

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

MESSENGER

Friday 15th March



Dear Overleigh Family,

This term is flying by with lots of fantastic learning and special events and experiences. Book Day and Red Nose Day have been great dress up opportunities and raised money for a very good cause. Hopefully, you will enjoy some great photos later in the newsletter. Many thanks for everyone who took part and helped organise outfits!

Parent meetings, in person, have been open for booking on line. Any problems, do please contact the school office. To access the parent meetings on the day, please go to the main school hall doors on (The white doors which are in close proximity to Miss Drew's office.)



NEXT THURSDAY—WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

21st March—This is to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. The theme for this year is *End The Stereotypes*. The children are invited to wear fancy or odd socks to show support. No donation required. However we will be selling Gingerbread socks before and after school outside the school office. More information about Down Syndrome Day appears later in the newsletter.

Class Assemblies

We have seen some amazing and informative class assemblies so far from our Year 6, 5 and 4 children. Thank you for the support at these events. There have now been some additional dates added for the classes in Year 2 and Year 1. There has also been a change of date for the Year 3 Maestro Class Assembly. Please see the dates section on the newsletter and the additional message which has been sent through SCOPAY for details of this.

In Love & Peace,

Emma Drew

Key Dates:

Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Half Term 2.30pm finish
Monday 15th April	First Day of Half Term - Values Day Wisdom
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May	Y6 SATs Week
Friday 24th May	End of Half Term—usual 3.20pm Finish
Tuesday 4th June	Start of Half Term
Monday 10th June	Y1 Phonics Screen Test Begins (ongoing)
Tuesday 4th June to Thursday 14th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June	Sports Days (Exact Year Group date to follow)
Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July	Health and Safety Week
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Half Term 2.15 Finish

Class Assembly Dates: All at 2.30pm (unless stated) in the main school hall.

Tuesday 19th March:-	Y3 Harmony
<u>Re-arranged Thursday 18th April:-</u>	<u>Y3 Maestro</u>
Tuesday 23rd April:-	Y2 Melody
Tuesday 30th April:-	Y2 Glissando
Tuesday 7th May:-	Y1 Ballad
Tuesday 21st May:-	Y1 High Notes

Water Bottles

Please could you make sure that your child's water bottle is not made of glass. It has come to our attention that there a range of newer water bottles, which have been made from glass that appears very similar to plastic, that will shatter upon impact. Thank you.

Secrets To Success Award

We can not wait to see your machines!



Spring 2

Imagine

At Overleigh St Mary's we imagine

Successful people have ideas. They use their imagination and are prepared to be wrong. The curriculum needs lots of opportunities for children to use their imagination.

For this challenge we would like you to invent/design a machine. You might like to design a machine that would help look after our environment. Please share your ideas with us. We can't wait to see them!





ROCK YOUR SOCKS

IT'S WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY!

Thursday

21st March

World Down Syndrome Day is observed every year on March 21st to create awareness about Down Syndrome. On March 21, 2024, the world will come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness, promoting inclusion, and advocating for the rights of individuals with Down Syndrome. The 21st day of March was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. The message for World Down Syndrome Day 2024 is “End the Stereotypes”

In school each year we wear colourful odd socks on this day to raise awareness and start conversations. This year will be no different so get your most colourful odd socks ready for Thursday 21st March. Remember your school uniform should be as normal except for the socks.

Wearing odd socks is a campaign to raise awareness for World Down's Syndrome Day. The campaign encourages people to wear colourful odd socks to start a conversation with friends, family and passers-by. The odd socks campaign was conceived as the 3 strands of Chromosome 21 just happen to look like socks.



Pop Up Shop

The school pop up shop returns to the school canteen between 9 and 10.30 am on Monday 25th March. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please enter by the canteen door on the Nursery/ Reception side of school.

