

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

MESSENGER

Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Overleigh Family,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

We know many of us were celebrating Easter as the most important time in the Christian church calendar. In addition, we hope those celebrating Eid, at the end of Ramadan, the most important period in the Muslim calendar, also enjoyed themselves. The children have enjoyed sharing their holiday experiences and have made a very settled start into the summer term.

Unfortunately, as many of you have noticed, I had a further BREAK at Easter, as in, I re-broke my arm! It is nowhere near as bad as first time around so I am hopeful of a swift recovery. I am back to the hospital next week so will know more then. As for last time, Ziggy was not to blame. Just hands full of buckets and children coming off a pebble beach and next thing I'm up close and personal with the pebbles. Ziggy and I are back on the train to and from school and other than that it is all work as usual. Thank you for the kind words and advice, much appreciated.



More exciting news from the Easter break is that Miss Harrison, one of our TAs who is currently based mainly in Y1, got married. She is now called Mrs Brialsford and will return from her honeymoon next week. She had a wonderful day and we all send many congratulations.



This first week back we have enjoyed a focus day on the Christian value for this half term, Wisdom. Later in the newsletter you can see some examples of the learning that was completed. Mrs McGoldrick led us in a worship about our PSHE theme this half term, 'no way through isn't true.' In addition, Miss Jones, our English lead led an assembly on developing potential careers in writing exploring the many aspects and ways of storytelling, developing poetry and other jobs where writing could be a useful or creative ingredient of what they do as an adult. Miss Jones also celebrated International Haiku Day and explored this medium of poetry. This term we are also raising awareness of the application of the different subjects we learn about at Overleigh and how these might be helpful in future career choices through each teacher leading an assembly based on their specialist subject in school.

Thank you to all our families for ensuring their children are wearing the correct uniform. It is very much appreciated. We know that this time of year can be tricky as children start to grow out of their uniform, especially for those in Y6. However, we have a huge range of spare uniform in very good condition for families to select from, no need to spend additional money.

However, please note that leggings can be part of PE uniform but not daily uniform. They can be worn under skirts, pinafores or shorts but should not be worn separately. In addition, skirts, shorts and pinafores must be of a reasonable length so the child can comfortably bend over without revealing their thighs and underwear.

If possible, please use this weekend to rename sweatshirts and cardigans, as the warmer weather comes children tend to take them off outside and then it is tricky to reunite them with the correct owner. If your child brings home the wrong clothes or shoes after PE, do return them to school so we can make sure they are given back to the correct child.

Also please remind your child that pencil cases are NOT permitted in school. We have all the equipment they need and it causes clutter on the tables and issues around sharing and jealousy.



Following the medical incident last term the Pupil Parliament are organising a fund raiser for the Air Ambulance in appreciation of the amazing work they do. It is a wonderful charity who rely on the goodwill of the community to provide the service that they do. All at Overleigh are extremely grateful for their efforts in caring for and looking after those in need of urgent medical in our community and beyond.

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Y6 – By the time the next newsletter comes around Y6 will have fully prepared for their SATs tests. They have been working really hard to prepare and are setting a really positive example to the rest of the

school with their positive attitudes and behaviour.

Good luck in your revising Y6, you will be great and,

as we always say, *as long as you have tried your best then that is good enough! As ever, there will be a SATs breakfast arranged for the children each day. Mrs Dickson will be sending out details of this in the next couple of weeks.*

GOOD LUCK
TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS
Don't get stressed,
Just do your best.
Remember you've been blessed
With skills that SATs don't test.



Many of you have commented on the condition of the multiple pot holes on the road leading to school. They are increasing and getting deeper. We may have ducks moving in soon! Mr Flynn has been battling with trying to get Cheshire West and Chester council to take responsibility. Unfortunately, the road is allegedly unadopted so no one wants to take responsibility. It has yellow lines on and is

swept clear of leaves and is NOT part of the school's land. We battle on but if you wish to add your voice to our complaint, we would greatly appreciate it.

The link is here to report it. [Potholes and road faults | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

In Love & Peace,
Emma Drew

Key Dates:

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 on Tuesday (unless stated) in the main school hall.

Tuesday 23rd April:- Y2 Melody

Tuesday 30th April:- Y2 Glissando

Tuesday 7th May:- Y1 Ballad Class

Tuesday 21st May:- Y1 High Note Class

Dates for EYFS will follow for Summer Term 2

Maestro

Well done to Maestro class for their delightful class assembly yesterday afternoon. They spoke beautifully about their Geography work and took us on a tour of the UK. They followed this up by digitally sharing their current learning and explaining what the images of their work represented and what they had achieved in each area. They were all superstars.



