



Autumn Term 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

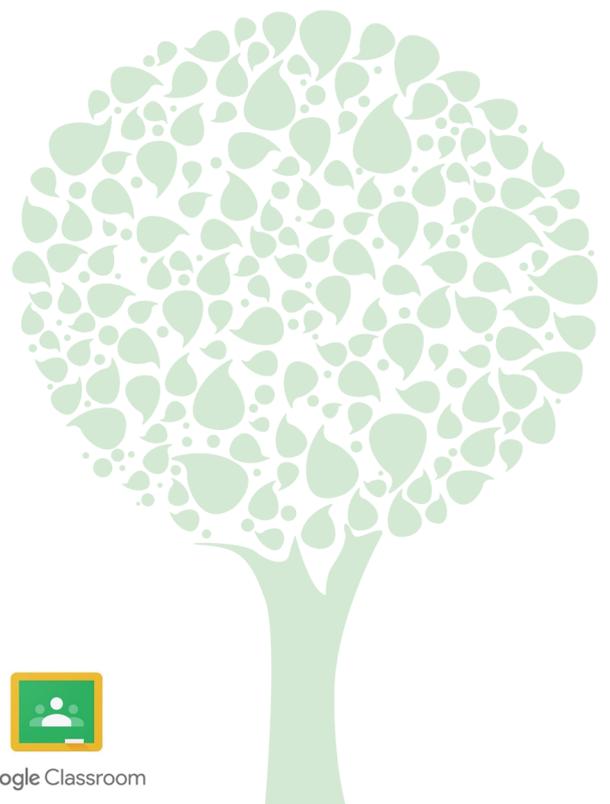
Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter, which will give you a snapshot of all the fantastic activities which have taken place at Woodlands this term. There has been a lot of change this term and with recent changes to government guidance it is certain there is more to come, but I am incredibly proud of the way in which our staff, pupils, parents and community have worked together. Although nothing is completely back to 'normal', we were successful in sharing 2 Year group assemblies and 2 Christmas performances. Our online resources continue to be made available through Google Classroom and we have been hosting fortnightly parent coffee mornings which have been increasingly well attended...look out for more of these next term (restrictions permitting).

We have developed a fantastic team of parent volunteers for the first time since we became Woodlands Academy. They have been doing a fantastic job reading with children and we appreciate all their support. If anyone else is interested in joining as a parent volunteer, please contact Miss Moxom via the school office.

Mrs Magan welcomed a beautiful baby girl, who we hope to meet at some point in the new year.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday. We look forward to welcoming children back to school from Wednesday 5th January.

Ms Hasker



# From the Chair of Governors...

## Thank you!

Thank you all for your support for Woodlands Academy. We have been pleased that so many of our pupils settled quickly back into their life at school despite all the uncertainty that we are all having to live with as a result of the Covid19 pandemic. They could not have achieved this without the support that you give them at home. The parents' meetings with teachers this term were very well attended either in person, virtually or on the phone. We are pleased that you had the opportunity to come in to school to learn about how your children are doing. We also thank you for completing the short questionnaire to tell us what you think about the school and what you want to learn more about.

We would like to take this opportunity to put on record our thanks to all the staff at Woodlands Academy. This term has been really challenging for everybody involved in helping our pupils adjust to their new classes and the familiar behaviours for learning expected of them after the disruption of the past eighteen months. Many classes have been affected by positive Covid cases and members of staff have shown great resilience and flexibility in addressing changes of circumstance on a frequent basis.

### **Governor Visits to School**

It has been a joy to visit the school in person on a number of occasions this term and see our pupils so engaged in their learning. The displays in the corridors and the classrooms show the range of learning opportunities that they have experienced, samples of their work bring the learning to life and show their enthusiasm for the subjects.

As Governors we arrange to visit to meet with the subject co-ordinators and some pupils to talk about what they are learning. This term we looked at Maths, Science, Reading and Writing. We also visit to look at Health and Safety and premises issues, attend the safeguarding group and carry out our statutory duties.

This term we saw the launch of our new library and we have been delighted to see so many of our pupils using it when we have visited the school. Our Year 6 pupils are doing a great job as librarians and reading with younger pupils at lunch times. Each class also have a timetabled period each week for choosing books they want to read and using the library resources.

We are looking forward to seeing the first groups of pupils experiencing our forest school next term.

### **Changes to the Governing Board**

We held an election to fill our 2 parent governor vacancies this term and we are delighted to welcome Sophie Tolba and Rebecca Luke - Isaac who were elected by you to become members of the Governing Board. They are both joining our Curriculum Committee where we monitor what our pupils are learning and the attainment and progress that our pupils make from their baseline assessment when they joined the school.

Each of our committees, Resources, Pay and Curriculum, have met this term to undertake their monitoring duties. We met as a Full Governing Board twice, once in October to oversee the financial aspects of the school and last week to receive the reports from the school team about the school operation and the pupils learning.

### **Have a good break!**

We wish you and your families all the best for the festive season and the coming New Year. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Shirley Kenworthy-Wright



# Music at Woodlands



Mr Jones, our music teacher has been very busy this half term organising the EYFS, KS1 Christmas Show and the KS2 Winter Concert. We hoped you enjoyed the performances. Mr Jones has posted the recordings on Google Classroom.

