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I repeat, be strong and brave!
Do not be afraid and do not panic, for I, the LORD your God, am with you in all you do.
Joshua 1:9

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Swimming has begun and the pool temperature has reached 30 degrees -it only seems to rain when year 4 swim! As usual, the days are busy and the weeks are full. Children are offered a wealth of experiences and opportunities in addition to the ambitious curriculum being taught.

We had an impressive turn out to the parent meetings and teachers were able to celebrate successes and signpost ways in which parents can support their child's learning. Many parents and carers informed staff that they enjoyed being welcomed back into school and appreciated seeing their child's work. Teachers will send out a written report for your child towards the end of the Summer Term.

Year 6 completed their Statutory Assessment Tests this week and have been an absolute credit to their families and to the school. All children arrived eager for breakfast at 8.00am, ate (and ate) alongside their friends and then chatted calmly to each other. We have been so impressed with the children's behaviours and attitude towards these tests and can proudly say that every child has tried their very best. A big thank you to all the staff, particularly staff that have supported the SATs on their days off.

A big thank you and well done to you as parents and carers in year 6 – I know from experience that this week can be challenging for adults as well as children.

Year 6 celebrated today with takeaway pizza and an extra-long lunchtime. A reminder that swimming starts for year 6 on Monday unless they are going to Young Voices.

Please look out for the diary dates, many new dates have been added.

Reception Class – Inkpen

This term's topic is Fairy tales! We have been busy reading and listening to lots of traditional and various adaptations, including the Elves and the Shoemaker and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have used our phonic skills independently to write some thank you letters to the elves from the shoemaker and designed a new pair of shoes, thinking carefully about the type of materials we would choose to use and why.

In Maths we have been learning how to double and recognise the value of coins. We have had a go with doubling amounts of money too. It has been tricky but we have been brilliant learners and demonstrated this term's value of Resilience.



We're adding the same amount. 3 and 3 make 6. That's double 3!

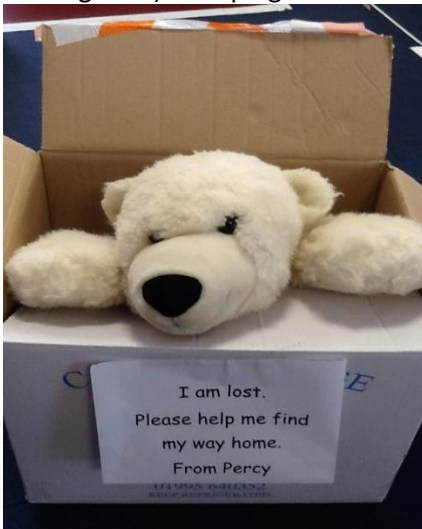
-Van.

My trainers have blue stars on them. They are for exercising with.
-Emily.

The goats went trip, trapping over the rickety bridge... The troll said "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge? I'm going to eat you!"
- Abigail.

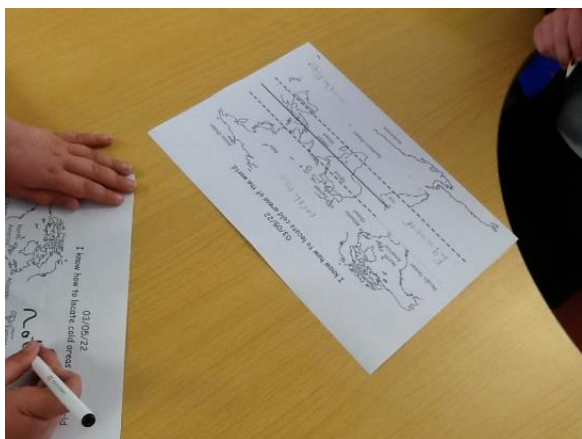
Class 1 - Donaldson

This term, Donaldson Class are learning all about the Poles. We had a surprise visitor to our class who needs help finding his way home. He is a Polar Bear called Percy. We know he comes from somewhere cold (either the North Pole or South Pole) and have found these on maps and globes. We know he does not live near the equator, as the nearer you are to the equator the hotter it gets. We need to investigate further so we can send him back to the correct place. We know one of the cold places has no land but has ice that is 3 meters thick! We will learn facts about Polar Bears so we can look after him properly, until we can send him home. He is having lots of cuddles and Buttons (our reading bear) is helping to look after him when we are not in school.



The South Pole is colder than the North Pole and has land. The North Pole does not.

Leo



I think Percy lives somewhere
cold.
Jasmine

Hot countries are near the
equator.

Oliver

Class 2 – Ahlberg

Year 2 have had a wonderful return to school. They are all working so hard and improving the new skills we are learning day by day.

