



Kingstone Chronicle



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Platinum Jubilee Portraits by:
Meisha, Y5, Esme Y5, Skye Y2 and Angel Y2

Chronicle Team Welcome



Although this has been a very short half-term, we have packed a lot into a few weeks - Year 6 SATs, Young Voices, Year 4 residential and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations to name just some... As the Jubilee was at the very end, just before we broke up, there wasn't time to include the festivities in this edition but watch out for a full report in the next issue. Wishing you all a happy half-term holiday, from the Chronicle Team.

Headteacher's Welcome

We have had such a busy start to our Summer Term, and have managed to fit such a lot into the past few weeks! I could not be more proud of our Year 6 children, who demonstrated such a positive attitude during SATs week. They managed to enjoy the experience as much as possible, and show resilience, determination, humour and support for each other—well done, Year 6—you so deserved your Beefy Boys treat!



Elsewhere around the school, there has been a hive of activity! All the children have been loving exploring their topics, with lots of WOW events, from fairy tales to vikings! We've also been learning lots about Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign, with all the action from our Jubilee Day in the next edition! The pages

that follow give you a fabulous flavour of our school; we are now welcoming visitors back into school, so don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like a tour of the school.

But finally, and importantly, this edition is dedicated to the wonderful Mrs Boyd, who has been the driving force behind all the Chronicle editions over so many years. We celebrated Mrs Boyd's time at Kingstone at a lovely surprise Tea Party, with special guest appearances from some of our former Kingstone Chronicle team members, who popped down from KHS. Mrs Boyd was so thrilled to see them, and it was the perfect way to send her off to her exciting next chapter as she begins her well-deserved retirement. She has promised to stay in touch, and we will endeavour to make her proud with all future Chronicle traditions. Thank you, Mrs Boyd, for your continued brilliance, wonderful wit and for always putting our children front and centre—you will be hugely missed, but fondly remembered by your Kingstone family.



With best wishes,

Elissa Vigus





RECEPTION NEWSLETTER Far, Far Away...

This half-term, Reception have been looking at traditional tales. We have focussed on three stories and have had opportunities to act them out, write them up and be creative!



The Gingerbread Man

During this story, we had the opportunity to make, design and decorate our own gingerbread people. They looked so good and smelt so tasty! Unfortunately, they decided to run away so we thought of lots of ideas to get them back. We made lost posters and created traps in hope of them returning. Luckily, Mrs. Vigus saw our posters and when she spotted some gingerbread people running around her office, she knew exactly where to return them to – phew!



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

We have explored, experimented and tasted porridge with lots of different toppings. One was too sweet, one was too salty, and one was just right!





The Princess and the Pea

We linked this story with learning about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We looked at the Royal Family and learnt lots of facts about the Queen. We found out that she lives at Buckingham Palace, she has corgis and has four children. We created shape portraits to celebrate her reigning for 70 years. We think they look great!



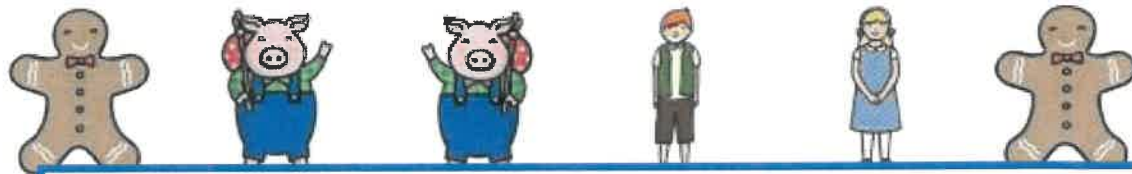
Fairy Tale Fanatic

We joined with Year 1 to celebrate our 'Far, Far Away...' topic. We dressed as our favourite story characters and took part in lots of exciting activities. We decorated bear biscuits, made magic wands, created crowns and practised our story telling!



Our final topic of Reception is 'Kick It Out,' which is all to do with Sports and the upcoming Commonwealth Games. We can't wait to find out more!





Spring in Year 1

We have had such a fantastic half-term filled with learning, fun and memorable experiences. Our topic has been 'Far, Far Away' and we have really enjoyed exploring this.



In English, we have been writing about the stories we read and our topic learning. We are really proud of our writing about Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been learning how to use connectives in our writing to add extra information and make our sentences longer.



In maths we have been learning about multiples of ten up to one hundred. We are getting really good at counting and working out equations with larger numbers!

In our topic sessions we have been designing, creating and evaluating our own junk modelled fairy tale castles. We had so much fun getting messy and creative outside!

We have also been learning about the inventor Jacques Cousteau. We put our inventing hats on and even created our very own games!





We loved dressing up for our fairy tale Fanatic Day! We looked so fantastic in all our different outfits and loved meeting with Reception to do lots of activities!



Far, Far Away: Summer 1, Year 2

The children have been busy finding out about where they live in relation to the rest of the world. They have been undertaking research about countries, animals and the Jewish faith to help broaden their knowledge of the wider world.

