

Autumn Term Newsletter 5

Friday 15th October 2021



Dear Parents/ Carers,

This newsletter is a little different to usual as we want to share all of the fun things we have been learning about in class and show some of our work to you. I have been into all classes this half term and have been very impressed with the children's attitude to work and their effort. We continue to focus on presentation and handwriting across the school. Our other main school focus is reading for pleasure and writing. We hope by reading lots of quality texts the children's independent writing will continue to improve.

We have had some trips this half term, Class 1 have been to the Church and Year 6 have been to Warning Zone. Miss Haynes was particularly impressed with Year 6's behaviour and attitude when they went to Warning Zone. Well done Year 6! We want to pass on our thanks to Peter and Lesley who showed the children the Church and Peter has also been in to visit Class 1 and tell them about First Aid.

Thank you for everyone's continued support this half term. We hope you all have a lovely relaxing break.

Mrs J Scallon

Monday 25 th October	Whole School	School Opens
Monday 25 th October	PTA	PTA Annual AGM
Saturday 30 th October	KS2	Prestwold Cross Country Event
Tuesdays 2 nd and Wed 3 rd November	Whole School	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 10 th November	Whole School	PTA Bags 2 School Collection
Monday 15 th November	Whole School	Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
Saturday 27 th November	KS2	Prestwold Cross Country Event
Friday 17 th December	Whole School	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 3 rd January 2022	Whole School	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	Whole School	School opens for the Spring Term

Coats and Wellies

As the weather begins to get wetter and colder please can children bring coats and wellies after half term. We are hoping children will be able to play as larger groups and not just class bubbles after half term. This will depend on local infection rates and our school risk assessment.

Primary and Secondary Application Closing Dates

The closing date for secondary school applications is **31 October 2021**.
The closing date for first time primary school applications is **15 January 2022**.
More information can be found on <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Class 3



Class 3 have enjoyed learning all about inventions and inventors. We have had some lovely discussions and produced a variety of work. The children particularly enjoyed designing their own home, full of crazy inventions inspired by the book 'Tom's magnificent machines'. We have recently been looking at the 'Great Women' books by Emily Pankhurst. I have been particularly impressed by the children's enthusiasm to learn about these inspirational women; their questions, discussions and use of language have been fantastic and sometimes brought a tear to my eye.

We've shared some lovely books this half term and really enjoyed the National Literacy Trust's Take 10 event, encouraging everyone to read for at least 10 minutes a day. We listened to author, Tom Percival read some of his book, Silas and the Marvellous Misfits, and then enjoyed reading together. We read magazines, stories, non-fiction and poems, either on our own or with a friend. We had a go at drawing facial expressions and talked about how reading makes us feel. The children said it made them feel happy, excited and calm!

Class 5

Class 5 have been learning about World War Two this half term. They have conducted research about Winston Churchill and have written some wonderful poems, some of which are shown. In art the children have painted different war planes. In science we have been learning about Forces and conducting investigations.

Monday 1st October 2021

When Sailing To Dunkirk...

When sailing to Dunkirk,
Always be aware,
Of all the bullets and the bombs,
And the very smoky air.

When seeing all the soldiers on the beach,
How frightening it seems,
You must have no hesitation,
Because it is not a dream.

When soldiers get upon your boat,
And you are all prepared and ready,
Make sure when you're sailing away,
You're all fast and steady.

Riding on the little fish boat,
Yes it may be scary,
With about six or eight soldiers,
That don't look very merry.

Seeing land,
That is our home,
Water so cold,
Could freeze you like a gnome.

Finally safe at home,
But the war has not finished yet,
Might lose, might win,
Do not start a bet.



Monday 4th October 2021

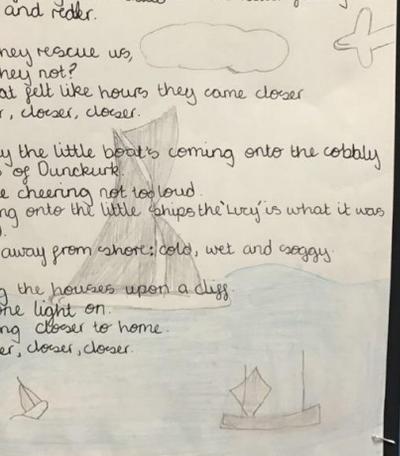
The Battle of Dunkirk

Crowds of people pushing and shoving,
Dogs barking; men screaming; guns firing.
My friends leaving me before I could say goodbye.
I was getting untimidated as the water getting
redder and redder.

Will they rescue us,
Will they not?
In what felt like hours they came closer
Closer, closer, closer.

