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**So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 7:12**

4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our value this term is **'Respect and Reverence'** and we strive in school to show how we all **'listen well, take turns and value the opinions of others'**. Many of our children in key stage 2 are shocked, worried and openly talking about their understanding of what is happening with Ukraine and Russia. As a school, we are being led by their questions and have sought guidance how to answer their questions in a child friendly way. We are talking about what it means to be a good neighbour and how we all have the right to be treated with respect. This week I have received letters from children who want to help and I will be working with our School Council to see how we can make a difference at Braunston.

As a school, we have decided to return to whole school or phase assemblies. We are all back together on the playgrounds during lunchtime, and are able to move more freely between classrooms. Much of our COVID risk assessments remain in place including sanitising, increased cleaning and staff wearing masks in communal areas. We are also going to continue to alert year groups to any COVID cases due to the vulnerabilities within our school community.

Next week, we say our goodbyes to Rev Nat who has been one of the school's greatest supporters and friend. The school has benefited so much from Rev Nat's guidance and developed much stronger links with the Church. The children at Braunston will miss Rev Nat's Collective Worship and the skilful way in which she presents key messages and ensuring that we all know that we are valued by God. Rev Nat moves onto a new parish who are very lucky to have her!

Please take time to read the diary dates as there is a lot going on in the run up to Easter. FOBS are running a Mother's Day present room and an Easter event – letters have been sent out with more details. The school is looking at improving our Key Stage 1 playground and we will be able to share our plans in the near future.

The children celebrated World Book Day yesterday and looked amazing. Books were read, shared and recommended and we continued to raise the profile of reading at Braunston. We believe every child is a reader and that reading is the gateway to accessing the full curriculum. Thank you for your support in this, not only in providing costumes for your child but also for listening to your child read as often as you are able to.

Next week, I will be sending out information regarding being a volunteer at Braunston. We are looking for support in listening to children read and in supporting swimming lessons. The pool is scheduled to be up and running so that we can have lessons in both summer terms. (Fingers crossed!).



Reception Class – Inkpen

This term we are learning all about dinosaurs! We have loved dressing up as a T-rex and Triceratops and sharing lots of dinosaur stories in our reading area. Our primary text is 'The Dinosaur that Pooped the Past!' We have been using junk modelling to create inventions for Danny and Dinosaur to travel back to the past to visit the dinosaurs. We are constantly improving with our writing and have been busy making information zigzag books about fossils and have written some captions for dinosaur pictures.

In Maths we have been re-visiting number bonds to 10 and have been taking away smaller quantities from larger quantities using '-'. We have re-visited our work on measuring the distance of our throws – some of our throws went really far!

Look out for our very own dinosaur fossils, which will be coming home soon!



4 of the bean bags are in the hoop and 1 is on the outside. There are 5 altogether. 5 take away 1 equals 4!"

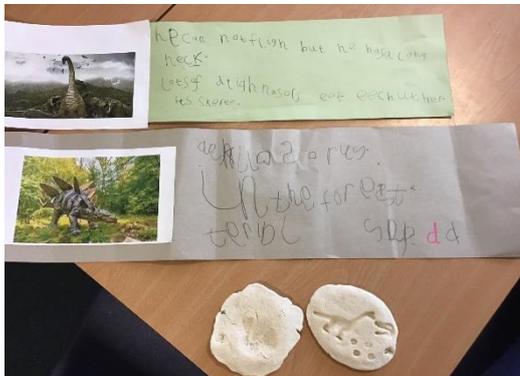
Gracie-May.

Someone tipped water there and it's frozen overnight because it's been so cold! It's gone to ice."

Van.

The ankylosaurs is in the forest. He has a tail like a hammer to bash the other dinosaurs away. Bash, bash!"

Dexter.



Class 1 - Donaldson

In Year 1, we have been studying the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. This is inspiring us to write our own piece of text, using the suffixes -er and -est. We are using all of the skills we have learnt so far this year and everyone is so proud of how much our writing is progressing.

