

Hello everyone

A **huge congratulations to Year 5 for their excellent, and fully entertaining, Diwali assembly** on Monday! We were blown away by their creativity and talent as the children shared their fantastic learning through acting, dancing and singing - well done and thank you to Year 5!

It was great to see so many parents/carers attending our **My Happy Mind information session** on Thursday. My Happy Mind is an NHS backed initiative that we have launched in school this year to support **positive mental health** and give us an understanding about how the brain works. If you want to find out more, please download the app using the instructions in the email sent home today.



Today has been a sporty day as the children have raised money for **Children in Need**. There was lots of fun in the hall as children and staff competed against one another in curling, target throwing and hockey. Next week, we are looking forward to:

Thursday 23rd November — 9am Year 6 SATs parent meeting for Year 6 parents and carers

Friday 24th November — 9am Year 3 parent Road Safety workshop for Year 3 parents and carers

Thursday 7th December - 9am Speech and Language SEND coffee morning for all parents and carers

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

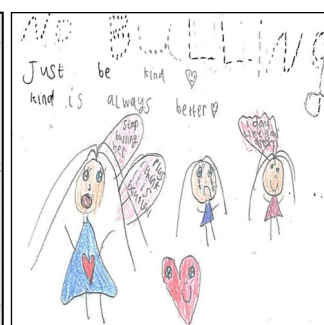
Anti-bullying Articles 2, 12, 13 and 19

Anti-bullying Week is held each year in November and is a time for all of us to think about how we can develop positive relationships in school. A number of our UNICEF Rights relate to this, including **Articles 2, 12, 13 and 19**. Here are some of the ideas from Year 3 from this week.



"We don't bully because we are kind" -
Liyana M

"If someone's bullying you, like on a laptop
or on an iPad, you can tell the teacher or
the Headteacher. Tell them to stop
bullying." - Omar A.



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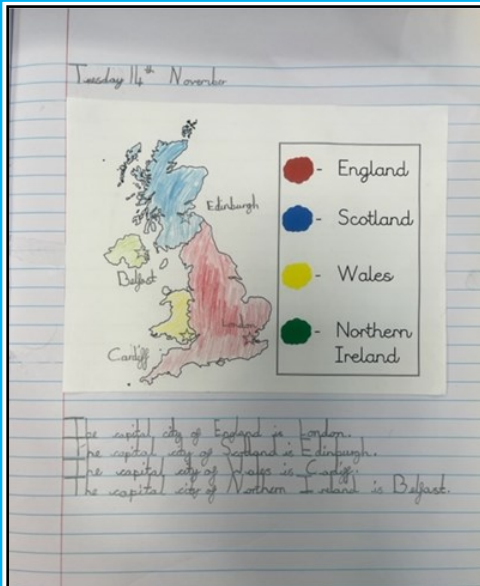
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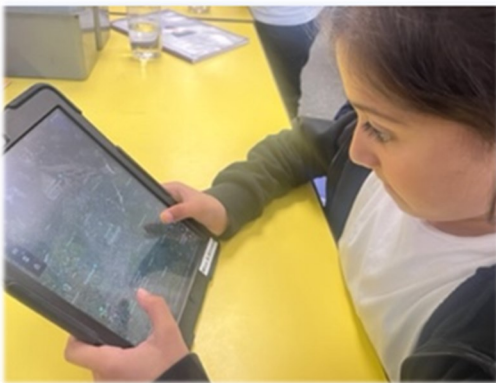
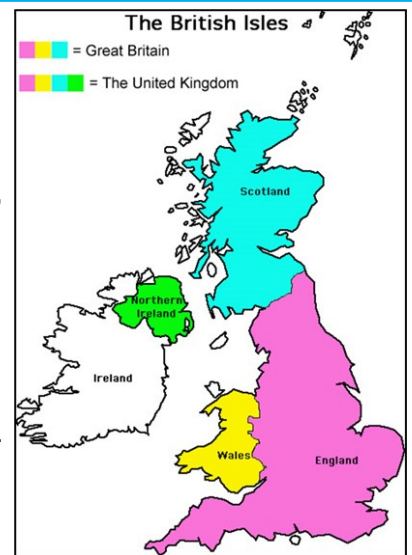
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Year 3