The KS1 Show- 'The Big Little Nativity' was absolutely fantastic! Year 1 and 2- amazing singing, acting, props and costumes. Well done to all of the children for learning your lines and thank you to all of our hardworking staff for helping the children practice.

Congratulations to KS2 classes too for learning their Christmas songs to create a Wonderful Winter Concert- you did a great job and the soloists were so confident! All of the shows were recorded and are available to watch on Google Classroom. Take a look at the post by Mr Jones. Finally, thank you to all of the parents too for your support with helping the children learn their parts and with their costumes.

## KS1 PERFORMANCE



## SAXOPHONE



## PIANO



# Antibullying Week

**ONE  
KIND  
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



During Anti Bullying Week we celebrated this year's theme 'One Kind Word' with a whole school art project, designing Superheroes spreading joy with 'one kind word'. The display can be seen in our foyer.

We also had lots of discussions about bullying and unkindness seen in our focus films. On Friendship Thursday we wore PJs to school to raise money for Children In Need and to celebrate friendships. We visited the library and took photos with our friends. Here are a few from the day.

Year 4 took part in the new video for Anti Bullying Week by Andy and the odd socks!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpZ3u5Z6pOg>

I liked wearing pyjamas to school because it made me feel comfortable. I loved taking photos with my friends in the library.

I know that bullying is Several Times on Purpose. You should tell a trusted adult if you are being bullied or you see it happening.

Kyra, Year 6

Aiden, Year 6



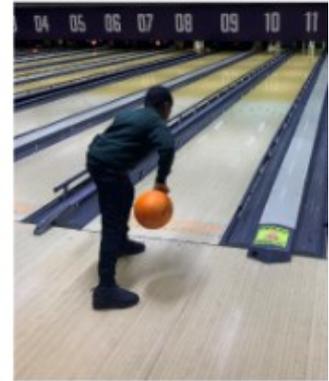


# Sports News

We have had great sports success this term.



## *Sporting Stars*



### Bowling tournament

4th out of 16 schools!  
Dani- most strikes/spares in whole tournament  
Ayman- 2nd highest score.



### RUGBY

The Rugby Team won the whole tournament getting gold medals.



# Sports News

Winners of the  
Gunnersbury Best  
football tournament.

## CHAMPIONS!



The Boys Football  
Team came home  
with GOLD!



Girls had their first Football  
tournament of the year and  
finished 1st in their groups  
and made it to the quarter  
finals!



## Archery

Year 4 took part in an ar-  
chery competition. They  
did very well and had lots  
of fun trying this sport that  
many of them hadn't tried  
before.



# After School Clubs



## Meccano Club

In our after school Meccano club the Year 6's have been working incredibly hard to build different Meccano sets. Future engineers in the making!



At first it was really difficult but when you read the instructions carefully and take your time you will succeed!



## Arts and Crafts Club

In Arts and Crafts Club children in Year 3 and 4 have been making a range of things this half term. Here are some of their creations...



Chalk firework displays



Origami Bookmarks



Lolly stick photo frames

# Lunchtime Calm Club



At lunchtime, we have a CALM CLUB, run by Miss Moxom where children can do a range of activities at different stations. Free choice activities include reading, playing board games, drawing/ colouring, creating arts and crafts and solving puzzles. This CALM CLUB has become a safe calm space for children to enjoy.

Calm Club makes me happy. I can learn new hobbies and play new games.

Sofia, Year 4

I like that I can make things and spend time with friends.

Tala, Year 6

## Play

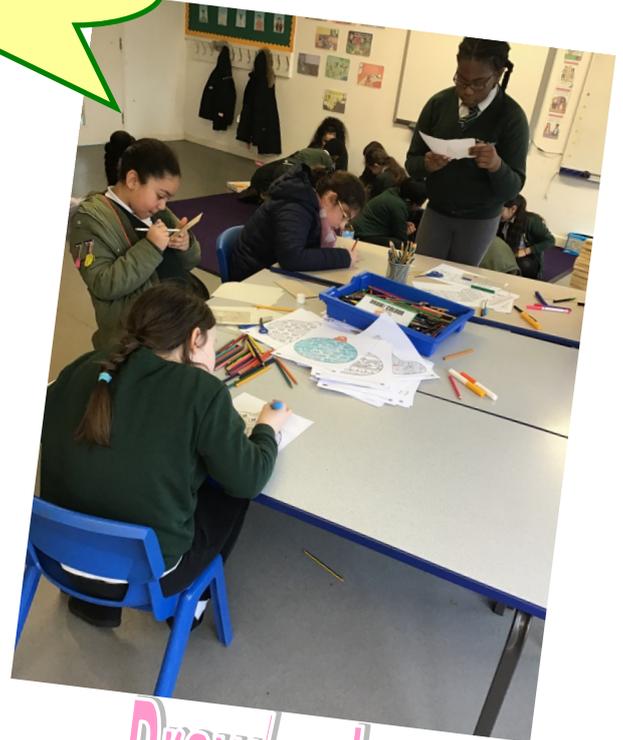


I am able to do most of the things I like— reading, drawing and crafts.

