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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Wow, what a half term it's been!

Firstly, I can't not mention our amazingly talented Year 6's who have had a really successful half-term completing their SATs. A huge thanks to the parents who supported them in getting in early, revising, getting a good rest and ensuring they were in the best possible mindset for their testing. As we know, these tests don't assess everything that makes our wonderful pupils amazing; however, we know they have all worked incredibly hard and we are hopeful they will receive the marks they deserve.

A massive round of applause for our talented dancers who put on a show at the Academy that had us all tapping our feet and shimmying in our seats. The costumes, the choreography and the enthusiasm were amazing! Well done, everyone involved!

Next up, the water fight of the century! I must say, the teachers got quite the soaking too (and loved every minute of it, honest!). Thank you to all who participated and made it a splash-tastic event. Well done to the fabulous children who were in the 100% club this half-term. Next half-term the prize is inflatables!

Lastly, we had the pleasure of watching our former pupils make us proud once again at the senior citizens' meal. They served up smiles, conversations, and delicious food with such grace and charm that we're thinking of hiring them for all our future events. It's heartwarming to see them giving back to the community and being such wonderful role models.

To all the children, a huge WELL DONE! Your compassion, aspiration, responsibility and resilience have made this half term truly memorable. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

We look forward to welcoming you back shortly!

Miss Pattison



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3rd June Reception & Year 1 Mental Health Walk

7th June Whole School - Dear Time For Parents & Carers

10th June Eco Family Fest

11th June Thameside Dance Showcase

12th June Year 2 - Colchester Zoo Trip

18th June Thameside Dance Showcase

14th June Father's Day Sale

14th to 16th June Year 6 - Residential Trip

22nd June Summer Fete

25th June KS1 & KS2 8 pupils - Primary Engineer Celebration Trip

28th June Year 5 - Go Ape Trip

2nd July Reception - Call Of The Wild Trip

3rd July Year 1 - Chalkwell Beach Trip

10th July Year 3 - Chafford Gorge Trip



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HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY WINNERS:

Ava, Mirabel, Edas, Lexi, Avea-Raine, Alimah, Evie, Jimmy, Noah, Nojus, Willow, Christianah, Sapphire, Claiton, Gabriella, Effie, Ruby, Phoenix, Mihail, Benny, Noah, Delia, Lola, Alexandra, Jensen, Hasnaa, Liam, Elyssa, Renae, Zyon, Daisy, Natas, Umar, Denis, Teddy, Alfie, Mihail, Lexi, Darcey, Emmanuel, Maisie, Dominykas, Pearl, Simi, Nancy, Zara, Danny, Bobby, Tomiwa, Bradley, Zubaida, Raiden, Arya, Rachel, Ely, Olivia, Emilis, Romilly, Kai, Deepshika, Mason, Iqra, Desire, Eliza, Acer, Lottie, Sophia, Jake, Alfie, Teddy, Lottie, Emilija, Priscilla, Archie, Kayla, Sonny, Jensen, David, Frankie, Laila, Oskar, Orlando, Logan, Renae, Dilanas, Emmanuel, Mia, Rubi-Mai, Theo, Allie, Lolu, Maisie, Hajra, Arijele, Szymon, Demi, Regan, Tari, Desire, Dilara and Priscilla!





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Main Office Phone Number: 01375 489 094

Phone lines are open between 8am and 4pm. Outside of this time you are able to leave a voicemail.

Our main form of communication with parents/carers is via Class Dojo, please contact the school office if you aren't using this yet so we can get you set up. However, should you wish to contact us via email please use:
support4u-gpfs@theglc.org.uk

Pupil Absences:

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school please contact the school office by calling 01375 489094 before 9am. If calling prior to the lines opening then please do leave us a voicemail. We do ask for as plenty of notice as possible if your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day and for supported evidence to be provided.



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This half term's Health Strategy has been focussed on hydration.