Gym Star



Isabella has been working really hard in her spare time by attending First Gymnastics and has proudly achieved her Level 3 Gymnastics Award. Well done, Isabella, we are all delighted to hear about your achievements.

Netballing Hero

Ella has also been extremely busy, as ever, on the sporting scene. With her Ellesmere Port Netball Club friends, she competed in the National Championships and achieved a massively respectful fifth place in the whole of the UK. Possibly, two future Olympians in our midst. Keep aiming high, girls, Overleigh is so proud of you.



Swimming Superstars

We are so proud of our Year 5 children who were superb in their approach and attitude to swimming in their first week. Both classes were awarded an extra two points on their class award charts and a couple of children, who particularly excelled with a 'can do' and empathetic approach for themselves and those around them, were awarded values' badges.

Friday Certificates 19.04.24



Class	Value	Comment
Crotchet Miss Evans	Hope	Isabella - for coming back to school with a 'can-do' attitude, always being focused and being a lovely friend. She is forming her letters well and takes her time when writing tricky words, phonetically stretching the sounds to spell words correctly. Well done Isabella.
Minim Miss Burns	Friendship	Charlie has been spotted being a super friend on more than one occasion this week. He has been really enjoying our new vet role play area and has made sure everyone feels included when using it. It is clear that Charlie has really listened and understood our previous Christian value of 'friendship' and what it means to be a good friend. Well Done Charlie for a fabulous start to our new term
Ballad Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	Wisdom	Termeh has an amazing attitude to learning, she has a great learning ethic and a thirst for knowledge. Termeh has joined Ballad class positively and she is a fantastic addition to the class. Well done Termeh
High Note Miss Hunter	Respect	Peter has had a fantastic start back after the Easter break and has come back with a great attitude to his learning. He has been putting his hand up to answer lots of questions, especially in his maths lessons, giving great answers and explanations. Peter is also enjoying our new story 'Tad' and is working really hard on his writing, remembering his finger spaces and thinking of some great ideas which we love to see! - Keep it up, good work.
Melody Miss Morgan	Respect	Oliver has really impressed me with his good manners and attentiveness in lessons. He always puts an enthusiastic effort in to his learning and is making great progress as a result. Well done!
Glissando Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	Wisdom	Billy has had a fantastic start to this half term and has made wise choices. He has been working hard and listening to the teacher, as well as ensuring he is making the right choices in the classroom and on the playground. Well done Billy!
Harmony Miss Holdstock Miss Odunaiya	Wisdom	Isabelle contributed brilliant ideas during our values day discussions about Nelson Mandela and also shared some superb dance moves, demonstrating different moods in PE. Well done, Isabelle.
Maestro Miss McFaul	Wisdom	Kaan has been working brilliantly in all his lesson this week and has been focusing on using his neatest handwriting to complete his work. He is always asking questions that help to further discussion on the carpet and support the learning of everyone in the classroom. His love of learning always puts a smile on my face. Keep up the fantastic work, Kaan!
Note Miss Noakes	Wisdom	Lyra was brilliant in our DT lesson on Monday, sharing her knowledge of sewing and always being ready to support anyone who needed it. Whenever someone was struggling, Lyra would always be quick to offer to help. Well done Lyra on being so kind and generous, you fully deserve to be our Star of the Week!
Maestoso Mr Mander	Integrity	Joseph has been working really hard on his writing stamina and is now starting to really get a lot of quality writing done in each lesson, even when I am not working with him. Well done Joseph, Keep up the hard work.
Pizzicato Mr Pillow	Integrity	Macie-Blu has started the new term with a positive attitude, showing that she is ready to learn and approaching problems with a determined outlook. Well done!
Allegro Miss Axam	Wisdom	Isaac is demonstrating that he listens and makes decisions after evaluating the situation and asking appropriate questions. He has been using prior learning to inform new tasks and challenges. What a really mature approach! Well done Isaac!
Joyeux Miss Jones	Wisdom	Lola always works extremely hard in class and has produced lots of beautiful pieces of writing. She will always show Wisdom in many ways, through her attitude to learning, her school work and her behaviour. Lola will also be seen encouraging others and sharing her wisdom to make the right choices. Well done Lola, keep up the wonderful work!
Heptatonic Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	Wisdom	Theo always contributes so much in our lessons, sharing his own learning and explaining his strategies. We have seen a growth in his enthusiasm and confidence which is wonderful to see. Keep it up Theo!
Finale Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	Friendship	Cass is always friendly to those around him and makes time for all. He is very approachable to his peers and he accepts everybody as they are. He is a fantastic friend!