Sayliah, Year 4



## Create



## Draw/ colour

# Autumn 1

Well done to these children who got to visit the Reward Store to choose a prize.

## Reward Shop

Who will visit the Reward Shop?



Top 2 Dojo winners each half term



Best performance on TTRS for each half term



Rainbow Writer each half term

### Best Performance on TTRS Autumn 1

1st- Prize from the reward shop!

**1st**  
Anisa, Year 4  
Anes, Year 3

**2nd**  
Isabella, Year 5  
Amadou, Year 3

**3rd**  
Fatima, Year 6  
Shuieb, Year 5



Panisa



Sofia



Roland



Aut 1: English



Anaiyah



Amir



Joey



James

### CLASS DOJO Autumn 1 Top 2 winners from each class...

Year 1

Monroe  
Ethan

Year 2

Mya  
Bilal

Year 3

Mohammed R  
Aneesa



Year 6

Bethany  
Fatima

Year 5

Ashvika  
Isabella Rose

Year 4

Alexandra  
Anisa

# Autumn 2

Well done to these children who will get to visit the Reward Store to choose a prize next term.

## Best Performance on TTRS Autumn 2

1st. Prize from the reward store!

**1st**  
Natan  
Iqra

**2nd**  
Adam  
Anisa

**3rd**  
Anes  
Janice



Reception Robins: Adam

Robins: Fatima

Woodpeckers: Danah

Lightningales: Yali

Aut 2: History (well done)

Hummingbirds: Aneesa

Lightningales: Aryan

Sparrows: Malak

Prize from the reward store!



## CLASS DOJO Autumn 2 Top 2 winners from each class...

**Year 1**  
Monroe Soraya

**Year 2**  
Wajed Shalen

**Year 3**  
Stefan Amadou

**Year 4**  
Alexandra Adrian

**Year 5**  
Aleigha Amir

**Year 6**  
Bethany Iqra

Prize from the reward store!



# NURSERY



We are going on a leaf hunt.



This term we went on a leaf hunt, looking at how the leaves were changing colour and we talked about why they were falling off the trees. We also noticed how many of the leaves were different shapes and made different patterns when we printed with them. We read the story 'Leaf Man' and then used the leaves to make our leaf character pictures.



PSHE

Adele, who is a dental health nurse, came to teach us about how to look after our teeth. We brush our teeth every day at school.



Once upon a time...



It's a baby dragon!

During our topic 'Once Upon a Time' we have been reading traditional tales. We began by making and eating delicious porridge and retold the story Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. We built palaces and castles for the princes and princesses in our stories. Then, one morning a mysterious egg appeared in the Nursery. We looked at it carefully and talked about who we thought had laid the egg. When we came to school, we checked our egg every day and one morning we found a baby dragon had hatched.

# NURSERY

Salt dough divas.



Sparkly writing practice..



We have also been learning about celebrations with our mini topic, 'Sparkle and Shine'. We learned about how Diwali is celebrated and made divas. We talked about when we see fireworks and how to keep safe on Bonfire Night and Diwali.

We learned about food that is eaten on special occasions and tried some for ourselves. Our favourite was mince pies!

We worked as a team to decorate our Christmas tree using sparkly and shiny ornaments.



# RECEPTION



## Celebrations



We learnt about the celebration of Diwali and read the story of Rama and Sita. The children enjoyed dressing up in the festive clothes and creating their own rangoli patterns. We also learnt a Diwali dance together and the children had a fun time dancing along to some special music. We created fireworks in art and the children learnt about firework safety through our topics of Diwali and Bonfire Night.

## English



Our literacy topic this term was fairytales and traditional tales. We explored; Cinderella, The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children were able to recall their favourite tales and were even able to repeat memorable refrains from certain stories. We engage in many activities related to our topic, such as: creating bridges, building Cinderella's castles, and making the three little bear's hut. The children enjoyed role playing the stories and recreating the key events using their own narratives. We even staged



In maths we have been learning about: circles and triangles, prepositional language, comparing and composing numbers 1 to 5 and looking at one more and one less. We cross linked our circles and triangles topic to art and created amazing artwork inspired by Kandinsky's art. We explored numbers 1 to 5 in depth and have widened our knowledge and understanding of it. We enjoyed exploring various mathematical concepts in both our indoor and outdoor provisions.

# RECEPTION

## Poetry Party



For our poetry party, the children were busy helping the adults to make fruit salad, which we then shared along with other delicious foods and drinks. We enjoyed sitting together and sharing our food, whilst accompanied by nursery rhymes to sing along to. Everyone was excited to visit our new library and we all had a great time, dressing up for some photos inside our new library.

