

Y1 On Safari

On Tuesday, Year One visited West Midlands Safari Park as part of their topic, "Paws, Claws and whiskers."



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Pupils toured the park on the coach. They saw lots of animals including lions, rhino's and deer. They also got up close and personal with a very friendly giraffe who tried to lick the coach!



Afterwards, the children visited Dinosaur Land, the bat house and the insect house. They also saw penguins, meerkats and tropical fish.



Pupils enjoyed seeing the wildflower garden and walked through the wood looking for lemurs.





It was a really fun day out and the children learnt a lot.



Spotlight on Science

Reception are learning about invertebrates. They are enjoying having an African land snail (called Gary!) and caterpillars in their classroom.

Science is a very important subject at Sydenham Primary School and we thought you would enjoy seeing our young scientists at work. Here are some of the science learning activities they have enjoyed this week



The children have also become fascinated with bees and have studied them closely. They have made careful drawings of bees and learnt about their lifecycle.



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In Y1, the children are learning about their senses. They had fun visiting different “sense stations” in the classroom and recording their findings.

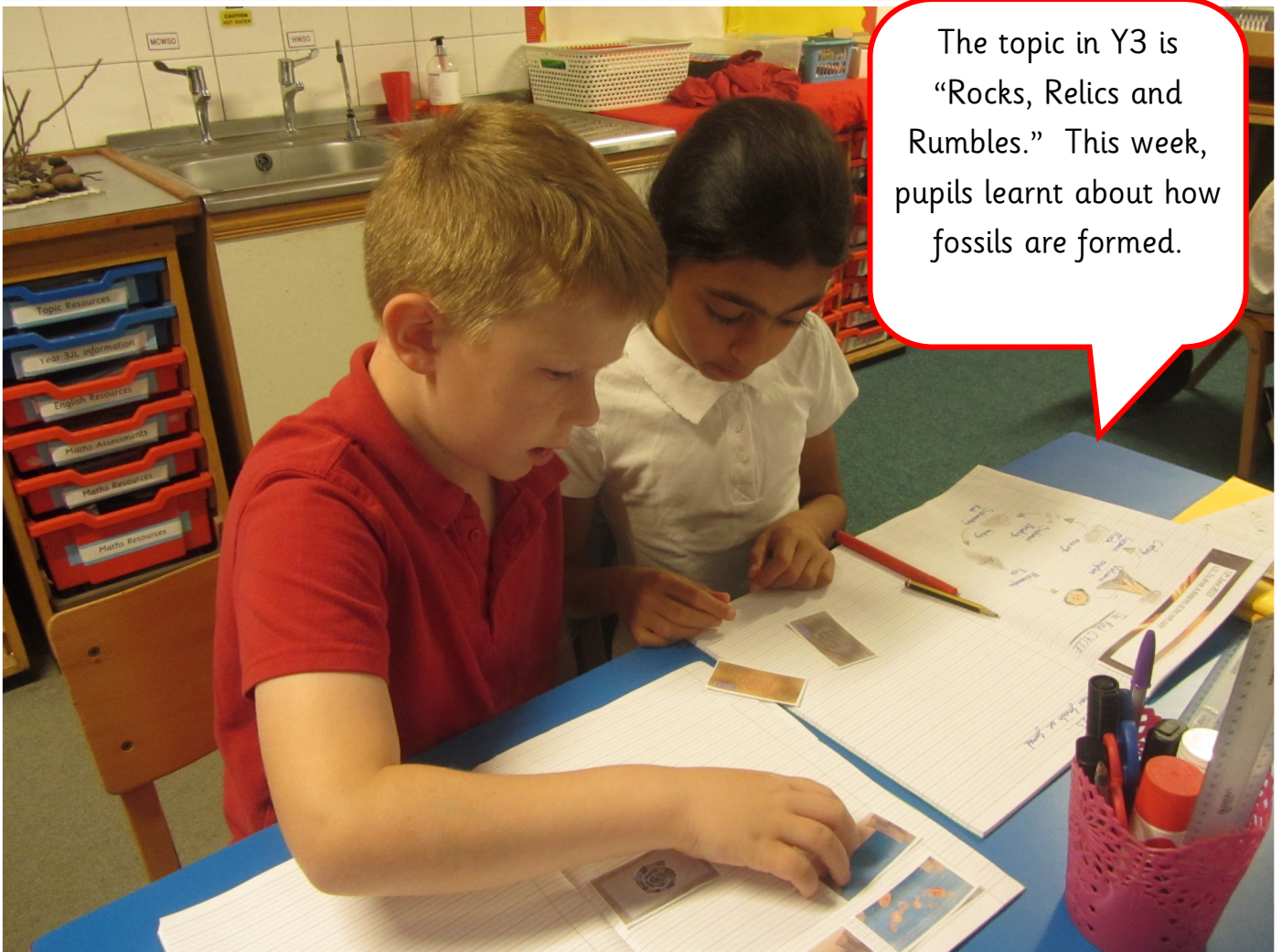




Pupils in Y4 are exploring the water cycle. They have learnt about changes of state and processes such as evaporation and condensation.



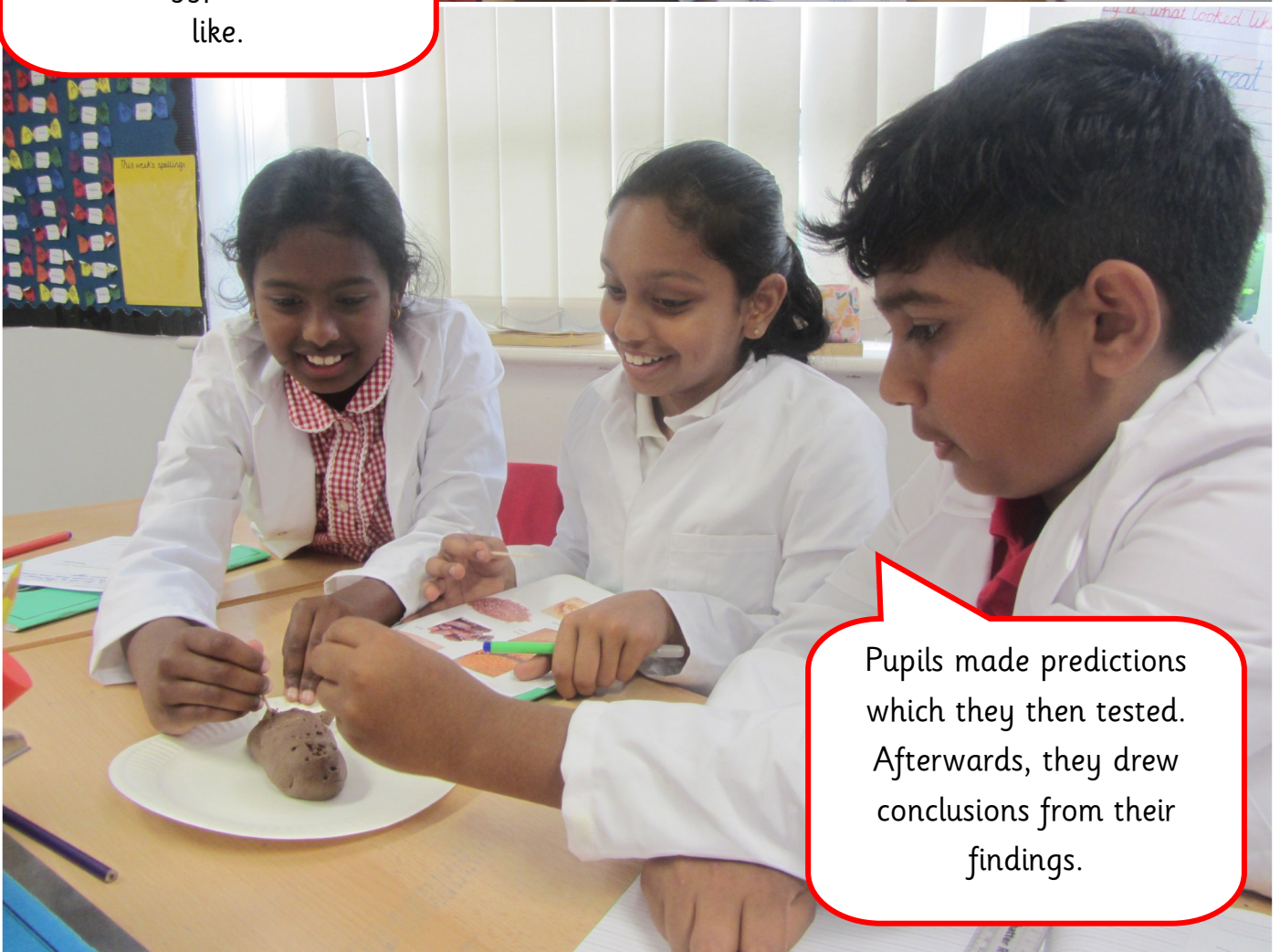
In their lesson this week, the children focused on precipitation. In groups, they made clouds in a glass of water using shaving foam. Each group carried out a fair test to find out how much rain their cloud could hold.



