

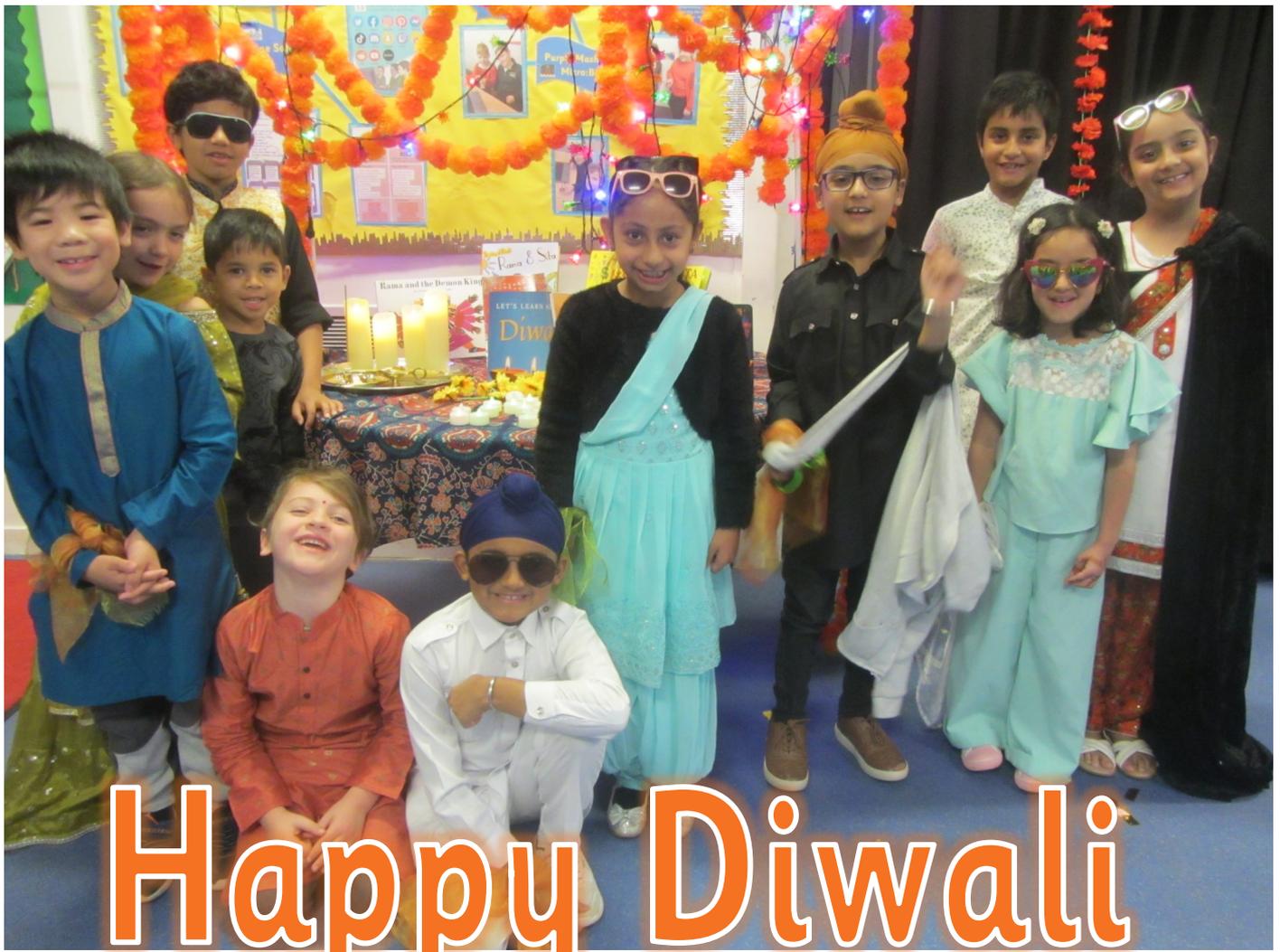
# Happy Diwali

This week, we celebrated Sikh and Hindu Diwali across the school.



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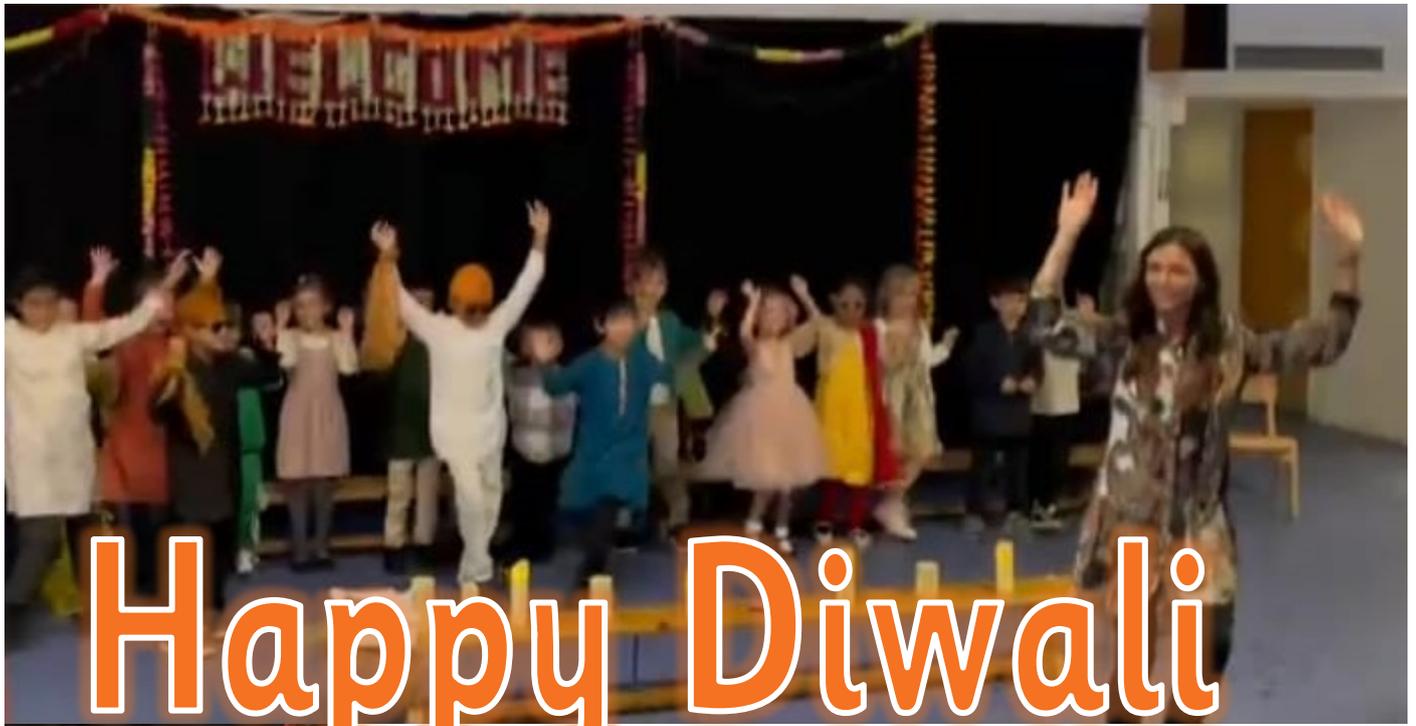




