

NOTICES

NEW LOOK HOMEWORK IN KEY STAGE 2

Following feedback from the school's questionnaire and having had several conversations with parents, the Park Primary has decided to make some changes in the homework it sets for Key Stage 2.

The school still wants children to continue with the basic essentials of reading three times a week, learning spellings, number and times tables' facts.

The thing that will now change is that homework will be based around topic, rather than Maths and English. Each year group will produce a homework template with a wide variety of activities. These sheets will be given out before the half term. From the homework sheet, children should chose at least 2 activities and complete these over term time. When finished, children should hand these in to their class teacher, so they can go on display in class. At the end of the term, homework will be shared and celebrated among the year group and homework certificates awarded.

We would like to give children the opportunity of reading around and learning about their new topic for the term (Healthy Living, Celts and Romans, The Butterfly Lion and British Values). We agree with parents that children work very hard in school on their English and Maths and so the activities teachers have devised are fun, varied and topic based, giving children the opportunity to present their learning in a wide variety of creative ways.

We would like to stress that it is not compulsory for children to do homework during their holiday breaks and they only need to complete a minimum 2 tasks in term time. However, if children and parents wish to explore their learning at home a little bit more, teachers have devised some interesting activities that will enable you to do this. If children have prepared PPTs they should e mail these digital files into their teacher rather than bring memory sticks into school.

We hope that this new arrangement provides a positive way forward for pupils, parents and the school. If you have any further thoughts, please let me know.

Barrie Suthern

FABULOUS FRIENDS

The Friends have continued to support The Park this term by organising both leisure and fund raising events. In addition to a highly successful soft play event at Avon Valley, The Friends put on a family disco at the local British legion. A quiz and entertainment evening is planned for Friday 19th May with lots of fun and prizes

The Friends have continued with their fund raising efforts by holding a very successful Mother's Day sale and helping out at the school Easter Fayre. Money has been spent and children are in receipt of a wide range of wonder school equipment including cushions, bean bags, construction kits and outdoor play area.

As always, a big thanks to the Friends!



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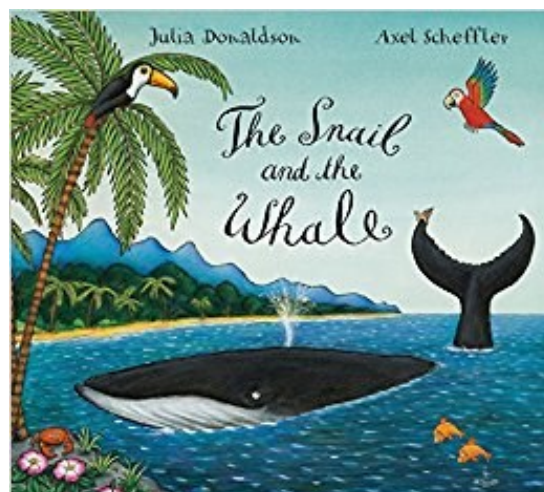
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RECEPTION



We have been doing Forest school with Madam Jomain. We have had great fun wrapping up warm and going outside to explore in the school grounds and the Park. We have made nests, collected sticks and things that smell. We have been learning all about looking after living things!

We had great fun reading The Biscuit Bear story and learning about the Circus. We had our very own circus role play area and learnt lots of circus skills in PE. We had a go at writing a rhyming string and made our own biscuits.



In PE we have been learning about the Snail and the Whale. We have been moving very slowly like snails and enjoyed dancing to the music.



We have been learning all about traditional tales this term. We have learnt how to re-tell these stories using just actions and story maps. One of our favourite stories we learnt was The Three little pigs which we have been working really hard on for our Year group assembly.

We had great fun dressing up for World Book Day as Where's Wally! Everyone looked amazing!



MEET THE TEACHER

This edition's 'Meet the Teacher' is all about Miss Harris! The questions were chosen by the children of Term 4's Journalism Club.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

I loved being at school when I was there, and I really enjoy working with children.

