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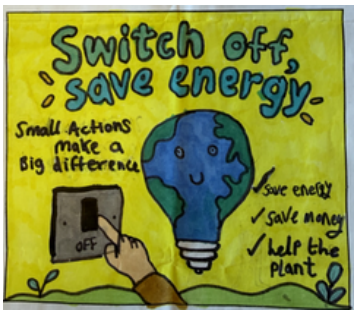
Hello everyone

We have ended the week with lots of fun as part of our **Children in Need 'Challenge 26' today**- everyone tried really hard to remember the punchlines to 26 'quite funny' jokes placed around the school corridors! Thank you to everyone who managed to bring in a donation for our fundraising for Children in Need - we have raised **£395.20** so far which is fantastic!



Eco Councillors have been busy selecting the winning 'Save energy, switch off' signs from the competition entries and are pleased to share the following winning signs from each year group. These will be displayed around school next to switches to encourage everyone to think about not wasting energy - a very BIG well done to everyone who took part!

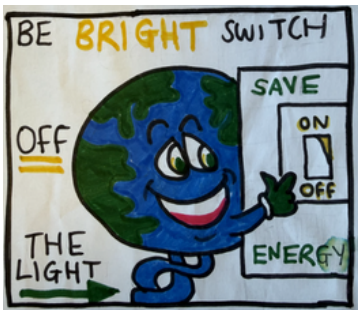
Aizah Y3



Muhammad S Y4



Yousuf Y5



AbdulRahman Y6



Eco Councilors also took part in their third **Climate Education Workshop** this week and they are looking forward to sharing their experiences with you soon... Whilst **School Councillors** are busy preparing for our 'dotmocracy' elections in each class to vote for the **local/national/global environmental charities** we will be fundraising for this year.



We currently have **one vacancy for a Parent Governor**. On Tuesday, a **nomination form** was sent home for parents/carers to compete and return to school **by Tuesday 17th November**. Next, all nominations will be added to the voting paper work and an election will be held if we have more thar one nomination.

Important dates coming up are:

Monday 16 November - Anti-bullying Week starts!
Monday 30 November 9-10am – Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting for Y4 Parents/Carers
Friday 20 November - UNICEF Schools sharing event at Birmingham Town Hall for invited Year 5 & Year 6
Monday 23 November 9-9.30am – Y4 Buddhism Assembly for Y4 Parent/Carers
Wednesday 25 November 9-9.30am - Year 3 Road Safety Workshop for Y3 Parents/carers
Thursday 26 November - Special KOrky Paul Assembly for invited pupils/parents/carers
Friday 4 December - Year 3 to visit RBC Organ Studio Birmingham
Wednesday 9 December - Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner Day!
Thursday 10 December - Year 5 and Year 3 Christmas Dinner Day - Year 3 parents/carers invited (12.30-2pm)
Friday 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 December 9-10am – Y3 Nativity Assembly for Y3 Parents/Carers
Christmas Holidays – 21 December 2026 – 4 January 2027 (TWO WEEKS AND ONE DAY)
Tuesday 5 January 8.30am – ALL children return to school



Have a great weekend everyone and stay warm!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

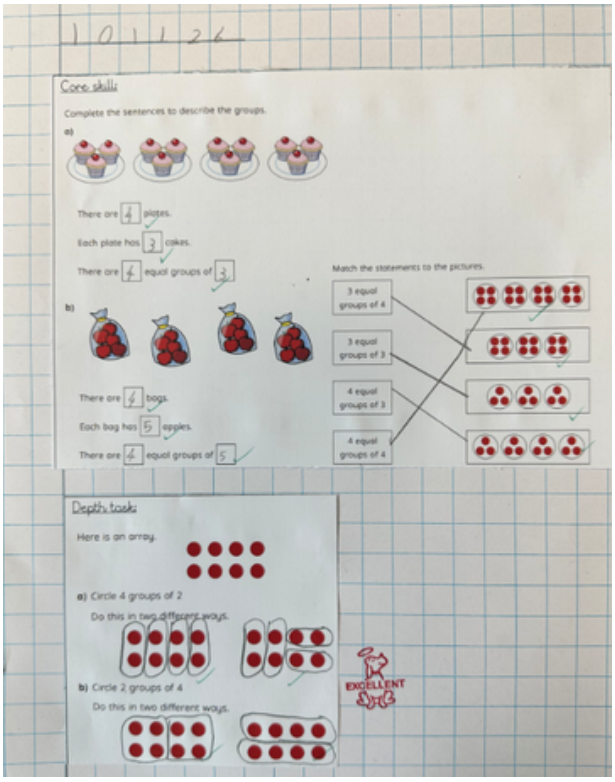
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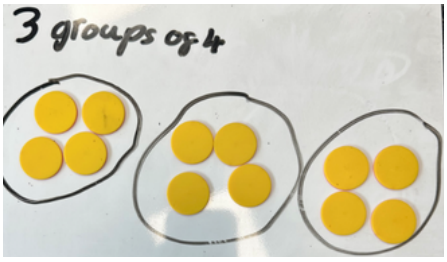
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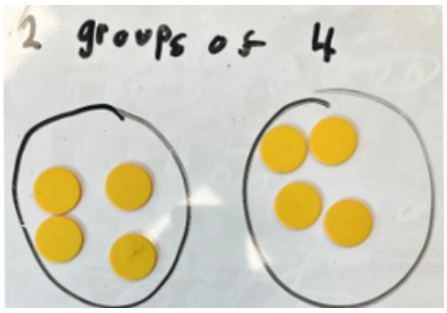
Year 3