## Mark Making

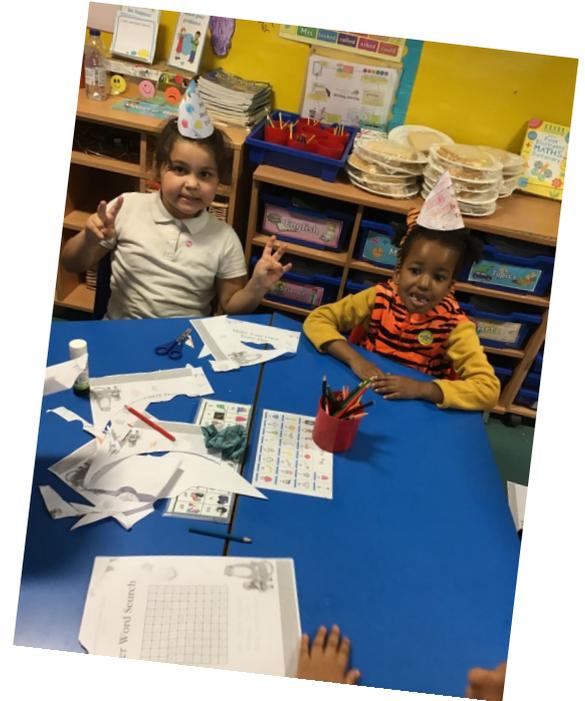
We have been busy mark making this term. The children have worked hard to refine their pencil grips and control allowing them to create masterpieces. We have been focusing on letter formations, number formations and name writing.



# YE YEAR 1

English

Year 1 have explored story writing this term, looking closely at the story 'The Tiger that came for Tea' and 'Dogger'. They enjoyed using role play and drama to express the characters' thoughts and feelings. They have also written their own versions of the stories.



At the end of our unit on 'The who came to Tea, we had a tea party where we made sandwiches, party hats and tiger masks. In the afternoon we enjoyed eating our party food and playing party games. All our costumes looked amazing, it was great to see so much effort being made.

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We have been learning about 'What do Christians believe?'. As part of our learning we visited St Stephens Church, Ealing. We found out about the meaning of the cross, different colours used, the advent wreath and why churches have lots of pictures telling stories.

# Y E A R 1 *continued...*

## Science



Our topic this term for science has been 'Animals including humans.' We have done lots of experiments. First we went animal spotting, we found lots of types of birds and even spotted a fox! We then learnt about different types of animals, animal diets and how to look after a pet. We had a very special visitor to help us with this, Ted the tortoise!



## Maths

In Maths lessons children used cubes, counters and animals to learn different ways to sort and group objects.



They have then been introduced to ordering numbers and different methods of counting and adding. The children used cubes to learn the part whole method. They were learning to add and think of numbers to make a total.



# YEAR 1 *continued...*



## History

We have been discovering 'All about Me' where we explored family trees and who is in our family. We learnt about how things were different when our parents and grandparents were our age and how things have changed.

We have also been learning about the history of toys. We were able to sort toys from the past from toys from now.

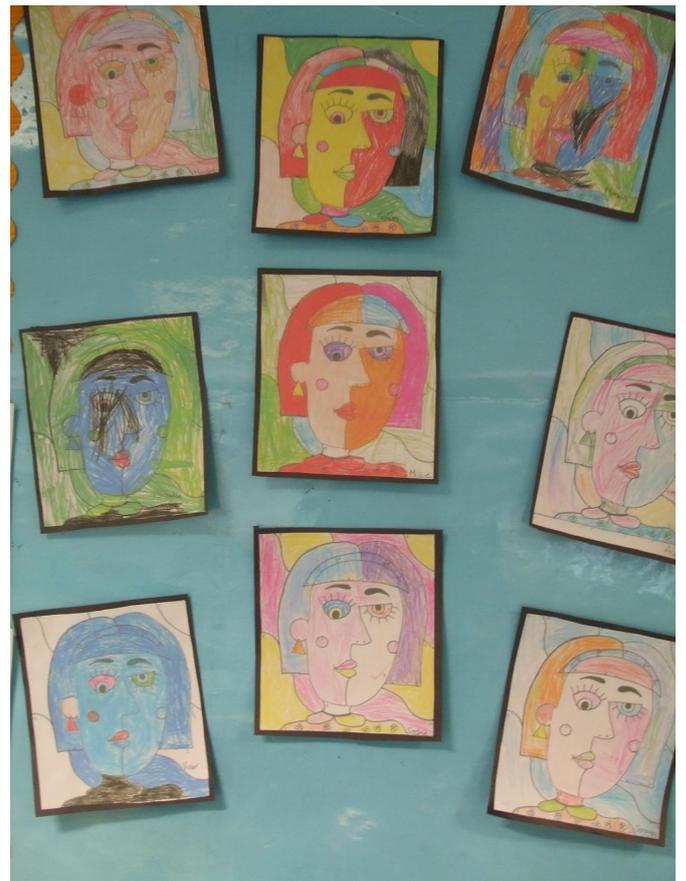
## PSHE

We have been thinking about what makes us special and how we are all important and unique. Come check out our display to find out more about us!



## Art

We have been learning different techniques such as sketches. We learnt about an Artist called Pablo Picasso and made portraits in



# YEAR 2



## History

Woodpeckers are becoming very good Historians. We have learnt much about the Great Fire of London and Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. All of the learning has been linked with our Science and English!