What was your favourite subject at school?

My favourite subjects at school were History and Geography because I love learning about the past and interesting places.

Do you like being a teacher? Why?

I really like being a teacher because I enjoy helping children learn new things.

What is your favourite subject to teach to children?

My favourite subject to teach children is English.

What are your hobbies?

Outside of school, my hobbies are gymnastics, swimming and yoga. I really like to keep fit!

What is your favourite food?

I love curry because it is full of flavour.

Where do you like going on holiday and why?

I love going to St. Ives in Cornwall as my grandad has a flat there so I can see my family.

Choose five words to describe yourself.

Helpful, kind, happy, chatty and busy!



Thanks, Miss Harris! See you in Term 5!

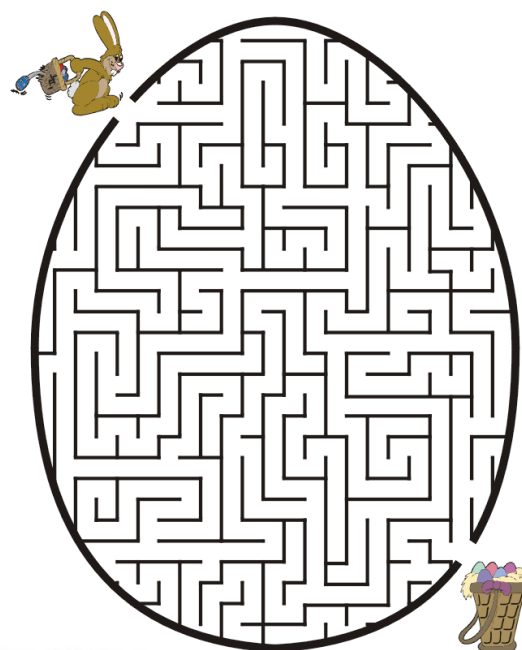
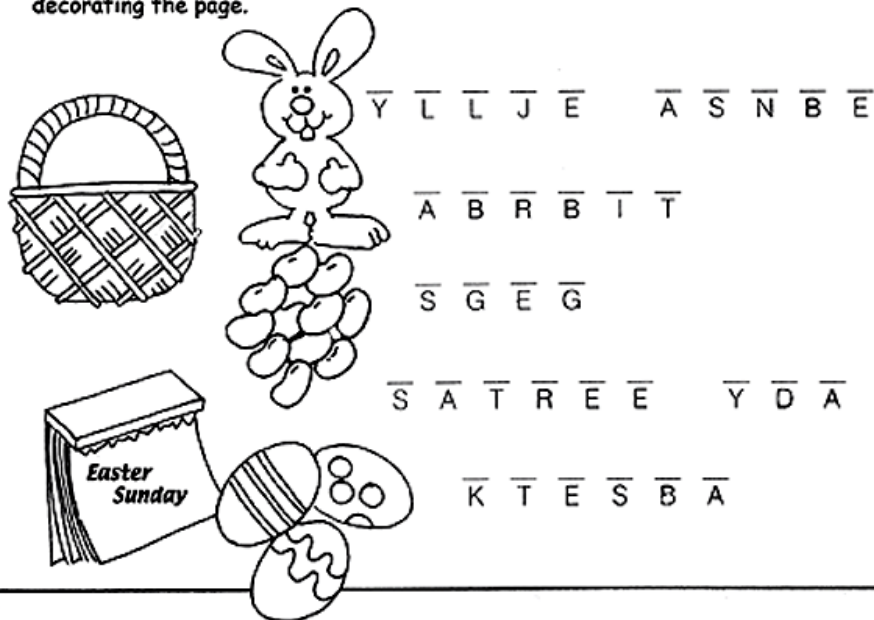


EASTER GAMES

YEAR 1

Easter Scramble

Unscramble these letters to make Easter words. Draw a line to connect each picture with the right word. Finish by coloring the pictures and decorating the page.



