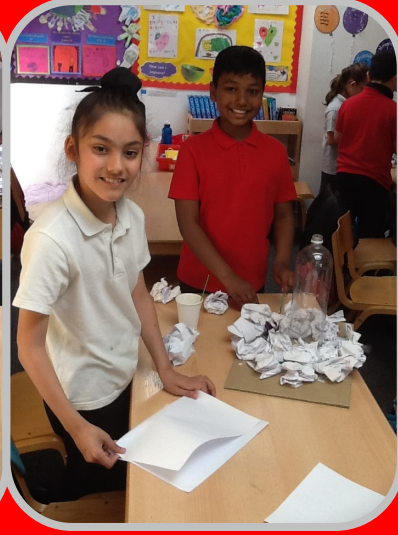


Y4 Blow Their Tops!



Year Four are exploring volcanoes, creating models from pop bottles and paper-mache. Once construction is complete, pupils will create a chemical reaction inside and watch their volcanoes erupt!

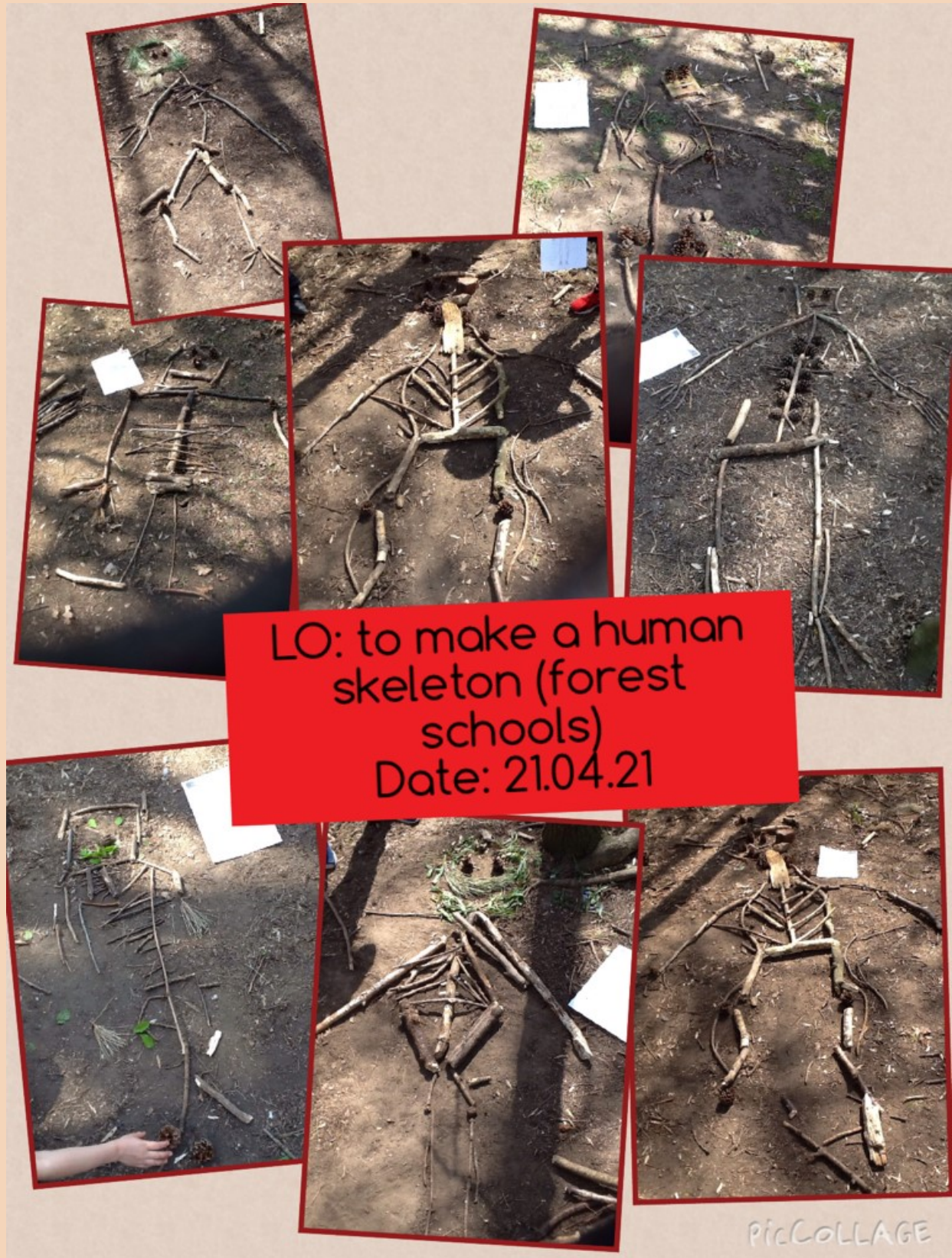


UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of Learning



Super Skeletons

Year Three have been learning about the bones in the human body. They made these fantastic skeletons from natural resources in the Forest School area.



Tarantula

Year 3 have also written some wonderful poems all about the tarantula. Read on, if you dare...