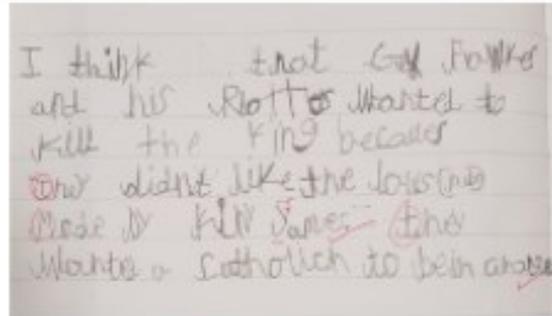
In History we have been examining plausible explanations for enquiry questions such as: Who do we blame for the Great fire of London? Why did the fire spread so quickly? Why did Guy Fawkes and his plotters want to kill King James I?

Here are some excellent reasons along with our Fantastic Finish, and home projects!



The houses were too close together and that's why they spreaded a lot and the wind was too much wind so that's why it spreaded quickly. The houses were made out of wood and tar.

Sometimes tar could burn easily.



I think that Guy Fawkes and his plotters wanted to kill the King because they didn't like the laws and they wanted to kill James the Catholic to be a king.

"Why would they (Guy Fawkes and his plotters) want to rule the country?"

Because if they rule the country then they can make the rules and make it fair.

"Make what fair?"  
"What do you mean fair?"

The religion beliefs so the Catholics are treated fairly like the others...treated the same.



During **Black History Week** we learnt about why someone is considered significant. We learnt about historical significant figures such as Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks and modern significant people such as Marcus Rashford and Floella Benjamin.

What do you think makes a modern or historical figure significant?



# Y E A R 2 *continued...*

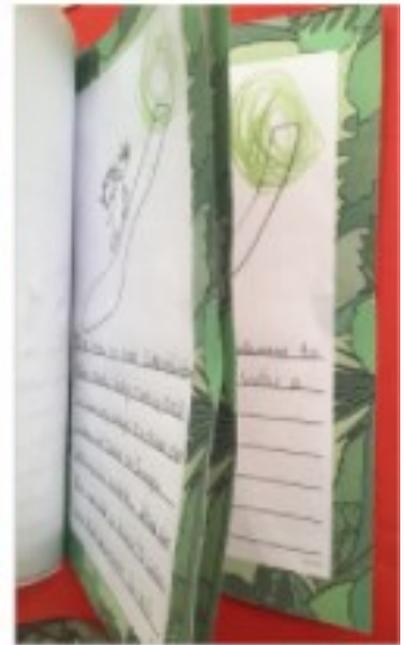
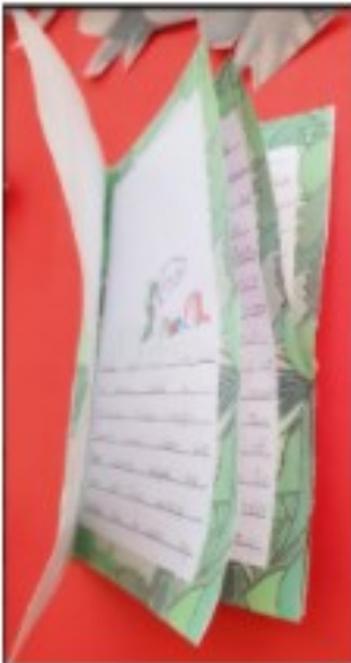
## Science

We have been exploring, testing a range of materials in the class and some from the playground. We have so much knowledge about the materials tar, wood, plastic, metal and we are quite confident using the vocabulary to describe their properties. Here are some of the scientific vocabulary we used: flexible, hard, weak, transparent, opaque, waterproof, absorbent. Ask our



## English

We have been writing some excellent stories and made our own books! Have a look at some examples of our amazing work!



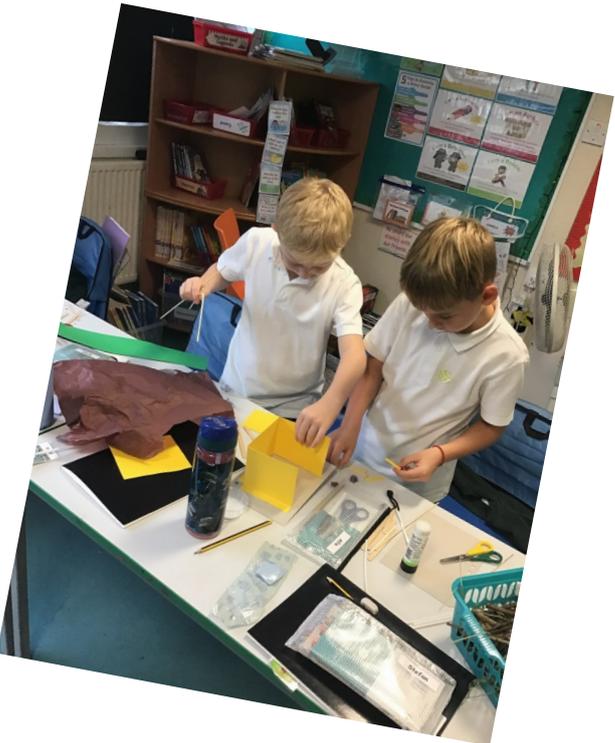
We also wrote non chronological reports about The Gunpowder Plot!  
We are definitely becoming good writers!