Maestro Class - Change of Date

Due to an unforeseen clash in timings for the class teacher, it is unfortunate that we will need to move Maestro's class assembly to Thursday 18th April at 2.30pm in the main school hall. Many apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Request for Support

The school office would be extremely grateful if you could leave your child's full name, class, year group, reason for absence and when you would expect them to return to school (where possible) when reporting an absence. Please could you inform school on each day of absence unless it has already been made clear that the child will be off for a specified period of time. The office have received many emails and voice messages lately giving just the child's first name. This is very difficult as quite often there are a number of children with the same forename in a school of our size and we are then unable to inform the class teacher quickly and efficiently of their absence. We really appreciate your support in trying to remember to do this.

PE Kits and Absence from PE

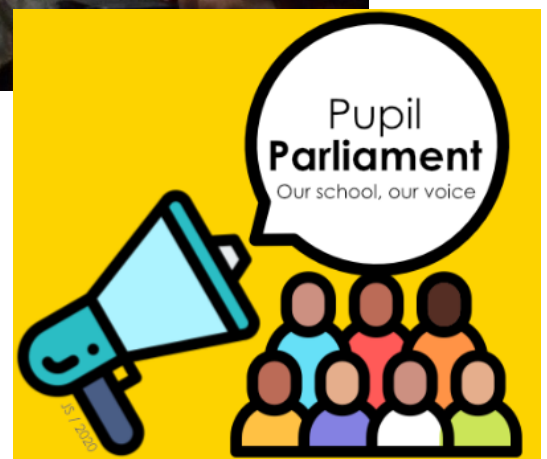
These are still causing us a lot of lost PE curriculum time due to children turning up without appropriate kit and teachers having to supply them with spare kit. As children get older, they are also more reluctant to accept and wear spare kit but it is essential that they are dressed correctly for PE. We again would be really grateful that you ensure your child is bringing PE kit. Teachers will be handing out reminder slips to children over the coming weeks if they are saying that they do not have kit in school.

If your child is unable to do PE for an appropriate reason, then please could you send a signed note to the class teacher to inform them of the reason for their non-participation. PE is an essential curriculum lesson for all pupils and children should only be missing this for a very good reason.

Pupil Parliament



We are especially proud of our pupil parliament members this week as they delivered their very own assembly – and with great confidence! It is a little scary being at the front of a huge hall with so many faces staring back at you, but each one of them excelled. They clearly explained who they are, their aims and gave examples of what they have achieved so far this year.



Inspired by Knowledge Shared through Poetry



One of our Year 6 children was so inspired by learning about World War 2 in school that he decided to write a poem based on what he had found out.

Poetry is such a powerful way to express your knowledge and feelings. If you would like to write a poem about what you have been learning to share with others then please let your teacher know and we will try to publish some more.

War

*War, war
Why wont you stop?
We just want to eat
We just want to shop*

*War, war
Whenever it rains
We cant even feel it
Because of your planes*

*Hovering above us 24/7
Waiting to drop bombs
And send us to heaven*

*When children cry
You dont waste your breath
Yet youre still being beaten
By the RAF*

*We have allies
Like Poland and France
And with the U.S
You dont stand a chance*

*War, war
Why wont you be gone?
So we can keep calm
And carry on.*

Message for Parents

We have been asked to share the following link for parents.

Information for parents / carers:

The following website has been highlighted to us for providing helpful information and advice regarding self harm.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/self-harm>

A couple of opportunities that we have been asked to share with you...

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A couple of other opportunities linked to some of our school clubs...

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EASTER CAMPS

WEEK 1: 2nd - 5th April
 The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL
 Liverpool Aquatics Centre, L15 4LE
 AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT

WEEK 2: 8th - 12th April
 Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
 Fulwood and Cadley Primary School, PR2 3QT
 Lancaster University Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW

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The Educational Judo course includes :

All Coaching Fees • Judo Suit hire • Certificate of Achievement
 One FREE introductory session at your local Judo Club



START DATE :	Thursday 18 th April 2024	TIME:	8 to 8.45am
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Yes, I would like to enroll my child on the educational Judo Course. I understand that for safety reasons my child must not wear jewelry or accessories on the judo mat.
 With all contact sports there may be a slight risk of injury. Please have your PE kit with you.
THOSE ALREADY IN THE CLUB WILL HAVE FIRST PRIORITY!