Long legs as slender as the tip of a sharpened pencil,
Eyes as dark as death, tracking down its unfortunate victims,
The body of this monstrosity is full of prickly hair.
Sharp fangs sinking into its prey,
It injects its toxin into the body of its poor victim.
The hideous tarantula devours its prey.

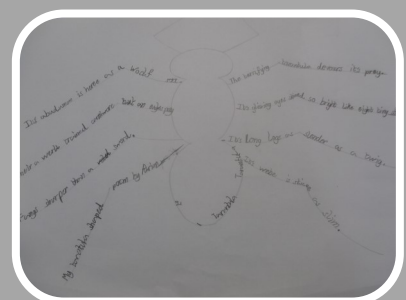
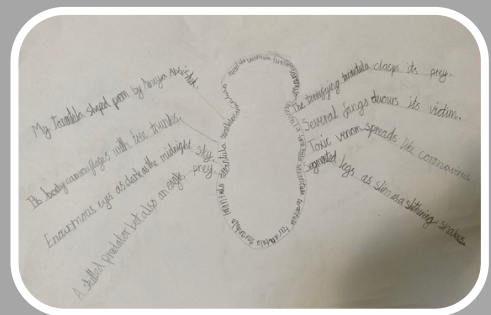
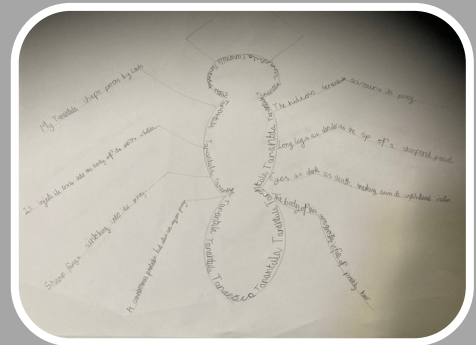
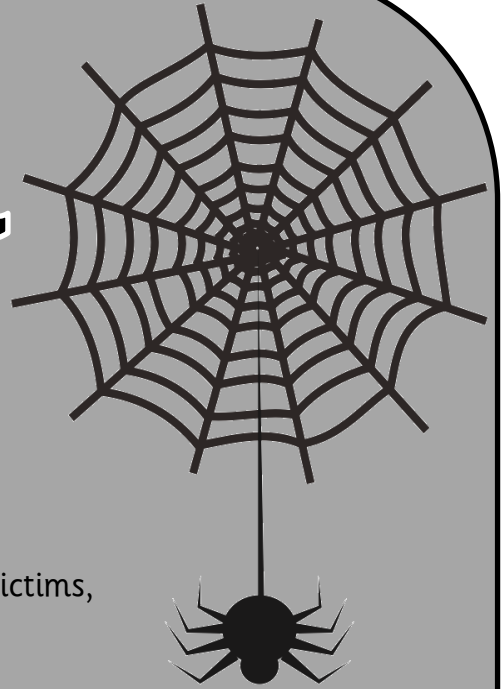
By Lewis

Segmented legs as slim as a slithering snake,
Enormous eyes as dark as the midnight sky,
The terrifying tarantula clasps its prey,
Toxic venom spreads like Coronavirus,
Several fangs devour its victim.

