



Newsletter - 19th January 2024

Our Learning

BRAMBLES



CLASS

Over the past couple of weeks, Brambles have been making Forest School Bread, doing a Winter Hunt and exploring the changes we see during the Winter months. They have also been working with external coaches in Gymnastics!

In Art lessons this week, Oak Class have been exploring different types of lines to create a sea picture. Our Year 2 pupils have also thoroughly enjoyed making dens and creating 'mud cafes' in Forest School! In RE lessons they have also been learning what parables are and understanding their meanings.

In Willow Class, Year 4 had a fabulous time taking part in their final Forest School session, exploring the ice and using teamwork to solve problems. They also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bishops Wood.

Elm Class have been learning about the apparent movement of the sun, carrying out a scientific enquiry to note the changes in shadows throughout the day. They have also been studying the phases of the moon. In Maths, the children have been learning about fractions and ratio and they have been creating portraits in their Art lessons!





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Thank you
Year 2 for
such a
lovely
afternoon.
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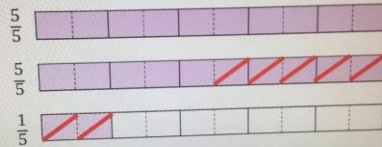


We measured shadows hourly and noted changes.



Well done to all of Year 5 who have all shown real determination in Maths!

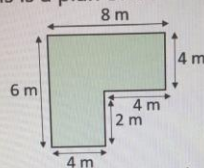
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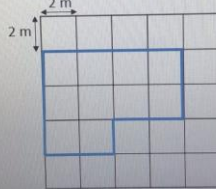
$$2\frac{1}{5} = \frac{11}{5} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \frac{22}{10} - \frac{7}{10} = \frac{15}{10} = 1\frac{5}{10}$$

Year 6
have
tackled
ratio....

This is a plan of a classroom.

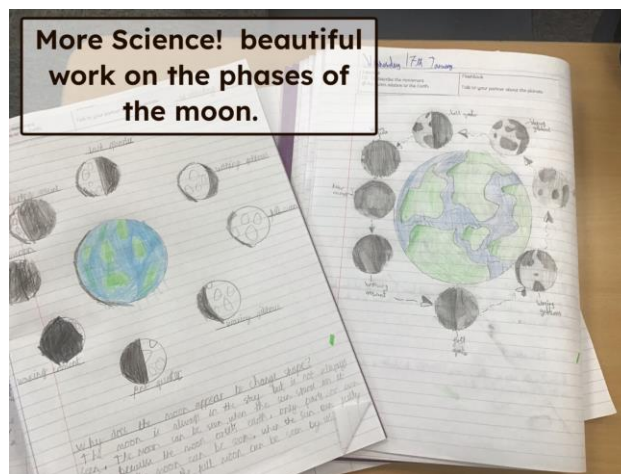
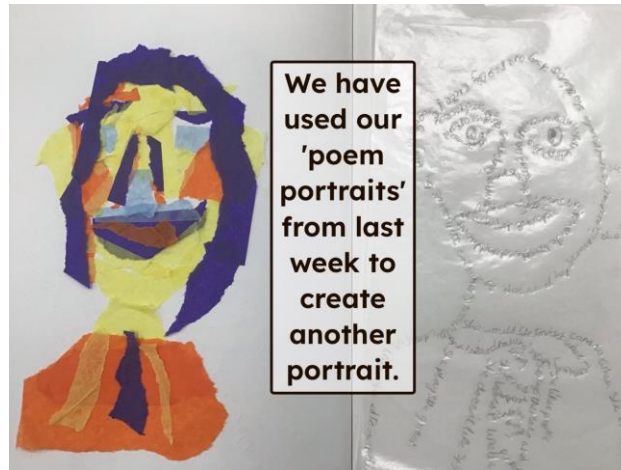


Using squared paper, draw a scale diagram of the classroom if each square on the grid represents 2 m.



