



We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half term we are pleased to be back together in school after the latest lockdown.

We would like to dedicate this newsletter to Tony McCalla. Tony worked at Rolls Crescent as a lunchtime organiser and member of the site management team for many years and sadly passed away in April. We will miss Tony and the valuable contribution he made to our school community.

Mr Reynolds and Mr Turner

Year 6

Our Big Question in Y6 this half term is 'What was the rush in the Windrush?'. In our lessons we have been learning all about migration from the Caribbean and the Commonwealth to the UK after World War II. We were lucky enough to be able to put our questions to some local members of the Windrush generation. We asked them about what they remember of their life in the Caribbean, what their journey to the UK was like, and about their experiences – both positive and negative – in the many years since arriving. They shared some fascinating memories with us, including playing in the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean Sea, and how confused they felt by what they thought was smoke coming out of their mouths when they first arrived in cold Southampton! We would like to thank the Dore family for taking the time to answer our questions. We learnt lots from listening to your amazing story!

"As part of our work on evolution in Science, and how offspring inherit characteristics from their parents, we have been looking at our own characteristics and where they may have come from. We have imagined what the Mr Men's children might look like and designed our own dog breeds!



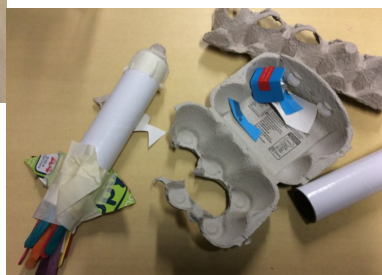
Janice Defreitas Morris (nee Dore)

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about our big question: 'Could we live on another planet?'

In History. We have found out about Neil Armstrong and his team who landed on the moon in 1969. We linked this into our Art and DT lessons where we designed a rocket thinking about the parts of a rocket and what shapes or textures we would need, then made it using junk modelling and then painted it using our design to help us.

The children really enjoyed this task and created some brilliant rockets!



Year 5

We were delighted to see all the children (physically) back in school and for them to interact with their peers once more. It has been a strange time and we were very proud of how the children adapted so well to remote and adapted learning.

Since returning, we have recapped a lot of what was forgotten and worked to ensure we had a solid base before progressing. We have engaged a lot in the world around us and learnt about the effects of dumping, pollution and green-house gases. We then produced informative persuasion leaflets to try counteract the damage being done.

The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons have been popular. The children enjoyed learning about the history of this island, and the differences and similarities of these raiders and invaders.

We hope that the children have fully settled back in and are ready for the final half term of Year 5.

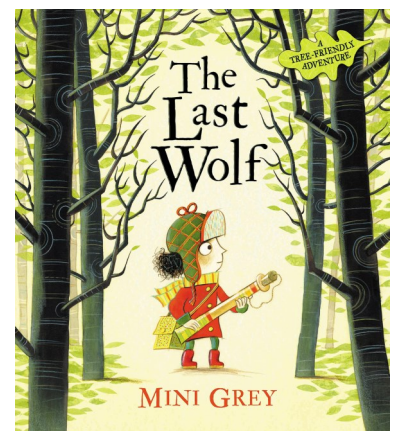
Thank you to everyone who donated towards our staff fast during Ramadan. With your kind help we raised £400, this will be donated to Islamic relief and to the PTFA fund.

Year 2



This half term, Year 2 have been doing some fantastic learning! In English, we have been reading and writing about 'The Last Wolf'. We made masks to get into the role of the characters from the book to help with our character descriptions. We also took part in the 'Take 10 - drop everything and read challenge' with Read Manchester, where we stopped what we were doing and read a book of our choice for 10 minutes. In art this half term, we have learnt about the artists

Henri Rousseau and Andy Warhol. We enjoyed going outside to draw plants and insects from observation. We then learnt how to use oil pastels to print our observational drawings.



Our Junior PCSO safety scheme will launch Friday 28th May. You will notice neighbourhood officers and PCSO's supporting our junior PCSO pupils after school to give you messages about safe parking and car safety.

Year 4

In year 4 we have had a very busy seven weeks since the children returned back to school after the latest lockdown. Our big question before Easter was 'When is a Mountain a Mountain?' and this half term it is 'What did the Romans Leave Behind?' In both the big questions we have been looking at skill progression and essential knowledge which had the children bridging back, retrieving and bridging forward to what will be coming up later in Year 4 and in to Year 5. The children have really enjoyed the geography and the history lessons.

In science before Easter we were looking at the digestive system where we did lots of knowledge led work and more

recently we have been looking at solids, liquids and gases where again we have been completing investigations and experiments, lots of depth in the learning which included plenty of rigour and challenge. (included are some of the pictures) in English we have been completing a really interesting genre on a journey where the children produced some excellent writing using the text as inspiration and this half term we have been looking at non-chronological reports based on rainforests

and linking it to deforestation which has been rich and very engaging.