By Ameya

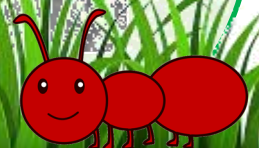
Long legs as slender as a twig,
Glistening eyes shining so brightly like eight tiny suns,
Fangs sharper than a sword,
Abdomen as hairy as a wolf,
The terrifying tarantula devours its prey.

By Arion

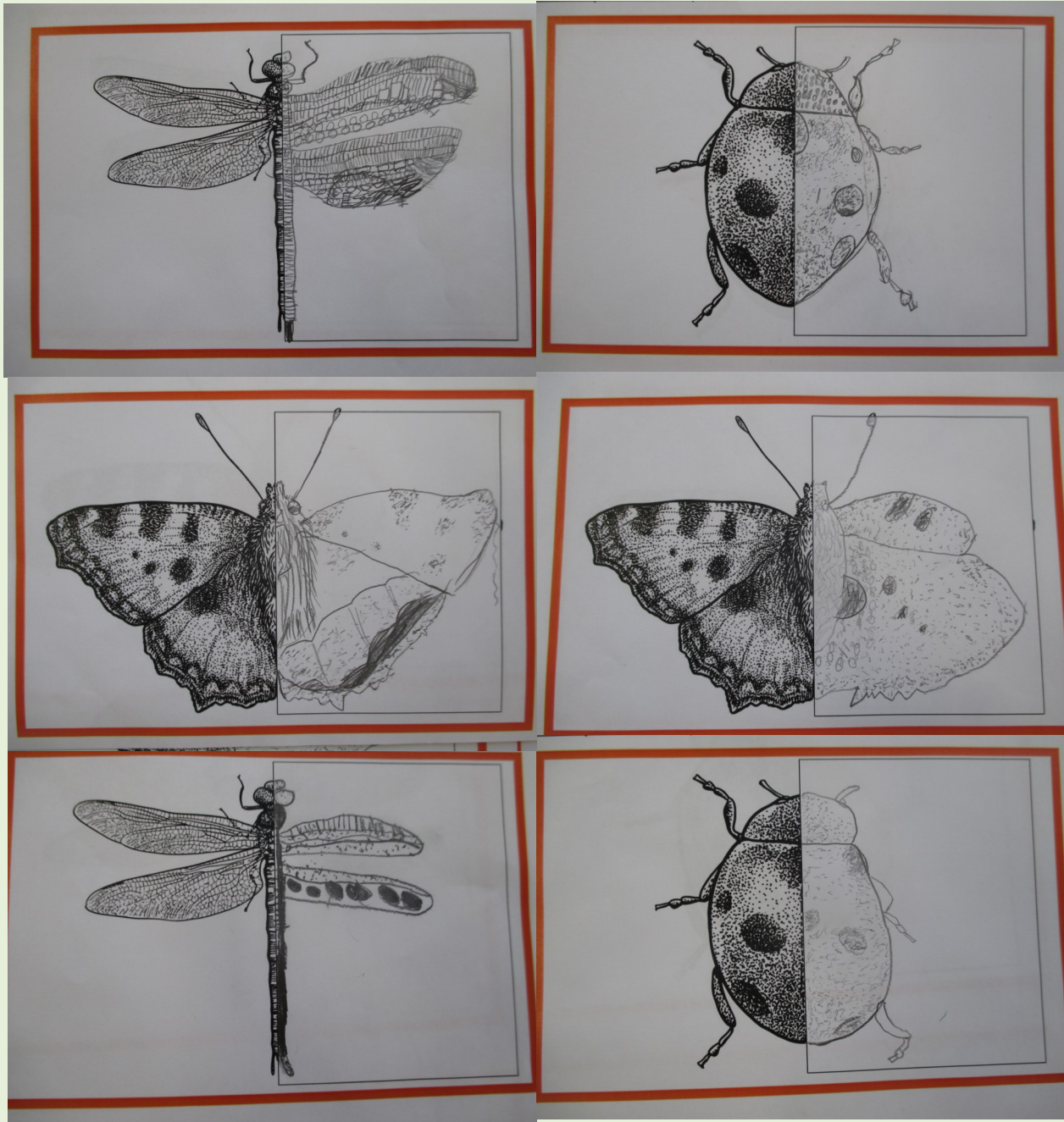


Wriggle and Crawl

Over the Easter holidays Nina armed herself with wood, paper, straw and some mean loing power tools in order to make her very own bug hotel. The hotel soon has its first guest—a lovely ladybird! Well done, Nina for taking a creative approach to your new topic, “Wriggle and Crawl.”



Wriggle and Crawl



Year Two children have created these beautiful sketches of minibeasts as part of their topic work.

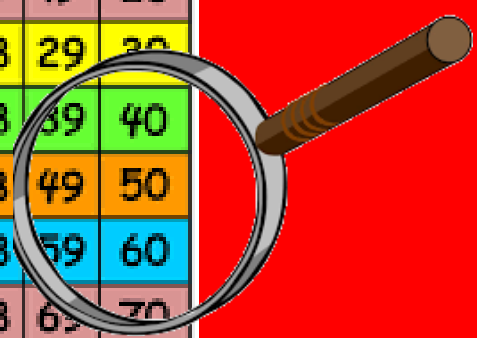
Investigating number

Year 2 have been investigating the hundred square this week, looking for patterns and explaining their observations. Here are just some of 2RK's responses:

I can see the 11 times table! I know that the eleven times table starts from eleven and goes up diagonally.

I noticed that it goes up in 9s diagonally.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



I can see the 2 times table.

I noticed that when you go up, it takes away 10 and when you go down, it adds 10.

The hundred square can be used to spot many different number patterns: investigating odd and even numbers; how multiples of numbers are arranged; where square and triangular numbers are found. Year 2 will be using their hundred squares to prove or disprove some of the hypotheses put forward by their class members over the next few weeks.

The Art of Mummification!