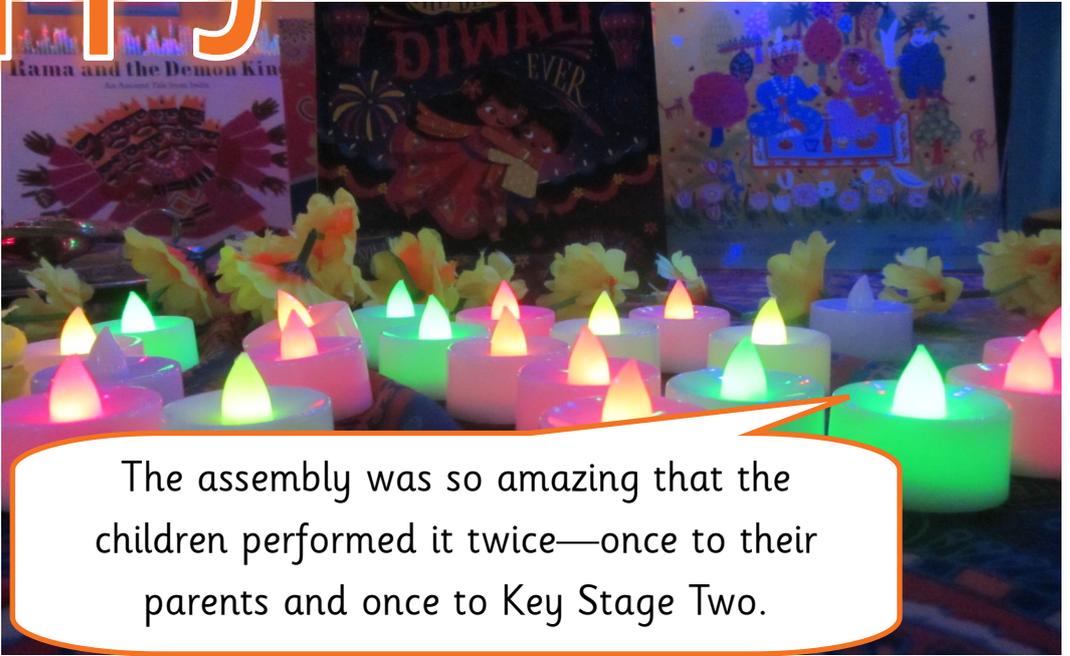
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Swallows presented a fantastic Diwali assembly featuring the Sikh and Hindu Diwali stories, banghra dancing and even a confetti cannon!



# Happy Diwali



The assembly was so amazing that the children performed it twice—once to their parents and once to Key Stage Two.





# Happy Diwali

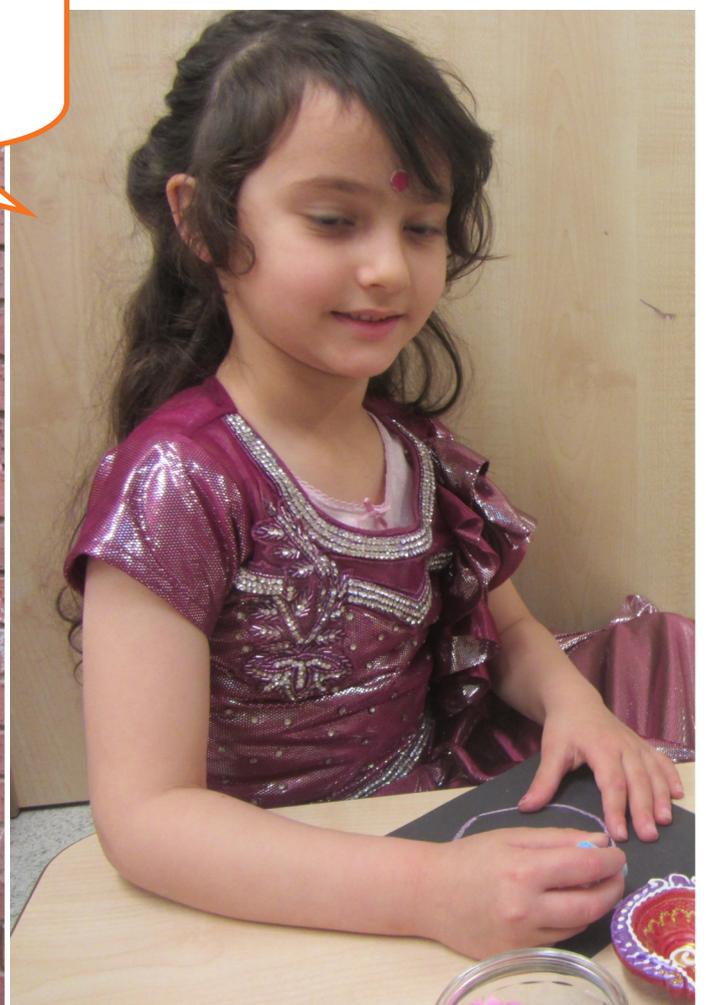


Reception families were invited to a Diwali party. They enjoyed a range of activities including making divas.

