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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for peace and not for calamity, to give you a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this term, we have welcomed Beatrice Glinche, the headteacher from our link school, l'ecole Ste Marie in Chaumes en Retz, France, and her three daughters. The children and Madame Glinche enjoyed a tour of the school and spent time in Reception, Year 5 and Year 6. Children were encouraged to welcome our visitors in French and to practise the vocabulary they know about how to present themselves. Some were even brave enough to have a go! Madame Glinche and the children enjoyed seeing how children at Braunston learn and how our school compares to l'ecole Ste Marie. Mrs Phipps visited the school in France this summer and we are looking forward to developing our links further over the coming year.

Our pupils have been active in making a difference to the lives of others showing respect and understanding. Sergeant Major O'Brien led us in our Remembrance Service and spoke about how diverse our world is but we must be ambitious in our pursuit of equality and inclusion in our society. The School Council sold poppies and merchandise and collectively we raised £309.84 in support of the Royal British Legion.

Our Anti-Bullying Committee helped to prepare activities used to help children to understand that we celebrate our differences and recognise how we are all the same in so many ways. The children raised £181.08 and know that this will be used to help "Children in Need".

Thank you for donating to this fundraising. We recognise that times are hard, please be assured that children will never miss out if you are unable to donate.

Please refer to a poster that has been sent out today detailing important dates next week and beyond. A reminder that the calendar on WEDUC is updated regularly.

We look forward to seeing you in school in the next couple of weeks.

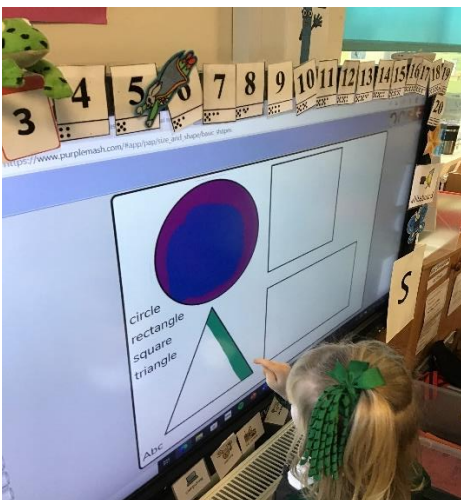


Reception Class – Inkpen

Reception have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali and enjoyed listening to Mrs Gohil and Ava, who visited our class to share how they celebrate this special festival. We then had a go at creating some firework paintings by using splattering techniques and prints.

Our new topic this term is 'Bbbrrr... It's Cold Outside' and we have been identifying animals that live in cold parts of the world such as Antarctica and the Arctic. We have used our phonics knowledge to support our independent pieces of writing. We have also been comparing our own homes with shelters used in cold places such as igloos!

In Maths we have been busy comparing circles and triangles and discussing whether these shapes are still the same if we rotate them or if they are different sizes. We concluded that a triangle is still a triangle if it has three straight edges and three corners and a circle is a circle with no corners and one curved edge.



'l-o-g, log!'
Freyja-Rose

'We live in England and our homes are made of bricks. Smoke comes out a chimney. The igloo is made of snow and is curved at the top. If we did a fire in it, it would melt!'
Ellis

'1, 2, 3, 4. One more than 4 is 5'
Destiny

Class 1 - Donaldson

For our topic work in geography, Year 1 have been very busy visiting different countries in the United Kingdom. So far, we have travelled on the magic carpet around England to Wales and to Scotland. We have learnt so much about the countries we have visited.

We first learnt what human and physical geography means. Now we know that we can use this knowledge to classify the famous landmarks and characteristics for each country. We also found each country on a map and learnt the name of each capital city. We coloured in the flag for each country and discovered the national animal and flower.

Next stop, Northern Ireland!

For our English topic we read a story about The Loch Ness Monster. We retold the story by acting the main events and drew pictures of our favourite part of the story. We used this story to inspire our own writing. We are beginning to write cohesive sentences using 'he, she and it'. Miss Tant was very impressed with our 'Gold Write'.

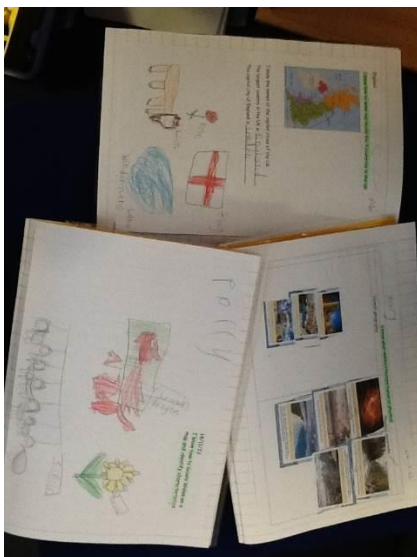
We will start our science topic soon and will learn all about our senses. We have already been starting to think about what our favourite foods to taste are.