This week in Maths, Year 3 have been exploring **multiplication** by making and identifying equal groups. The children used counters, pictures and practical resources to group objects, count in equal groups and represent multiplication in different ways. They also explored arrays, looking at how the same number can be arranged into different equal groups. Through these hands-on activities, the children developed their understanding of multiplication and began to recognise the relationship between the number of groups and the number of objects in each group.

Well done, Year 3!

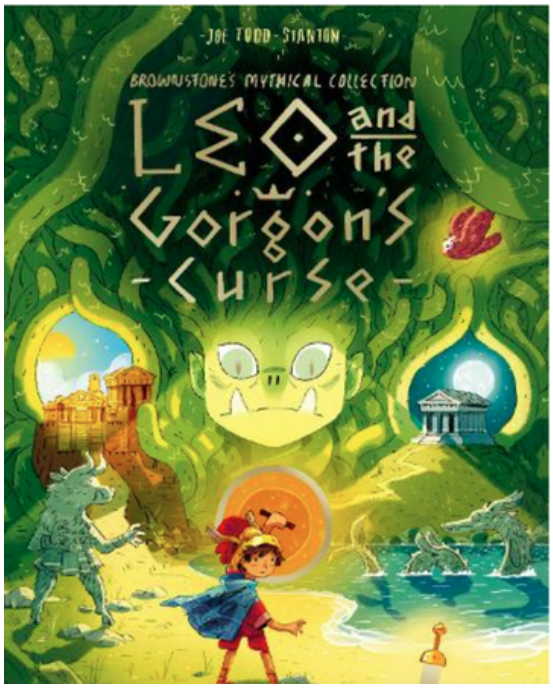


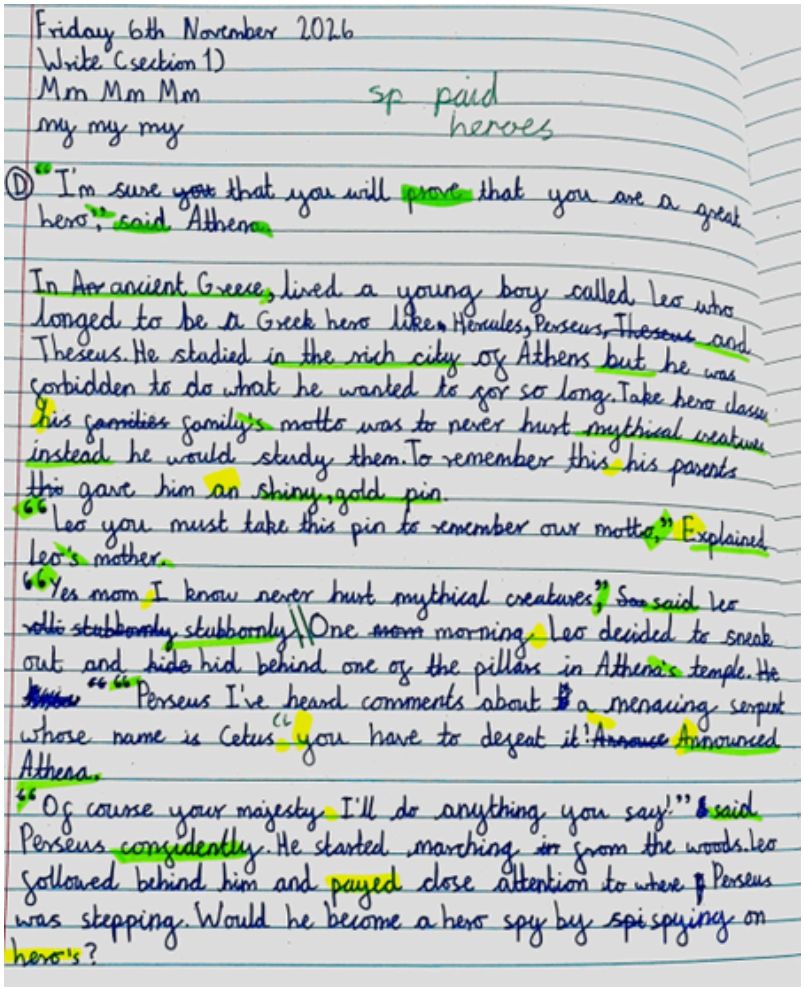




Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been retelling an event from **Leo and the Gorgon's curse**. They have applied their knowledge of the story and grammar features to draft an entertaining story.