Have a think





Trips and Experiences



Last Thursday, Willow Class went to Bishops Wood as part of their History topic and spent the day consolidating their understanding of Anglo Saxon life and began to explore the Viking invasion!

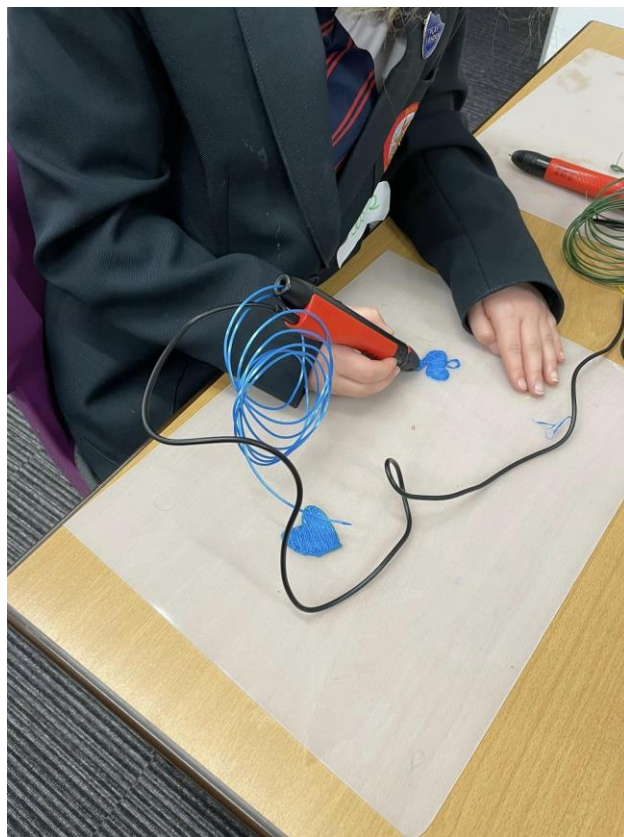
Our clubs this term have been a big hit too! On Wednesdays we have a computing club where the children have been taking part in Virtual Reality games and experiences and creating art using 3D pens. In trampolining, we discovered that we have some hidden talents too!

On Tuesday this week, our Sports Crew led an assembly to share how they plan to increase activity levels across the school. We also have external coaches leading games and activities on a Friday lunchtime.















SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Lawson will be holding our next SEND Coffee Morning at 9.00am on Friday 2nd February. We would welcome parents of who have pupils in the school with SEND to attend. It is a great chance to share your experiences and chat with other families who have children with additional needs.

Car Parking



We have had a few complaints about the use of our staff car park for parent drop offs.

As a school, we currently give permission for some families to use the staff car park for dropping off and collecting. This will either be in relation to those parents/carers with disabled badges or current injuries, or on agreement with families in special circumstances. Unfortunately, there have been some issues with some parents being blocked in when using this facility or there being insufficient space. Therefore, if you are using this facility, we would ask you to park considerately to enable other users to enter and exit safely.

We would also ask, that the staff car park should only be used if absolutely necessary and if this has been agreed with the school. There are two disabled parking spots in the community car park which can also be used. If all parents could ensure that they only use these two spaces if they are registered as disabled or have a blue badge. We do not have the power to enforce this, and we very much rely upon your consideration for other families when using the community car park.

Thank you so much for your support and kind consideration in this matter.

Governor Vacancies



Are you enthusiastic about Education?

Do you have some time to spare?

If so, then you may be just the person we need!

At Sytchampton Endowed Primary School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.

Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.

The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.

Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately three full governing body meetings per year and around three to six committee meetings per year (dependant on committee). Full governing body meetings are held in school, usually on Thursday evenings and committee meetings are held online on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings (dependant on committee) from around 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.
If you would like to find out more please email:

seps-govclerk@sytychampton.worcs.sch.uk for further information

Or contact the school office on: 01905 620 418

Barnabee Tea



- Brambles

Toby - for taking his time and showing real pride in his natural resource fox. Well done Toby

- Oak

Year 1- Lucy Slack- for a great start to the new term. Good girl!