'I love the Highland Fling'.
Finlay

'The national animal of Scotland is
a unicorn.'
Minnie

'I like the Scottish flag'.
Seth

'Edinburgh Castle is built on an
extinct volcano'.
Kingsley



Class 2 – Ahlberg

Year 2 have been so busy! We have just returned from an amazing trip to Warwick Castle - and we escaped the rain completely. We had a wonderful day exploring the castle inside and out. We found out about knights and armour as well as seeing the battlements, arrow slits castle walls and towers. The children loved seeing the owl and hawk swooping over their heads during the bird display and all the children behaved impeccably. No-one would have guessed it was their first ever school trip.

In class, we have been studying Australia in science and geography. We are learning all about habitats and comparing them to our local habitats in Braunston. In English, we have just finished a super book called 'Possum Magic' and we have written our own versions in our writing books.

In maths, we have been moving forward with our addition and subtraction strategies. The children have shown real understanding and we are all very proud of them.

Well done Ahlbergs - you are working so hard!

May: Can we go on another school trip tomorrow?

Madalina: I don't want to go home (from Warwick Castle) because this is the best day ever!

Bertie: I can't believe I did it!
(When he got to the very top of the castle tower)



Class 3 - Jamila

The children have returned from the half term full of energy ready to learn. In geography, the children have started their topic to find out where in the UK Braunston is. They have found out about counties and regions as well as some cities.

In DT, the children are looking forward to designing and making a shelter. They have used their knowledge from the Stone Age to learn how to make a tripod structure. Later in the week they will use this to design and make their own shelter.

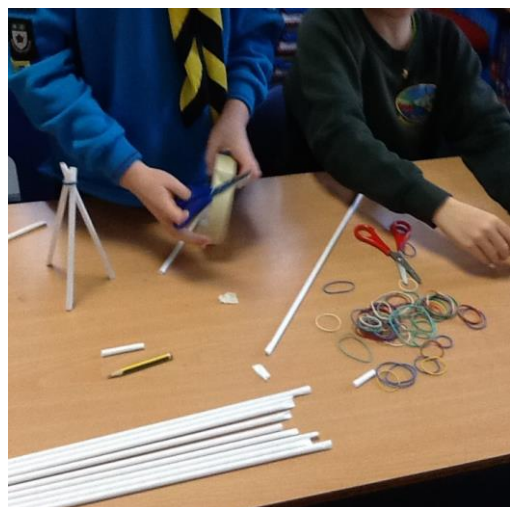
In maths, the children have completed their unit of addition and subtraction and are now moving on to explore multiplication and division. Keep practising those times tables at home!



'I liked the part where I had to try and then try again to make it work ' Lottie

'I enjoyed cutting the sticks and making them the right length to make my tripod structure' Molly

'It was fun making the structures' Archie



Class 4 – Morpurgo

During English, we have been learning how to write persuasive letters by developing the use of formal persuasive adjectives and causal conjunctions. We have applied to be Roman gladiators and soldiers; some of us have even used our skills to write persuasive letters to Mrs Willis. Warning parents: you may start receiving persuasive letters from your children! In Maths, we have been developing our times table knowledge and corresponding division facts. We have been actively dancing to learn these. Our answers for the 25 question times table check have improved for everyone!

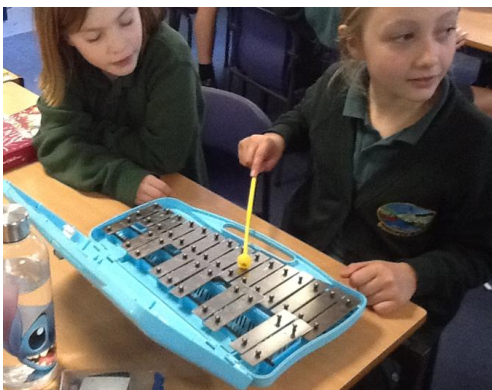
In science, we have been finding out about teeth and set up egg shells in different drinks to see what affect they have on the shells. We are looking forward to finding out about the digestive system. Now that we are up to year four speed, we have begun our music lessons properly and have had the glockenspiels out; we played two tunes using notes D, E & F.



'I enjoyed sewing and then used the stitches to make clothes for my dolls at home'
Sadie

'I have loved finding out about the Romans and have enjoyed writing my letters to apply for jobs in the Roman times'
Riley

'I am so proud of my purse. It looks cool!'
Alice



Class 5 – Rowling

This half term has seen the start of Forest Schools for some children in our year group. Ably supported by Mrs Barnwell, Mrs Allinson and Mrs Odell, they have been hard at work in the school grounds: preparing the outside area for winter and doing some fantastic crafts, including some wooden poppy cookies. Those who have remained in the classroom have been learning about North America and what a varied and fascinating continent it is. Using a range of maps and secondary sources, they have been discovering more about the countries that it is made up of and their varied geographical features. In English, we have created some skilfully written explanation texts about how to catch a variety of mythical creatures, thinking carefully about what the reader may want to know. During maths sessions, there has been a focus on using visual representations to develop our knowledge and understanding of fractions. In science, we have begun our new topic on the 'Earth and Beyond' and created some super scientific questions about what we'd like to find out.



