



Words from the Woods!

Friday 16th June 2022

'From small beginnings come great things'
The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the Summer! Despite only being back two weeks, the children have been extremely busy in the classroom!

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Don't forget that we have our sponsored scavenger hunt on Wednesday 22 June. All money raised will go towards outdoor play equipment. Let's see if we can beat £1400 from our last sponsored event. Please send money in by Friday 24th June.

News from The Classrooms

Nursery have been exploring a log slice that we were given. They carefully counted its rings and it seems the tree was 45 years old! They had a great discussion on how it was blown down in the last storm.

In class 1 we are exploring a new theme called 'Under the Sea'.



Diary Dates

INSET Days
20.7.22, 2.9.22, 5.9.22, 4.1.23,
17.4.23, 21.7.23

Holidays 2021-2022
New/Changed

Open	Close
Summer 2022	
Tue 26.4.22	Fri 27.5.22
Mon 6.6.22	Tue 19.7.22
Autumn Term 2022	
Tue 6.9.22	Fri 21.10.22
Mon 31.10.22	Tue 20.12.22
Spring 2023	
Thu 5.1.23	Fri 10.2.23
Mon 20.2.23	Fri 31.3.23

Dates

- Wed 22.6.22 Sponsored walk
- Fri 24.6.22 Mufti Day
- Fri 24.6.22 Godly Play
- Fri 8.7.22 Sports Day 2pm
- Fri 15.7.22 Sports Day reserve and Community Forest School Session
- Tuesday 19.7.22 Leavers assembly. School finishes at 1.30pm

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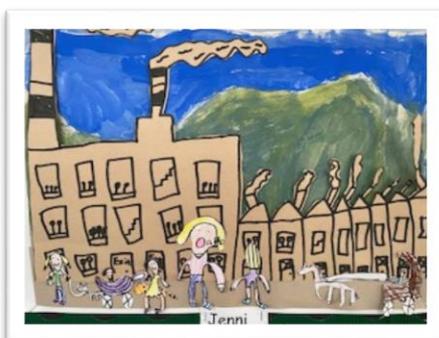
There are lots of wonderful stories and songs we have shared, learning Makaton signs. These include sea, crab, clam and fish. As always, we are keen to build new vocabulary and this week has introduced words such as shoal and tentacles.

The children are so lucky to access their own outdoor area, especially during these warmer weeks! They have been busy playing and creating with loose parts (wood, guttering, tyres, crates etc), water and sand play. The Early Years garden is undergoing some developments; including a new stage area, increased loose parts and a huge delivery of gravel for our digging pit area! Look out for our new sensory kitchen which should be arriving soon!

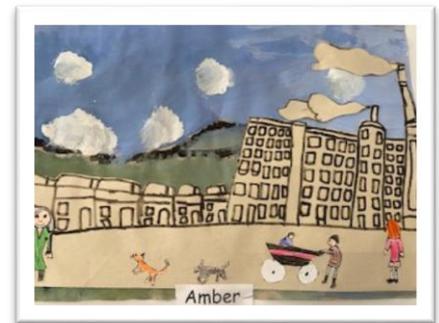
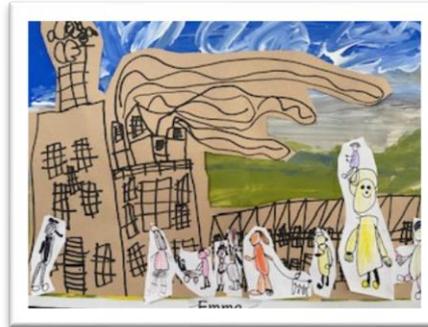
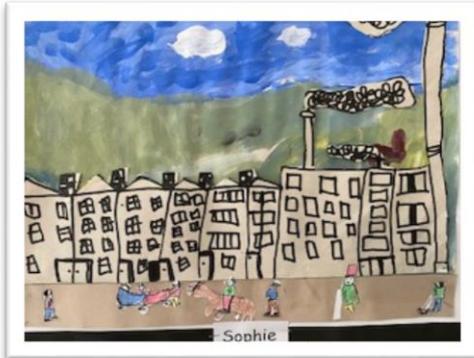
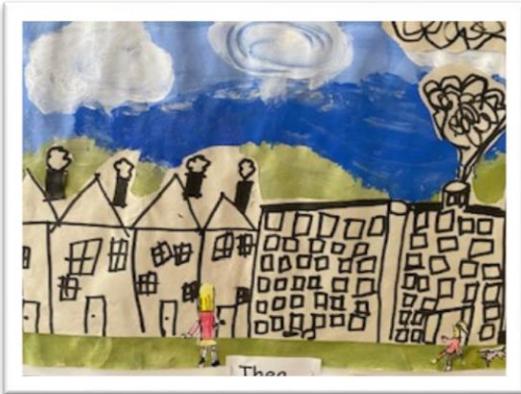
In Class 2 we have started a new topic in geography. We have been finding out what a wonderful world we live in. The children have been locating countries, continents and oceans of the world, in relation to where we live. Some of us made globes as part of our homework this week!