We also related our design and technology project to our story. We explored different types of bridges and chose our favourite. Did you know a famous engineer called 'Isambard Kingdom Brunel' designed 'The Clifton Suspension Bridge'? We researched and tested to see how we could make our bridges strong, stiff and stable, just like Isambard did! After drawing a design of what our bridge would look like we made our bridges. Thank you for all of the boxes and cardboard that was sent in, they were very useful.



I liked it when Big Billy Goat pushed the troll into the river.
Olivia

Our first bridge fell down. We tried again and made it stronger. Blake O



I liked making the supports for the bridge. Bertie

I really liked the arch bridge because it was easier to make. Freya

Class 2 – Ahlberg

Class 2 are enjoying the best children’s book in the whole world right now – **Dogger** by the late, great, Shirley Hughes. We are finding so much to discuss and really ‘unpicking’ it in a way that shows the children’s fantastic understanding of their own reading.

In maths we are learning all about fractions. We are experts on halves and quarters so far and will soon be reaching the dizzy heights of thirds!

In geography we are learning the continents and oceans of planet earth and in art we are looking at the work of a sculptor called Christopher Marvell. We have sketched animals and yesterday had our first try at sculpting our chosen animal using plasticine and clay tools. Next week we will be using real clay.

A great beginning to the term – well done Year 2!

I used pushing and pulling
and squashing and
blending to create my
African animal.
Sophie

I love reading Dogger but I
don’t like it when Dave
loses him because it makes
me feel sad.
Freya

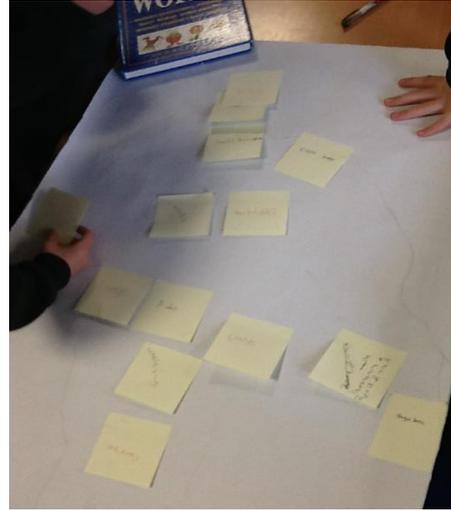


Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 since returning from half term have been working hard. In English, they have become poets, writing poems about volcanoes and using similes.

In science, they have started their new topic of “All About Skeletons”. They worked in groups to label a life size skeleton with all the bones and organs they know. We will re-visit these at the end of the topic to see what new information we can add.

In Maths, the children have been learning about statistics, they have explored tally charts, tables and bar charts and used these to answer questions.



I loved everything we
learnt about
volcanoes.
Katie

I enjoyed drawing a bar
graph.
Jenson

I enjoyed it when my friend drew around
me to be a skeleton.
Isaac

Class 4 – Morpurgo

Year 4 have had the most amazing Spring 1 term with so many exciting things happening. All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their residential at Everdon – a big thank you to Mr Pryce, Mrs Sawyer, Miss Madge, Mrs Spriggs, Mrs Morris and Mrs Pateman for ensuring that the children had a great time. The children's behaviour was exceptional and was commented on by the Everdon staff team. Children have their turn at Forest Schools this term and are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Mrs Edge has taught Year 4 whilst Mrs Oliver has been away and will remain with the class as an additional teacher on Tuesdays, leading interventions and catch up programmes. Children are busy learning their times table up to 12 x 12 and we would welcome parental support in helping the children to be able to answer questions within three seconds. This is in preparation for the national year 4 multiplication assessment and we will send more details out about this soon.

The children have written the most fantastic poetry based on Michael Rosen's poem, 'Don't!' All children were able to perform their poem with great expression and drama. We are busy working on our presentation and hope for our work to be entered into the Queen Mother's National Handwriting competition.

The children really enjoyed World Book Day yesterday and as a class really model what it looks like to read for pleasure. Mrs Willis has had the absolute pleasure of teaching year 4 this week and has been so impressed with their attitude to learning and how they support each other with their learning.