Plants, animals, humans and insects all need water to survive. Our bodies need water and other fluids to keep it working properly and avoid dehydration. Children should be drinking six to eight glasses of water a day to avoid dehydration.

If your child participates in sport or goes outside during warm weather, they may need to drink more than this as they will lose fluids faster through increased sweating.

Water:

- Moistens our eyes, nose and mouth
- Helps regulate body temperature
- Helps our digestion system work
- Helps our joints and muscles work
- Helps remove waste



We lose water throughout the day by sweating, urinating and breathing therefore, we need to replace the water we lose.

Drinking water also helps children to concentrate at school; it gives them brain power!

Your child should be bringing a bottle of water to school and should always drink before, during and after physical activity.

Encourage your child to drink during meals and with a snack. Adding fresh fruit to your child's water might make it more appealing for them.

Remember to keep your child hydrated!



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GLC Pupil Leadership Projects

Pupil Leaders from across the GLC schools continue to work collaboratively on their projects to gather pupil voice and make improvements in their academy.

The School Council and the Arts Council have been collaborating, collecting pupil voice about the activities children would like available to them during lunchtimes.

House Captains are developing a range of inter-house events and competitions.

Play Leaders

Our team of Year 2 and Year 5 Play Leaders lead a variety of different activities during lunchtimes. Play Leaders encourage their peers to take part and get active. They have introduced a number of sports to lunchtimes, including: Kwik cricket, kickball, football tennis and horseshoes.



Singing Playground Leaders

The Singing Playground Leaders continue to put the training they attended last academic year into practice. Each week, they rehearse a new playground song and the actions and then include this in their work on the playground. They have also shared their work in assembly.



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The weather was on our side when our Wonka Bar winner Noah celebrated his VIP Lunch with 3 of his friends. Please keep your eyes peeled for what our Head Teacher for the day winner gets up to.



The PTA are working with the school to raise funds to purchase some play equipment in the playground. The aim is to purchase a fun trim trail for all the children to use at break and lunch times.

We are greatly appreciative of the support from the parents also as without you all supporting our events we wouldn't be able to do it.!

As we stand, we have raised around £8000 toward funding the equipment for the children, this has been through events such as: discos, valentines day and mothers day.

These events as well as grants from Thurrock Council, Amazon and Asda are all getting us closer to our goal.

Lastly, if there are any parents/carers that wish to help at our upcoming Summer Fete on the 22nd June, please get in touch, we are looking for volunteers!

Thank you for everyone's support



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Local Information, Advice and Support Organisations

Parent Advisory Team Thurrock (PATT SENDIASS)

PATT provide free, confidential, and impartial information, advice and support to young people, and parents/carers of children, with special educational needs 0-25.

www.patt.org.uk

07702 127 252

info@patt.org.uk

Facebook: PATT SENDIASS
PATT ADHD Support

BATIAS

BATIAS provides advocacy to people with learning disabilities and also supports young people and adults with physical and sensory impairments, complex needs, and behaviours that challenge.

www.batias.com

01375 389869

batias.grays@batias.com

Facebook: BATIAS Grays

Thurrock Centre for Independent Living (TCIL)

Information, support, advice, and advocacy for disabled people on a range of issues including radar keys, access to services, equipment, benefits, form filling and Lasting Power of Attorney

www.tcil.org.uk

01375 389 864

admin@tcil.org.uk

SNAP (special needs and parents)

SNAP is a charity for families from Essex, Thurrock and Southend who have any additional need or disability.