Overleigh St. Mary's CE Primary School (KS1 & 2)		COST- £78.00 (Only £6 per class x 13)
START DATE :	Summer Term 18/4/24 to 13/7/24 (payable per term)	TIME: 8 to 8.45am

This club will run all year payable each term. There will be opportunities for gradings and competitions, subject to membership of the British Judo Association.

To book your child's place please TEXT your interest, with your child's name and school to: 07812215937. We shall then message to confirm a place and how to pay.
Please still bring your signed permission slip in on the first week.

Childs Full Name :	Class :
Telephone No.	
Medical Information :	Please list any medical conditions we should be aware of
Parent / Guardians Full Name :	Date :
Parent / Guardians Signature :	

Friday Certificates 8.03.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet	Respect	Adora for always showing respect to all adults and children throughout the school as well as having beautiful manners. She is able to subitise to 10 independently and has been enjoying learning about taller and shorter in maths, She is a pleasure to have in class. Well done, Dory!
Minim	Integrity	Emmie has been an absolute superstar this week. She has listened well to instructions and prompted others to do the same, so not only has she been choosing to make great choices she has been a great role model pupil for the rest of the class. Huge Well-Done Emmie!
Ballad	Friendship	Nyla for being a kind and caring friend. Nyla has been very welcoming and kind to the new members of our class. She has helped them settle into classroom routines and shown compassion to them. Well done Nyla, you are a super member of our class.
High Note	Friendship	Zara is a ray of sunshine that brightens up everyone's day. She is a super friend and always helps around the classroom, she is polite to everyone and shares her smile each day. Zara has also been working extra hard on her handwriting this week and has been focusing on the neatness of her work. Well done Zara!
Melody	Compassion	This week's nomination is to Khadija for Compassion. Khadija is a superstar! She always tries her best and wants to achieve well in everything she does. Her determination has really shone out recently, as she has made great progress in her phonics and reading. Please keep up the hard work, Khadija.
Glissando	Friendship	Nathaniel has had a fantastic start to the half term! As well as listening to the adults and working hard in class, Nathaniel has been playing beautifully with his friends on the playground and has enjoyed chasing them or letting them chase him. It has been lovely to see you with a huge smile on your face Nathaniel. Well done!
Harmony	Wisdom	Our Star of the Week is Axel for the value of wisdom for trying extremely hard to improve his written English. He has been much more focussed and wrote a lovely setting description of the spring. Well done, Axel!
Maestro	Wisdom	Ozair has been trying his very best in all his lesson this week and has started to put his hand up more in lessons to contribution to class discussions. He has been using the iPad to write longer sentences, as well as remembering his Capital letters and full stops. He is always so excited to learn and it puts a smile on my face to see his determination and perseverance . Keep up the great work Ozair.
Note	Wisdom	Esme approaches lessons with energy and enthusiasm. She is always happy to share her answers and explain her ideas during class discussions, especially in maths. Well done Esme on your wonderful contributions and fantastic attitude to learning.
Maestoso	Respect	Nicole has worked really hard on our class assembly, supporting others and concentrating on her role which has been really helpful to Mr Mander. She is always conscientious about her work and is a role model in terms of good listening and participation in class.
Pizzicato	Wisdom	The nomination for Pizzicato class this week is William Montgomery, he has been working well recently and has improved his listening and concentration which is reflected in the improvement in his work.
Allegro	Respect	Mason has been noticed making a big effort this week. He has been focussed in lessons and completing all of his work to a very high standard. He has also been behaving maturely around school. Well done Mason for your fantastic efforts!
Joyeux	Friendship	Ollie is an example of what everyone should look for in a friend. He always looks out for his friends and will be the first to cheer them up or make them laugh. He loves to crack a joke with them! Ollie is kind and caring to others, which are two excellent values to have in a friend. Well done Ollie, keep on being the fantastic friend you are!
Heptatonic	Integrity	Kai works really hard every day in everything we do. He always listens well and we love to hear the ideas he shares. The vocabulary he has used in his writing so far in our flashback narrative is amazing and we can't wait to read the rest. Well done Kai - keep it up!
Finale	Integrity	Marley has had an excellent couple of weeks in class. We are so pleased with his positive, grown-up attitude to learning across ALL subjects. Keep up the amazing work, Marley. We are very proud of you!