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Easter Word Search Puzzle

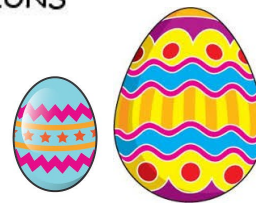
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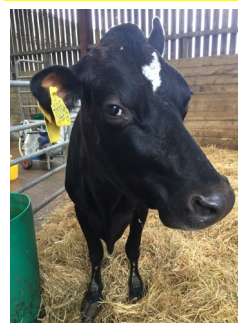
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How many Easter eggs can you count around this page?



Well Done IH
IH produced a fantastic assembly this term based around the class topic 'Go Wild'. We enjoyed learning all about lots of different animals and learning songs and poems about them too.



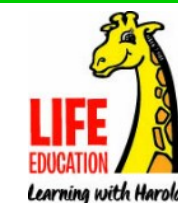
Court Farm
We had a fantastic trip to Court farm and were very lucky with the weather. We saw lots of interesting farm animals and saw Jodie the cow getting milked.

Tell me a story
Is our year 1 topic next term. We will be looking at lots of different traditional tales.



Maths
WOW! We have learnt so much in maths this term and looked at lots of new skills. We can now count in 2s, 5s and 10s and are beginning to multiply and divide numbers.

Go Wild
We have learnt lots about all different types of animals from all across the world. We can classify them into mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians and know which babies belong to which mums.



Let's Explore
This topic took us all around the world. We learnt about hot and cold climates and what we need to pack for each of these destinations. Our role plays tuned into travel agents so we could book exciting adventures.

The Life Education Bus
This term the life education bus came in with Harold the Giraffe to teach us all about healthy eating and keeping our bodies fit and healthy. We learnt about the different food groups and how to eat a balanced diet.

English
We have been writing every day and improving our writing all the time! We can add adjectives to make our writing more interesting and can use 'and' to extend our sentences. We have written fact files, stories and questions this term.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Crean and Miss Mallon for all their hard work in IH and IG and we wish them lots of luck with finishing their degrees and are sure they will make great teachers.



YEAR 2



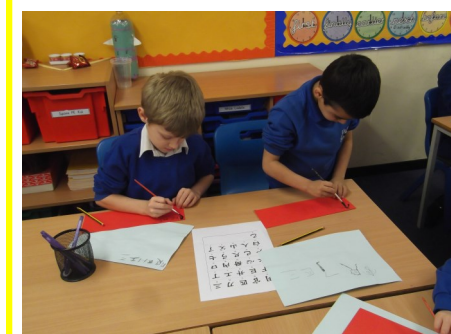
Year 2 have been busy bees!

China Fayre

In Term 3 Year 2 were learning all about what life is like in China. They experienced a typical school day in China which involved singing the Chinese national anthem, writing their names in Chinese calligraphy, practising some relaxing Tai Chi and putting their chopstick skills to the test by tasting lots of delicious Chinese food. As you can imagine there were noodles everywhere!



They then shared their learning by inviting their parents into the hall for a China Fayre. It was a fantastic event and thank you to everyone who attended. The children took the opportunity to again raise money for



'Save the Children' and they raised around £90! Overall it was a great success and

THANK YOU!

Once again we would like to thank all parents for your support throughout the year particularly to those of you who are regularly reading at home with your child and helping them to complete their homework. The children have worked very hard this term and they deserve a well-earned rest over Easter. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break!

The Lonely Beast

This term Year 2's topic has been 'Amazing Adventures' and they began the topic with a lovely tale about the Lonely Beast who sets off on an adventure to find himself a friend. The children really enjoyed the story and had lots of fun creating chalk sketches of the furry beast and painting colourful sea creatures. Their enthusiasm for the story helped to inspire their writing and they produced some fantastic stories describing his long and eventful journey!