Friday 6th November 2026
Write (section 1)
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heroes

"I'm sure that you will prove that you are a great hero", said Athena.

In ancient Greece, lived a young boy called Leo who longed to be a Greek hero like Heracles, Perseus, Theseus and Theseus. He studied in the rich city of Athens but he was forbidden to do what he wanted to for so long. Take hero classes his families family's motto was to never hurt mythical creatures instead he would study them. To remember this his parents this gave him an shiny, gold pin.

"Leo you must take this pin to remember our motto." Explained Leo's mother.

"Yes mom I know never hurt mythical creatures," Leo said ~~with stubbornly~~ stubbornly. One ~~morn~~ morning Leo decided to sneak out and ~~hide~~ hid behind one of the pillars in Athena's temple. He ~~heard~~ "Perseus I've heard comments about a menacing serpent whose name is Cetus you have to defeat it! ~~Announce~~ Announced Athena.

"Of course your majesty I'll do anything you say!" said Perseus confidently. He started marching ~~in~~ from the woods. Leo followed behind him and payed close attention to where Perseus was stepping. Would he become a hero spy by spi spying on hero's?

Year 5

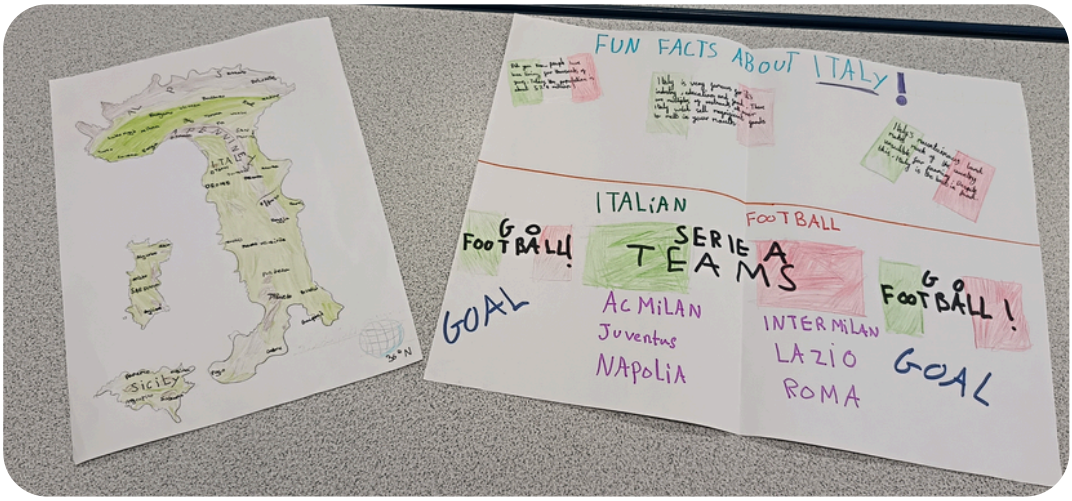
Year 5's current topic is **Northern Italy**.

The children have been learning lots of fascinating facts about this region. In addition to the work in school, some children have taken the time to make some beautiful creative homework.

Riyaad(5ST) has compiled a booklet with some amazing research as well as creating this fabulous gondola ready to drift through the canals of Venice.

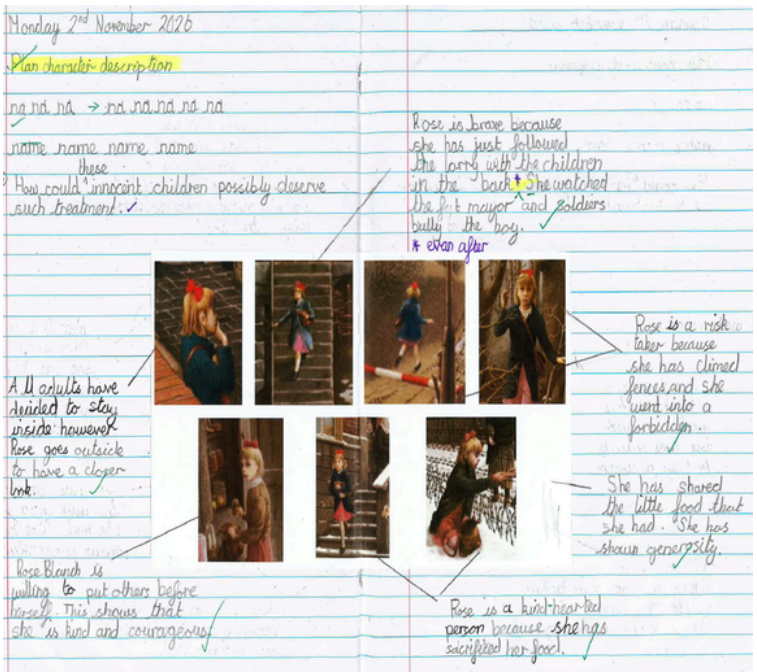
Zaynab (5ST) has also put together some facts as well as a map of the boot-shaped country!