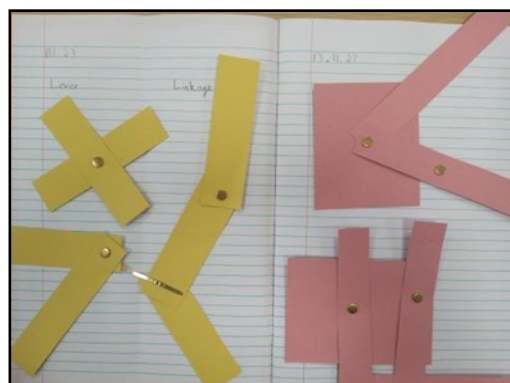
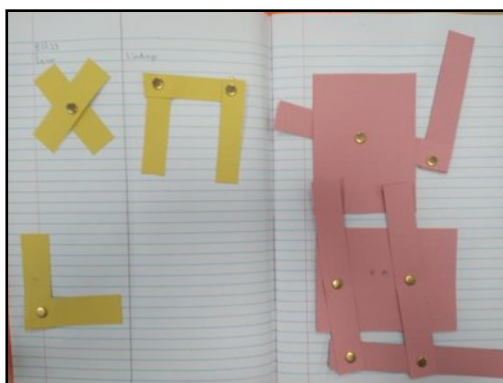
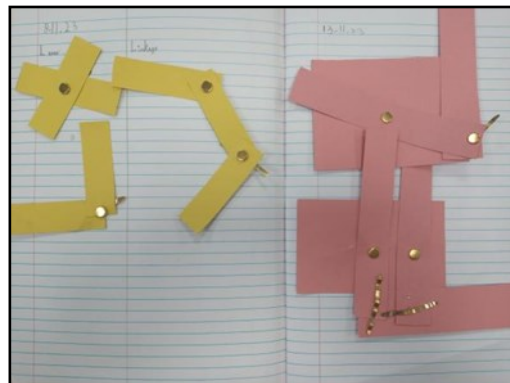
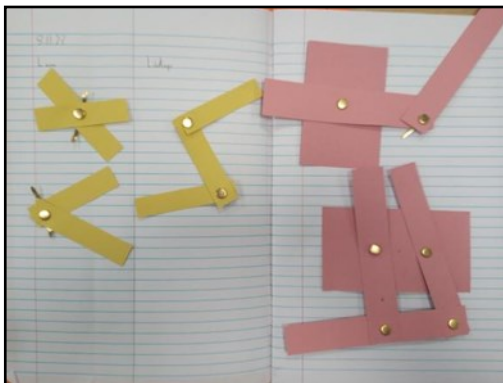


This half term, year 3 are learning about the United Kingdom as part of our Geography topic. We researched the **capital cities** for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and located them on a map of the UK. We then used Google Earth to take a closer look at some of the famous monuments in these cities. We also located Birmingham on a map to see where it was in relation to other cities. We were amazed to learn that the United Kingdom is an island!