Quality Education

At the start of this term the children spent a week learning about what life is like for children in other parts of the world. They were shocked to hear that many children are unable to go to school and instead they have to work on the streets to try to earn money to buy basic food. By the end of the week the children were desperate to find a way to help these poor children so they wrote letters to the local MP Chris Skidmore to encourage him to find a way to help these unfortunate children! A few of the letters were chosen to be sent to Mr Skidmore.



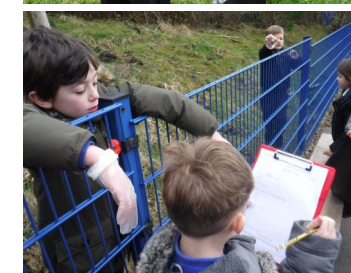
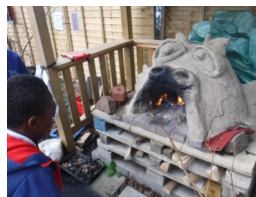
Save the Children.

LEARNING

All the children have been running the **Sow and Grow** test in their classrooms. They have runner beans, cress and carrots growing and will be measuring which germinates fastest and which grows the tallest.



Year Four have fired up the **Pizza Oven**. They are skilled at cutting up onion and garlic, rolling out the dough and spreading out the passata thinly. They taste delicious!



We have been using the clay that we dug up to plant the fruit trees to make **Hedgehogs**. There are fewer and fewer hedgehogs around now so we discussed how to help them too.



Year One have been having trips to the park this term to make **Nests**. We found that it is very difficult to make a round shape with the sticks and even harder to weave them all together. Imagine what it must be like for a bird to do that up in a tree!



Year Five practiced STEM when they competed to make a **raft** that floated. They collected the sticks and put them together using lashings and reef knots—Bear Grylls would have been proud. We found a newt, nymph and water shrimp in the pond too!



The Big Tidy Up

We have been taking part in the Eco-Schools campaign 'The Big Tidy Up' to try and make our school grounds rubbish free. We have also been recording what we found so that the Eco-Team can work out how to reduce the amount of it in the first place.



OUTDOOR

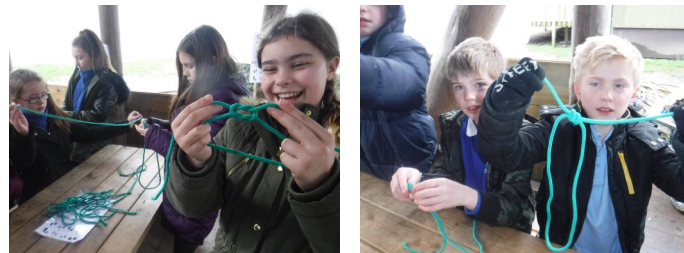


Year Five marked out the **Willow Labyrinth** which can be used for calming us down and games.



Willow Wonders

All over the school grounds the children have been planting willow. The willow will take root and begin to shoot soon and then they will become permanent structures that the children can play in.



The thicker end of the willow sticks was used to make **Bows and Arrows**. Before we could make the bow we had to remember how to do reef knots and learn how to do a clove-hitch. Year Two and Three have been practicing their shoelace bows and then using the bows and arrows.



Tree Planting Extravaganza

We have been lucky enough to be awarded 10 fruit trees by The Forest Avon along with the stakes and ties to plant them with. We now have **cherry, plum and pear trees** alongside our apple trees. Year 4 have been busy digging and planting. The new **hedgerow** Woodland Trust trees have been planted next to the Elliotts to create a wildlife haven and shelter from the road.



YEAR 3



See it. Sense it. Save it.

Our trip to Bristol Zoo

In February, Year 3 went on an exciting trip to Bristol Zoo on a really windy day. We were really looking forward to seeing so many species of animals from so many different parts of the world. We love watching the penguins and seals swimming and diving in Coast World. Jock, the gorilla, was keeping a close eye on his newly born daughter. Despite the weather, the meerkats were out and about.