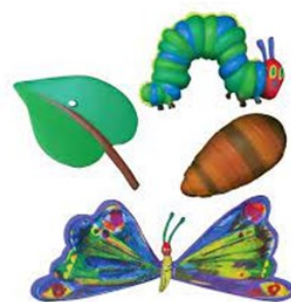
The children have started to go back to the swimming pool which they have loved and already we are getting 25m certificates being awarded for fantastic progress and achievement.



We finish for half-term on Friday 28th May 2021 usual time. We re-open on Monday 7th June 2021. We hope you all have a lovely week.

Reception

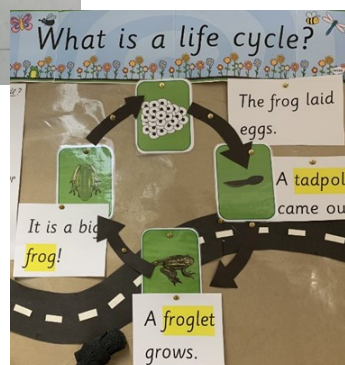
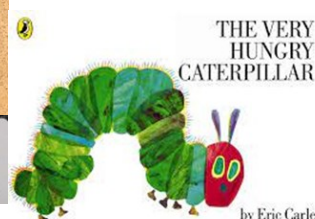
This half term Reception have been doing lots of learning about our big topic question 'What is a life cycle?' The children have been learning about lots of different life cycles including, a frog's life cycle, butterfly life cycle and a human life cycle. We came into our classroom one morning and found lots of frogspawn in a pond! We watched the frogspawn grow each day and talked about the different stages of the frog's life cycle. We saw froglets, tadpoles and frogs and we also had a visit to the real pond in our school playground. Reception have learnt lots about the human life cycle and had a look at the teacher's life cycles and the children's life cycles. We had lots of fun learning about our life cycles and we brought in lots of pictures of when we were babies, toddlers and children and looked at pictures of the different stages of the teacher's life cycle's too. The children had lots of fun learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and we read the hungry caterpillar and acted out the story. We also made lots of creative



butterflies with symmetrical patterns and had lots of fun learning the life cycles song in music.



It goes into
a frog.



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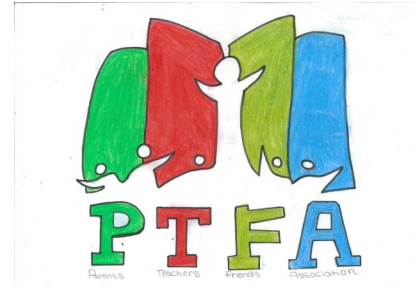
We the PTFA would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/ carers, pupils and the school for being so supportive even during these challenging times.

We would also like to share the news of successfully raising enough funds, with everyone's help, to get the badminton court marked and it's equipment. Further news about this to follow soon.

New members are always welcomed, get in touch through:

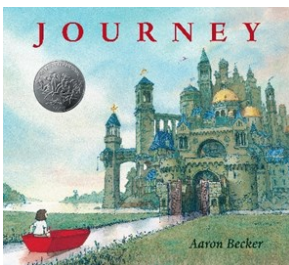
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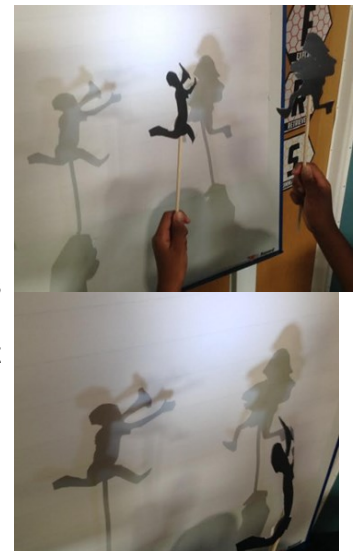


Year 3

This half term year 3 have been working towards writing an adventure story based on 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The children have been working really hard on creating an imaginative setting where their story will take place. They have also developed their own character and an interesting problem leading to a happy resolution.



In science this half term year 3 have been learning about light. They have been investigating materials to see which types are the most reflective as well as experimenting with different materials to find out what makes the best shadow. The children came to the conclusion that a dark material would make the best shadow so they created their own shadow puppets to re-tell the 'Journey' story we have been learning in English.



Nursery

This term in Nursery, we have been exploring our big question "How things change?". We learnt about how plants grow and change and how we can use them and eat them when they are ready and ripe. We read the book "My bean diary" and the children planted their own bean seeds and cress and watched them grow and change throughout the half term. They made their own bean diaries, where we recorded the changes that we noticed during the weeks. They took the bean plants home to take care of them, water them and show to their families how they have grown. When the cress was ready we chopped it, washed it and put it in our spread cheese sandwiches which were absolutely DELICIOUS! We discussed a lot about healthy eating and different fruits and vegetables that we can grow in our garden. We have also been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and how the caterpillars change and transform into butterflies. We focused on the book "The very hungry caterpillar" and we also brought 5 REAL caterpillars in our Nursery! The children were so excited to see them and they have been checking them every day, using the magnifying glasses and talking about how they are changing.