# YEAR 3



## Design Technology

We made Neolithic shelters in Design Technology lessons. We followed the 4 stages- Research, Plan, Make and Evaluate.



Here are some of our completed shelters...



# YEAR 3 continued...

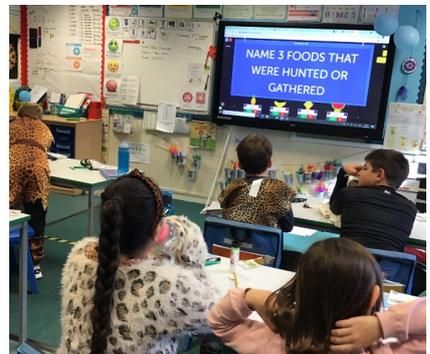
## History Trip to Gunnersbury Museum

We visited Gunnersbury Park Museum for our first trip in a long time. We did a workshop called 'Surviving The Stone Age'. We did lots of activities including handling and discussing primary sources of evidence (artefacts from The Stone Age), working in groups to make shelters and hunting by throwing spears. We had a great time and we think we have the skills to Survive the Stone Age! The main things you need to survive is food and shelter and we proved that we were pretty good at doing that!



### Fantastic FINISH

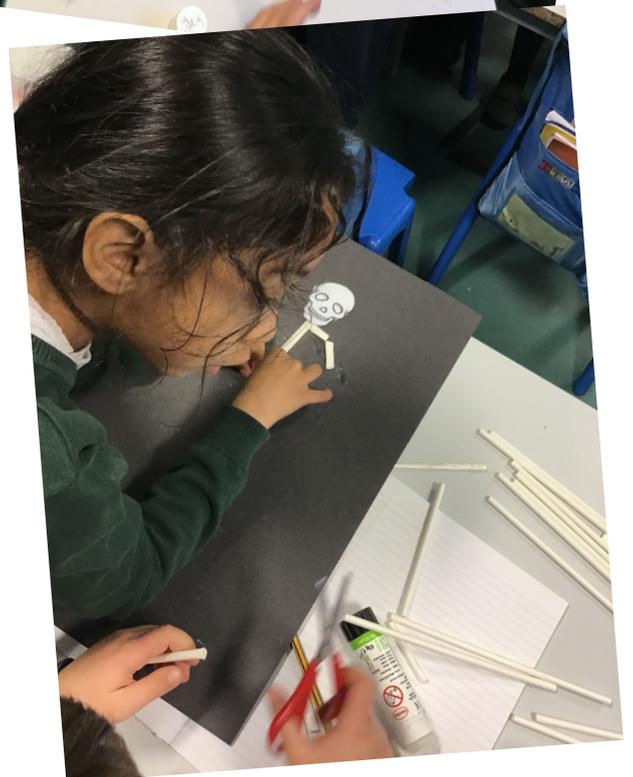
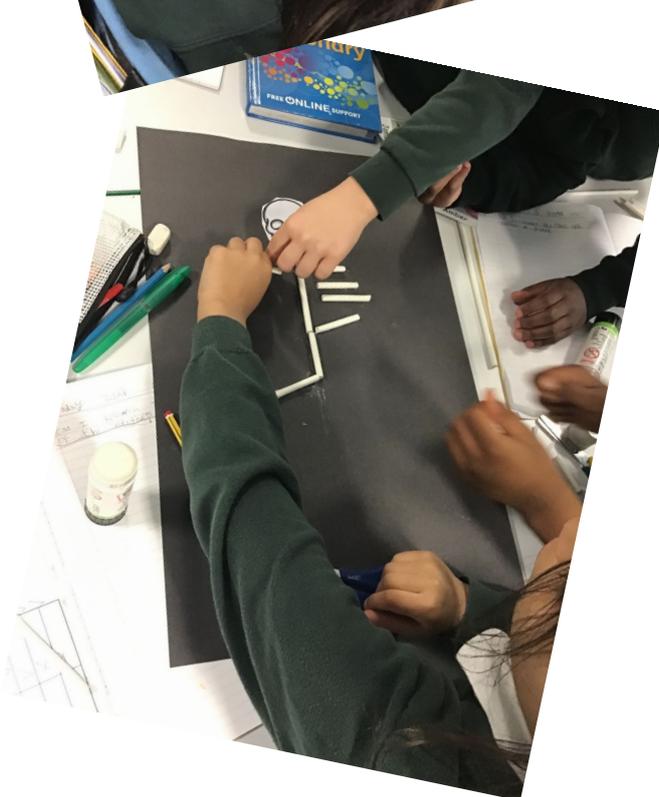
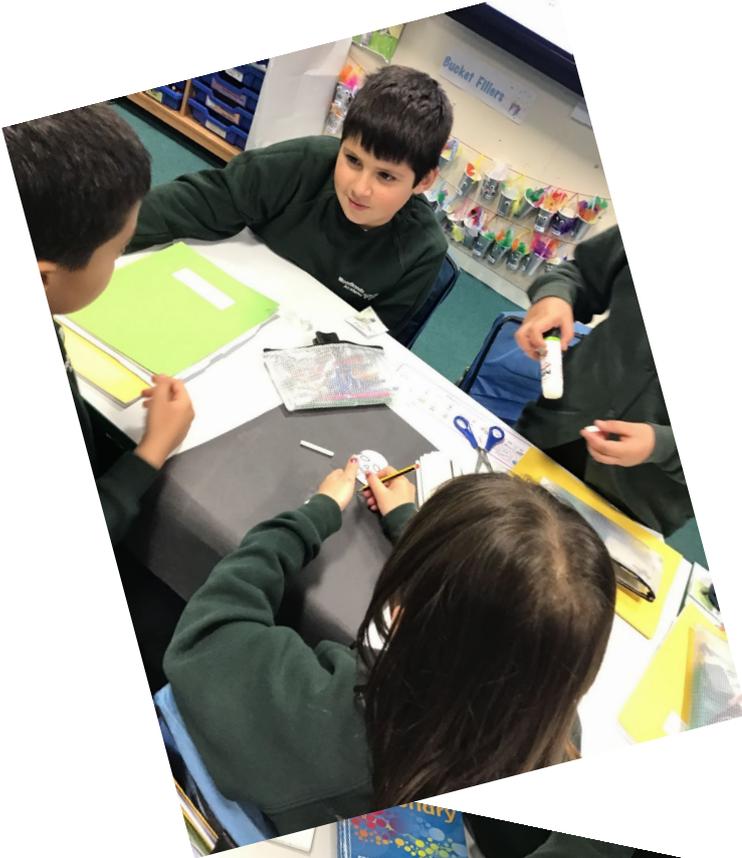
We dressed up like hunter gatherers in the Stone Age for our fantastic finish. We used codes to do some Stone Age counting in maths and did a quiz in teams to show our knowledge of the Stone Age. Take a look at our wonderful home made costumes and the Salt dough necklaces we made and painted.