As well as seeing so many different animals, we also had an educational talk by staff from the zoo. We learned lots about endangered animals and the different reasons why this is happening. We had the chance to hold hissing Madagascan cockroaches which are an essential decomposer for the forest habitat they live in. We also saw an Egyptian tortoise called Mia that had been illegally smuggled into the country. These tortoises have been so popular that there none left in the wild! We had the chance to hold some ivory statues made from elephant tusks and learned that elephants are still being killed by poachers.



Geography

In Geography we have been using our atlases to find out more about the seven continents. Antarctica is at the South Pole. Oceania is made up of Australia, New Zealand and all the islands in The Pacific Ocean. Millions of years ago, all the continents were joined together to make one massive continent. We found out that how many countries there are in each continent. Africa has 53 countries and Antarctica has none! Russia is the biggest country in the world and is Europe and Asia - the only country to straddle two continents! The Vatican City is the smallest country in the world which is in Rome. It's not even the size of Kingswood.



Art

In art, we have been having great fun learning how to mix colours. We looked at the colour wheel and learnt that red, yellow and blue are the primary colours.

Green, purple and orange are secondary colours and can be made by mixing two of the primary colours. There's a third type of colours made by mixing the secondary colours. We are very proud of our colour wheels!



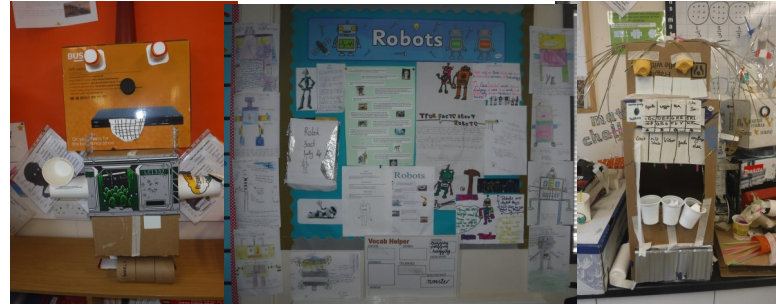
A big thank you to Lewis in Year Six. Lewis has been looking after the chickens whenever Ms Whitney is not in school and does a fantastic job with them.



YEAR 4

Amazon Adventurers

In term 3, our topic was Amazon Adventurers. We read the story of Anansi the mischievous spider and rewrote our own versions. We shared our stories with Year 2 and they really enjoyed listening to us. We also learned all about the Amazon rainforest and wrote some brilliant letters persuading our parents to donate money towards saving the world's rainforests. We'd like to thank all the parents who chose to attend our Rainforest Workshop who helped us to raise enough money to safeguard the future of a whole acre of Peruvian rainforest, plus some extra special trees.



Robots

In term 4, we learned all about robots! We kicked off the term by all researching or building robots at home and then shared information with our classes. We wrote our own fantastic versions of the Iron Man story by Ted Hughes. We all worked really hard and produced some really exciting, suspenseful work.

Following this, Mr Rowsell came to tell us that SLT needed Year 4 to design robots that could perform tasks in school to save money and time! We came up with lots of interesting and helpful designs. Some of us designed robots that could carry out cleaning tasks, while others could cook and some could help teachers with marking!

We also spent a day working in groups designing and building robots to end the topic. Everyone had a lot of fun using materials from the scrap store to create wonderful robots and worked well together in their teams.



4P and 4A's Class Assemblies

Well done to 4P for performing a really informative class assembly all about Burns Night! Most of us didn't know anything about this Scottish tradition so we learned an awful lot!

4A also performed a wonderful assembly that made us feel all kind and loving, as the theme was Valentines' Day! It was really interesting to learn all about the different Valentines traditions from around the world.



JOURNALISM CLUB

In Year 4, we have been learning about robots and we wrote a story about a robot called the Iron Man. Everyone's stories were brilliant and I really enjoyed writing and so did everyone else. We had to include suspense, some adventurous adjectives and some subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions.