Friday Certificates 15.03.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet Miss Evans	Respect	Betsy is our star for making good choices, having lovely manners and always listening. She is able to use mathematical vocabulary to describe taller/shorter and heavier/lighter.
Minim Miss Burns	Integrity	Arthur is a hardworking member of Minim class that never gives up. Even when Arthur finds something a little bit tricky he tries again and again until he gets it right. He has impressed his teachers with his Phonics and writing - Arthur carefully counts each of the sounds in his head before writing down each letter which is great to see.
Ballad Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Wisdom	Ezra for working hard in Science. Ezra thought about which material would be best to make a bed frame and mattress and then worked well with a partner to make a small model of it. He used great scientific vocabulary to talk to his partner about the materials and the properties of the material. Well done Ezra, great work.
High Note Miss Hunter	Thankfulness	Luke is a kind and polite member of our class, he always uses his manners around school and treats everybody with respect. He is thoughtful and will always make sure he is doing the right thing. This week he has also produced some great writing, joining sentences using 'and', using exclamation marks and adjectives - not to mention his beautiful handwriting! Well done Luke
Melody Miss Morgan	Compassion	Shannon is always helping others around her, including us teachers. She is a supportive friend and a superb engaged member of Melody class. She always puts her hand up to share her creative, thoughtful ideas in class and I have been really impressed by her attitude to work. Keep it up Shannon!
Glissando Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Raiden has made huge progress with his writing recently. He is much more independent with his ideas and is remembering to use finger spaces and his phonics for spelling. Well done Raiden!
Harmony Miss Holdstock Miss Odunaiya	Wisdom	During science this week, Esme was our lead scientist in exploring the force of friction. She expressed her predictions with the rest of the children, sharing her existing knowledge of forces and also supported the other children with their understanding too.
Maestro Miss McFaul	Integrity	I can always count on Shaurya to do the right thing and to follow our classroom rules of ready, respectful and safe. He is always first ask if anyone needs help with a task and makes sure that everyone is included. We are glad to have him in Maestro class as he is a great role model for everyone in Overleigh. Keep being a superstar Shaurya.
Note Miss Noakes	Thankfulness	Jacob really impressed me with his energy and enthusiasm leading up to our class assembly. He worked hard to learn not only his own lines, but those for the songs as well and he performed confidently on stage. Well done Jacob for approaching everything you do with an optimistic attitude.
Maestoso Mr Mander	Integrity	Penelope has been trying really hard in all her work this week, concentrating on her writing and making sure she is focusing on what she is doing. Fantastic work Penelope.
Pizzicato Mr Pillow	Integrity	Logan has been working hard recently to try and improve his writing and he is being much more careful thinking about what he is writing in every sentence.
Allegro Miss Axam	Friendship	Ellie has been spotted encouraging others so many times over the past week and indeed always. She has a lovely caring nature which we are celebrating by giving her the friendship badge. Your brilliant attitude towards school and friendships makes you a role model to everyone else.
Joyeux Miss Jones	Service and Stewardship	Isabel is always willing to help others around her, whether this be helping her peers or adults. She is such a caring young girl, who will never want to see anyone struggle or find something hard. Isabel is always responsible when helping others and takes great pride in helping others. Well done Isabel, keep on being your caring self.
Heptatonic Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	Integrity	Mariya works really hard in everything she does...even if she finds it challenging. She has a positive attitude to learning and is a dream to have in Heptatonic class!
Finale Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	Friendship	Not only does Freddie lead by example in the classroom, he is also an excellent role model to his peers in the way he behaves around school. Freddie is an absolute pleasure to teach!



