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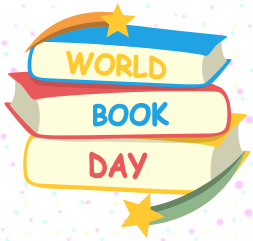
Spring Term 2

NEWSLETTER

Whole school events this half term

Deputy Headteachers

This Spring 2, pupils celebrated World Book Day and took part in Immersive Arts Week, exploring storytelling and drama through sensory activities, art, and music. We were delighted to welcome the Music Live Now performance, which brought vibrant live music to our school community. Looking ahead to the Summer Term, we eagerly anticipate warmer weather to enjoy more trips and get out into the local community. These enriching experiences continue to support our pupils' learning and personal development.





Upcoming whole school dates for your diary

21.04.26- Mother's coffee morning @ East site

06.05.26- Intensive interaction & MacPac workshop @ East site

East Key Stage 1

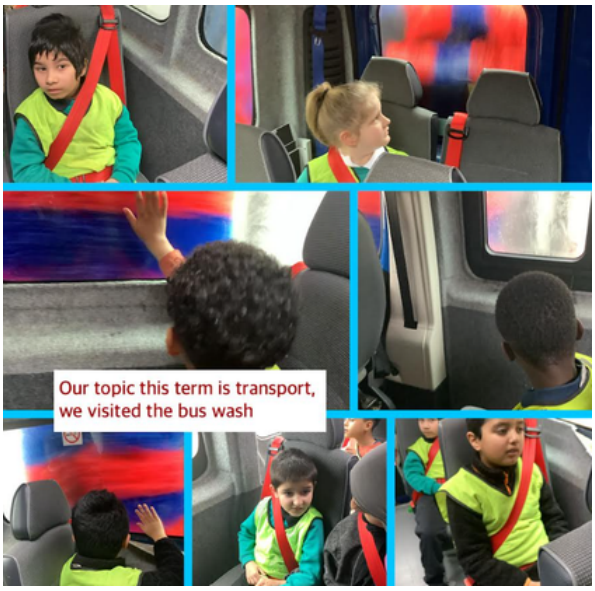
This term, our topic has been The Silly Bus, a fun and imaginative story created by our teaching team about a bus who gets himself into such a messy situation that he has to visit the bus wash! The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this story and joining in with the bus's adventures. As part of this topic, we have been learning about different methods of transport, exploring them in sensory ways to support engagement and understanding. Throughout the topic, we have focused on expanding the children's vocabulary, introducing and reinforcing key words related to transport. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they engaged with these activities.







We celebrated World Book Day - dressing up and taking part in lots of bookish activities.

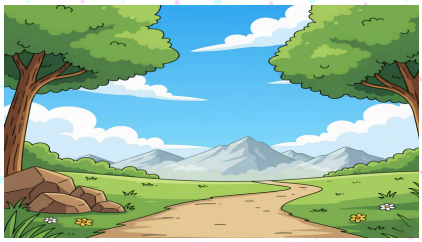


Some pupils took the school minibus to the bus wash.

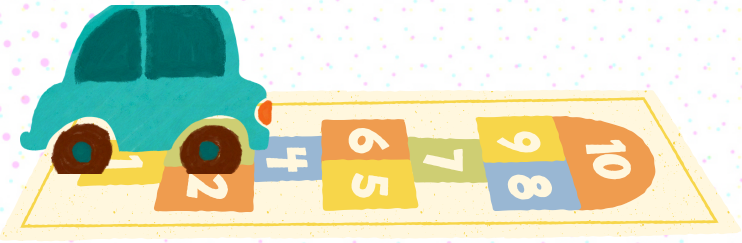
Our Fun With Food intervention has really been a hit this half term, with pupils being given the chance to explore foods in a no-pressure environment. Some pupils tried things they had never tasted before.

West Key Stage 1

Key Stage One this spring term have enjoyed learning about vehicles through the story The Journey Home from Grandpa's. We have looked at vehicle noises and colours. Also, within topic sessions we have been looking at people who help us and have tried on doctors' and firefighters' outfits!