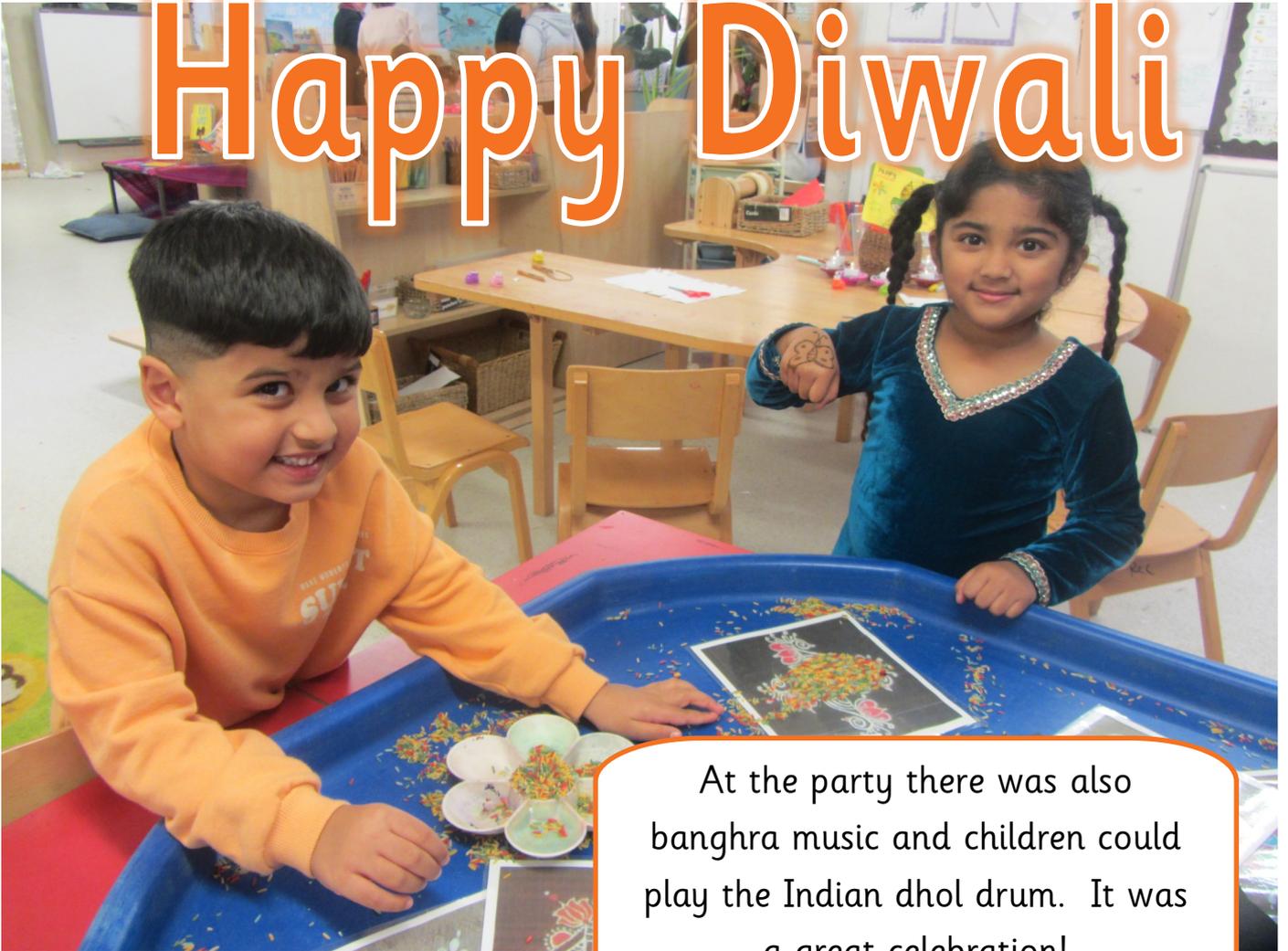
# Happy Diwali



The children also drew rangoli patterns and Noor planted beautiful mehndi motifs using henna.



# Happy Diwali



At the party there was also banghra music and children could play the Indian dhol drum. It was a great celebration!





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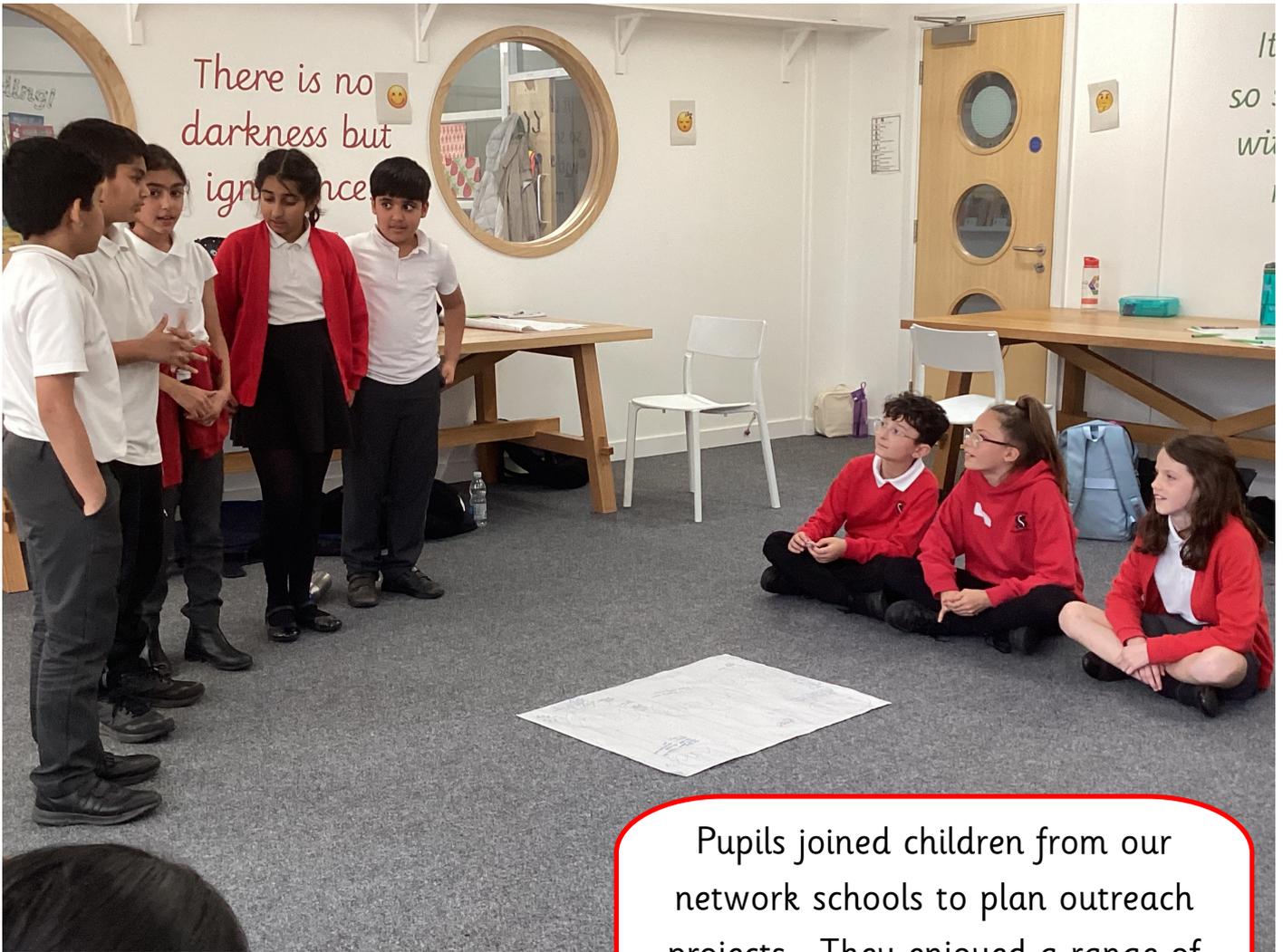
PROUD TO BE AN  
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Our Royal Shakespeare Company Ambassadors have been hard at work recently, training with the RSC Young Leaders Programme Developer, Freddie Goymer.