SNAP's aims are to inform, encourage and support parents so that they can grow in strength and knowledge and become better equipped to give the best possible help to their children.

www.snapcharity.org

Helpline: 01277 211 300

info@snapcharity.org

Facebook: SNAP Charity

Thurrock Transport

School Transport: <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/home-to-school-or-college-travel-support/apply-for-support>

Bus Pass: www.thurrock.gov.uk/bus-passes/applying-for-your-bus-pass

Thurrock Blue Badge Scheme: www.thurrock.gov.uk/.../blue-badge-disabled-parking-scheme

DIAL

Disablement Information & Advice Line
Support with benefits and form filling

www.dialsouthessex.co.uk

0333 366 1045

enquires@dialsouthessex.co.uk

Thurrock lifestyle solutions (TLS) 18 +

Day opportunities, short breaks, provision of PA's, transition houses, independent living, Liam's nightclub, supported employment, TACT programme

www.choiceandcontrol.co.uk

01375 370 460

E-mail: info@choiceandcontrol.co.uk

Facebook: Thurrock Lifestyle Solutions

IPSEA

IPSEA offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Book helpline calls via the website

www.ipsea.org.uk

Sky Badger

Online resource for families with disabled children covering health, education, benefits, finance, legal and support.

www.skybadger.co.uk

National Autistic Society Thurrock (NAS)

Support group for families with autistic children. Regular events for parents and holiday activities for families

07795 252 480

nasthurrock.group@nas.org.uk

Facebook: NAS Thurrock

Cerebra

Cerebra's website has a comprehensive library of guides on a wide range of topics including benefits, financial issues, health & wellbeing, and sleep advice

www.cerebra.org.uk

Contact

Website has comprehensive directory of medical conditions and associated support groups. They have a listening ear service and provide training for parents and professionals.

Book listening ear and telephone advice calls via the website

www.contact.org.uk



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Voucher Provider:

We are registered as an issuer for the Thurrock Foodbank.

If you need to access this service, please contact the school office.

Locations of local distribution centres and their opening hours can be found here:

<https://thurrock.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>



West locality	East locality	Central locality
South Ockendon, Purfleet-on-Thames and Aveley 01375 413 936	Tilbury, Chadwell and Stanford-le-Hope 01375 858 243	Chafford Hundred, North Stifford, Grays Riverside, Grays Thurrock, Little Thurrock and Blackshots 01375 387 894



thurrock.gov.uk

Tilbury and Chadwell Family Hubs offer a range of different services to support families in the local area.

Click on the links below to find out their opening times and what is on at each centre:

[Tilbury Family Hub](#) is located at the following address:

Tilbury Children's Centre, Flagship Centre, London Road, Tilbury, RM18 8EY

[Chadwell Family Hub](#) is located at the following address:

Chadwell Children's Centre, Claudian Way, Chadwell St Mary RM16 4QE



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Well done to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance last half-term:

Faith	N	Emilija	1	Aimee	3
Billy	N	Amelia	1	Tommy	3
George	N	Syed	1	Handel	3
Jerry	N	Josephine	1	Ricki-Lea	3
Aletheia	N	Elias	1	Mason	3
Ibilate	N	Ruby-Marie	1	David Ilie	3
Sohan	N	Harlym	1	Teddie	3
Isabella	N	Darija	1	Chidiadi	3
Jeremiah	N	Kristian	1	Pearl	3
Arlo	N	Theo	1	Tyler	3
Ava-Rose	N	Lottie-Mae	1	Chidera	3
Rayan	N	Oscar	1	Teddie	3
Vinnie	N	Samaya	2	Teddy	3
Maryam	N	Samuel	2	Lola	3
Oluwalonimi	N	Sarah	2	Leonardo	3
Poppie	N	Jamal	2	Anastasia	3
Maryam	N	Dilara-Josephine	2	Eliza	4
Saleh	N	Alycia	2	Maryam 4	
Josiah	N	Marnie	2	Seteminire	4
Ronnie	N	Christabel	2	Emmanuel	4
Frankie	N	Renata	2	Modesire	4
Nyla	N	Dominic	2	Nailah	4
Kaelan	R	Aeva-Raine	2	Teddie	4
Niamh-Ann	R	Diya	2	Lila	4
Bluebell	R	Szymon	2	Noah	4
Ava	R	Gift	2	Zoe	4
Joshua	R	Vilte	2	Isla	4
Rachel	R	Delia	2	Tadeusz4	
Arthur	R	William	2	Manmeet	4
Malachi	R	Jayden	2	Amelia	4
Miyah-Marie	R	Alimah	2	Elyssa	4
Yuvdeep	R	Deepshika	2	Josiah	4
Ryszard	R	Sonny	2	Arijiele	4
Dia	R	Emmanuel	2	Ivy	4
Chinecherem	R	Benny	2	Isabelle	4
Esomchukwu	R	Sabina	2	Honey	4
Amadeja	R	Dragos	2	Lakshmi	4
Daria	R	Jarra	2	Abigail	5
Olivia	R	Emily	3	Raia	5
Sulaiman	1	Albert	3	Christianah	5
Dominion	1	Hakan-Liam	3	Logan	5
Tommy	1	Marnie	3	Travay	5
Olivia	1	Noah	3	Letty-Ann	5
Gabriella	1	Jensen	3	James	5
Mihail	1	Ann	3	Alexander	5
Thea	1	Imogen	3	Fatoumata	5
Morgana-Elizabeth	1	Simi	3	Jaxon	5
Rhema	1	Rose-Mari	3	Tadib	5
Tari	1	Aimee	3	Maryam	5
Emmanuel	1	Tommy	3	Jasiel-Jaba	5
Kierah	1	Handel	3	Bradley	5
Elijah	1	Ricki-Lea	3	Ibrahim	5
Freya	1	Mason	3	Jaiden	5
Regan	1	David Ilie	3	Alexis	5
Videl	1	Teddie	3	Emily	5
Jaxx	1	Chidiadi	3	Constance	5
Jasmina	1	Pearl	3	Shalom	5
Ely	1			Harold	5
Erica	1			MeRin	5
				Sophia	5
				Layla	5
				Tayah	5
				Tomiwa	5



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KS1 & KS2 Quad Kids - Friday 24th May 2024

On Friday the 24th May, 24 kids from across the school took part in a Thurrock SSP Quad kids athletics event. Children participated in a long distance run, a short distance run, a throwing event and a jumping event.

Special mention to Kayla in year 2 who went on to be the top scorer girl in year 1 & 2 and the 9th highest scorer in year 3 & 4 after participating in both age groups. .



5th Place - Year 3/4



3rd Place - Year 1/2



Highest Scoring
Year 1/2



3rd Place - 5/6



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A colorful poster for a Summer Fete event. The background is light blue with a banner at the top. The banner is yellow and orange with the words 'SUMMER FETE' in white and red. Below the banner are illustrations of a hot dog, a hamburger, ice cream cones, and tickets. The event details are in a white cloud shape. At the bottom, there are balloons and a list of activities.

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FETE**

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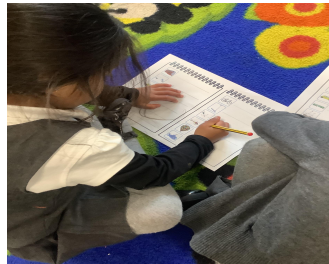
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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/FREESCHOOLPTA**

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Nursery have had another exciting half term, continuing to work hard on their name writing and using their RWI sounds to label a picture.

In English we have been learning about different type of homes and looked at animal homes. We used our sounds to label our pictures and discussed what type of home we live in.



In maths we have been focussing on number 5, 1 more and 1 less and recognising 2D shapes.



Our topic this half term has been based on homes. We discussed similarities and differences in homes between self and others. We enjoyed using different materials to build a home.



As always, thank you for your continued support, we look forward to welcoming you back in Summer 2 - our last half term in Nursery for some of our children!