In Year 4, in Term 3, all of the kids learned a story about a sneaky spider called Anansi. He stole a lot of animals food and fruit. My story was very funny and I think it was fun writing the story and learning about Anansi.

On March 28th all of Year 4 made robots out of cardboard boxes. It was fun and very noisy! The most fun part was that we got to do it all day!

Reported by Eliza Conkova 4A



Year 4s trip to @Bristol

Early in the morning at school, the coach arrived and all of year 4 piled into it to go to @Bristol. On the journey, we saw people walking around with chunky shopping bags and all different kinds of cars driving around. When we finally arrived at @Bristol, all of the children jumped off the coach and stood by their trusted adults. We walked in a line and waited. Next we went to the Lego robotics workshop. We were in groups of 3 or 4. We had Lego robot in our groups that we had to programme on our laptop. After that, we explored upstairs. Some people made an animation. There was a table with a light underneath so that we could sketch the pictures on the table. Soon it was time to have lunch. We went downstairs to the picnic area. After lunch, we explored downstairs. We made some flour at @Bristol food. We made some ridiculous photos in 'yum or yuck' area. We controlled the dam and launched some rockets. After that we went to the shop, before exploring upstairs again. Next we had to leave. On the coach we passed loads of cars, then we finally arrived back at school.

Reported by Ffion Jones 4A



In Year 3, our topic this term has been Endangered Animals. We found lots of peculiar animals in the zoo. My favourite animal was the red panda because they look so cute and I just loved it! We also learnt that if some people take something like a leopard skin the police will come and take it from you.

On Red Nose Day we all looked at different and it felt really weird and we all looked really funky with our red noses. I bought my mummy nose to school then I swapped in for a doctor nose.

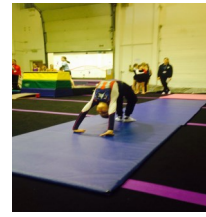
Reported by Morgan Jones 3J



BULLETIN

Gymnastics

Boys and girls from KS2 took part in a Level 2 gymnastics split Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 competition at Majestics gym. Each child that took part had to learn a complex floor routine and a routine for the vault. Children in each key stage were split into two teams, Level 1 and 2. All teams did extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the competition. With a spot at Bath university up for grabs for the winning team the pressure was on! After a morning and afternoon of intense gymnastics the results were in. Our Level 1, Year 3/4 team came in 4th place and our Level 2 came in 2nd place just 0.1 points behind the winning school, so unlucky! Emily Ludlam and Maddie Williams picked up individual Gold and Silver medals. Next up was our Year 5/6 teams, Level 1 team performed amazingly and finished in 1st place with Shaanti Kemp and Federica Kamgang picking up gold medals for their floor and vault routines and Shaanti was named as best overall gymnast. Our level 2 team were up against some strong opposition and did well to finish in 5th place. As a result our Level 1 Year 5/6 team will now progress to Bath university in the summer. Well Done!



RESULTS

Sportshall Athletics Results

The Park 3-5 Beacon Rise
The Park 3-5 St Stephens
The Park 6-1 Barrs Court 'B'
The Park 4-3 Barrs Court 'A'
Mangotsfield 5-4 The Park

Overall—5th Place



Y3/4 Archery Competition

Connor List, Sebastian Pemberton, Lucy Clay and Lucy Bainton were chosen to represent the school in the Y3/4 Archery competition. They were competing against 12 other schools from the local area with the top 3 teams qualifying to the finals round. They took part in 3 activities that tested their target practise skills, aiming skills and distance shooting skills. Given that Archery was a new sport for them they put on an impressive performance finishing in 3rd place with 148 points scored meaning that they qualify for the finals round of the tournament in June. A fantastic achievement! The Y5/6 team will take part in the same event soon and we wish them good luck too!