# Royal Shakespeare Company Ambassador Training



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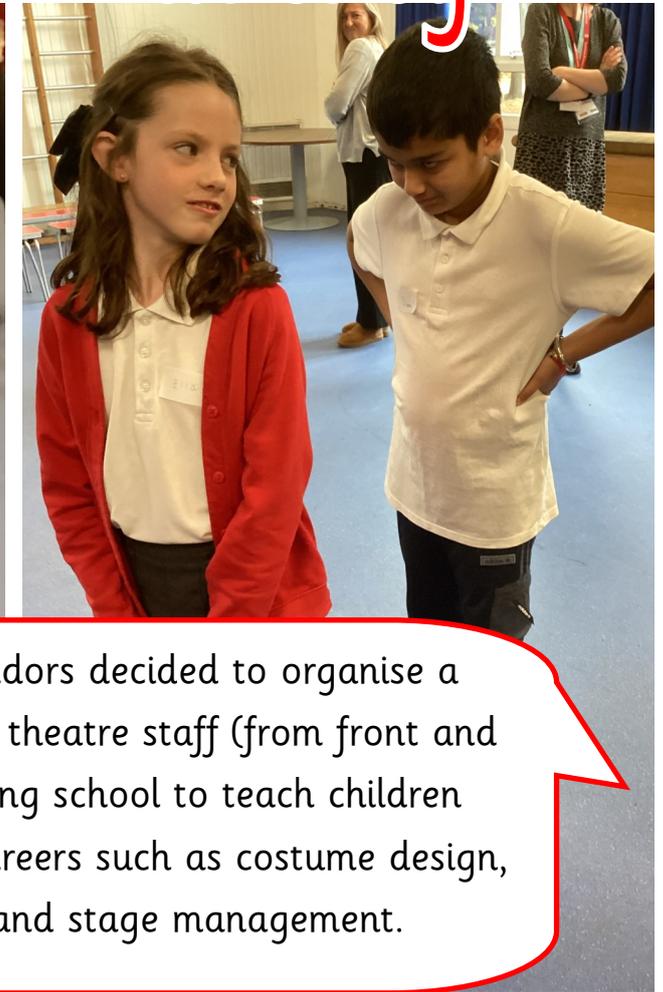
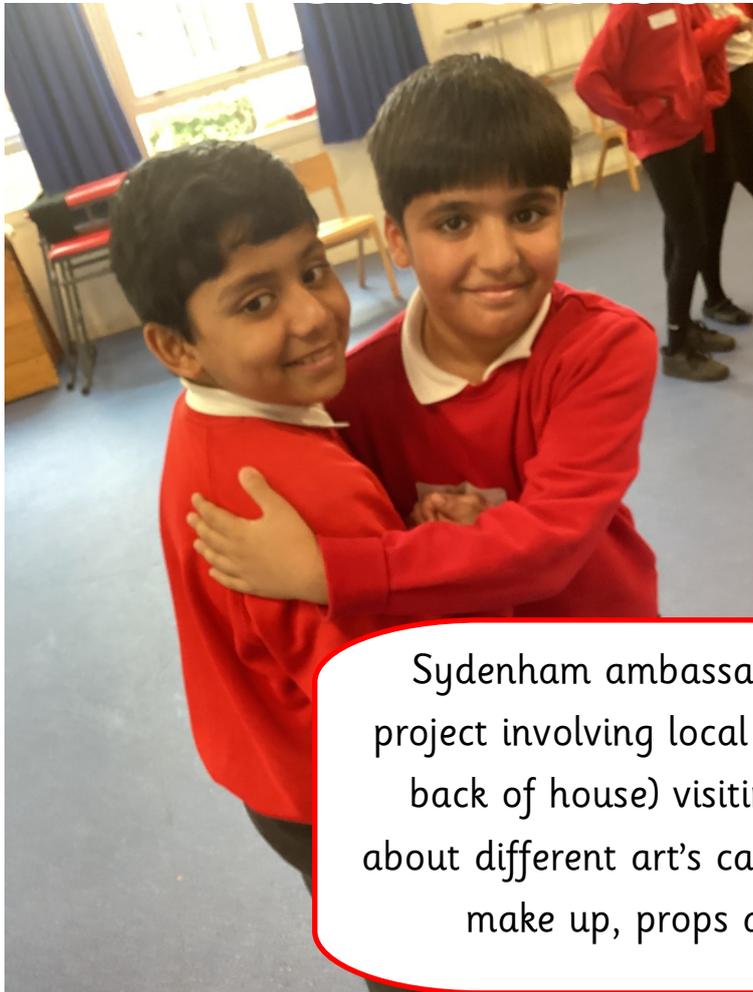
Pupils joined children from our network schools to plan outreach projects. They enjoyed a range of drama-based activities to stimulate their creative ideas.