Year 4

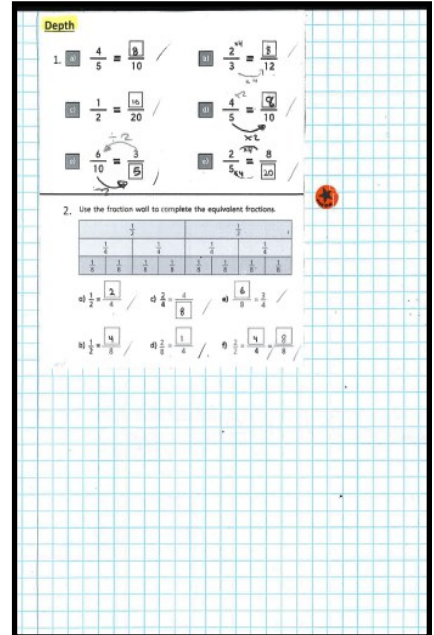
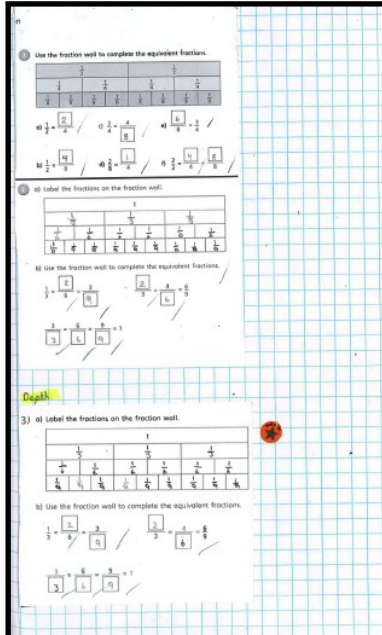
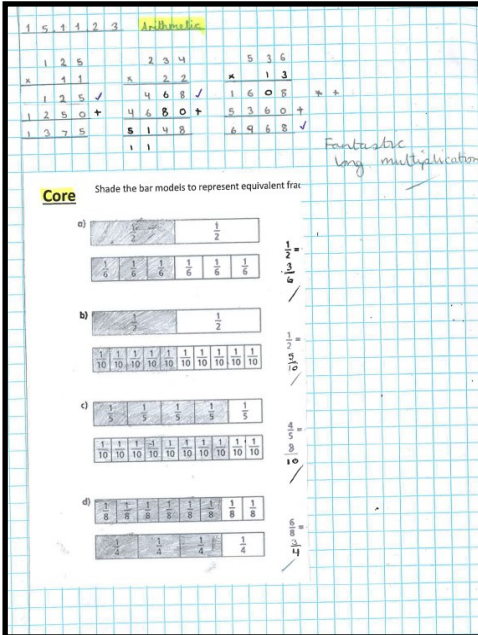
The children in Year 4 have been investigating and making a range of different mechanisms using their knowledge of **linkages and levers** from the previous lesson. They were able to select and use materials to enable the lever to move. Over the next few weeks, the children will apply their knowledge to create their own moving picture cards inspired by their History topic **Groundbreaking Greeks**.



Year 5

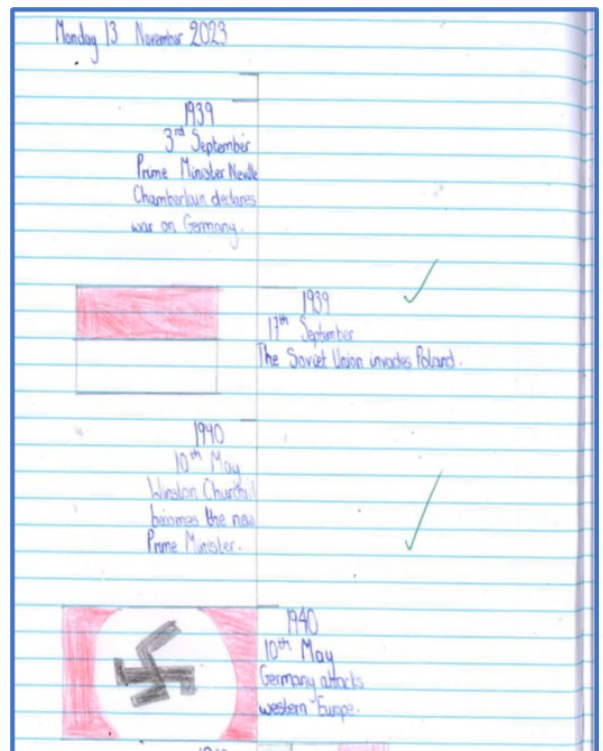
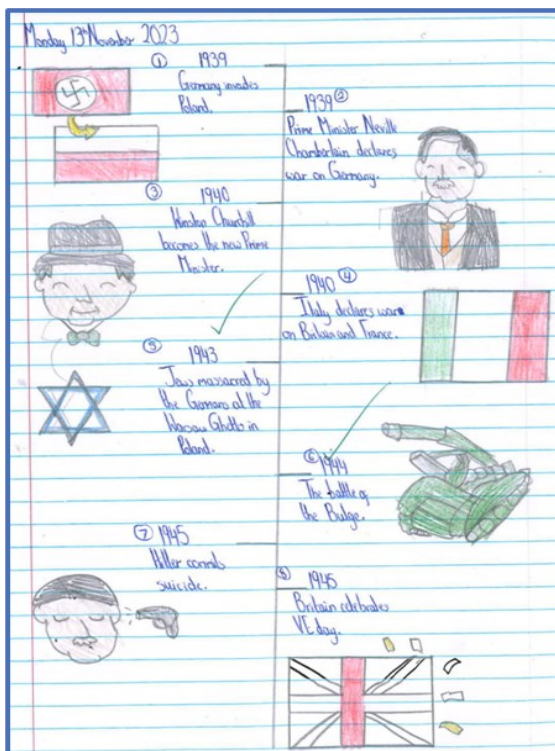
This week, Year 5 have been learning all about **equivalent fractions**. They know that if they multiply the numerator and the denominator by the same amount, the new fraction will be the same value - **or equivalent** -to the original fraction. They also know they can divide the numerator and the denominator by the same amount to find an equivalent fraction.