Boys Football Team

St Helen's 1-3 The Park
Hambrook 2-6 The Park
St Michaels 1-3 The Park
The Park 2-3 Hambrook



For a full list of other results and scorers please head over to our website!

YEAR 5

In year 5 we have been learning about forces this term. Some of the forces we looked at are friction, air resistance, water resistance, gravity and resistance. At first we looked at what each force did in everyday life and how it would affect us if we didn't have them.

Probably the best thing that we did was the parachute experiment as it involved lots of arts and crafts when making the parachute and getting to see forces in action. First of all, we measured 3 different lengths on a plastic bag and then cut them



out. The three different sizes were 10 cm x 10 cm, 20 cm x 20 cm and 30 cm x 30 cm. After cutting the parachute out, we measured the correct length of string and stuck it on with tape. Then we added the blue tac to connect the string together ready to go outdoors. We then went outside and we found out that the smaller parachute reached the ground quicker since it had less space for the air resistance to hit.

By Erron Hutchings 5HR

5N's CLASS ASSEMBLY!

5N performed their class assembly, Romeo and Juliet, earlier this term.

Unbelievably, the children learnt all their lines and perfected the performance in only one week! An amazing effort! The play was full of exciting fight scenes and heart rending moments. When Romeo and Juliet died there was not a dry eye in the house! Performances of note were:

Louie as the Friar (hilarious voice and comedic timing),
Jennifer Smith as Romeo,
Poppy Knowlson as Juliette
and Ronnie Maggs as Mercutio. The Coldplay song at the end was particularly emotional! They did a fantastic job!
Well done 5N!



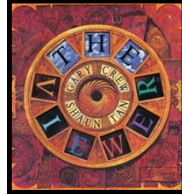
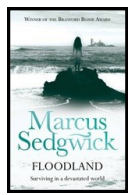
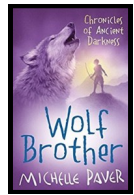
YEAR 6



We have been looking at the continent of Africa and in particular the country of Kenya. We compared our lives with the life of Charles, who lives in Kibera, a neighbourhood of Nairobi. Charles's day begins at 5.30am and at 6.30 in the morning he begins the long walk to school. His journey takes him 45mins. When he arrives home at 4.00pm he starts his chores; he walks to a nearby well to fetch water.



We have been very busy writing and have enjoyed: Wolf Brother, Floodland and The Viewer. These books have helped us with our writing styles and vocabulary.



Chaos. Destruction. Forked lightning crashes to the ground endangering the frail trees and venerable nature that have done no harm. Raging, the wrath of crackling fire annihilates everything in its path. Smoke descends into the ebony sky filling it with negativity. Churning clouds swirl and envelope the last remains of hope. The entombed sun struggles in its cage of dark clouds. Thunder echoes around the barren sky bringing a sense of vulnerability to the scene.

By Amy Frankom



We have created African mud huts. It took us an afternoon to: wedge, roll, cut, and sculpt our models from clay. Once the huts had dried they went into the kiln at 1010 degrees for 24 hours. They then took a further two days to cool down. To complete them we are going to cover the roofs in straw.

A Holiday Paradise

A fantastic tourist destination; Kenya boasts a hord of golden beaches. Bustling with fish, the tropical sapphire seas are perfect for diving or snorkelling into an underwater rainbow of coral. Whether you choose to read a book, go surfing or do anything else and if you like sunny beaches then Kenya is the place for you. In the luxury hotels of Mombasa you can enjoy the many benefits of the tropical climate. Diani Beach is a coastal treasure, being the most popular beach in Kenya, a billion miles away from the hustle and bustle of city life. With warm seas and pearly white beaches, it is a truly unforgettable experience.

By James Mason



For Red Nose Day Year 6 made and sold cakes. Their effort was tremendous; the cakes looked delicious and soon sold out. They raised an amazing £216.

This Term 6B and 6SB performed their Class Assemblies to their parents and the school. 6B, sang, danced and told their audience all about life in Kenya. 6SB began with a rendition of the National Anthem; their assembly was all about British Values. Children in both classes entertained and informed with enthusiasm.