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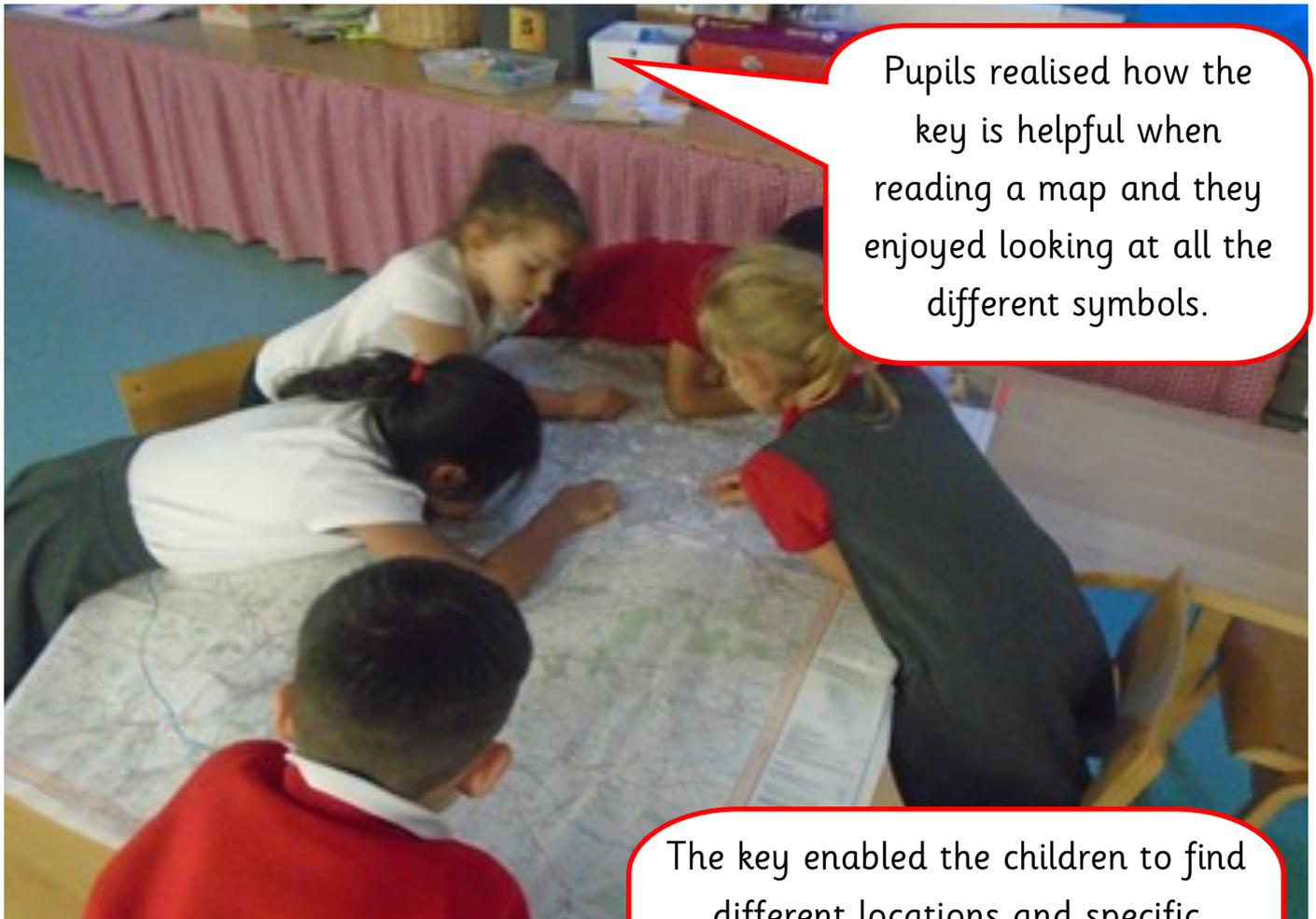
Sydenham ambassadors decided to organise a project involving local theatre staff (from front and back of house) visiting school to teach children about different art's careers such as costume design, make up, props and stage management.



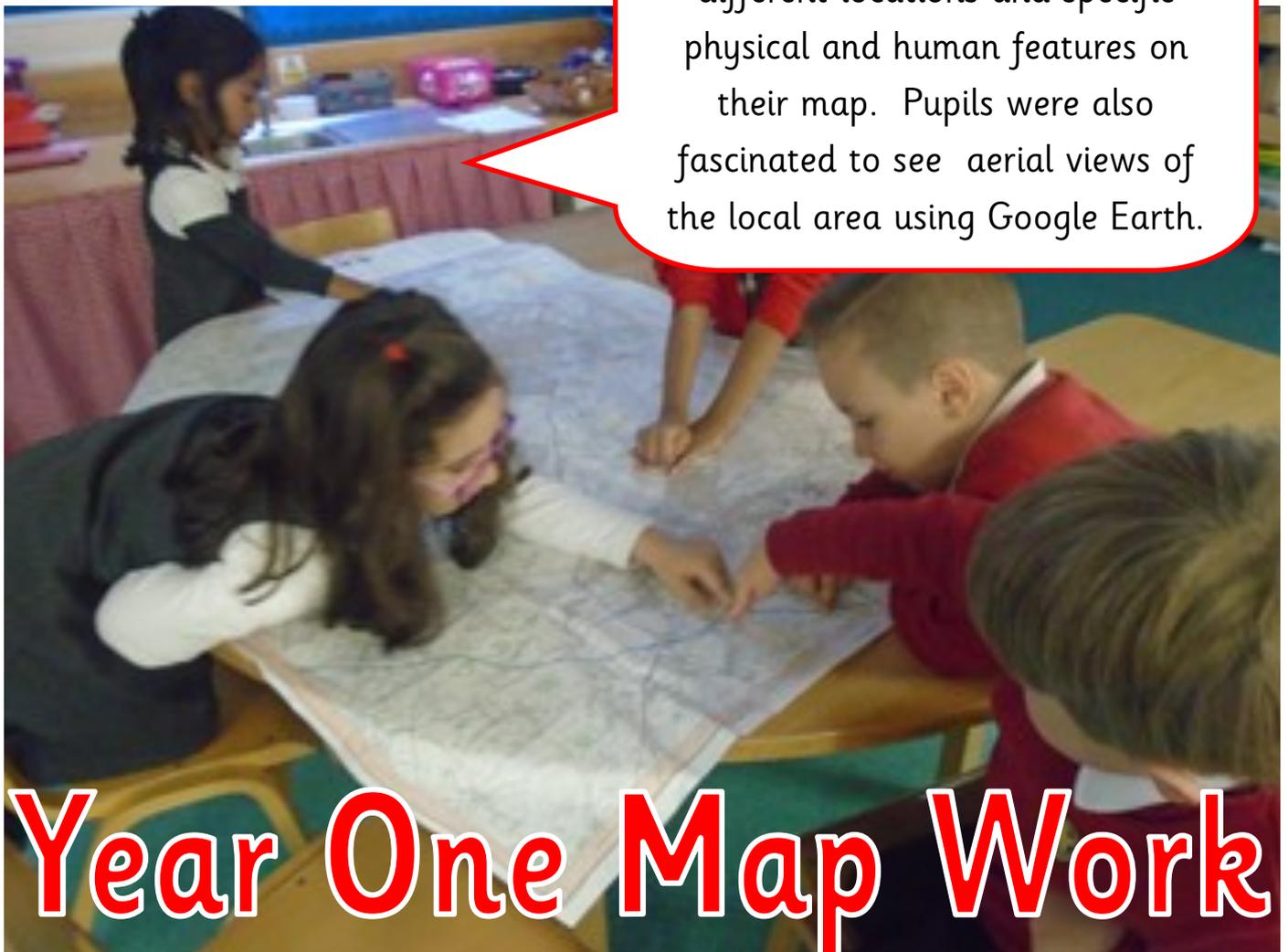
# Year One Map Work



Our Year One geographers have been studying ordnance survey maps in order to learn about Leamington Spa and its surrounding areas.