The topic in Y3 is "Rocks, Relics and Rumbles." This week, pupils learnt about how fossils are formed.



Y5 have been investigating coprolites (fossilised poo!) in order to work out what an Ancient Egyptian diet was like.



Pupils made predictions which they then tested. Afterwards, they drew conclusions from their findings.



Buttterfly Magic



Y2 have enjoyed having caterpillars in their classroom. They have carefully watched them change and, this week, released them as beautiful butterflies.

It was a magical experience,
watching the butterflies fly off
into the wild.



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Well done to everyone in YR, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 for joining in with their Sport's Days. Everybody showed great team spirit and it was brilliant to hear the children cheering each other on.



Sport's Days



Reception



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Years 3 & 4



Years 3 & 4



Years 5 & 6



Pupils joined in with a range of sporting activities including dodge ball, tug-of-war, and throwing. There were running races too.





Once Y1 and Y2 have completed their Sport's Day on July 4th, we will announce the winning House.



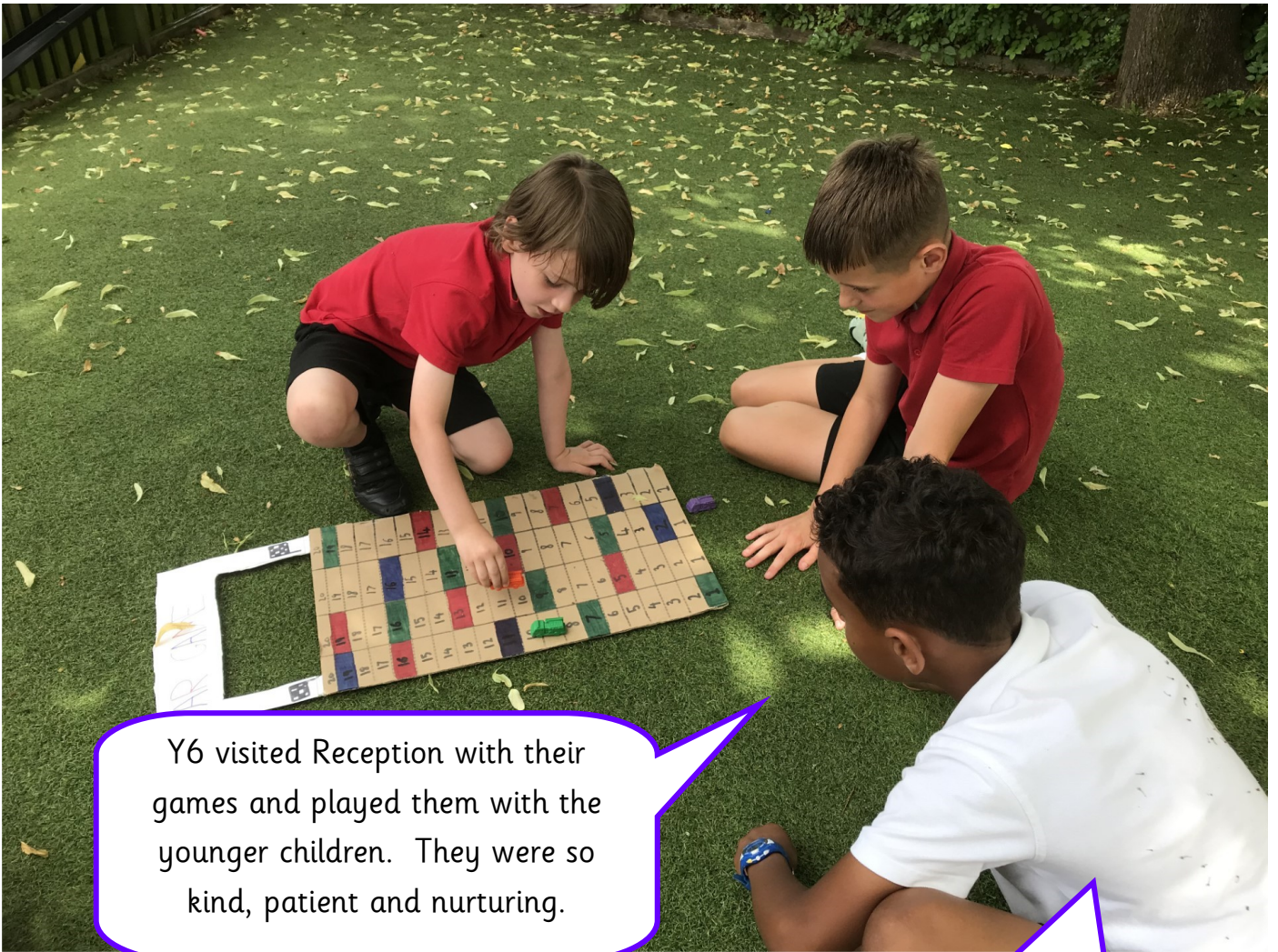
Years 5 & 6



Playing Together



This week, Y6 pupils have designed and made maths games for Reception pupils.



Y6 visited Reception with their games and played them with the younger children. They were so kind, patient and nurturing.

Well done!



Learning Together

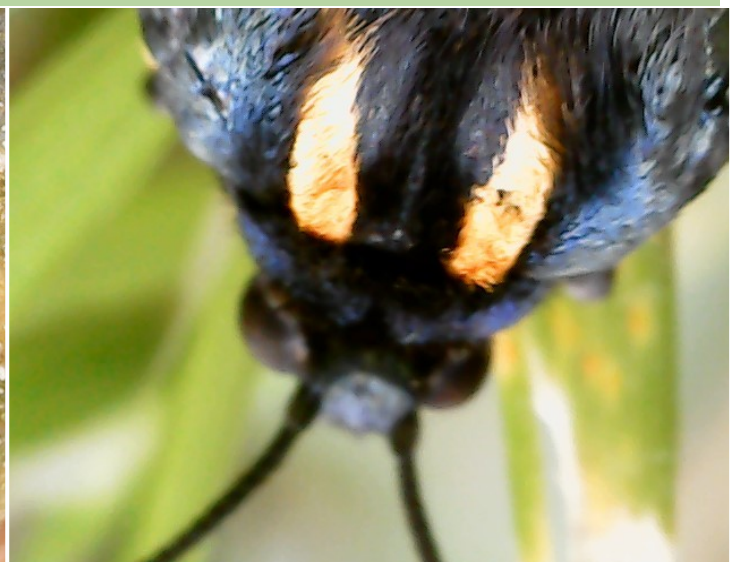


Forest School

A group of children in Year 5 have been working with Mrs Ashworth and Mr Burnell to look at the Forest School area from different views as part of the Woodland Trust Green Tree Schools Award.

Using a normal and a microscope camera, they have explored the area from the perspective of insects and other creatures. Pupils have discovered that it is worth taking a bit of time to carefully look around, getting down on the ground and up close, before deciding which photos to take. The microscopic camera also takes a bit of time to get objects into focus but the images are worth the effort - we think you will agree.