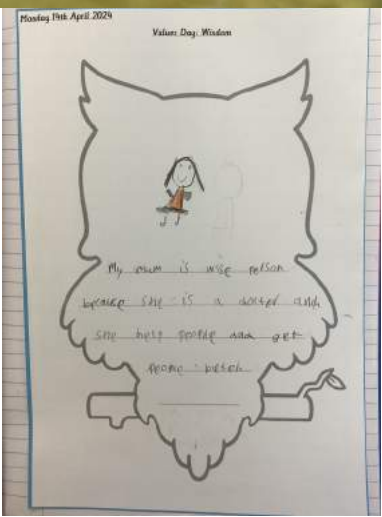
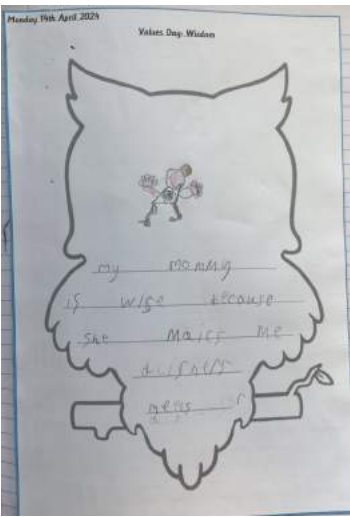
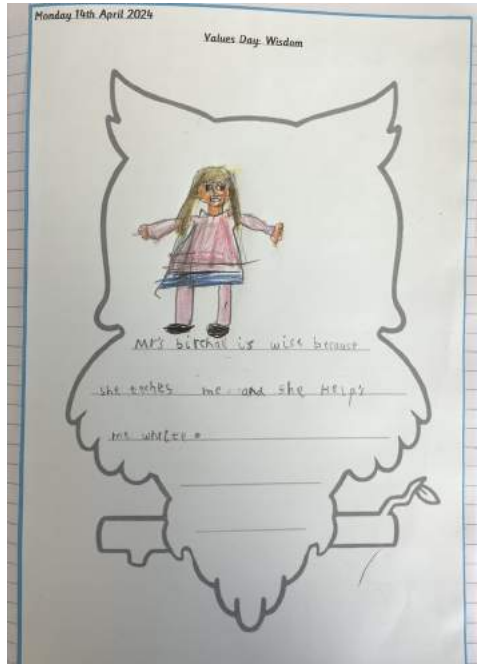
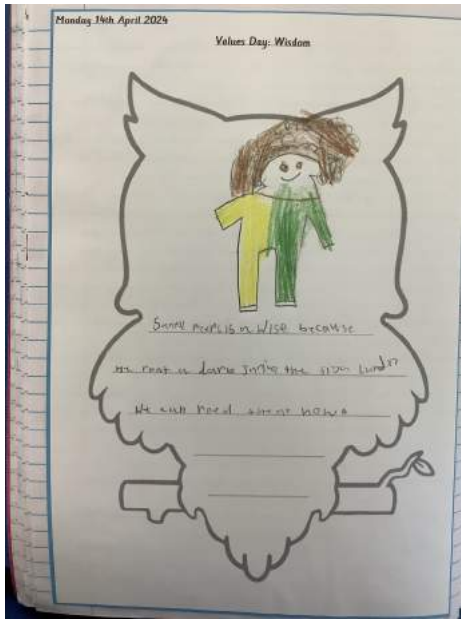
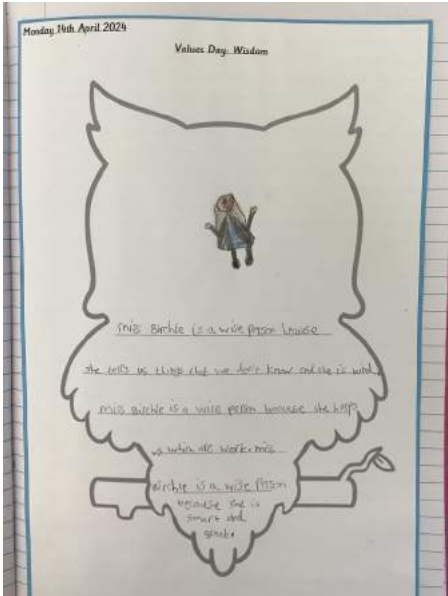
Year R

For wisdom day we discussed the meaning of the word wisdom and what it means to be wise. We played Jenga, making sure we made wise decisions when moving the blocks, we read *The Rainbow Fish* and coloured in our own rainbow fish and we even made wise owls to take home.