Pupils realised how the key is helpful when reading a map and they enjoyed looking at all the different symbols.



The key enabled the children to find different locations and specific physical and human features on their map. Pupils were also fascinated to see aerial views of the local area using Google Earth.

# Year One Map Work



Year Two have been architects this week. The children have designed buildings and combined them to make streets and then a city!



# Year 2 Architects

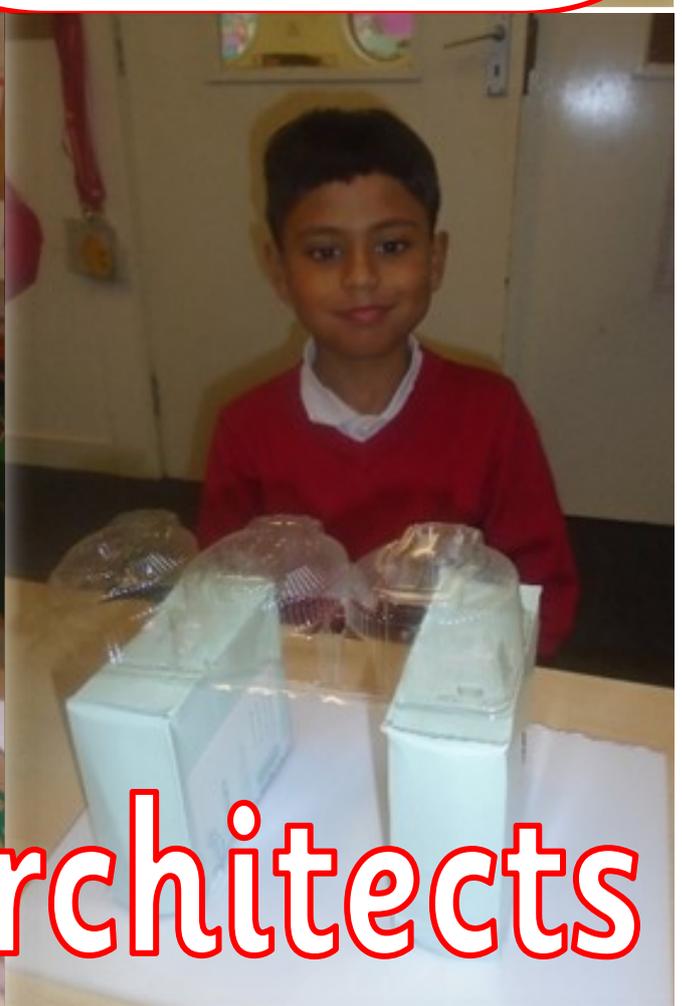
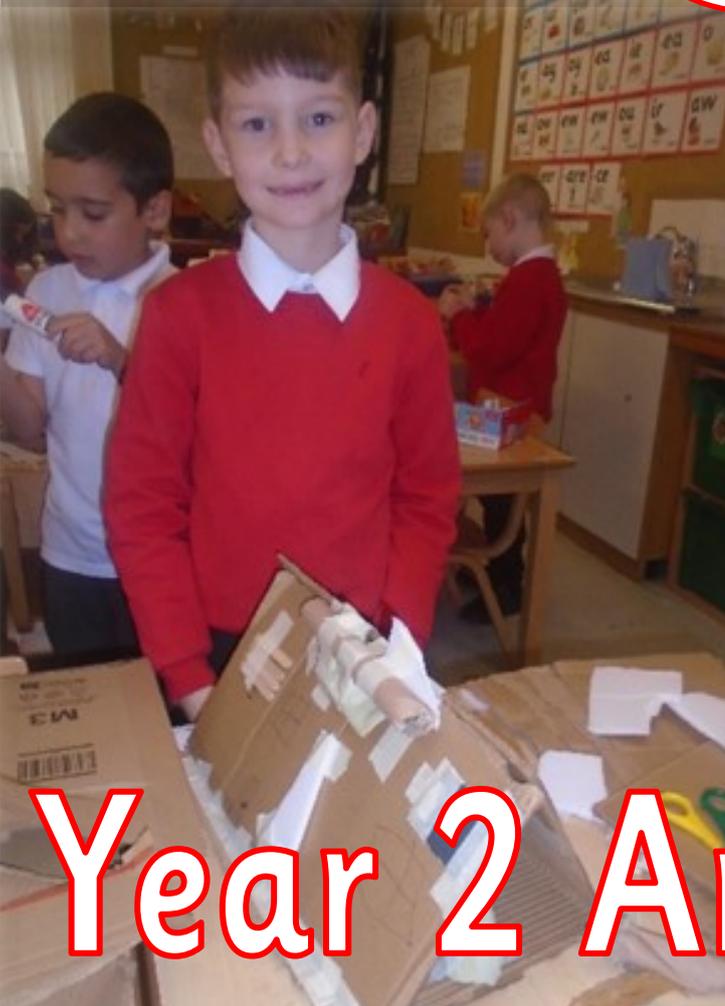


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Pupils thought about what kinds of shapes, structures and three dimensional forms they could make. They had to consider who their buildings were for and how they would stand up.



# Year 2 Architects



This week, Year Five participated in peer mediation training, led by Peter Timms. In the sessions, pupils learnt how to solve problems peacefully using their negotiation skills.



The children learnt that active listening and empathy are key skills when resolving a dispute. They realised that all people involved in a problem need to be heard and have their feelings recognised.