'I have enjoyed working with my friends and having fun tidying the outside area and doing crafts'
Cruz

'I have particularly enjoyed maths – every lesson goes so quickly. I like using visual pictures to help me solve fractions problems'
Jack

'I really enjoyed making the poppy cookies – it was great fun' Bella

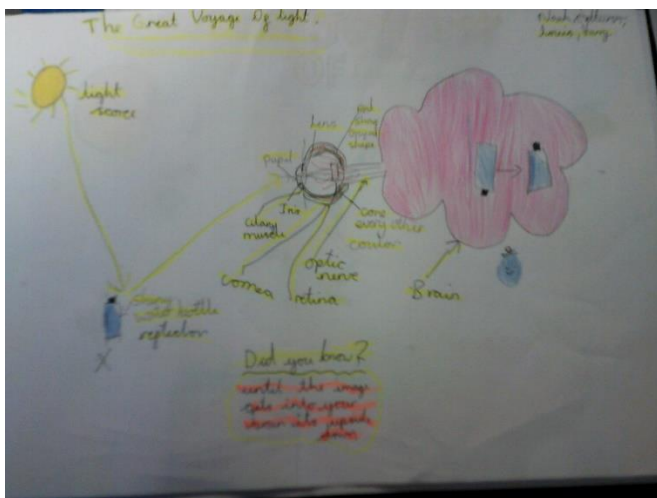


Class 6 – Horowitz

Horowitz class have been extremely busy during the last few weeks and have continued to work with resilience and determination towards everything that they are asked to do.

In English, we have been reading 'Asha and the Spirit Bird', which is set in the foothills of the Himalayas, linking beautifully with our geography work on mountains. We have been getting in to character and writing a letter between two of the main characters in the story; in particular, we have been developing our use of formal language. We are really impressed with how they are applying their skills independently.

Our science topic this term is 'Light'. One of our scientific lines of enquiry was - can light travel around corners? We started to learn new vocabulary such as refraction and we wrote scientific descriptions for words such as shadow and reflection. The children made predictions about if they thought light could travel around corners and if so, how? We have also been learning about the journey of light from a primary source to our brain and what happens to the image when it reaches our eyes.



'I have really loved science when learning about how light travels in a straight line. I learnt that light can only travel around corners by using reflective objects like a mirror' Lacey – Leigh

'I liked writing the letter as it was fun to read the text and find out about the characters'
Frankie

'I enjoyed doing the experiment using the mirrors to show that light can travel around corners'
Christoph

Girls Football v Falconers Hill

Thursday 10th November



Braunston Team:

Braunston's Girls' Football team were out again representing our school. This time it was a much closer result! The girls went over to Falconers Hill in Daventry where they played very well on a small, wonky, leaf covered pitch! The team played with determination. Jessie did a sterling job in goal in the first half as did Chloe in defence. Charlie and Georgia were great up front. Lacey-Leigh popped a goal in and we finished 1-1 at half time. Georgia B stepped into goal for the second half and Jessie powered across the pitch with Charlie but were unlucky on goal several times. Ayva and Tilly swapped between their positions being valuable in passing forward. A great team effort – and no one got a splinter!!

Well done to Chloe for being Mrs Fisher's player of the match and Carlene for being Miss Carr's.

3rd November 2022 Football V Badby

Braunston team : Callum,Louis,Logan Bod,Javier,Ethan,Harry,Henry and Cruz.



Following the rain, the sun shone for our first home match down on the playing fields, thanks to Bruce Wortely kindly setting us up a pitch. The first half was tough and everyone played extremely well. Harry scored a wonderful goal from outside the box, ensuring we were 1-0 up at half time. Henry, Cruz, Javier and Ethan all passed well when on the pitch and looked for opportunities. With a lot of skill, from both teams, we endured a difficult second half and Badby came back levelling the score at 1-1. We held a great defence, thanks to Louis and Logan, and at the final whistle it was an equal result to end what was an enthralling game to play in. Being Callum's last game for Braunston school, and always being an outstanding player for our team (playing from year 4 all the way up to year 6), he got man of the match. We all celebrated and had a group hug at the end. It was an enjoyable and competitive game.

The game was evenly matched with the score being 1-1

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Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	4.11.22	11.11.22	4.1.22	11.11.22	4.11.22	11.11.22
R	Stanley	Joseph	Eloise	Izabella	126	228
1	Luke	Seth	Emily	Rory	64	177
2	Sergio	Madelina	Sophia	Alfie	15	78
3	Ellie	Jack	Lottie	Freya	70	128
4	Faith	Sophia	Stanley	Franklin	121	106
5	Bert	Harriet	Enzo	Jessie	56	105
6	Callum	Ayva	Aimee	Bella		105
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Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	18.11.22	25.11.22	18.11.22	25.11.22	18.11.22	25.11.22
R					100	
1	Minnie	Leah	Van	Polly	238	276
2	Tobey	Jarvey-Jack	Isaac	Olivia	120	75
3	Alfie	George	Sophie	Alfie	100	140
4	Lily	Leo	Katie	James	137	117
5	Bay	Zack	Madison	Kayleigh	100	85
6	Dylan	Harry	George	Charlie	123	124
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Lianna Willis
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