The photographs show a scarlet tiger moth and close up shots of a moth's head, a feather and an oak leaf



Sydenham Primary PTA Summer Fayre



Friday 14th July

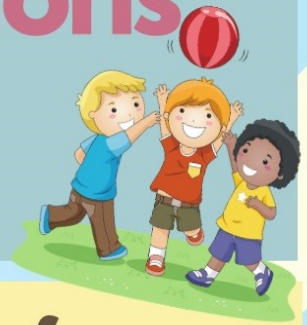
3.20 - 5.20pm

THANK YOU

**For all of your bottle and raffle
donations. We've had a great
selection!**



Raffle Prize Donations Needed



Would you like to donate a prize for our Summer Fayre raffle?

Do you have any unused or duplicate gifts that are in as new condition?

Your contribution would be hugely appreciated and would help us to Raise money for our BIG PLAY PROJECT

Please leave donations in the box in reception from Monday



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FAYRE
FRI, 14TH JULY**

**AS WITH PREVIOUS EVENTS WE CANNOT
RUN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.**

**Please email us if you can help
sydenhampta@welearn365.com**



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is vital for our mental health! Our friends can keep us grounded, help to put things into perspective and support us through hard times. We might want to hide away from our friends if we are feeling sad or worried, but our friends can actually help us to overcome these difficulties.

Our tips for being a good friend:

1- If a friend shares with you how they are feeling, this might be the first time they have spoken to someone about their struggles. They may also find it difficult to put their feelings into words, here's what you can do:

- Listen
- Be patient with them
- Reassure them
- Show you are still their friend
- Let them know their feelings are OK
- Show them you are there for them ('actions speak louder than words')
- Help them to talk to an adult (*only if they are comfortable*)
- Ask them what they need

2- Ask the class to think about what makes a 'good friend'. Children could each draw a picture of themselves and label the characteristics they would like to see in an ideal friend. Ask the class to reflect on what they can do to be a better friend to others!



Follow the QR code for some ideas of what other children think makes a good friend.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th July	Induction day for Y6 pupils transitioning to Campion.
Tuesday 4th July	Y3 LR Herons class assembly at 9.15am.
Tuesday 4th July	Y3 JL Doves class assembly at 10.15am.
Tuesday 4th July	Y4 visit to the Shree Krishna Mandir.
Wednesday 5th July	School closed due to strike action.
Wednesday 5th July	KES induction day for Y6.
Friday 7th July	School closed due to strike action.
Monday 10th July	Campion, Myton, Aylesford induction day for Y6.
Monday 10th—Tuesday 11th July	RSC National Playmaking Festival, Stratford.
Tuesday 11th July	Y5 JE visit to Pizza Express.
Tuesday 11th July, 9.30—11.15am	Stay and Play sessions for Reception pupils 2023/24.

As per Miss Glenny's email, school will be closed due to industrial action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

Sport's Days—see Miss Glenny's email for more information.

Tuesday 4th July, 10.00—11.30am—Years One and Two

Diary Dates

Thursday 13th July	Y6 leavers' trip to Harry Potter World.
Friday 14th July	Pupils spend the day with their teacher for next year.
Friday 14th July	PTA Summer Fayre, 3.20—5.30pm.
Monday 17th July	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 19th—Thursday 20th July	Y5 residential to Kip in a Ship, HMS Belfast, London.
Friday 21st July	Y6 JvS leavers' performance and certificates, 9.30—10.45am
Friday 21st July	Y6 CB leavers' performance and certificate, 1.45 –3.00pm
Tuesday 25th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

Playground Markings

We are having new playground markings painted on Monday 3rd July and contractors will be on site on from 8.00am. Some areas of the playground will be cordoned off so please make sure you keep your children away from these areas when you drop off or pick up. Thank you for your help.

Pupils return to school on Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAYS 2023/24

School will be closed for in-service (teacher) training on the following dates during the next academic year

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 2nd October 2023

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 8th January 2023

Monday 3rd June 2023



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes from
Miss Glenny



Key Stage Two