Year 5 have been learning about Ancient Egyptian rituals, including mummification.

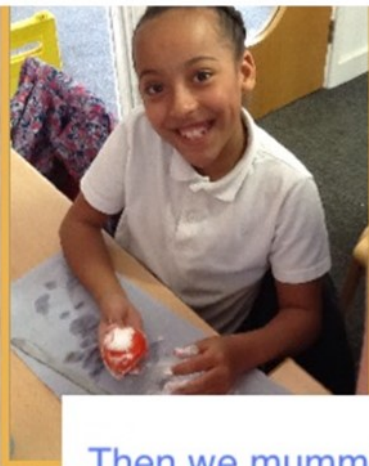
This week, the children mummified tomatoes!!



We began by mixing salt and bicarbonate of soda to create a natron-like mixture.



We then made a small slit in the tomato and removed the insides!



We filled the empty tomato with "natron" to dry the insides out.



Then we mummified the tomato in toilet roll, and placed it in a sealed bag with more "natron" to dehydrate the outsides.



The mummified tomatoes will be checked each week for signs of decomposition.

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Other Information

One Way System

Please remember to use the one-way system when entering and leaving the school site—in through the large playground gate and out through the smaller gate. Please also park all scooters in the bike shed and do not allow children to ride them across the playground as this is a safety hazard. Thank you.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Miss Challand who returned from maternity leave this week. Miss Challand will resume her role as Associate Headteacher (Monday—Wednesday each week.)

Clean Air Webinar

You may be interested in joining the following webinar about clean air:

Clean Air for Us Here and Now!

If you care about the environment please join us for an hour

Leamington Mayor Susan Rasmussen will be talking about local initiatives and some of our women councillors and candidates will be on hand to discuss people's views. Hopefully we will come away with ideas of how we can support and speed up developments locally. Here is the Zoom link:

Topic: Webinar: Clean Air Here and Now!