In geography we have been learning to read maps of our local area. We have had great fun looking at Google maps and comparing aerial photos to maps to find out more about Braunston and the surrounding area. In D.T. we have been making moving pictures with pivots, slots and sliders. Having now designed our moving picture we will be making our final product next week. We can't wait to see how they turn out.

In maths we have been learning to tell the time. The children are getting very good at quarter to and quarter past and are positively expert at half past and o'clock!

In English we are planning a piece of very exciting writing all about Jack and the Beanstalk. We are imagining that we have just entered the giant's castle and we are describing what we can see. So much wonderful vocabulary and ideas have come from this.

Well done Ahlbergs!



Thank you for your donations towards supporting the upkeep of the pool. So far, we have purchased new mattings and bought new buoyancy aids. We are hoping to be able to brighten up the changing rooms. The temperature of the pool has reached 30 degrees.

Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have come back from the Easter holidays ready and eager to learn.

In Maths they have been continuing their work on Fractions, starting to find fractions of an amount. In English, they have been writing their own story. This has been based on a very funny video involving a camel and an explorer. The children have then used this to create their own story where they have changed the characters and the setting.

The children have continued in history to learn about Ancient Egypt and particularly enjoyed working out the code of hieroglyphics and writing their own name in hieroglyphics. In science, we have started our topic all about plants.

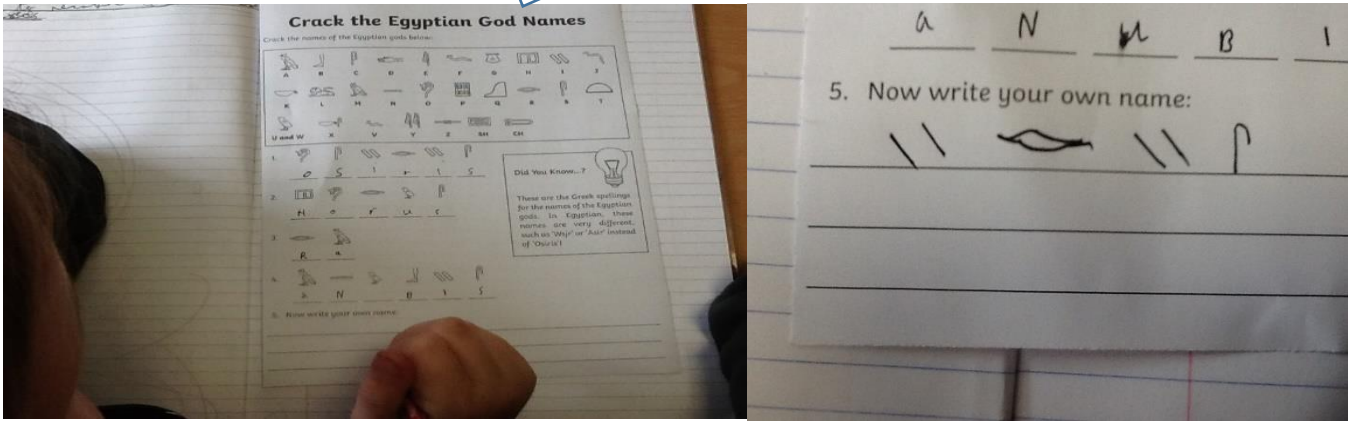
I liked writing our names and cracking the Egyptian code in hieroglyphics.
Sadie

I really liked the camel video it was very funny.

Franklin

I love the fraction work in maths.

James



Class 4 – Morpurgo

This term Year 4 have been learning how to make animation films using computers.

They have been using some specially designed computer software to enable them to animate objects moving around the screen. The children have successfully copied frames and added new objects to the film. They have also been using an 'onion skin' tool that shows a shadow of the previous frame so that you can draw an object in a slightly different position and so it looks like it has moved when the film is played.

All the children have shown real enthusiasm for this computing topic and have shown great imagination and success in creating an short animated film.

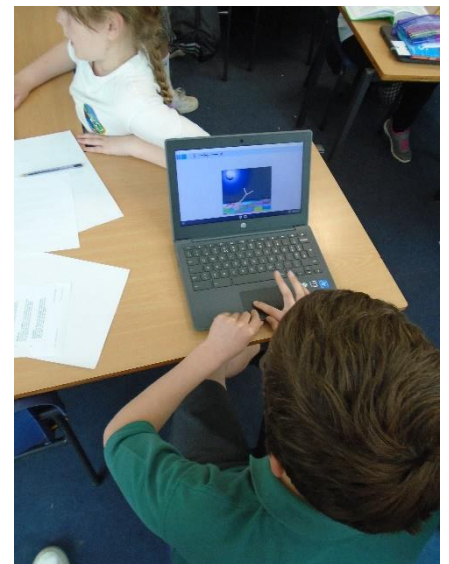
I liked the animation app because it's fun and exciting to create. I also like how you can use the onion skin to see the slide before, but very faint. Finally, I like how you can add sounds, you can also make fake sounds with a piano or sounds that are already made.