We ordered new car toys that the children have loved playing with on car mats and in paint. Within cookery we have really enjoyed watching the children's progress in making sandwiches each week. All children have tried new things by licking or touching new foods, which is just amazing.

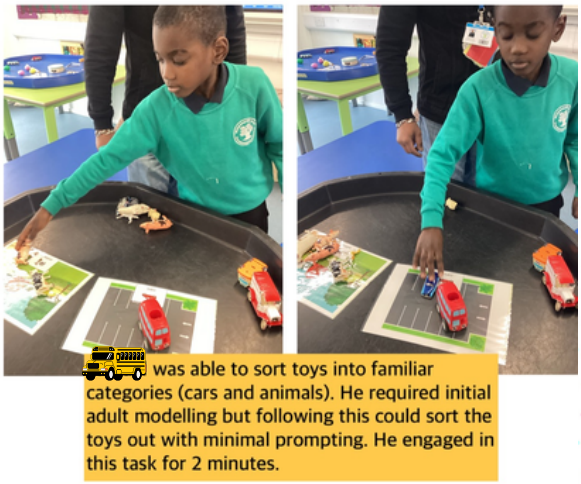


We have also utilised our outside areas, climbing and exploring water, using our fine and gross motor skills. We have been writing with water and chalks, exploring our skills and mark making. This has made us look forward to the summer term!

East Lower KS2



We ended the term with a special visit from a local School Traffic Patrol officer. We practised how to cross the road on a zebra crossing. Our theme this half term was “We All Go Travelling By,” based on the song. We have been learning about different types of transport. In our small-group signing sessions we have been learning the signs for “car,” “bus,” “plane,” “digger” and more!





Some classes visited the airport to watch the planes take off and land, and some took our school minibus to the bus wash.

In Expressive Arts we have been exploring drama and storytelling. Our pupils enjoyed bringing books to life on World Book Day.







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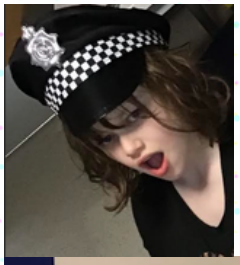
We have also learnt about different special days, including World Book Day, Mother’s Day, St Patrick’s Day and Eid.

In cookery we have been exploring making different flavoured flapjacks. Children have practised weighing out the oats.



East Upper KS2

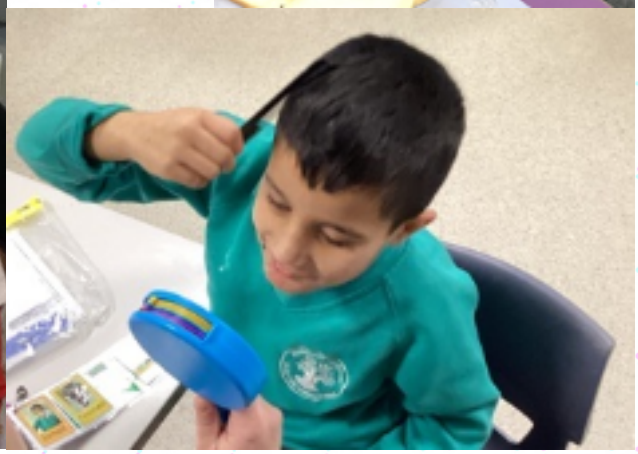
Our theme for this half term was "People Who Help Us." We have been learning about how police, doctors, nurses, teachers and firefighters help us. We have also been practising how to ask for help.











In our sessions we have been learning the signs for "bus driver" and "help." We are continuing to work on our life skills: independently requesting the things we want and need, making snacks, brushing teeth, brushing hair and changing our clothes.

Transition for Year 6

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This half term our English learning has been based around different stories including A Superhero Like You, The Gruffalo, and some pupils have been exploring non-fiction texts focused on history. Our topic and PSHE have tied together beautifully to give us a real focus on being safe and thinking about the familiar and unfamiliar people in our lives who can help us and how to seek help.





As a school, we were lucky enough to welcome a live music performance this half term and the musicians made a definite impression on our UKS2 pupils. It was wonderful to see so much engagement from our learners.

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Curriculum Spotlight!