Time: Apr 28, 2021 19:30 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996500171?pwd=a2NBcEw4OWtWQUVxeIZGRm5zL01CUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 9650 0171

Passcode: 563961

Diary Dates

Monday May 3rd 2021	May Day—school closed for a public holiday.
Monday May 24th 2021	Class photographs.
Friday 28th May 2021	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school.

Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June school closed for Whitsun holiday

Monday 7th June 2021	INSET Day—school closed for teacher training.
Wednesday 21st July 2021	Break up for the summer holiday

Thursday 22nd July—Wednesday 1st September school closed for summer holiday

Thursday 2nd September 2021	School closed for teacher training.
Friday 3rd September 2021	School closed for teacher training.



Sydenham Superstars

YR LS

Shray has been chosen as the YRLS superstar for his fantastic independent writing. Shray has been using his phonics to write sentences during his early morning work and is making brilliant progress. Keep up the good work, Shray!

YR HC

The YR HC superstar is **Zach**. Zach comes to school every day with a lovely smile on his face. He is such a polite and friendly boy who loves to follow his own interests. Well done, Zach.

Y1 EL

Mrs Lee has nominated **Avani** as superstar for her detailed, written description of her Easter holiday. Avani really extended her vocabulary and included lots of interesting information to keep the reader entertained. Super work, Avani.

Y1 CD

Jessica is the Y1 CD superstar. Miss Daly has been impressed by her sensible and mature attitude in class and is pleased to see how hard she is working at her learning. We're very proud of you, Jessica.

Y2 RK

Miss Knight's superstar this week is **Finnley** and also Toucan, who has helped Finnley to remember to switch on his Growth Mindset. He has been so excited about the 100 square and even composed his first poem, entirely unprompted, in his own time. His friend, Jay, told Finnley to 'trust yourself and your instincts' when he came up to the board to answer a question in Maths and we all agree. Your neurons are firing Finn! Keep on believing in yourself!

Y2 CP

The Y2 CP superstar is **Sofia** for showing fantastic resilience during some tricky maths work on addition and subtraction using a hundred square. Well done for making great progress with your learning, Sofia.

Y3 JL

Kasia is a learning hero at school every day, hence her nomination as this week's Y3 JL superstar. Kasia is so kind and always look after others. She is well behaved, positive and works incredibly hard, always trying her best. Well done, Kasia!

Sydenham Superstars

Y3 CR

Charlie has been nominated as class superstar for trying so hard in class to concentrate, manage his distractions and complete his work. Charlie has really made an effort to listen well and has completed some lovely learning this week, including a super poem. We're very proud of you, Charlie.

Y4 AH

George has been chosen as class superstar for brilliant listening, excellent behaviour and always completing tasks with care and concentration. George always follows the school rules and is a brilliant friend. Well done!

Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar's superstar is **Amrit**. Amrit has shown a brilliant attitude to his learning all week. He was extremely helpful during volcano making lessons and worked well with his talk partner. Well done Amrit!

Y5 CB

The Y5 CB superstar is **Kiyan**. Kiyan is a very popular class member who achieves well and works hard. We are incredibly sad that he is moving to a new school and will miss him lots. Good luck in your new class, Kiyan. We know you will do well.

Y5 JE

Emma has been chosen as class superstar for her fantastic homelearning on Ancient Egyptian hierarchy. Emma created a pyramid showing the different strata in society—an impressive piece of work. Emma is also has been chosen for her positivity and ability to make others smile. Well done!

Y6 KG

The Y6 KG superstar is **Max** who has been nominated for being kind, helpful and cooperative. As always, Max has had a super week in school and has been a fantastic role model for others. Fantastic!

Y6 JvS

Salvador has been nominated as Y6 JvS superstar. Salvador has settled in well at Sydenham and is growing in confidence every day. Keep up the good work, Salvador. We are very impressed with your hard work and good behaviour.

Have a happy weekend!
Best wishes from Miss Glenny