We have also been learning about the 19th century British painter LS Lowry. We have found out about his life and work and where he lived. This week we made these multimedia collages in the style of the Lowry.



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In Class 3, the children have continued with their science topic 'States of Matter'. Through investigation, the children observed that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. They measured the temperature at which these happens in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$). They also observed that different objects melted at different temperatures. This week the children will be finding out more about how water changes state, the processes that cause it to change and the temperatures at which it changes.

In English, the children have continued looking at fiction and have published some fantastic stories based on the Barnabus Project by the Fan Brothers. Next week, we will be exploring fairy tale stories.



Class 4 have been working hard so far this term!
Our theme is 'Inventors and Inventions'. We began looking at the work of Margaret Hamilton, and her computer programming skills, which were instrumental in supporting the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon in 1969. They

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made a new invention using materials in Forest School and have begun looking at Roy Lichenstein and his ground breaking work as an artist. Pupils conducted independent research into the life of British monarchs as the start of their History topic. They looked at a timeline of Queen Victoria's life and will continue by looking at key moments during her reign; whilst comparing her life to that of our current monarch. All pupils have joined in with the Community Cops session and this week we looked at Money Sense. Pupils are learning about ways to save money and energy, as well as thinking about ways they can earn and begin to be wise about money for the future.



Class 4 residential

Class 4 spent five

days at Quinta Christian Centre with Mrs Groom, Mrs Hazell and Mrs Pattison and we had SO much fun!

Due to the small group size, we were able to hire a minibus which enabled us to have the flexibility to travel around Shropshire and cross the border into Wales.

The children spent a day at Chirk Castle where they learnt about its history and the grounds upon which the castle sits. To make the most of our National Trust pass, we also visited Erddig where the children went back in time to the late 1800's. It was very much a Downton Abbey moment! Back at Quinta, the children made use of the extensive grounds and participated in archery, tree climbing, canoeing (resulting in Mrs Pattison capsizing) and low ropes. It was a superb week with lots of memories made.



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Forest School

In EYFS, children have been making Father's Day keyrings from wood slices. In Class 2, pupils have made additions to and played in the pallet 'dens' and Class 3, have made their own wormery! They will be studying them closely to observe how worms mix up layers of soil. Finally, in Class 4 the children have been inventors; creating natural coat hooks for base camp.



Weather

Now that it seems to be heating up, please make sure your child brings a hat and be sure to apply sun cream BEFORE school. In all cases, don't forget that your child needs to come to school with a **water bottle**. When it is hot and sunny, the children will play in the woodlands. I know that this has disappointed our football players!

Lunches and allergies

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please DO NOT send your child in with nuts. This includes peanut butter sandwiches.



Recycled Bottle Top Art



Rangers & Eco Council are organising a collection of used bottle tops to create some recycled art for the playground.
There will be a collection box in the main entrance
Many Thanks
Mrs Hazell



Stars of The Week

Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the Week	Declan	For making super choices this week.
	Science	Zac	Great understanding on how to look after our plants and vegetables.
	Maths	Abdul	Such speedy addition to check how many sandwiches we have made.
	Writer	Renzo	Trying so hard to trace and write his name.
	Values	Jorgie	For always willing to share and let others have a turn. We are so proud of your kindness.
For Class	Award	Name	Reason
2	Star of the Week	Lewis	For showing such resilience when things have been so hard recently. You always come to school with a smile on your face and love in your heart.
	Science	Lily	For showing such enthusiasm and understanding of our topic on plants.
	Maths	Carwyn	For working out how to add 10 to a number - Well done!
	Writer	Kristen	For writing some brilliant rhyming couplets this week!
	Values	Hendrik	For always having such lovely manners-particularly in the morning when you say hello with a smile.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
3	Star of the Week	John	For being a super star in everything he does.
	Science	Celina	For her excellent understanding in solids, liquids and gases.
	Maths	Lilly	For her excellent 'I can' attitude.
	Writer	Max	For writing a superb story. Great work on using the resources to help you compose some super sentences.
	Values	Grace	For being extremely helpful in class this week.

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Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the Week	Riley	For being so mature and sensible in her approach to school and her work, you've really tried hard.
	Science	N/A	
	Maths	Habib	For making consistently good progress in his work in class.
	Writer	Matthew	For writing a brilliant advert for a holiday, using all the key features. Well done!
	Values	Ella C	For sharing her caring nature in Class 4, and for showing courage in using new techniques in her writing – well done!

As always,
 Have a lovely weekend and I will see you on Monday.
 Mrs Groom
 Headteacher

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