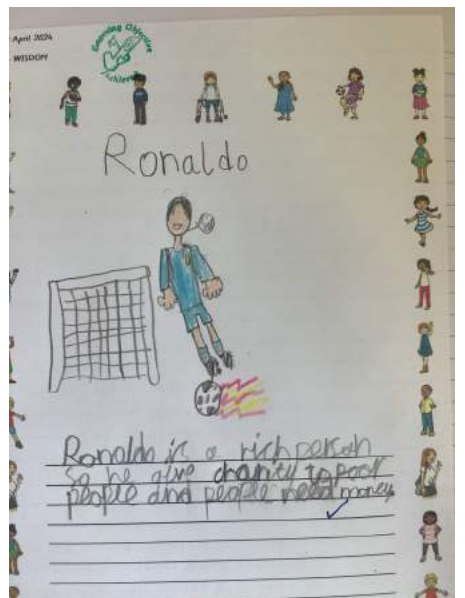
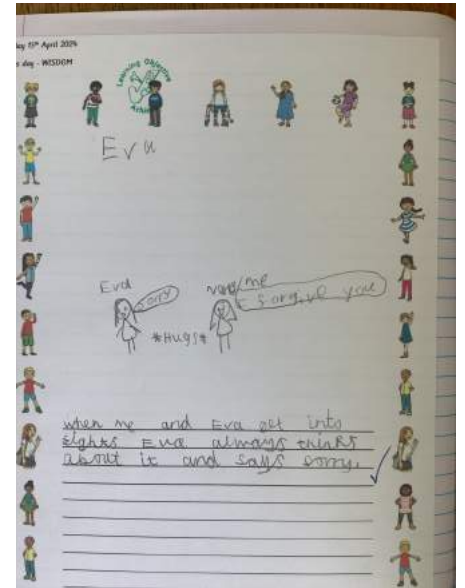
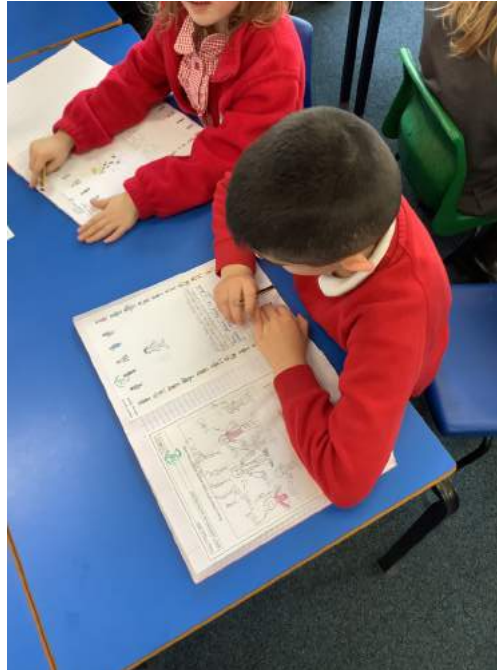


Year 1

Our Christian value for this half term is **Wisdom**. We have been thinking about what makes someone wise and looked at the parable of The Wise and Foolish builder. We then thought about people we know who are wise and what makes them wise.



Year 2



Our Christian value for this half term is **Wisdom** so we have been thinking about what makes someone wise and learnt about the parable of The Wise and Foolish builder. We then thought about people we know who are wise and what makes them wise.

Year 3

What an wonderful first week back we have had !
The children began the week by discovering that dragon had been to visit our school! They were shocked to find that tables were flipped, their worked was ripped and there were eggs laid in the classroom!

