

Y3 Trip

A choctastic day out!

We learnt about the history of chocolate!

Seeing how the chocolate is made was fun!

We visited the 4D Chocolate Adventure cinema experience.

We enjoyed writing our names in chocolate.

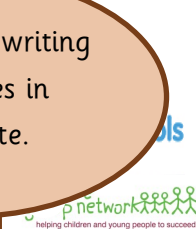


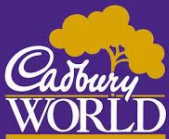
Cadbury World



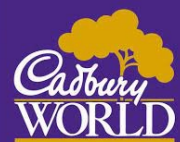
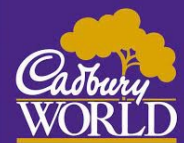
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Libraries Alive!



Supporting English as an Additional Language

The children who wrote and published our school book, "Lost in Jumping," returned to Leamington library this week to work with author Aoife Mannix and illustrator Tom Cross once again. In the morning, pupils wrote super-hero stories before being joined by their parents in the afternoon for a performance of "Lost in Jumping." The children, who all have English as an Additional Language, had a wonderful day of creativity. Mrs Summerell, who accompanied the children, was very proud of their hard work.

As part of the Libraries Alive project, families shared stories from their real lives, many referencing memories from back home. Aoife, wove their stories into the following magical poem:

This Is For You...

To the mother who worked all night in Sainsbury's
then drew the story of her Portuguese wedding ring,
passed down from her Mum's mother-in-law, to her
mum, to her,

To a dream of her own child still wearing that perfect
circle of love.

To the translation of a small boy teaching an alien
how to play Monopoly,

As the foolish girl worries the roof will fall on her head.
Better to live in this moment than frozen
forever in fear of the future.

To the Urdu vision of ducks swimming in a river,
A gift from her mother when she was twelve years old.
The first Pooh bear given to a boy who tells the arrow
story of a friend who has always been there.

To the Polish joy of red cherries, raspberries,
strawberries exploding in your mouth.

The problem of bookmark addiction and collecting
feather pens,
their irresistible vintage turquoise.

To a bear, tumbling in the muddy forest
as he chases the bunny who stole his food,
his teeth angry with the words his Mum taught him.
A friendship like family where we always help each
other.

To the Romanian, rainbow, bunny rabbit
who transforms into a book reading cat,
replacing a toy love for the real one
that was lost forever.

Dragons, dogs and ducks.

A ferret called Finlay.

All animals are welcome.

To the Punjabi questions of magic wands and
chocolate factories,
played on a mythical iPad
as a young boy flicks through resolution,
a book heavier than his own hands.

To the Tamil kitchen clock
ticking with ancient wisdom
and the promise of health.
'If there is no wall, we cannot draw anything.'
Start with fresh food, a page of positivity.

To the letters my father sent me every week
when I lived in the hostel studying.
I told my husband, read this and
love me as much as my father did.
He said he would try to be that kind.
I will keep those words my whole lifetime.

By Aoife Mannix

Supporting English as an Additional Language

Bhangra Party!



Look at our special moves!



Out of this World Space Homelearning

Year Five have completed some fantastic homelearning on the topic of space. Pupils made alien masks and headdresses as well as models of the solar system. Others researched the life and work of Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel in to space.



Y4 Science Classification

Year Four have been classifying plants using flow charts, venn diagrams and tables. Pupils had to use their observation skills to sort and classify the plants and worked in talk partner pairs to make decisions.



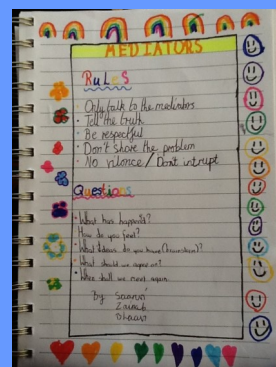
Key vocabulary: deciduous, evergreen, classify, organise, identify, observe, similarity, difference.