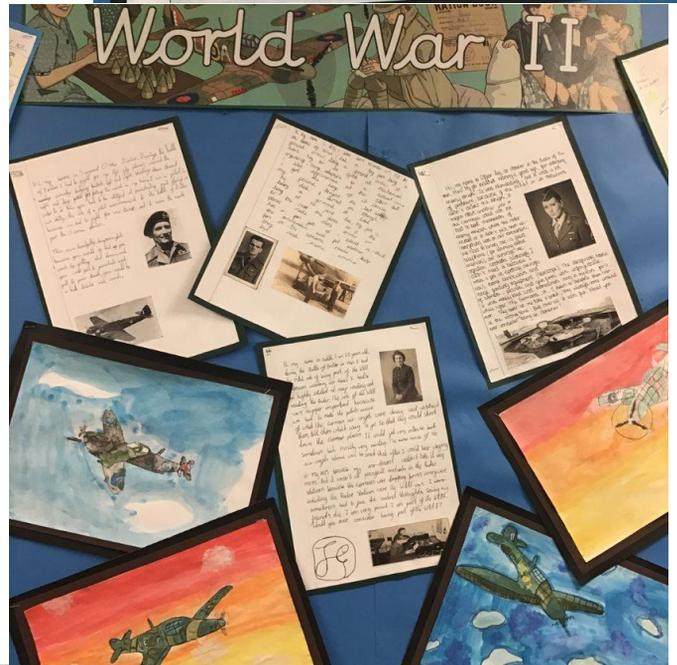
Finally the little boat's coming onto the cobbly
Rocks of Dunkirk.
People cheering not too loud.
Aboard onto the little ships the Lucy's what it was
called.
Miles away from shore; cold, wet and soggy.

Seeing the houses upon a cliff
not one light on.
Getting closer to home.
Closer, closer, closer.



By Sienna

World War II



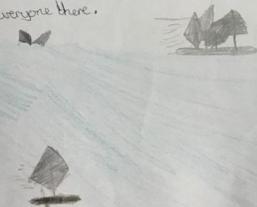
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The Battle at Dunkirk

Men screaming; guns firing; people dying,
I amongst the wild cries of an army,
Waiting hopes, waiting hopes,
All of us wandering under the sullen sky,
Will they come,
Will they not,
Will they not.

Beyond the wild thick clouds and the dreadful sky,
I had a glimpse of an armada of ships and boats,
Will they come,
Will they not,
I wanted everyone there.

by Arthur



Monday 4th October 2021

My Journey to Dunkirk

June 1944, escape from the thunder of German guns,
Big bombs rolling down from the channel,
Mr Churchill cashed a cheque,
We need little ships, little fishing ships,
To carry the soldiers home, back to our beaches,
We set off in our little fishing smock,
Leaving home to save an army.

Hundreds of men stranded,
The beaches of Dunkirk full,
Men cowering around in lines like snails,
Waiting, waiting, waiting,
In a mess of an army on the run,
Just waiting, waiting, waiting,
Loud noises, guns firing, animals running.

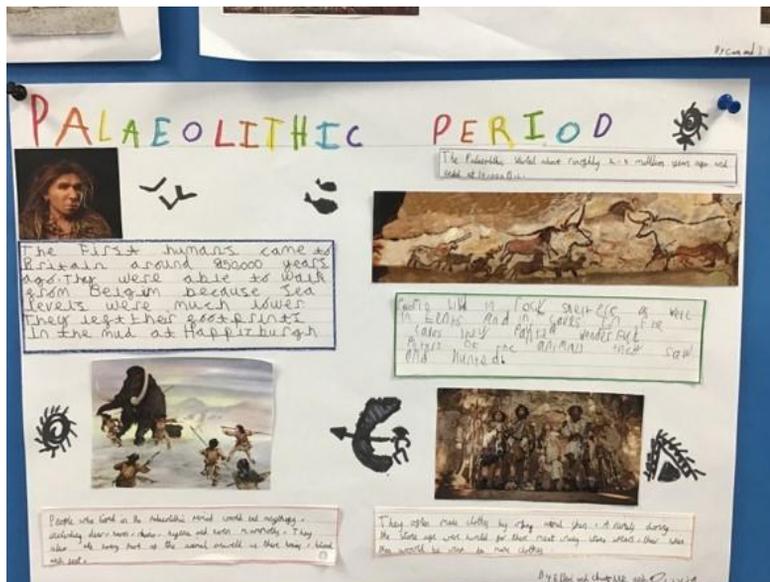
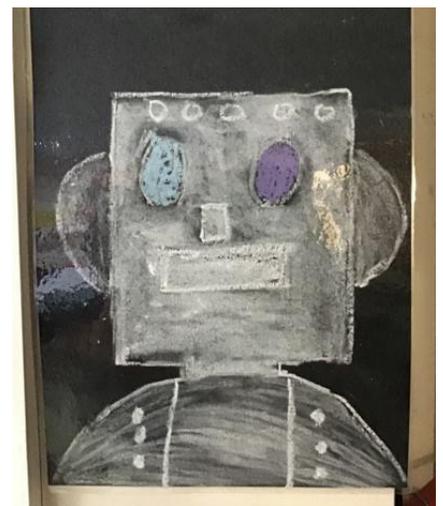
Howling, pulling, howling, pulling,
Hundreds of soldiers piling aboard,
Howling, pulling, howling, pulling,
Soldiers hurt and limping all piling on my boat,
Tired, cold and can barely float,
Over the limit of people in the boat,
Everyone worrying that we wouldn't float.