Albert

In computing, 2Animation has been so much fun. I have done 6 animations. The class loves it. We have all done a face moving, a ball bouncing and a stick man dancing. The tools make it easy and cool.

When I did computing I mostly enjoyed the bouncing ball and the canon ball that cracked the camera.

Enzo



Class 5 – Rowling

Class Rowling returned after Easter straight away to immerse themselves into writing a letter to PDET about our heating sources. We have then 'hit the ground running' learning about metaphors, as well as similes and personification. We have used these in our descriptive writing, based upon the film 'Spyfox', and are now writing our own villainous stories. In Maths, we have developed our calculation skills further, to work with decimals and are all doing very well.

Following our work on North America and South America, we have chosen a place in each (Rio de Janeiro and Alaska) to make comparisons between. We have found out about the biomes of each, climate and weather, animals and plants, as well as tourist attractions in each. Most of us would prefer to travel to Rio. It was lovely to listen to some classical music from Brazilian composer, Villa-Lobos. We drew the images that his song 'Train of Caipira' made us think of: some of us thought of films; some visualised places; only one of us heard the movements of the train - until it was pointed out to us!

We have also had success in year 5 with our teams finishing 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th out of 21 during the recent Daventry orienteering competition. The second place team will now progress to the final later in the year. Good luck to them.

I really enjoyed orienteering in Daventry. I used the skills I had learnt last half term when Mrs Fisher set up orienteering of The Americas.
Dylan

I have found out lots about Rio and Alaska. I would definitely prefer to go to Rio rather than Alaska.
Georgia Bu



To use my metaphors, it has been a breeze in Maths to do calculating with decimals, after all the tricky bits a few weeks ago!
Harrison



Class 6 – Horowitz

Horowitz class have returned after the Easter break with a willingness to get going with the term and have been showing superb resilience with their work.

During the first week back, the children had the opportunity to visit The Parker E Act Academy to watch their amazing production of The Little Shop of Horrors. Alongside a few other schools, they spent the afternoon being wowed by the fantastic singing and acting from some of the pupils. Afterwards, some of the children got to chat with the cast and see what the back stage looked like – a couple of the pupils even got to experience being gobbled up by the huge plant!

During our afternoons, we have been learning the skills and rules to be able to play a successful game of rounders - the trickiest part being able to hit the ball with the rounders bat! We have had some fantastic close scoring games and the children have really been showing a good amount of competitiveness and also a good sporting attitude.

I liked going to see The Little Shop of Horrors. They are all really good singers and actors. We also got to go behind the scenes. They did a fantastic job.
Abby

Learning to play rounders is fun and it improves your batting and running. Overall, it's a really good game.
Braidie

I loved the performance of The Little Shop of Horrors. Their singing was spot on and it has really inspired me to be in a play when I go to secondary school.
Josie





Sports News

Year 5 Orienteering

Tuesday 3rd May

We had a great time partaking in the Daventry School Sports Orienteering challenge. After practising in our PE lessons using a map of the school grounds, we knew we could do well on a bigger scale. First, we completed a team building challenge. Who knew how hard building a puzzle could be?!





Next, we used the map to locate as many as places as possible and find the letters. We had to be back within 30 minutes though to ensure we were not fined.



Out of 21 teams, our four teams were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th. Well done to the second placed team, Georgia Ba, Georgia Bu, Lacey-Leigh, Chloe and Iszy, for securing their place in the finals.

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	22.4.22	29.4.22	22.4.22	29.4.22	
R	Abigail	Finlay	Van	Seth	Rory
1	Elliott	Darcie	May	Jasmine	Phoebe
2	Sophie	Jack	Aston	Jacob	Violet
3	Samuel	Riley	Hope	Stanley	Aerinnwen
4	Cruz	Zack	Aerinnwen	Carlene	
5	Riley	Dylan	Henry	George	
6	Lily	Calen	Nicole	Barleen	Brooke
Best Attendance & 5 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)					

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	6.5.22	11.5.22	6.5.22	11.5.22	
R	Leah	Van	William	Theodore	Blake Elliott, Olivia
1	Lucas	Darcie	Sophia	Isaac	
2	Phoebe	Phoebe	Ava	Jacob	
3	Ayla	Sonny	Franklin	Alice	Lily, Franklin, Joshua Cruz
4	Albert	Kayleigh	Jack	Philippa	
5	Harrison	Frankie	Jessica	Amy	
6	Freddie	Year 6	McKenzie	Year 6	Charlie
Best Attendance 6 & 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)					

The school is celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Wednesday 8th June 2022 with a whole school picnic. You can order a Jubilee packed lunch on ParentPay by 23rd May 2022 or children can bring their own!



Lianna Willis
Headteacher