Peer Mediation Training



Year Six were trained in peer mediation this week by visitor, Peter Timms. Pupils learnt how to resolve fall-outs and disputes independently using a mediation framework structured around five key questions:

- What has happened?
- How do you feel about it?
- What can you do?
- What shall we agree to do?
- When shall we meet again?



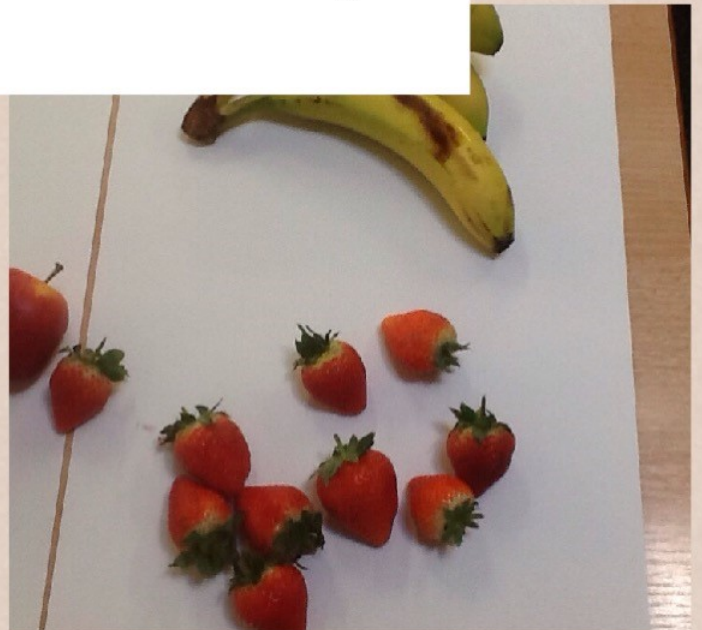
Children reflected on the importance of listening to and empathising with others when solving problems during times of disagreement. They learnt that there are usually two sides to every story but, through finding common ground, disagreements can be solved peacefully without anybody getting too upset.

The children will be putting their mediation skills to the test on the playground after half-term.

Y3 Design Technology



Friday 22/10/21
LO: to prepare a smoothie from our designs.

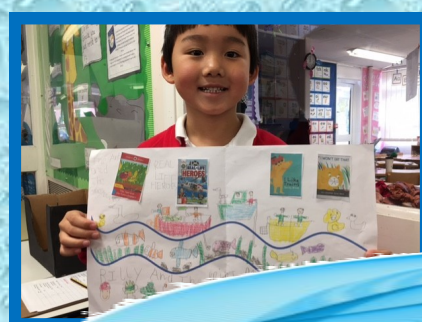
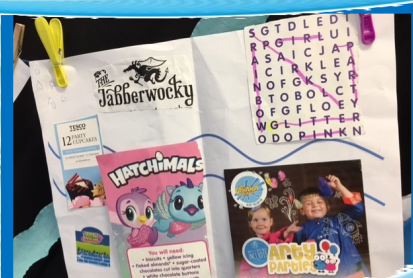
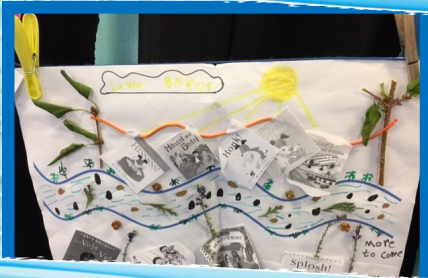
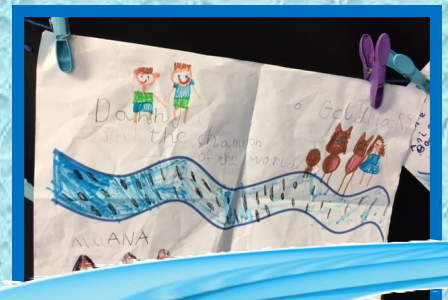
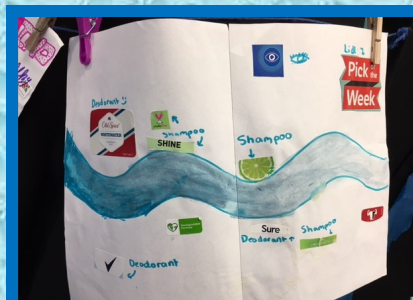
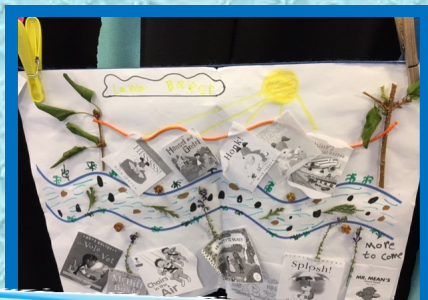
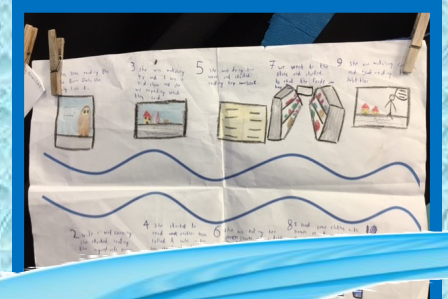