Nazanen from 5ST has been working very hard and independently to find equivalent fractions!



Year 6

In Year 6 we have been learning about **World War 2**. We have learnt that the war began in 1939 and lasted for 6 years. It finally ended in 1945. Hitler, who was a very evil man, tried to create a world filled with the Aryan race (people who had blonde hair and blue eyes). In our topic lessons this week, we had to create a timeline of events during the Second World War. Have a look at some of the timelines that we created.



'Author of the Month' November



Joseph Coelho is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author. His work has poetry and performance at its heart, drawing on over 20 years' experience. He aims to inspire young people through stories and characters they can recognise and explores themes including fear, courage, diversity, gratitude, empathy and loss.

In addition to exploring emotional landscapes, Coelho is inspired by magic, the ancient world and often draws on his own experiences transforming them into something universal that can be shared.

Scan to listen to Joseph reading his poem 'Richmond Park' from the poetry anthology, 'Overheard in a Tower Block'.

Joseph Coelho



Fun Facts!

- Joseph grew up in a block of flats in Roehampton in South West London, with his mother and younger sister.
- The tower block inspired his new book *Our Tower*, in which three children leave the grey building and discover a magic tree. He said: 'I wanted to bring the magic of Narnia to the tower block.'
- He never thought he would become a writer as he thought only special people who did not look like him become writers.

Scan the QR code to watch Joseph talking about being a poet.



Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: '**compassion**'

Compassion is a word linked to our expectation to be respectful to others, but what does it mean?

Showing compassion, is about helping those who you can see are in need. Our fundraising today for Children in Need is a strong example of compassion. As a school, we are raising money for a charity that works hard to improve the lives of vulnerable children.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher



Year 3 Parent Workshop

There is a parent workshop on **Friday 24th November at 9am.**

In PSHE, your child will be learning about Road Safety during Road Safety Week, which is 20th-24th November. We would like to invite year 3 parents to come into school and find out what your child has been learning.

There will also be a local Police Officer joining the workshop to discuss the legal side of things and answer any questions you have.

We look forward to seeing you.



Free Swimming Lessons

If you sign up for swimming lessons before 10th December at Erdington Leisure Centre, you will get **FREE swimming lessons for the rest of this year!** They offer lessons for 4months+ through to Adult Masters, including 1:1s and small group SEND classes.

Contact them now!

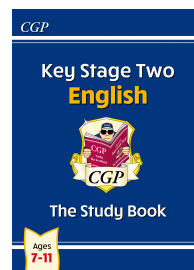
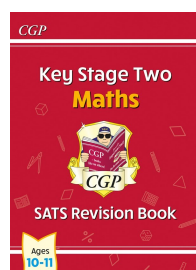
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Year 6 SATs Revision Guides

As you're aware, your child will be sitting Key Stage 2 SATs test at the end of Year 6. We are now pleased to offer parents the opportunity to purchase the CGP revision books from school at a **reduced price of £5 for two books.**



School Attendance



Class Attendance

Congratulations! Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week:

<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
4TW	5BA	6MF
4SH	5ZY	



Our school attendance last week was 93.4%

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 20th November
Year 6

Tuesday 21st November
Year 4

Wednesday 22nd November
Year 3

Thursday 23rd November
Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 24th November
Swimming for class 4SH

Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support.

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.

Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.

After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.

A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in warm clothing as lessons may take place outside (weather permitting). It is important that the children have as much time exercising outside as possible. We would be really grateful if you could support us by making sure your child comes to school in appropriate P.E. kit on the day they have P.E. We do not expect children to wear their normal uniform on their P.E. day.

A perfect P.E. kit consists of the following:

Blue or black jog bottoms

Warm blue or black round neck jumper or tracksuit top

White Thornton t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt

Trainers or black pumps.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024



Autumn Term 2 Ends

Friday 22nd December 2023

Half Term Holidays:

Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 1 Starts

Teacher Training Day on Monday 8th January 2024

School opens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2024

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