**WORLD
BOOK
DAY**



Drop Everything and Read



Nursery

WORLD BOOK DAY



We enjoyed dressing up and reading together and sharing our favourite **BOOKS!**



We loved making our own books to tell the story of the **Very Hungry Caterpillar.**



Year R

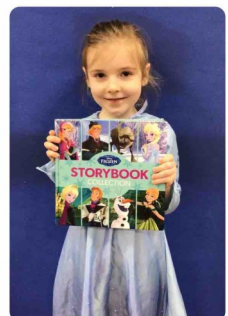
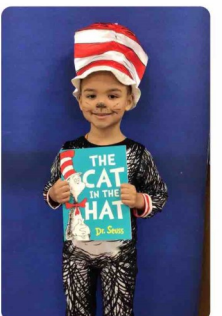
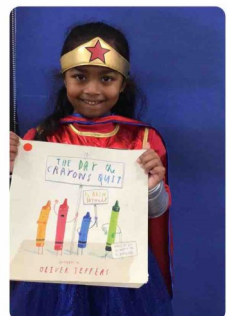
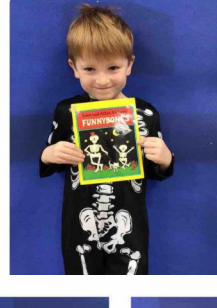
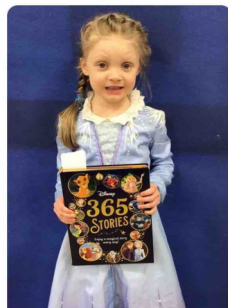
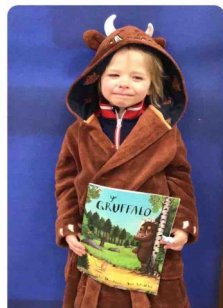
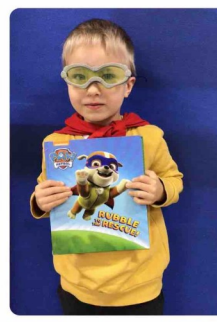
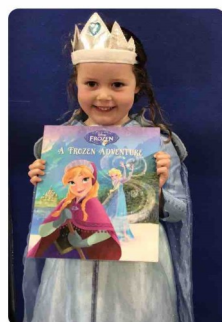
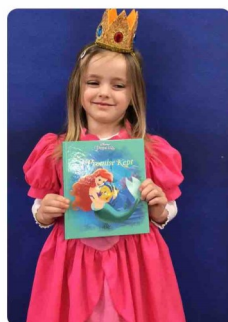
For World Book Day, we dressed up as characters from our favourite books. We made pig finger puppets after reading *The Three Little Pigs*, we had a special reading session in our sensory room with juice and sweets and even took part in DEAR (drop everything and read) to encourage us to read for pleasure. We had so much fun!



Year R

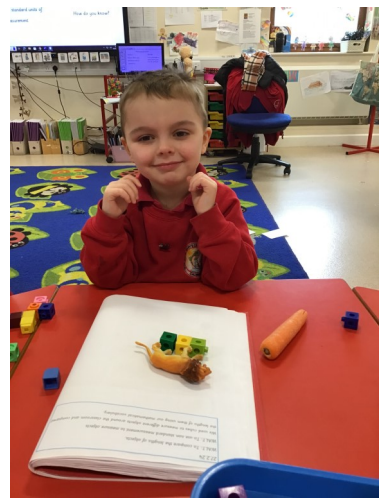
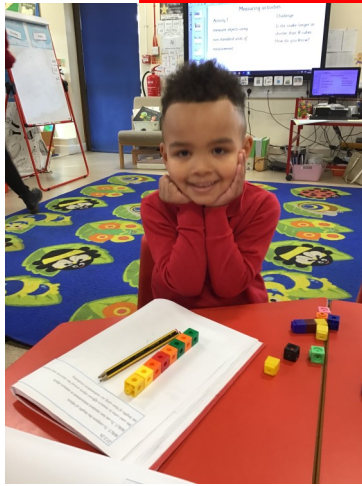
For World Book Day, we dressed up as book characters from our favourite books. We made pig finger puppets after reading *The Three Little Pigs*, we had a special reading session in our sensory room with juice and sweets. We enjoyed listening to some of the stories members of our class brought in and shared our love for reading.