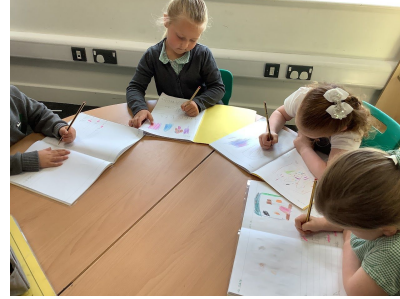
Mrs Minnie, Miss Clampin and The Nursery Team

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Reception have had another exciting half term, continuing to make fantastic progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

In English we have been writing about our weekends and using a different book each week as inspiration to describe characters and settings. We have also been creating story maps to help us retell the story.



In maths we have been completing tangram puzzles, learning how to manipulate shapes to complete an image.



Our topic this half term has been based on our local community and we have been completing a 'Love where you Live' project that we are looking forward to sharing with you.



As always, thank you for your continued support, we look forward to welcoming you back in Summer 2 - our last half term in Reception!

Mrs Knight and The Reception Team

YEAR 1

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Dear parents and carers,

Year 1 pupils have had a lovely half term and have really enjoyed learning about some very interesting topics.

We started off by diving into History, where we looked at a famous heroine Grace Darling. We learnt about her brave journey and we acted it out together. We also got to write questions we would ask her whilst discovering about her life.

We then looked at Design and Technology where we read the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' We looked at how the basket of food moves from one side to the other and explored different pulley systems. We got to make our own pulley system using string and cotton wheels. We got to discover variables that change the speed of it.

During Science we explored forces and circuits. We looked at the components of a circuit that are needed to make a lightbulb work and what makes a closed circuit. It was lots of fun!



A highlight for this half term was our alien day. The children were shocked to discover a crash sight on the playground and a letter that said they needed to complete activities to help them return to their home planet. This supported children with reading alien words in the lead up to the Phonics Screen Check. A big thank you to all the parents who came into support the children to make their alien boppers and practise reading alien words.

Please remember that the Phonics Screen Check is happening the week of June 10th. Please ensure that your child is watching the RWI videos over half term and that they arrive at school on time ready to sit the test.



Thank you for all your support.
Miss Bush and the Year 1 Team

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 pupils have had a great half term filled with great learning opportunities, they returned to school ready to learn and have really enjoyed learning about their very exciting Summer 1 topics. They have all shown great learning attitudes and they have demonstrated all of our core values and competencies throughout all of their learning.

This half term's Design and Technology topic was Moon Buggies where pupils have been learning all about different parts of a car and the mechanisms involved in making it move. They then designed and made their own Moon Buggies of which the top 4 will be taken to a competition next half term.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend one or both of our parent workshops, your help is greatly appreciated.



In science, we learnt about space which linked to one of our English topics where we found a mystery egg on the playground. In our lessons we described the egg and what may be inside, we also wrote a lullaby to help whatever came out of the egg. These lessons then led to a fabulous day when our egg cracked and we met Nanoo!



Finally, we would like to remind parents that pupils are expected to read daily and complete their weekly homework (set on a Friday and due on a Wednesday). A weekly maths and grammar homework can be found on Google Classroom and spellings are on Edshed. Thank you from everyone on the Year 2 Team for your continued support. Have a well deserved break!

Miss Storr and the Year 2 Team

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 pupils have had an amazing Summer 1 term, they have continued to push their learning forwards and have continuously shown great attitudes to learning.

In Science this half-term, the children enjoyed learning about plants. The children enjoyed discussing their experiment throughout the half-term as they watched their seeds grow in different environments.

In History this half-term, the children learnt about Vikings, where they learnt about the Viking longboats and became a Viking in a lesson using Now Press Play.

In English, the children have been working incredibly hard. This is evident in their attitudes to class, their presentation in their books and their most newspaper reports regarding their missing robots. Well done Year 3!

Finally, we would like to celebrate all of the children who made it to the 100% club this half term. The children had a great time chasing each other with water guns and balloons. We hope to see many more children joining the 100% club for Summer 2.

