersal which include: explosion, wind and animal burial.



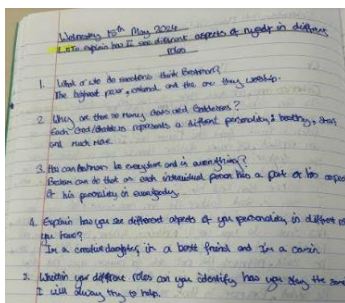
This links with our homework, as children were tasked with creating a classification key for plants and leaves in their own environment. Some children in Maple class made the effort of collecting examples of leaves and attaching them to their classification key. We think they look amazing. Well done Alissa, Feranmi and Jessica!



This week in Art we have looked at pictures of the Northern Lights (aurora borealis), looking at the different colours we notice. Based on this, we have sketched and planned our final pieces of artwork, which we will produce next week. We considered the different blending techniques and colours we will use in our final pieces.



In RE we have been considering Brahm and asking how he can be everywhere and in everything. We then thought about the many different aspects our personalities and how, in Sanatana Dharma, different aspects of Brahm are represented by different Hindu Gods. Finally, we answered these questions as a class before answering them independently:



1. What or who do Sanatanis think Brahm is?
2. Why are there so many Gods and Goddesses in the Sanatana Dharma?
3. How can Brahm be everywhere and in everything?
4. Explain how you see different aspects of your personality in different roles that you have
5. Within your different roles can you identify how you stay the same?

We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to everyone who completed their SATs! We loved seeing you bright and early for breakfast each day and were impressed with your manners and your appetite! You conducted yourselves brilliantly before, during and after the tests. The papers certainly tested your knowledge but we are so proud that you all tried your very best in all of the papers. Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Whitehead, Mr Simmonds and Mrs Gray

Attendance...

Attendance this week is 97.8%.

Reflections this week...

This week has been Mental Health Awareness week. We have been looking at strategies of how to help ourselves using the acronym jigsaw.

Joy
Inclusion
Giving
Sleep
Active
Wow

The children have thought carefully about things they can do which give them joy, or how they can include others or be included in others games, how they can give to others and enjoy that warm feeling inside. The children also discussed the importance of sleep and having enough of it, how being active is important and also having wow moments. We also talked about Proverb 31:9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Particularly thinking about not judging people when we don't know everything about them.

Staffing Update...

In July, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Gough who moved house earlier this year and now has a 45 minute commute to work. She has secured a new job nearer to her house. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best and to thank her for all her hard work.

Diary Dates for the rest of the Summer term....

Monday 20th May - New Foundation 2024 Welcome Evening @ 6pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Y5/6 Lifepath Newton trip

Wednesday 22nd May - HASA Disco - F/KS1 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 - 4.45-5.45pm

Thursday 23rd May - Selected Y5/6 Football Tournament

Thursday 23rd May - Foundation Vision Screening

Friday 24th May - Acorn/Berry Class Assembly at 2.15pm, doors open at 2.05pm

Friday 24th May - F/KS1 Star Assembly @ 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm (invitation only)

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term (School closed)

Monday 3rd June - Back to School

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June - Year 6 Residential Trip

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June - The Arts Week

Tuesday 4th June - Year 5 Voltage Dance Session

Wednesday 5th June - All Year 2 children at Multi-Skills Sports Festival

Thursday 6th June - Year 5 Cricket Tournament

Friday 6th June - KS2 Star Assembly at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm

Monday 10th - Thursday 13th June - Year 5 Bikeability Training in school

Monday 10th June - Year 6 Handball Session in school

Thursday 13th June - Year 5 Parents meeting re Transfer Tests at 6.00pm, Year 4 parents are welcome

Friday 14th June - F/KS1 Special Men Assembly for one male family relative at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm

Sunday 16th June - HASA Circus Event

Friday 21st June - Sports Day 9am-2.00pm

Wednesday 26th June - All Year 3/4 Multi-Skills Festival

Friday 28th June - Foundation See Us Shine 9.00-10.00am

Friday 28th June - KS2 Star Assembly at 2.55pm, doors open a 2.45pm

Monday 1st July - District Athletics Event

Thursday 4th July - Summer Music Concert from 6pm

Friday 5th July - Year 5/6 Rounders Event

Friday 5th July - F/KS1 Star Assembly at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm

Monday 8th July - Athletics Festival 4.00-8.00pm

W/C Monday 8th July - Annual Reports sent home towards the end of this week

Tuesday 9th July - Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 2.00-3.00pm and 6.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 10th July - Y5/6 End of Year Production, 6.00-7.00pm

Friday 12th July - Final F/KS1 Star Assembly @ 2.25pm, doors open at 2.15pm

Friday 12th July - Final KS2 Star Assembly - 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm

Monday 15th July - Year 6 Transition Games at Cottesloe

Tuesday 16th July - Year 1/2 Waddesdon Manor trip

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Blessing at Church, 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 18th July - Ice-cream Van Treat

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Party, 7.30-9.30pm

Friday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2.00pm, doors open at 1.45pm

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End of Term

Have a great weekend now that summer is here.

Kate Goodger

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