# YEAR 3 continued...

## Science

Year 3 have been learning about animals including humans and had a fantastic time collaboratively making their own skeletons out of paper straws. We learnt there are 206 bones in a grown adult and they help us move, protect our muscles and organs and give us support.

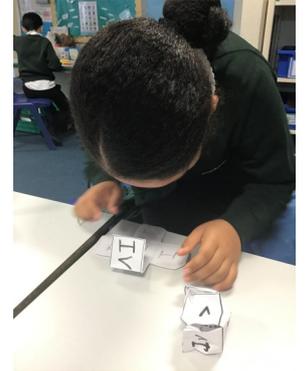


# YEAR 4

## History

For our **WOW start** we did lots of different activities to learn about The Romans. First we looked at roman numerals and tried to crack codes with our knowledge. Then we made dice with Roman numerals on them and played dice games.

We then looked at the food the Romans ate and wrote out our menus. We then had our very own Roman feast with lots of foods that the Romans ate and brought to Britain.



# The Romans

In November, we went on a school trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum. We did a workshop on the Romans. In the workshop we had the opportunity to dress up as influential people from the Roman times such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca.

We then looked at amazing artefacts such as papyrus and vases.



# Y E A R 4 *continued...*



We also had our class assembly this term. The assembly was about the Roman invasion of Britain. Some of the class were dressed as ruthless Romans and the others as furious Britains. Everyone in Sparrows class worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and to design their amazing costumes.

## Our Class Assembly

Science

Animals Including Humans



At the start of the term we looked at teeth and how important it is to look after your teeth. We then conducted an experiment to see the effect of certain drinks on our teeth. We placed eggs inside three different drinks, water, coke and orange. We left the eggs in the drinks for a few days. When we looked back at our eggs we found that the egg that was in the water did not have any changes but the eggs in the orange and coke did! Have a look at the pictures to see how the eggs turned out!

The juice was terrifying because it had a lot of sugar.

Maryam



Later on in the term we started to look at the Digestive System. We did an experiment to show how the digestive system works using household items. It was very messy but very interesting to see what happens to food inside our bodies!



We used bananas and wheetabix to show how food moves through your digestive system.

Mihran

# YEARS



## History



It's been a busy term in Year 5 with lots of fun and exciting learning.