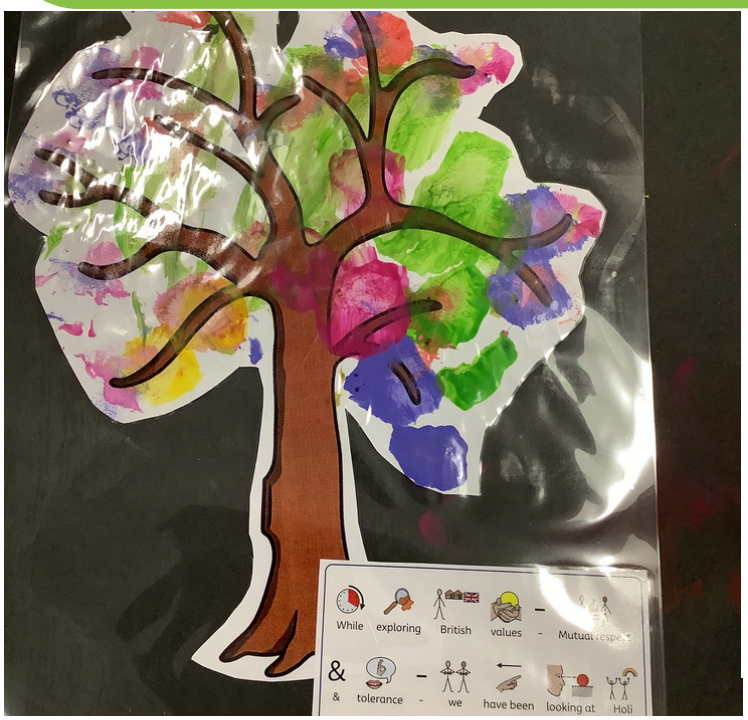
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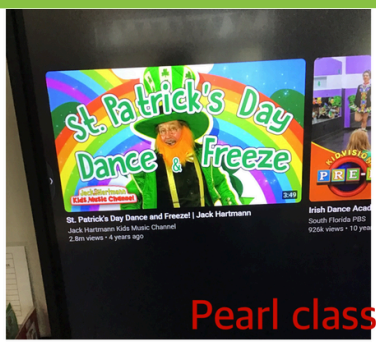


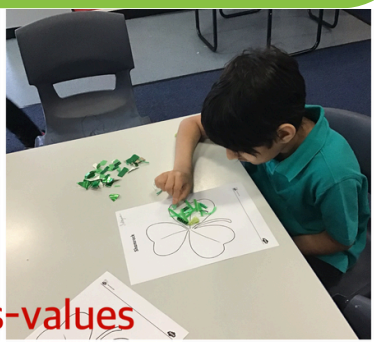
We are very proud to celebrate our successful completion of the Healthy School Mark. This has been a project for the past 12 months which has focused on increasing awareness of healthy eating, physical activity, PSHE and SEMH. Our school council have been heavily involved, and we have many projects planned for the future.

British Values

Our British values focus for this half term is Mutual Respect and Tolerance. We encourage everyone to promote, embrace and model these values within our classrooms and across the school community; we ensure that British values are reflected in all that we do.







Pearl class-values

St.Patricks day



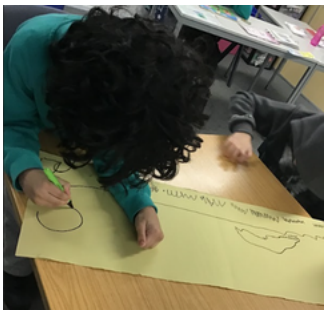


Expressive Arts/ Music

During their music lessons some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have been taking part in the English National Opera Finish This project. They have been using music and sounds to complete an opera. Each class has chosen its own colour and created a short piece of music to represent that colour. The final pieces of music have been submitted to the English National Opera and will be turned into an animated film.











Our Open Orchestra pupils have been learning to play together. They are working hard following a conductor and practising for an end-of-term concert for their friends.



Children at both of our sites were visited by the Aglica Trio. Our pupils were given the opportunity to get up close to the musicians as they played. All of the pupils enjoyed the performance and it was fantastic to see the connections between the children and the musicians through music.