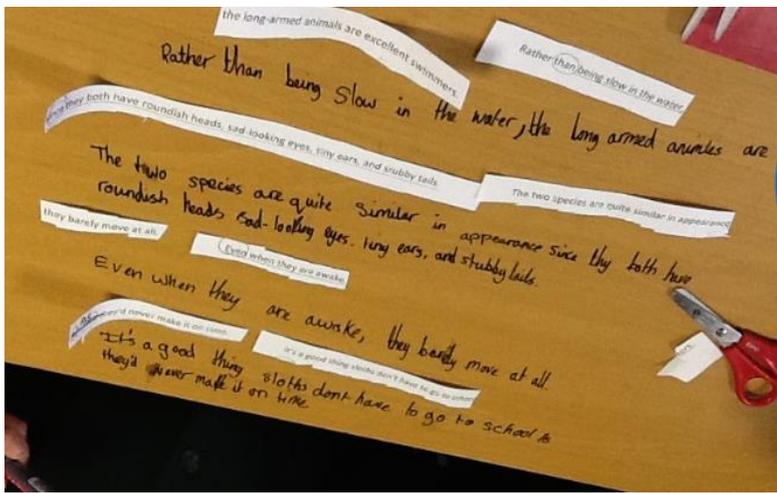
Class 5 – Rowling

Last half term Class Rowling completed some great challenges including orienteering their way around both North and South America! Our journey through the rainforest was linked to our Design Technology project and the children made some lovely Pop-Up books to show the animals that are found in each of the layers. It was a busy end to the half term with safer internet day and dancing to S Club 7 for mental health awareness – everyone deserved a well-earned week off.

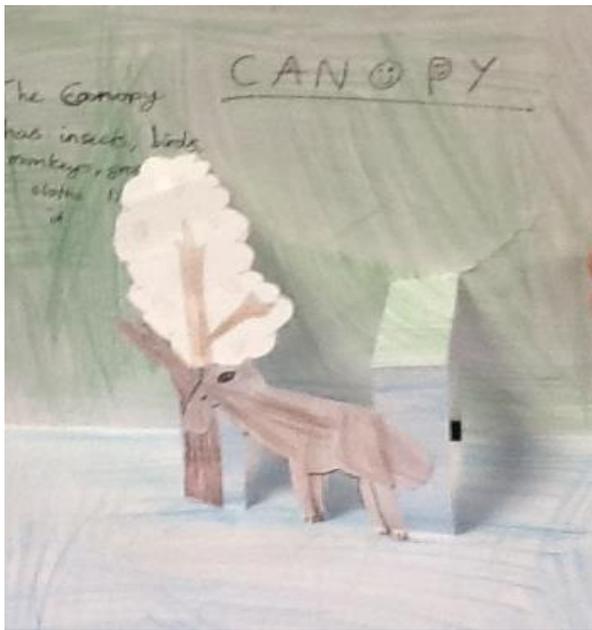
Class Rowling have returned from their half term break, raring to go as always... Continuing with the Americas, we have embarked upon our historical Mayan project by looking into Catherwood's drawings of the Mayan remains and considering the reliability of sources. Fractions has continued to be our focus for Maths and we are all building our confidence gradually in this area. To continue developing our English skills, we have been cutting up sentences to identify main and subordinate clauses and we will be using them within our non-chronological reports about animals found in the Americas. During our science sessions, children have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes. Last week, they enjoyed separating materials using different processes and this week they have been looking at irreversible changes with the help of pancakes.

I was tired after the orienteering as I ran such a long way as well as doing exercises at each country too – it was fun working with my team.
Georgia B

It was great to get the Instruments in music – it was fun and I made bird noises too.
George T



Fractions has been complex but I have been persevering and I feel that I am getting better. I'm sure one day it will all come in useful!
Alex P