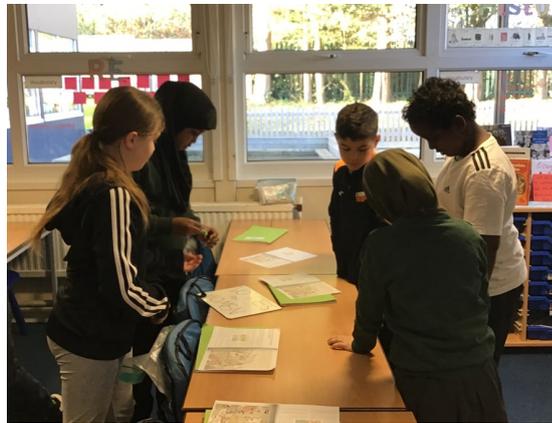
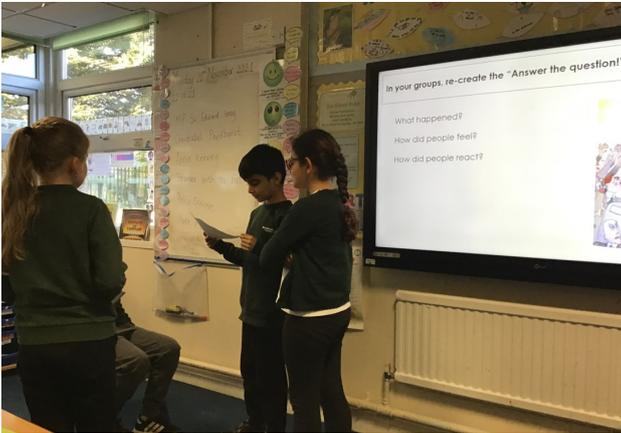
For our WOW day we imagined our classroom had been transferred into a Victorian School. We followed the same rules that were followed during the Victorian times, and followed a typical Victorian lesson which included the three Rs - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.



Mrs Dharsani was pretending to be a strict teacher in a Victorian School. We were writing on chalkboards. I enjoyed this day because I experienced what it was like in The Victorian Times. Destini

Our English text 'Oliver Twist' helped us to imagine what life was like for poor children during the Victorian Times. We loved seeing the characters come to life, and enjoyed watching the movie as part of our Fantastic Finish!

## Fantastic FINISH



## Maths

The children have enjoyed being Mathematician this term and using Maths Talk to help them with their reasoning and explanations skills. They have enjoyed digging in deeper with Mastery thinking.



# YEAR 5 continued...

## Poetry Day

Year 5 loved Poetry Day, and expressing their emotions and actions through their chosen poems.



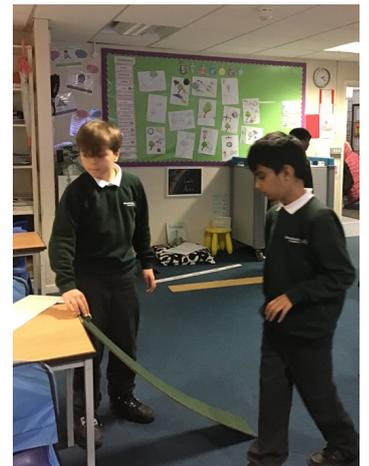
## Music



Our weekly saxophone lessons have kept our Year 5's super busy this term. The children have all shown perseverance and determination, and have been practising at home. Thank you to Mr Jones and .... who really helped the children to feel confident with their saxophone lessons.

## Science

The children have loved investigating different forces: air resistance and friction, and loved being scientists. They had to plan an investigation which involved conducting a fair test, and backed up their conclusion with a scientific explanation.





# YEAR 6



## WOW Day (September)

To gain an understanding of our History topic -World War 2 - we spent the morning looking at artefacts and consolidating our research skills. We also spent some time in the kitchen

## Fantastic Finish (December) - linking English & History.



One of the characters from our English core text was put on trial for the part he played in Nazi Germany. In role, as the fictional characters, we demonstrated our History learning this term.

## Poetry Performances as part of our Poetry Party - October

Year 6 worked hard to bring drama to their performances whilst clearly communicating the story within their poems. Fantastic work!



# Y E A R 6

We were privileged to be the first class in a very long time to perform a class assembly. This class assembly was extra special - the children wrote and directed the assembly by themselves, some even wrote their own songs! Well done, Year 6!

A special mention to Fatima, Maya & Yali (Part 1 writers) and Baileigh & Courtney (Part 2 writers).

Thank you also to Mr Jones for arranging the music between Part 1 and Part 2.



## Class Assembly



## Royal Opera House

On the 7th December, Year 6 watched a performance of The Nutcracker ballet at the iconic Royal Opera House. It was a truly amazing experience and one that we will remember for a very long time!



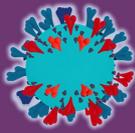


# Seasons Greetings

From everyone at Woodlands, we would like to wish you a happy and safe break. **See you back in school on Wednesday 5th January.** Please follow government guidance to protect your family and others around you.

## Omicron

Look out for new signs



A new coronavirus called **Omicron** is spreading fast. Look out for different signs

- \* Aches and pains
- \* Headache
- \* Tiredness
- \* Sore throat

Most people get less ill with Omicron.

But it is spreading so fast it may be a problem this winter.

Get your booster for the best protection.



### Don't spread it



Wash your hands a lot



Keep social distancing



Wear a face mask



Open windows for fresh air

KEEP LONDON SAFE

NHS Test and Trace

**COVID SYMPTOMS?  
GET TESTED NOW.**

**nhs.uk/coronavirus OR CALL 119**

Protect your friends and family

If you develop any of these symptoms, we strongly advise to book a PCR Test.

You will get a faster result if you can go to a local walk in clinic or drive through.

**THIS IS TO HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.**