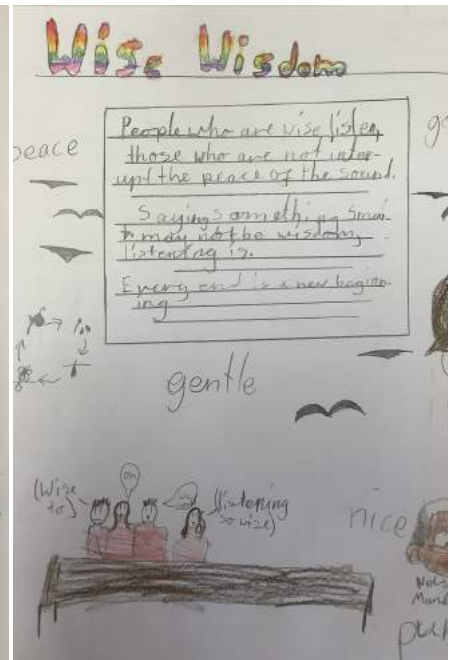
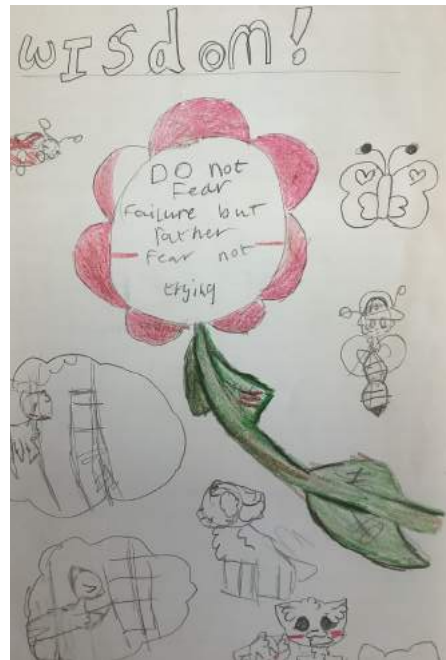


We have also become archaeologists and dug for Ancient Egyptian artefacts!
We observed what we thought they were and who they thought would have used them!




Year 4

In Year 4, we celebrated Wisdom Day by writing our own wise word proverbs and displaying them on posters. We also researched the life of Nelson Mandela, explored the impact he had on the world and discussed the ways in which he showed wisdom.




Monday 15th April 2024
 Wisdom Day
 What I understand wise people in history:



- Nelson Mandela was known for being the first South African president and for being in prison for almost 30 years!
- He also fought against apartheid system which is a policy a system that segregates white and black people.
- Nelson Mandela got arrested for breaking up the election process because he was that angry but he didn't want to hurt people so he died it at night.
- Nelson Mandela helped change the way people were treated in South Africa by un-segregating Black people and white people. He also made white people and black people marry and be friends.
- We can learn from Mr. Mandela that we have to be wise by making the right choices and not the opposite.
- "It's always seems impossible until it's done."
- "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up"

Learning Objectives: Achieved

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 Wisdom Day
 WHAT: understand wise people in history ✓



Nelson M.

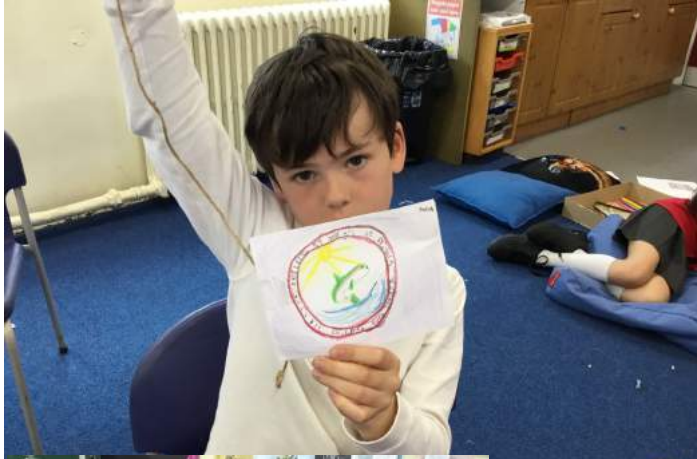
Learning Objectives: Achieved

Nelson Mandela is known for being a civil rights activists who fought against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system of law that segregated white and black people. White people had privileged lives and had power, whereas black people had very few rights. Nelson Mandela was born on 18 July 1918 in the village of Mvezo South Africa.

He was arrested because he was a civil rights activists and was put in jail for 27 years! He felt very annoyed because of this and how the people were being treated. Nelson Mandela changed the lives of the black people in South Africa by working with the government to end apartheid and eventually won the Nobel Peace prize and became president of South Africa.

We can learn from Nelson Mandela that even though things will go wrong in life, if we keep trying we will succeed. Some of his famous quotes are: "It always seems impossible until it is done." "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up." "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." "A good head and a good heart are a formidable combination."