By Violet

Class 4

This term Class 4 have been learning about the Stone Age in History. We have looked at what it was like to live in Britain in the Stone Age and how we know. We made posters for the different periods within the Stone Age, made our own cave paintings, as well as designed our own Stone Age Feast menu. We have also been looking at Forces and Magnets in Science. We learnt how different surfaces affect the force needed to move an object and we even made our own compass using a magnet. We have been reading *The Iron Man*, by Ted Hughes as a class and we have made some Iron Man portraits using chalks and pastels. In Maths we have been learning different methods for addition and subtraction. In English we have been looking at the book 'I'll Take you to Mrs Cole' by Nigel Gray. We have used the book to look at vocabulary, punctuation, composition and comprehension activities. We then wrote our own stories based on this book.



Class 4

Counting with Subtraction 04.10.21

$33 - 18 = 15$
 $\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ 18 \end{array} + 10 = 30 + 3 = 33$

$72 - 55 = 17$
 $\begin{array}{r} 50 \\ 45 \end{array} + 10 = 60 + 10 = 70 + 2 = 72$

$53 - 27 = 26$
 $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 27 \end{array} + 20 = 50 + 10 = 60 + 3 = 63$

$65 - 36 = 29$
 $\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 36 \end{array} + 20 = 60 + 5 = 65$

$81 - 45 = 36$
 $\begin{array}{r} 50 \\ 45 \end{array} + 30 = 80 + 1 = 81$

$74 - 39 = 35$
 $\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 39 \end{array} + 30 = 70 + 4 = 74$

$45 - 76 = 19$
 $\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ 75 \end{array} + 10 = 85 + 4 = 89$



W Wednesday 26 September

Writing a story

When my mum came home from work and I hadn't played with the dog in the garden I got the water guns out and sprayed him. A few weeks when the dog came in he got the floor very wet and when my mum came home she said "if you don't be good I will send you to Mrs Woble" said Mrs Woble lives down the street in the dark deep house with a cat in the garden and the house is old and broken.

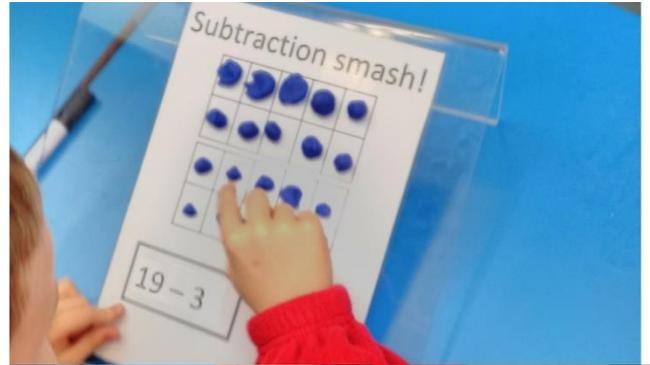
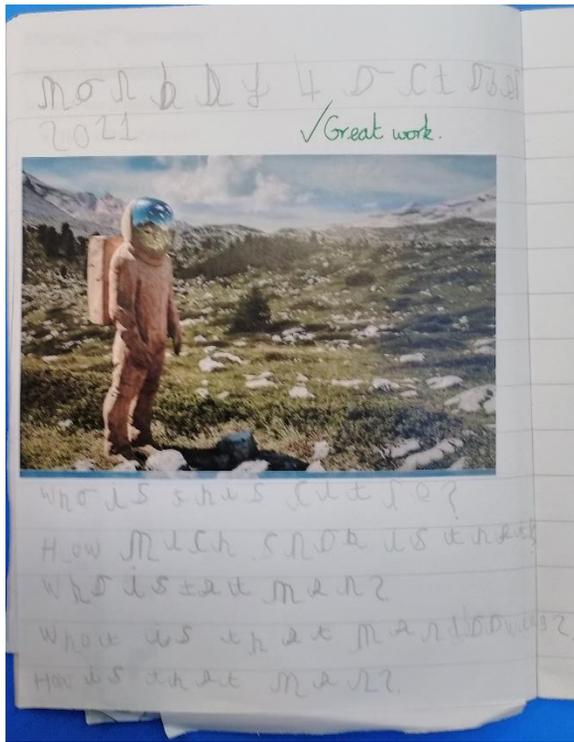
When my mum came home from work and I hadn't washed the dishes but instead I flooded the floor she was furious with me and she said "put on your hat and coat I'm taking you to Mrs Woble" "mum what?" "OK" said mum "I'll let you off this time"

Perhaps all they would eat rotten things all they would do maybe is clean the house.