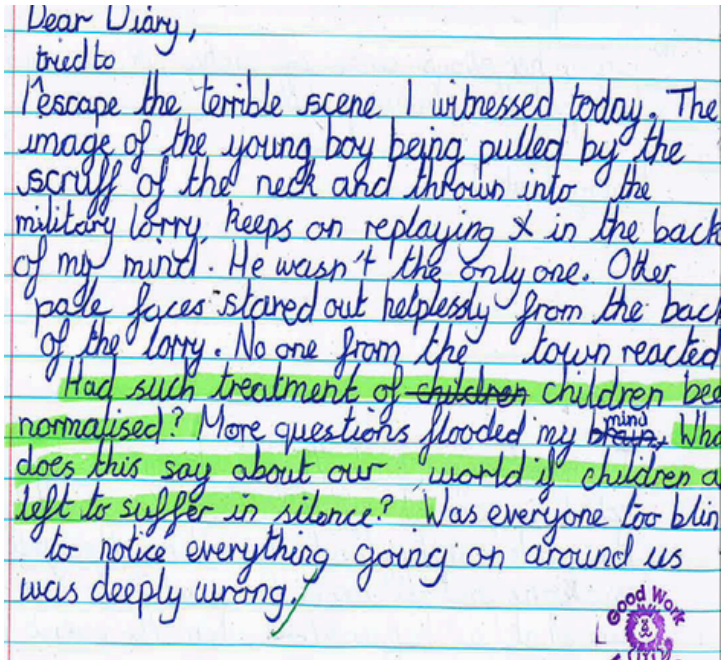




Year 6

During Writing lessons, pupils explored the character of **Rose Blanche** by creating detailed **character descriptions**. They then used their understanding of the character to write **diary entries**, demonstrating empathy and capturing Rose's thoughts, feelings and experiences.





School Attendance

Well Done to **3ST, 5BA and 6NI** for achieving our school attendance target of **96%** and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was 95.3%

Every day COUNTS! School success starts with attendance

Golden Ticket Initiative

How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work? Everyone has an opportunity to win a Golden Ticket each term and get a fun attendance treat!

Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 96% or above to qualify. Look out for more details about the reward later this term...

Attendance matters - the children are much happier and settled if they attend school **every day** consistently without taking any days off. Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential. Absence disrupts the education of not only your child but the whole class. Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education.

Reporting absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back. Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support.

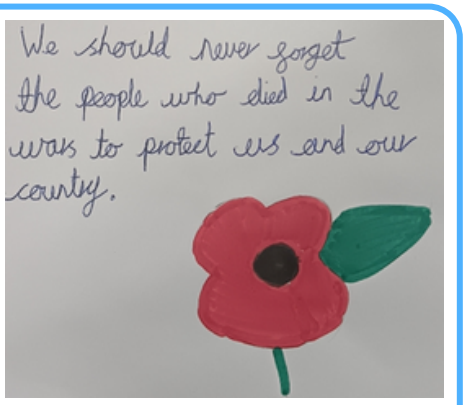


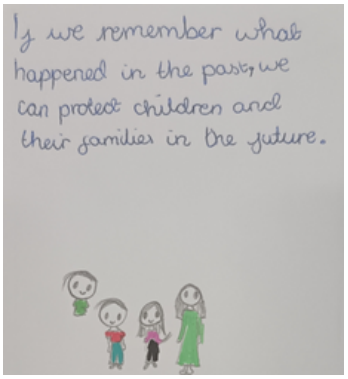
ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Remembrance & Article 38

Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds in honouring those who defend our democratic freedom and way of life.

The UK has a long tradition of marking **Armistice Day**, calling to mind the moment when fighting ceased at the end of the First World War, at **11.00am on the 11th November 1918.**







Article 38

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.

Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.





Monday 16th November
Year 4

Tuesday 17th November
Swimming for 4TW and 4GJ

Wednesday 18th November
Year 6

Thursday 19th November
Year 5

Friday 20th November
Year 3

Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:

- **Healthy Sandwich**
- **Piece of Fruit**
- **Yogurt**
- **Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)**

Strictly **NO NUTS** are allowed in school as we have children with **severe nut allergies**. Please do not send anything unhealthy in your child's packed lunch such as crisps or chocolates. **Thank you for your support.**

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