Ravishing
Rainbow
Smoothie

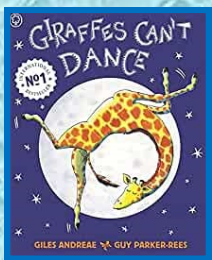


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Once more upon the Reading River!



It was time for Mrs Lee's Year 1 class to visit the Reading River on Wednesday, and it was so lovely that so many parents and carers were able to come and join in with the fun. The children enjoyed hearing three very different stories, with themes ranging from curiosity, to self-belief, to overcoming fears. We were so impressed with how hard the children had worked on their reading river collages at home, and hope that you enjoy seeing them too!



prancing



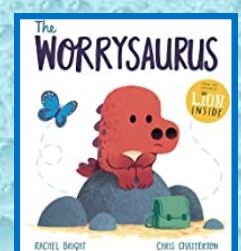
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Half term reading challenge!

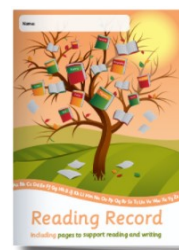
Has your child been working hard on their reading since September? Whether they are reading books with just a few words, or will happily get their teeth into a novel, I hope that you have been noticing a real difference in their fluency and confidence.

If your child reads on 7 occasions over the half term break - a total of 9 days - they can come to my office with their signed reading diary for a reading certificate and a little prize!

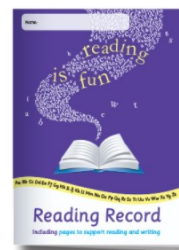
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Don't forget to sign your child's reading diary every time they read!



Happy reading, everyone!
Miss Challand



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Article 29: Goals of Education

Black History Month Legends

Thank you, Tayyaba, for
another inspirational
poem.

Martin Luther King said, “I have a dream that my four little children will, one day, live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by their character.”

Oh, Martin Luther King, you’re a legend,

How you raised up high with your speeches and brought justice for the black people’s hearts.

Barack Obama, you are a hero.

You gave Americans the right freedoms and peace but also equal right in you presidential time.

Nelson Mandela, another extraordinary brave, black man who was South African president,

Such powerful words when he said, “No one is born to hate another person because of the colour of their skin, their background or their religion.

I say, “All humans have the right to live and to be equal so let’s hold hands around the world.”

By Tayyaba Bhatti (Y4)



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 2: Non-discrimination.



Supporting emotional wellbeing

NHS

Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership

RISE & Shine Fest

A festival for emotional wellbeing
for children and young people across
Coventry and Warwickshire

- ☀️ Animal fun with the Horse and People Project
- ☀️ Mindfulness work-outs
- ☀️ Twitter take-overs
- ☀️ Library Events
- ☀️ Help and advice for young people
- ☀️ Support for parents and carers



Click on the below link:

<https://cwrise.com/rise-shine-fest>
to see the full Festival Programme

October Half-Term
25th - 30th October 2021



Curriculum: New Topics

Reception



Will You Read Me a Story?

Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? How many bowls of porridge did Goldilocks eat? Explore these questions and more in this magical project all about fairy tales, goodies and baddies!

Year One



Moon Zoom

CRASH! What's that in the playground? Let's go outside and take a look. Stand back everyone – it looks like a UFO has crash landed. Find out who might have landed by exploring the craft and investigating scattered scientific specimens. Create a 'Welcome to Earth' box for an alien explorer. What can you put in it to help explain what life is like on our planet? Would you like to be an astronaut? You'll need a pretty sturdy spacecraft if you do. Start off small by making an air-propelled rocket. How far can you make it travel? Find out the names of the planets. There's Mercury, Neptune, Mars and – do you know any others? I've forgotten the rest. Then, an alien is found. Can you help get him home? It's got the experts in a right kerfuffle. Professor Pong doesn't know what to do. Are you ready for take off Year 1? Hold tight. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... LIFT OFF!

Year Two



Magnificent Monarchs/Portraits and Poses

Hop on board for a tour of the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Use timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources to build up an understanding of different monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns. Put your artistic detective skills to the test by analysing portraits of Tudor monarchs and comparing them to modern day selfies. Go on to create your own royal portrait to show what you've learnt.

Year Three

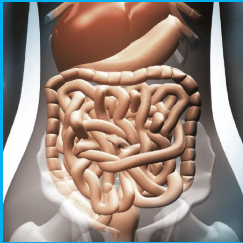


Through the Ages

Travel back in time to learn all about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement. Investigate Bell Beaker pottery., explore different clay techniques and make and decorate your own Bell Beaker-style pot.

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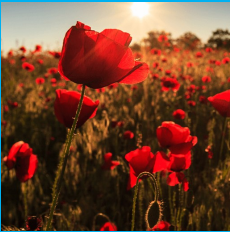
Year Four



Burps, Bottoms and Bile

Open wide – let's take a look inside. We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body. Do you have a toothy grin or a winning smile? Take dental impressions and test the effects of sugary substances on your pearly whites. Follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through your digestive system, helped by some mouthwatering saliva. And don't forget the importance of good hygiene at both ends. And whilst we're talking business, could you recognise an animal just by its poo? Are you brave enough to take the challenge? Make a working model of the digestive system and use it to persuade others to eat healthily. Learn how to look after this

Year Five



Fallen Fields

The Sun sets on the battlefields of France and solitary bugle sounds the *Last Post*.

Known as 'the war to end all wars' the First World War was a conflict that had a devastating effect on millions of people across the world.

What started this global tragedy? What was life like for families on the home front as they waited for news of loved ones who were 'missing in action'? How did the soldiers endure the terrible conditions in the trenches? How was a fragile peace finally achieved?

We will always remember the fallen.



A Child's War

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover. It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. Read the diary of Anne Frank, written whilst hiding from the terrifying stormtroopers in a secret annexe, and try to empathise with her hopes and fears. Make do and mend. Cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when loose lips sunk ships. And, as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender.'

Theatre Trips

We're delighted to be able to take our children to the theatre this term to see a variety of performances. Please see below for details of each trip.

Reception and Year One

On Thursday 16 December, Reception and Year 1 will visit Warwick Arts Centre to see The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will leave school after registration and return to school in time for lunch. The cost of the trip is £12.95 and is available in your ParentPay account.

Years Two and Year Three

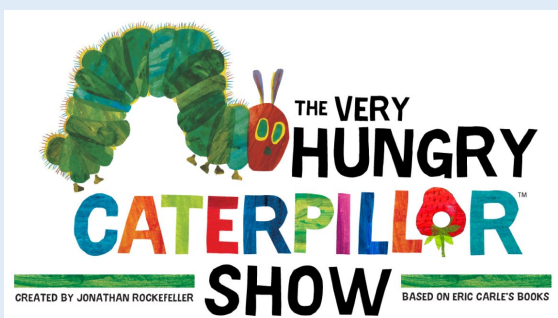
On Thursday 25 November, Years 2 and 3 will visit the Belgrade Theatre to see a performance of Beauty and the Beast. The performance begins at 10.15 and we will travel to and from the theatre within the school day. The cost of the trip is £16.50 and is available in your ParentPay account.