Year 2- Jacob Wright- for a great start to the new term. Keep it up!

- Willow Class

Year 3 - John Murray - superb creativity in his sentence stacking

Year 4 - Teddy Callear - for return to school with mature determination

- Elm Class

Year 5 - Chloe Lewis - excellent determination in her fractions

Year 6 - Lydia Bailey - excellent determination in her ratio

Portacabin Rebuild Project



Our new children are thoroughly enjoying their new classrooms!

We have been informed by National Grid that some concerns have been raised by a local resident about the placement of the new transformer they need to install in order to connect up our heat pump. National Grid will be carrying out a site visit to discuss these concerns but have not told us when this will take place. Once again, we would reiterate that this delay is due to the National Grid misinforming us

about the electricity supply to the school at the start of the project and we are very much in their hands! So for the time being, we will continue to use our temporary heating which is working well and keeping the building toasty warm!

The toilets are now complete and the children are able to use them.

The re-seeding of the field will take place once the weather picks up a little later in the Spring.

So, we are still hoping to plan a big 'Official Opening' at some point in the new year so that everyone can come and have a look at our wonderful new building but we want to wait until the external works are complete so that we can showcase the project properly.

We have now ordered some lovely library furniture for the breakout space outside of the two classrooms and we are sourcing someone to re-lay the block paving bricks together with the named bricks in the new sensory garden area. We have now secured £1500 of funding for the sensory garden and are awaiting to hear if we have secured any additional funding from the National Lottery.



Ash Funky Forest Book Tree



Kidney Bean Table Kit





External Clubs and Activities



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Diary Dates



Please see below some of the key diary dates for next term as it stands right now. Please be aware that these are subject to change, but that we will notify you if this is the case. We will also keep the school website up to date:

www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January	TED Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 9th January	School Opens to pupils
Thursday 11th January	9.30am – 10.30am Reception (Brambles) Hearing Tests Willow Class Trip to Bishops Wood (Vikings and Saxons)
Friday 12th January	2.30pm Celebration Assembly (Parents are welcome!)
Thursday 18th January	School Census Day
Friday 19th January	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Wednesday 24th January	1pm – 2pm Oak Class Gymnastics Festival (Westacre Middle School)
Friday 26th January	Brambles Trip to Ombersley Church (Parents to drop off at the church in the morning) 2.30pm Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 31st January	Elm Class Cosford Trip
Friday 2nd February	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Monday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	Oak Class Think Tank Trip
Friday 9th February	2.30pm Celebration Assembly
Mon 13th Feb – Fri 16th Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 19th February	School Re-Opens to pupils
Friday 23rd February	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Tuesday 27th February	3.30pm – 5pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Wednesday 28th February	3.30pm – 6pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Friday 1st March	Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Monday 11th March	Assessment Week (All Week)
Tuesday 12th March	2pm Parent Voice Meeting
Thursday 14th March	1.30pm – 4.15pm Year 5/6 Girls Netball Tournament (RGS)
Friday 15th March	2.30pm Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 20th March	9.30am-10.30am Reception Hearing Tests (for those who failed previously)
Thursday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Friday 22nd March	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter School Closes for Easter

Attendance



Thank you so much to everyone for making a big effort to be in school. We really want to make the most of every opportunity to help your child reach their full potential, so by ensuring that they are in school, you will be supporting us in achieving this. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on our school website.

Attendance Breakdown Between 04/09/2023 and 19/01/2024

Q1 Group	Q1 Present/No. Abs	Q1 Absence/Presence	Q1 Absence/Presence
0	30/35	4/5	8/10
1	30/35	2/5	2/27
2	30/37	4/9	3/31
3	30/34	2/9	2/29
4	30/34	2/6	1/30
5	30/31	2/2	1/17
6	30/31	2/2	1/1
Excluded	30/30	0/0	0/0
Off	30/31	1/0	0/47
Other	30/34	2/0	1/4
All	30/36	2/30	1/8
Whole School	30/38	2/3	1/89