Have a fantastic, restful break!

Miss Walsh and the Year 3 Team



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What a fantastic half term we have had in Year 4!

There have been a number of exciting events including the enormously successful trip to Grange Waters. The children's faces said it all - they simply had the time of their lives. Many pupils tried something new and others conquered fears. It was a joy to watch them. Thank you, as always, to the parents and carers who offered their support on the day; it can't be done without you.

Another standout memory has been linked with our half term's reading book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The children thoroughly enjoyed every minute. They were also thrilled that many of our lessons involved chocolate. They got the opportunity to taste lots of different chocolate bars to inspire their descriptive vocabulary. Their final write this half term, for many, was probably the best piece they've written so far! They have clearly been deeply inspired by Roald Dahl's story-telling and their own writing has reflected his charming, funny tone - many have made us laugh out loud. It's been a joy to read.

At this time of year, it starts to feel somewhat bittersweet knowing that we have some more wonderful memories to make with the children in our final half term but we prepare to say goodbye as they move into their new classes. We look forward to making the final half term one filled with fun and learning.



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This half term, Year 5 have had a wonderful time learning about some really exciting topics.

In History, we have been learning about The Egyptians. We begun the half term with a workshop looking at the pyramids and even built our own pyramid that was so big, we could all fit inside of it and lie down. All of the children enjoyed the workshop and could not stop talking about how interesting it was. We have also looked at the mummification process and used the Now Press Play equipment to learn about the steps of mummification, including how they used to hook out the brains of an important Egyptian person with a hook through their nose! The children have used all of this information to write an explanation text on the mummification process this week.

In English, we have written an explanation text, a narrative but our favourite of all was learning about Hamlet - a Shakespearean play. The children had a workshop to learn about the story of Hamlet, used a translator to learn Shakespearean language and then wrote a letter from Laertes to Hamlet, challenging him to a duel. Let's just say - the children were VERY into their letters and were talking in Shakespearean language ALL week!

In Science, we have looked at the topic 'Animals including Humans' where the children have been learning about how we grow from a baby to old age. The children even conducted their own experiments to learn about some of the changes humans go through throughout their lives and tried to figure out the well-known question of, 'if you have bigger feet, are you always taller?'

What a wonderful half term it has been! We look forward to welcoming you back in Summer 2 for our last half term of Year 5!

Kind regards,
Miss McAuliffe

YEAR 6

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about our Year 6 students. Their hard work and dedication in the lead-up to SATs have truly paid off. We made it through testing week with lots of resilience, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts and resilience.

With SATs behind us, our focus has returned to the broader curriculum. One of the recent highlights has been our science lessons, where the students engaged in a hands-on project to make their own periscopes. Using cereal boxes and mirrors, they explored the principles of light reflection and refraction. This project not only reinforced their understanding of scientific concepts but also encouraged creativity and problem-solving skills.

The enthusiasm and curiosity the students displayed while constructing their periscopes were inspiring. It's been fantastic to see them apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical context, enhancing their learning experience.

As we continue through the term, we have many more exciting activities planned that will challenge and stimulate our Year 6 pupils. Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

The Year 6 Team



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It's been a busy start to the summer term in our class, with many of the children spending more time in mainstream classes.

In English, the children have been reading different books including: 'The Scarecrow's Wedding', 'Supertato' and 'The Kiss that Missed' They have been exploring the vocabulary used in the story, character's feelings through freeze framing and writing sentences about their appearance and personality.

In mathematics, they have been hard at work developing their understanding of fractions including halves, quarters and equal parts. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in this area.

Creativity has flourished in our music sessions, where the children have been exploring pitch and rhythm through body percussion and the website [Chrome Music Lab](#)..

In the our topic lessons we have had a geography focus. The children have been learning about physical and human features in our local area and comparing these to the ones found in London. They have also been using compass points to follow and give directions around the school building and site.