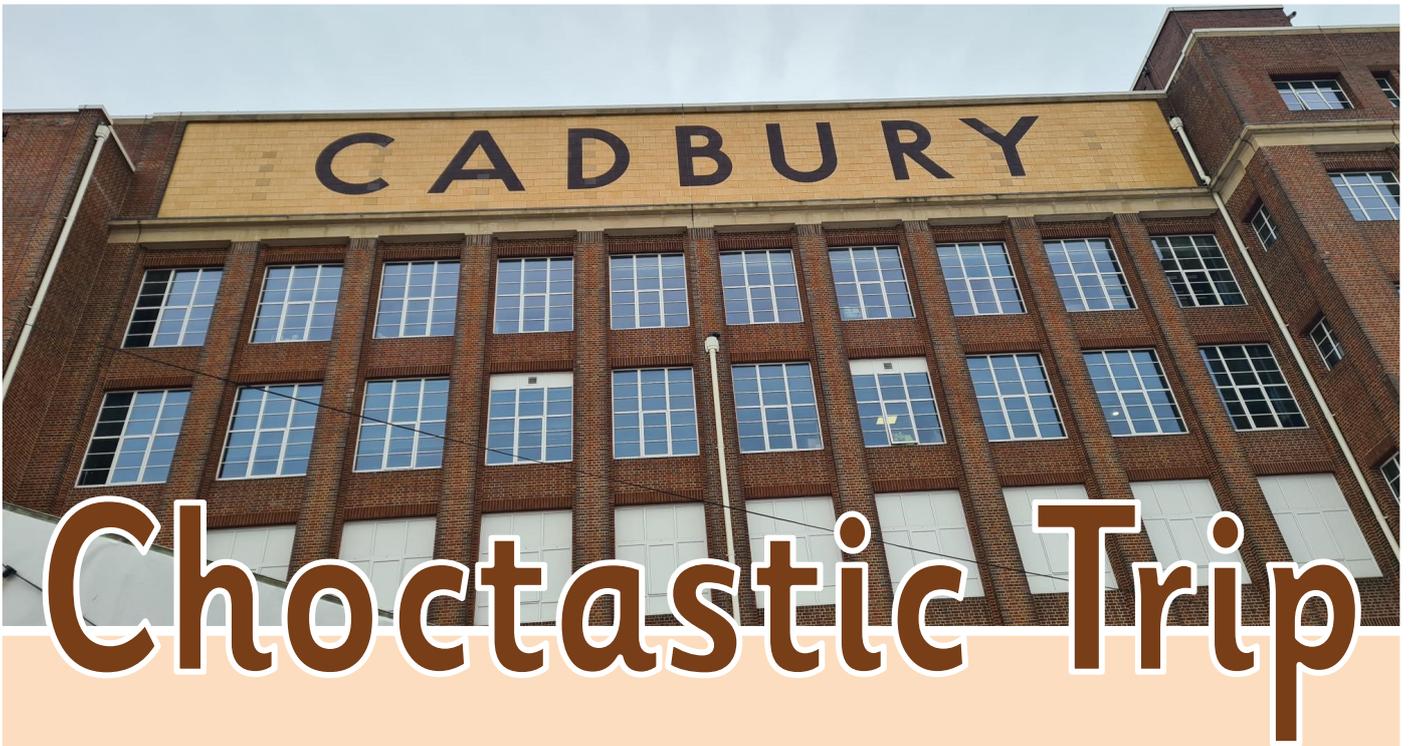
# Peer Mediation



Pupils practised solving each other's problems using the peer mediation framework. They also learnt the importance of taking responsibility for their own behaviour.



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# Choctastic Trip

On Monday, Year Three travelled to Birmingham to visit Cadbury World as part of their topic, "Scrumdiddlyumptious." The children learnt all about the history of chocolate from its origins to the present day and explored the process of making chocolate from bean to bar.



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# Choctastic Trip



The children also had a go at manipulating chocolate ganache and even wrote their names in chocolate!



Pupils also learnt about the history of the Cadbury family and met some iconic Cadbury characters (as you can see in the picture below.) They especially enjoyed the Have A Go zone, adventure playground, Bourneville Experience and Cadbury Adventure.

# Choctastic Trip





# Pumpkin Lanterns

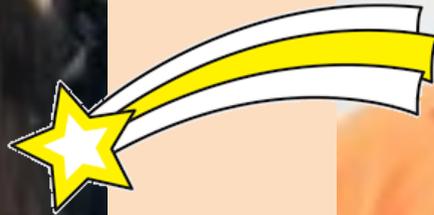


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Forest School got spooky this week when pupils carved pumpkin lanterns. Scooping out the flesh was time consuming and the carving was tricky and required lots of skill. However, it was well worth the effort!



# Sydenham Superstars



## We'll Miss You

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to some much loved members of staff today.

Miss Mason is taking a break from teaching to work in Austria as a ski instructor for the winter season. She has been a lovely Year Two and year Three teacher and we will really miss her. Mrs Summerell will take over from Miss Mason in Year Three every Thursday and Friday.

We also bid a fond farewell to Jo Davis, our Senior Midday Supervisor. Jo has worked at Sydenham since 2006 and she has been an amazing member of the team, keeping everything running smoothly at lunchtime.

We wish Jo and Miss Mason lots of luck for the future and hope that they both stay in touch.

# Year One Reading



## River



Kingfishers (Y1 CP) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 09:30 – 10.00am

Puffins (Y1KG) Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 09:30 – 10.00am.

We are delighted to be once again holding our Reading River sessions. These special reading sessions are for our Year One children, parents and carers to come and listen to a range of high-quality picture books being read aloud by members of staff.

The children will need to be dropped off in the morning to their classroom as usual, and will then be brought down to the hall by their class teacher at 9.15 am to meet you. We really hope that you can join us!

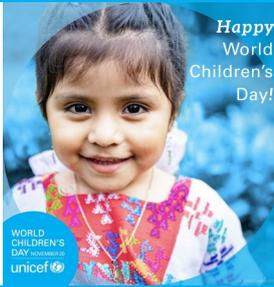


Look out for a linked piece of home learning that will be given out over half term.

Session includes a free raffle to win a book for your child!

# World Children's Day

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY  
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It's World Children's Day!



Listen to the future! Join us on **Wednesday 20th November** to stand up for children's rights.

World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20th November 1989 .

We will be celebrating this day in school with a range of activities that teach children about their rights and encourage them to raise their voice on issues that affect them.

We will also be fundraising for Unicef by encouraging all pupils to **come to school wearing something blue**. If you're able, please donate £1.00 to Unicef via ParentPay.

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**



**Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.**



# World Children's Day



To mark this special occasion, we will be buying every class a special Paddington Bear Unicef advent calendar to enjoy during December.