When my mum came home from work and I hadn't made the beds instead I hid the beds. Mum said "put on your hat and coat I'm taking you to Mrs Woble" said Mum "OK" said Mum "I'll let you off" said mum.



Class 2



In class 2 we have been focusing on marvellous creations for our topic, we have explored the invention of flight and even created our own inventor profiles! In English, we have been focusing on traditional tales. The class did some great writing pieces and performances. Our maths has been a main focus as we worked hard on our numbers and symbols. Great start to the term class 2!

Class 1

This half term we have been working on the topic 'about me super me'

We have enjoyed painting portraits of ourselves, and we have enjoyed our show and tell sessions where we have talked about our families and our favourite stories.

We loved having our parents visit our class during our 'stay and play' session this week.

We have been building our friendships in class and have enjoyed making new friends by practising turn taking and sharing skills through different group and role play activities. (Parachute games, builder yard, home corner and small world play). We have thought about different emotions and focused on developing our communication skills so that we can express how we are feeling.

We have also enjoyed building our friendships with our buddies by writing letters to them and by enjoying buddy 'story time' sessions.

We have begun to develop a love of reading and writing by enjoying our daily phonics sessions, and by getting our first reading books. We have grown in confidence drawing pictures and writing our names and other letters to match the sounds we have been taught.

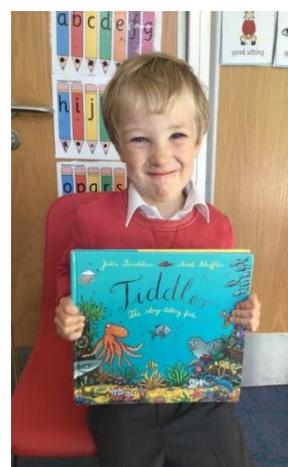
We have been developing our gross motor skills by exploring playing on the bikes, slide and monkey bars in our play area. We have been developing our fine motor skills by practising our cutting skills, building with play dough, by learning how to hold our pencils and by using tools such as knife and forks.

In class 1 we have learnt about harvest and enjoyed learning about the work of farmers and harvest foods. We enjoyed learning how to cut some harvest vegetables.

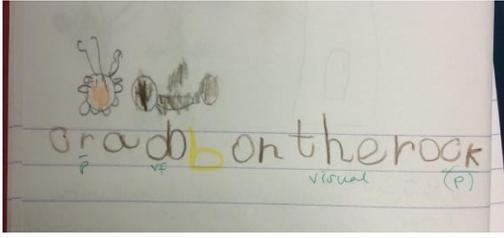
We went on our first class trip to the local church where we learnt about features of a church.

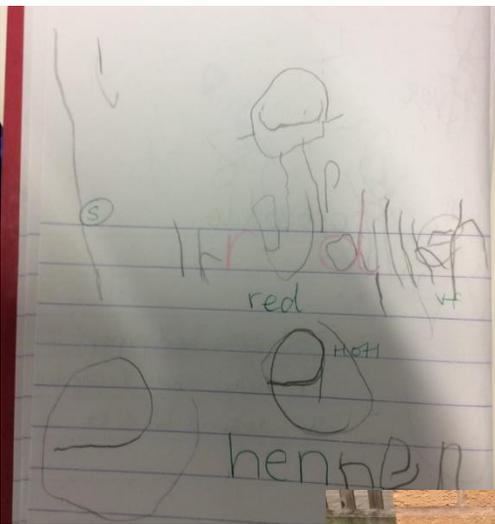
We have also thought about people who help us and enjoyed an afternoon learning about the work of the first responder. We learnt about defibrillators, heart rate monitors, bandages and slings. Our favourite part was bandaging Mrs Moore and Miss Martin's heads!

We have been developing our independence skills by practicing putting on our coats, shoes, wellies and waterproofs. We have loved playing outside in all weathers, we especially loved puddle jumping and whizzing down the slide!



Class 1





Name	1	2	3	Total
Solo	2	2	1	5
Lottio	2	3	3	8
Pola	3	2	3	8
(345)	5	1	1	7
miq	1	2	5	8
Lachano	5			5