Class 6 – Horowitz

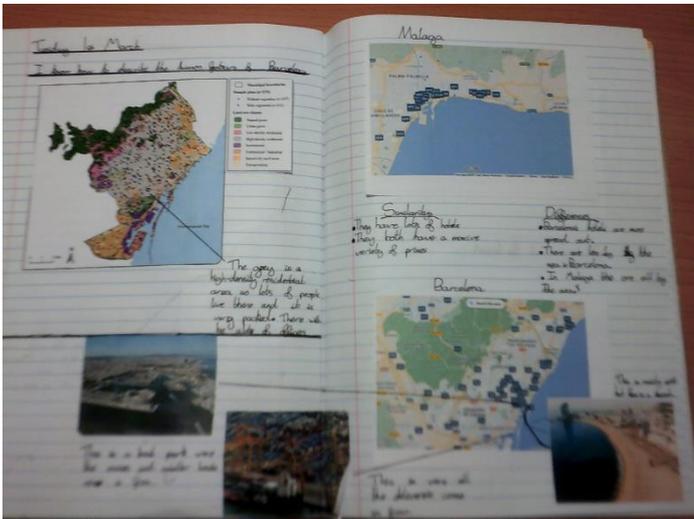
This term Year 6 have relocated to Barcelona! We have been studying maps to explore the location of Spain and where Barcelona is situated, how it has sprawled and how the physical geography has affected this. They have been comparing how the use of the coastline of Barcelona is different to other coastal areas of Spain due to the port. The class have been set the challenge to make any landmarks found in Barcelona for our display- there has been the promise of a model of Camp Nou!

In English we have been exploring a positive hotel review of Hotel Barcelona 1882; the class are preparing to write their own negative review. There has also been a lot of hard work on grammatical terms! Well done Year 6 you are working with such focus.

During our PE sessions, the children have been taking part in hockey sessions. Our first lesson involved a warm up called domes and dishes, when the children got to work at speed against the opposing team. We then learnt how to hold the hockey stick correctly and practised dribbling with the ball. There were some absolutely amazing skills on show!

I liked playing hockey as I learnt how to control the ball and it was not always rolling away from me.
Annabel

I have enjoyed learning about the growth of Barcelona.
Charlie H



I am looking forward to writing the negative hotel review because writing is my favourite thing to do in my spare time.
Leila



Toilet Twinning

Two billion people in the world do not have a toilet. Because of this, millions of children fall ill, sometimes with really serious, life threatening diseases. We are aiming to raise as much money as we can to help poor communities around the world to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives. On **Wednesday 30th March 2022** your child is invited to **'WEAR BLUE FOR A LOO'**. This means they can wear their own clothes (as long as they are blue!) and all we ask in return is a donation so we can help raise money to improve the life chances of some of the poorest communities in the world. Many thanks in advance!



Sports News



Braunston's Year 5 / 6 Indoor Athletics team enjoyed competing at the Daventry Leisure Centre. We were up against some tough competition, with schools from all across Northamptonshire. All the children competed well, supported themselves and others in a kind manner and represented the school with pride. The boys were particularly successful with their track events, with all of them securing 1st or 2nd in every race. Overall, we finished 8th out of all 14 teams that took part. Well done.



| Pupil of the Week | | | Our School Value | | Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards |
|---|---------|-----------|------------------|-------------|---|
| | 4.2.22 | 11.2.22 | 4.2.22 | 11.2.22 | |
| R | Jackson | Polly | Emily | Bertie | |
| 1 | Olivia | Hanna | May | Harvey-Jack | |
| 2 | Thea | Mya-Poppy | Amanat | Archie | |
| 3 | Violet | Francisco | Ben | Pippa | |
| 4 | Charlie | | Merin | | |
| 5 | Logan | Logan | Chloe | Bella | |
| 6 | Oliver | Romah | Willow | Lily | |
| Best Attendance R & 2 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school) | | | | | |

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|---|----------|----------|------------------|----------|---|
| | 25.2.22 | 4.3.22 | 25.2.22 | 4.3.22 | |
| R | Theodore | Kingsley | Gracie-May | Rory | Luke, Gracie, Rory Alfie |
| 1 | Jasmine | Jasmine | Avery | Hanna | |
| 2 | Zachary | Honey | Phoebe | Florence | Ben Freddie, Madison |
| 3 | Sadie | Scarlet | Sonny | Joshua | |
| 4 | Ryan | Tallulah | Madison | Freddie | |
| 5 | Iszy | Louis | Alyssia | Ayva | Freddie, McKenzie |
| 6 | Nicole | Leila | Maya | Annabel | |
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