Year 5

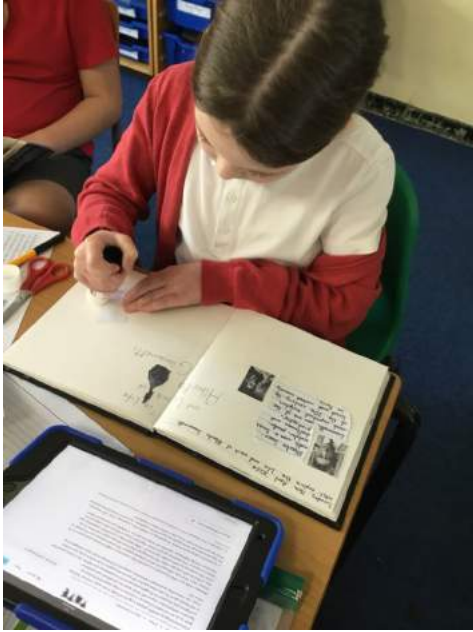


Year 5 have been making their flag poles in DT this week. They needed to include a pulley system, be strong and durable whilst also being less than 30 cm tall. Quite a challenge!

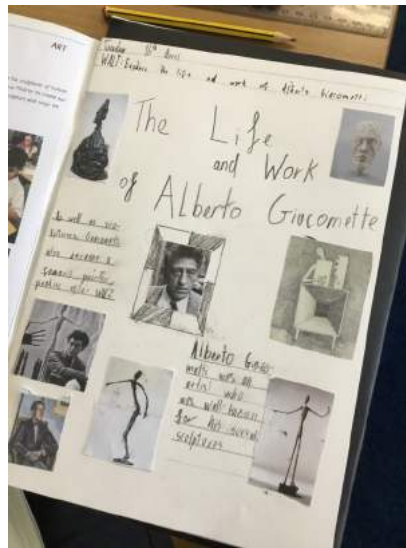
Well done Year 5 for showing great resilience :)

Year 6

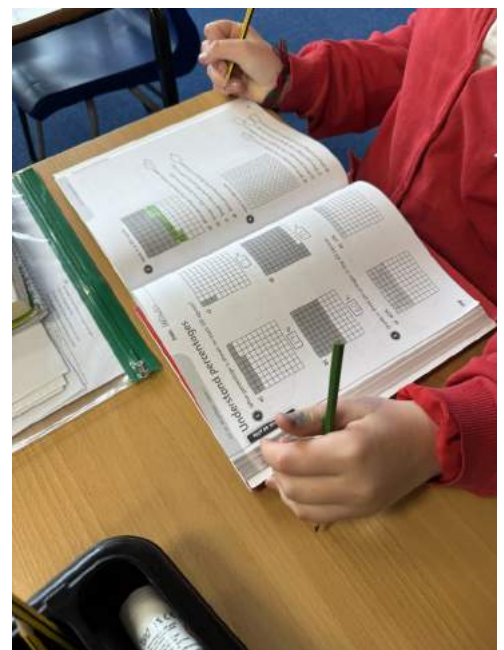
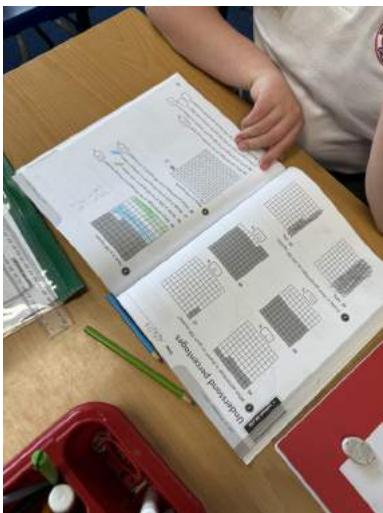
As artists in Year 6, we began our new unit by exploring and researching the life of our chosen artist for this half term: Alberto Giacometti.



We then created a double page spread in our book, filled with facts, pictures and artwork that all link back to Giacometti.



This week in Maths, we have been focusing on percentages. We have learnt how to convert and find equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.



School have been asked to pass on the following information to anyone who might be interested. **This is not a club attached to our school.**

Chester Football Development



At Queens Park High School (Sports Hall)
Queen's Park Rd, Chester, CH4 7AE
Starting on Friday 10th May 2024



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at Queens Park High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.

Callum

TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE

0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534

We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