Only by fulfilling and protecting the rights of every child, — including children's social, economic, cultural, civil and political rights — can we ensure a better future for all . Please support us by joining in.



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**Article 45: Advice and Assistance on Children's Rights.**



# We are the Champions

Last Friday, Sydenham won the Onside Cup scoring eight goals and letting in absolutely none. Sydenham We won four games out of five, beating five schools in the local area!

Well done, team.



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**Article 15: Freedom of Association**

# Be Bright, Be Seen This Halloween

If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you .

When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road





# KS2 Theatre Trip

Join Dick and his trusty cat on an exciting quest to see if the streets of London really are paved with gold. Can Dick find love, can his faithful feline rid London of King Rat and his hordes of little rats, and will his dream of becoming Mayor of London ever come true? There's only one way to find out!

**Years Three and Four will be visiting the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry on Wednesday 27th November to watch a morning performance of the pantomime, "Dick Whittington." Years Five and Six will watch an afternoon show on Thursday 28th November.**

**The cost of this trip is £21.08. Please log on to your ParentPay account to make your payment. There will be more details closer to the trip.**

# Dick Whittington

# YR/1/2 Theatre Trip



Soar into space for your festive family treat with this exciting adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler – as seen in the popular 2022 BBC TV Christmas animation.

On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smoos can't be friends. So, when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and zoom off into space together, how will their families get them back?

Music, laughs and interplanetary adventures for everyone aged 3 and up, from Tall Stories – the company that brought you The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom live on stage.

**Reception, Year One and Year Two will be visiting Warwick Arts Centre on Monday 9th December to watch a morning performance of "The Smeds and The Smoos." The cost of this trip is £17.42 Please log on to your ParentPay account to make your payment. There will be more details closer to the trip.**

# The Smeds and the Smoos



## UP-CYCLING WORKSHOPS

Young Creators swap screens for stitches

Monday 28th October

Tuesday 29th October

Wednesday 30th October

£10

Jubilee Crescent Community Centre Radford

**TEXT INFO TO 07879672477**

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# The JUNIOR CHOIR

of All Saints' Parish Church, Leamington Spa  
is recruiting **singers** for *Christmas and beyond!*



Does your child love to sing?

Are they aged 6-11?

Would they like to take part  
in the town's biggest  
carol concert?

*Sign up using the QR code!*

Get in touch: [music@allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk](mailto:music@allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk)

Re-established in 2024, our Junior Choir is friendly, fun, and open to primary-aged boys and girls of any background who want to come and sing.

We rehearse for 45 minutes every Friday after school and perform at Sunday morning services with the amazing regular choir once a month.

The highlight of this term will be the Myton Carol Concert on 7<sup>th</sup> December.  
We'll be singing popular favourites including...

*Ding Dong Merrily on High*  
*Jingle Bells*

*I Saw Three Ships*  
*Silent night*

## ALL are welcome to join:

- ★ FREE training, and snacks included!
- ★ No audition and no experience required
- ★ Make new friends
- ★ Sing in a variety of styles
- ★ Learn to read music



- ★ Rehearsals: Fridays, 4:15pm to 5pm during term time
- ★ Services: Sundays, 10am to 11:30am (monthly)
- ★ Location: All Saints' Church, Priory Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1AA



# Have a safe halloween



-  **Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.**
-  **Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.**
-  **Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.**
-  **Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.**
-  **Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.**

Sorry, NO trick or treat



Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'

# Sorry, NO trick or treat



# LATENESS

What this means for your child...

*Bad start to the day*

*Missed Information*

*Different from Peers*

*Am I in Trouble?*

*Feel Responsible*

*Confusion*

*Anxiety*

*Worry*

*Upset*

*Embarrassment*



**BE SURE TO GET INTO  
SCHOOL ON TIME!**

**Our school day starts at  
8.55am**

- \* 5 minutes lateness per day = up to 1 whole DAY missed every TERM.
- \* 15 minutes lateness per day = 2 whole WEEKS missed every YEAR.
- \* 50 minutes late once a week = 1 whole DAY missed EVERY HALF Term
- \* 50 minutes late ONCE a week = 1 whole WEEK missed every YEAR.
- \* 50 minutes late every week = 90% attendance over a year.

# Diary Dates

**Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November, school closed for the half-term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 4th November.**

Monday 4th November	Y3 Motion House project begins.
Monday 4th November	YR trip to Leamington library.
Tuesday 5th November	Story Sack sessions begin (Also On 12/10; 19/10 and 26/10.)
Wednesday 6th November	Y5 Kittiwakes assembly at 9.05am.
Thursday 7th November	Y1 Kingfishers, Reading River, 9.30—10.00am.
Monday 11th November	Road Safety Week and Y5/6 Bikeability.
Thursday 14th November	Y1 Puffins, Reading River, 9.30—10.00am.
Thursday 14th November	Emotion Coaching workshop for Reception parents, 2.30—3.20pm.
Thursday 17th November	YR Safe and Active Travel assembly.
Wednesday 20th November	Y5 Woodpeckers assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 20th November	Wear blue for Unicef World Children's Day.
Monday 25th November	YR trip to Compton Verney.
Tuesday 26th November	YR and Y6 height and weight checks.
Wednesday 27th November	Y3 and Y4 visit the Belgrade Theatre to watch "Dick Whittington." pantomime, "Dick Whittington."
Thursday 28th November	Y5 and Y6 visit the Belgrade Theatre to watch Dick Whittington.

# Diary Dates

Thursday 28th November	Christmas decorations go up in the hall.
Friday 29th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. If your child wears their own choice of clothes, <b>please donate</b> at least 50p via ParentPay. All money raised will support the local charity, Parenting Project.
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	<b>School closed for INSET (In-Service training.)</b> Children back at school on Tuesday 3rd December.
Wednesday 4th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am. Families are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 9th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch "The Smeds and The Smoos."
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Thursday 12th December	Y6 visit to St Mary's church.
Friday 13th December	Y5/6 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 16th December	Rock Steady concert at 2.15pm.
Tuesday 17th December	Winter Craft session—sign up via Parent Pay.
Friday 20th December	Christmas MUFTI—come to school in a festive jumper or outfit. If your child wears their own choice of clothes, <b>please donate</b> at least 50p via ParentPay. All money raised will support the local charity, Parenting Project.
<b>Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January, school closed for the Christmas holiday.</b>	
<b>Monday January 6th 2025, School closed for INSET (In Service Training.)</b>	
<b>Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025</b>	