It was so much fun!



Year R

In reception classes, we have been working hard on our length and height unit. We have been using non-standard units of measurement to measure the length of different objects and have been comparing longer/shorter and taller/shorter. We have also been exploring weight. We used weighing scales to understand which objects are heavier and which are lighter.



Year 1

World Book Day 2024



Y1 had the best day celebrating World Book Day!

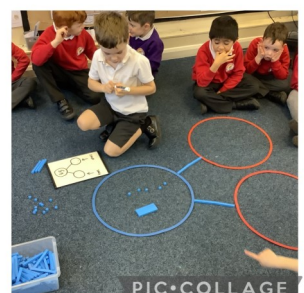
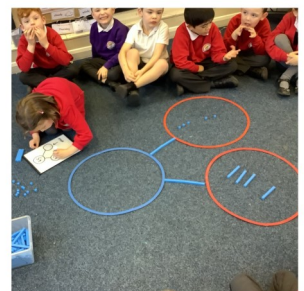
We loved it when our teachers shouted “drop everything and read!” and get even got some juice and sweets whilst we read.



Y1 have been working on their numbers to 50 this week.

They have learned to partition numbers into 10s and 1s and they are doing a great job of being able to say how many tens are in different numbers to 50.

Great work!



Year 2

For World Book Day we made our own Pop Up books, based on Tinga Tinga. Look at the beautiful colours we used inspired from the African savannah. Look at some of our wonderful creations. We were so proud of what we achieved and enjoyed using such a creative response to a book.



Stop, Drop & Read



Throughout the day and ongoing we had to listen to the signal DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) We chose this because the word DEAR has the same letters in it as the word READ does.



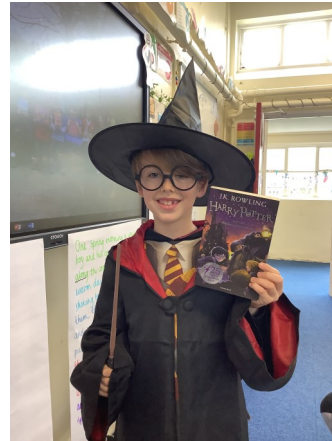
Melody

Glissando



Year 3

We had a wonderful World Book Day!
Take a look at our pictures- can you guess who we are?



We explored our favourite texts,
wrote book reviews and even
listened to a Scandinavian tale
called 'The Babayaga'!



Year 4

World Book Day!

We had a great time on World Book Day, sharing books, suggesting books for others and enjoying reading. We made our own stories and all told each other our tales.



In Science, we have been looking at sound, how we hear and how sound travels through different mediums. We also looked at how good different materials are at insulating sound. The fluffy materials were best!

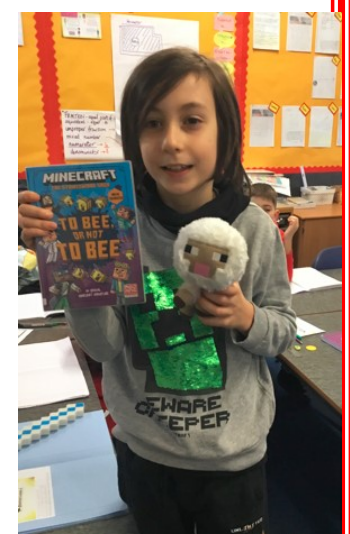


Both classes have performed their Class Assembly and they were both fantastic. We really enjoyed showing you all about the things we have been learning!



Year 5

Year 5 had a fabulous time on World Book Day with many students getting dressed up as their favourite character from a book. We tried to guess the character but some of them were quite difficult!