Well done 6B and 6SB.

SPORTS

Mr Wintle and Miss Wilmer (who has now taken responsibility over from Mr Jelf) are pleased to announce the Spring 2017 edition of the sports bulletin. Children and teams have been busy playing a variety of sports such as, Dodgeball, Boys football, Girls football, Tag Rugby, Archery, Gymnastics and Netball.

Boys Football team

The boys football team have started their new league in strong form winning 3 and losing just 1 of there hoping 4 group games. Three excellent away wins at St Helens 3-1, Hambrook 6-2 and St Michaels 3-1 ,all of these wins put us in a strong league position at the top of the group. There was one little bump in the road with the team unluckily losing our first home game of the group going down 3-2 to Hambrook Primary school in a really entertaining game which we dominated and we really unlucky not to come away with at least a point. The boys team still have two more home fixtures remaining when they come back after Easter. The team will need to be at there best to get maximum points to unable us to qualify for the Champions League. Notable performances from Brian Zyberi stepping in last minute in goal against St Michaels making a number of excellent saves and also Alfie Neaves coming back into the team to score some really important goals and a hat-trick against Hambrook Primary. Well done so far boys keep it up with the last two remaining games—6 POINTS NEEDED!

Girls Football Team

The girls team had their most important event this month when they went to the ESFA Regional Round 3 tournament which was hosted by Danone at Somerdale Pavilion in Keynsham. Prior to starting the tournament the girls took part in an opening ceremony where they received medals for winning both the local and county round stages. The tournament then began with the group stage where we faced the representative schools from Dorset, Cornwall, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. The girls stood out as a very impressive team showing good passing skills and teamwork and strong finishing. We beat Dorset 4-1, Cornwall 4-0, Oxfordshire 3-0 and Berkshire 3-1. Berkshire were by far the toughest team we faced as they were very strong in tackles and the girls really had to work hard to get the win which they did fantastically well. After coming first in our group we faced the runner up from the other group which was Hampshire. By this point it was clear that fatigue was setting in for both teams and everyone battled hard but the game finished at 0-0, even after a very tense 6 minutes of extra time.

So all that was left was a penalty shoot-out to decide who would make it to the final and qualify for the National round of the tournament. Nerves were high and the girls did their absolute best but sadly lost 3-2 on penalties. Despite this I have to say how proud I am of the team. It is truly an amazing achievement to have even got this far and they gave it their absolute best playing against teams from across the region. A very well done to them all and fingers crossed we can have similar success with the players remaining in the team next year!

Netball

The Netball league is now in full swing and the team have made a good start with a win against St Annes B team; special mention goes to Louie and Charmaine who put on an strong defensive display working very well together.

The team have also taken part in two Round Robin evenings at The Grange which provided them with a great opportunity to play against lots of different schools of differing abilities. I have to say that I have seen a Vast improvement in the team since the start of September where it was all very new for them and the recent addition of Ellie Bulldock to the team has been fantastic as she has stood out as an impressive player both in terms of her defensive skills and shooting accuracy. Recently the team took part in a Level 2 tournament at The Grange. They faced a strong group of schools in terms of opposition in the group stages and did well winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 2. This meant that we passed through to the Quarter Finals where we faced Cherry Gardens. The teams were very evenly matched and it was end to end for the full match with neither team being able to score. The game finished at 0-0 and then we went to sudden death with the winning goal finishing the game. It was then an agonising 10 minutes of more end to end Netball and all of the other schools watching anxiously waiting to see who would move into the Semi-Finals. Thankfully Ellie scored after 10 minutes and the team were both excited and surprised to find themselves in the Semi-Finals. We then faced St Stephens who had already beat us in the group stage and once again they excelled and sadly knocked us out. Despite this it was really a fantastic performance from the team with them narrowly missing out on qualifying for the next round of the tournament.