Year Four

On Tuesday 2 December, Year 4 will visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see a performance of the Magician's Elephant. Children will leave school at 12 noon and will return to school at approximately 4.30 pm. The cost of the trip is £16.50. You'll be able to log in to your ParentPay account to give consent and make payment very soon. You'll be able to either pay in full or in instalments.

Years Five and Six

On Tuesday 14 December, Years 5 and 6 will visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see a performance of the Magician's Elephant. Children will go home from school at 3.20 pm and return to school at 5.45 pm to take the coach to the theatre. We will return to school at approximately 10.00 pm and you should arrive promptly to pick up your child(ren). Your child(ren) can come in to school the following morning a little later to allow for the late return home. Further details will follow regarding this. The cost of the trip is £16.50 and is available in your ParentPay account.



Diary Dates

Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October school closed for half-term holiday.

School re-opens on Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November	Y5 visit to The Space Centre.
Tuesday 2nd/Wednesday 3rd November	Y1 lunch time music club starts (every week for six weeks.)
Wednesday 3rd November	Y1 EL "Story in a Box" session, 2.00—3.15pm
Wednesday 10th November	Nasal flu immunisations, YR—6.
Thursday 11th November	YR—6 sibling photographs (plus children who were previously absent.)
Wednesday 17th November	Y1 CD "Story in a Box" session, 2.00—3.15pm.
Thursday 25th November	Y2/3 theatre trip—"Beauty and the Beast."
Friday 26th November	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All donations to School Fund.
Wednesday 1st/2nd December	Y5 and Y6 silent disco—more information coming soon!
Thursday 2nd December	Y4 theatre trip—"Magician's Elephant," Royal Shakespeare Theatre.
Wednesday 1st December	Infant Nativity, 9.30—10.00am.
Wednesday 8th December	Y1/2 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am.
Tuesday 14th December	Y5/6 theatre trip—"The Magician's Elephant", Royal Shakespeare Theatre.
Thursday 9th December	Y3/4 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am.
Friday 10th December	Y5/6 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am.
Monday 13th December	Christmas dinner.
Thursday 16th December	YR/Y1 theatre trip—"The Very Hungry Caterpillar", Warwick Arts' Centre.
Friday 17th December	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear a festive outfit.

Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December School Closed for Christmas holiday

Monday 3rd January 2022 school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022 school closed for in-service (teacher) training.

School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022



Goodbye Ann!



Today's Fishy Friday was a very special one as we bid a fond farewell to our much loved school cook, Ann. Ann has served up our hot dinners for 16 years but is spreading her wings and off to have some new adventures. Thank you Ann for your many years of service. We hope you enjoy your gift and the cards made by each class. Good luck and please keep in touch.

Adult and Community Learning

Family Learning at Sydenham Primary School

Who I Am: Your Story in a Box

A Family Learning session for parents and their children in
Mrs Lee and Miss Daly's classes.

You are invited in to school to work with your child on:

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Y1 EL (Mrs Lee's class) 2.00pm-3:15pm

Wednesday 17th November 2021

Y1 CD (Miss Daly's class) 2.00pm-3:15pm



Come and tell us the story of who you are.

Bring a special photo and/or object to the session for us to photograph and print for you.

There will be fun, creative activities for you to do with your child and by the end of the session
you'll have made a special box about your object, your family, your area - about you!

The box is yours to keep as a treasured memory.

Sign up on ParentPay



Sydenham Superstars



Reception



Years One & Two



Sydenham Superstars



Years Three & Four



Years Five & Six

Enjoy your half-term break and see you again on Monday 1st November.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)