Year 5

Design Technology

We researched where pulleys could be found in everyday life and were surprised to find them in zip wires and escalators!

Next we made our own simple pulleys using an axle, wheel, string and a load/weight.



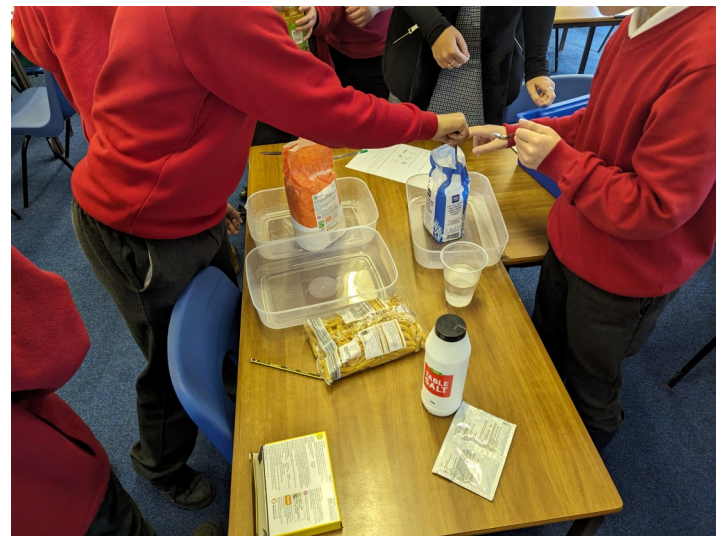
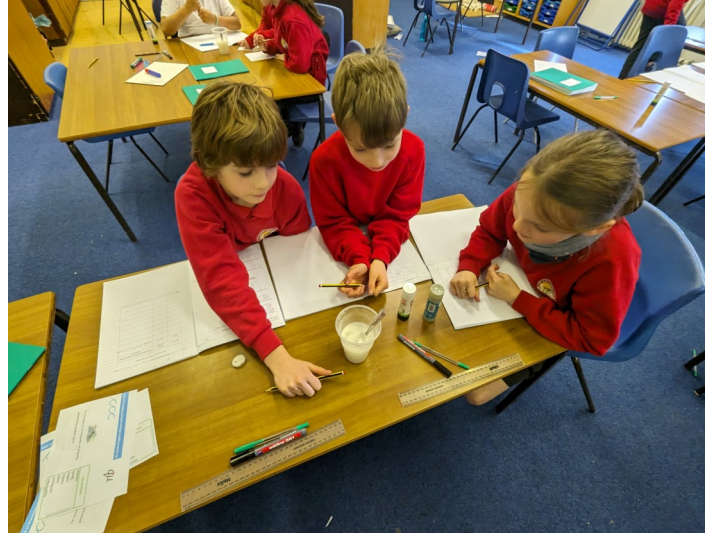
WALT : EXPLORE A RANGE OF PULLEYS



PIC•COLLAGE

Year 5

In Science, we have been investigating solubility. We looked at whether different materials would dissolve and form a solution or not.



Year 6

As part of our work on WW2, we researched the governments Dig For Victory campaign and discussed how they motivated the people of Britain by exploring their posters and videos. We discussed which were the most popular fruit and vegetables to be grown and considered the reasons why, then we prepared our own allotment spaces and planted our own. We have planted potatoes, carrots, leeks, onions and strawberries.

Its a shame they wont have grown in time to make our Woolton pie this week!



All of Year 6 made a fantastic effort to dress up as their favourite character for World book Day... we discussed our favourite books and why we had chosen them before following this up with writing our book recommendations.

Year 6

After researching the Dig For Victory campaign and then planting our vegetables, we then used the appropriate ingredients to create our own Woolton pie! We spoke through the recipe so that we understood each step and then got stuck into chopping or peeling the vegetables! The children were very eager to try the pie after all their efforts preparing it!



We had lots of fantastic costumes for World Book Day across Year 6!

One of the activities the children enjoyed the most was creating their own story so that they could share it with their friends.

We certainly have lots of talented writers!