The children carried out research on animals from around the world and shared their findings with the class.

Handling and discussing the importance of various objects in relation to the Jewish faith.

Locating and naming the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

Reading scales and measuring to the nearest 10 ml.

Playing games and testing each other as a way to consolidate maths knowledge.

Enjoying time on the playground, keeping fit and using the new sports slam equipment.



Year 2: Far, Far Away

This half-term the children have been focussing on drawing and painting techniques and have produced some impressive works of art, based on the emotive paintings by William Turner, who was an English Romantic painter, printmaker and watercolourist. He is known for his expressive colourisations, imaginative landscapes and turbulent marine paintings. They have also been in the school grounds taking photos that capture the essence of spring turning to summer; using computing skills to decide when to use zoom and whether to take portrait or landscape pictures. The children were taught how to draw self-portraits and have looked at portraits of the Queen as inspiration to create their own representations of Her Majesty as we lead up to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



Year 3

Year 3 have worked so hard this half-term. We have been learning about human bodies and the Ancient Greeks. Our scientific writing this half-term has been incredible and we have been working hard on using atlases and search engines to find out about Ancient Greece and its history.

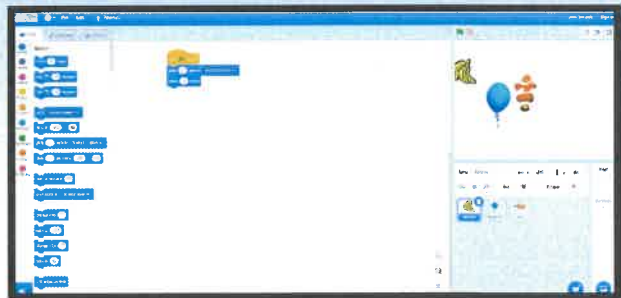
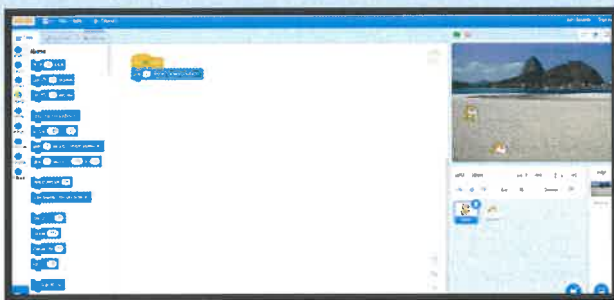


Year 3 have been using the lovely weather to get outside and see how our bodies move and which bones and muscles are responsible for moving different parts of our skeleton.





Our computing work this half-term has been focused on understanding how to block-code simple programs. We've created a simple game on Scratch and have learnt how to predict and program multiple elements within a simple program.



Our P.E. focus for the half-term has been all about the attacking and defensive principles of hockey. The children have worked on the theoretical aspects of improving performance in hockey and have then put these aspects into practice when taking part in drills and games.



What a brilliant and busy half-term! We have so enjoyed the lovely weather and getting the chance to take some of our learning outside and can't wait to see what the last half-term of our year brings!

YEAR 4 - VICTORIOUS VIKINGS

Oaker Wood Residential

The children had a fantastic time on their residential to Oaker Wood. They completed Woodland Krypton challenges, a monkey climb, a zip wire and had campfire songs and marshmallows.



Viking and Anglo-Saxon WOW day!



As part of our curious curriculum, Year 4 had a Viking and Anglo-Saxon day! The day was packed full of exciting Viking and Anglo-Saxon themed activities including:

- Wonderful Warriors - the kit and weapons of a warrior.*
- Frightening fights - learning how to fight.*
- Grave goods - how bodies were prepared for the afterlife.*
- Longhouse life - everyday dark-age jobs and chores.*
- It's an ordeal - crime and punishment!*

Art- Creating a Viking pendant from clay.

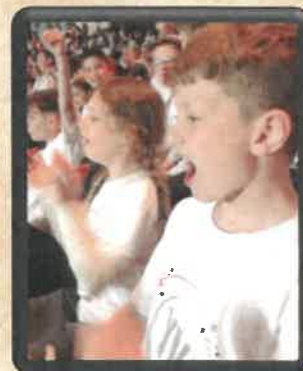


We have created our own Viking pendants out of clay, even scoring our own Viking knot patterns on the front of them.



Young Voices

The Year 4 and 6 children finally had the opportunity to show off their singing skills at the Young Voices concert, a long awaited event that the children had been practising for all year!



What a magical experience it was to hear all of the children sing their favourite songs to our parents and carers.

Check out YouTube for clips of the concert.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7rJrFTDqBo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MowqEWsrTi0>

Year 5

It's been a short half term but certainly jam-packed. We have been doing lots of exciting things and can't wait to share with you what we have been getting up to.

Writing:

This half-term our class text has been 'How to Train Your Dragon' we have been writing our own diary entries on how we would train our dragons. The children have worked so hard on these pieces and have done a fantastic job. See some of our final pieces below!



Computing:

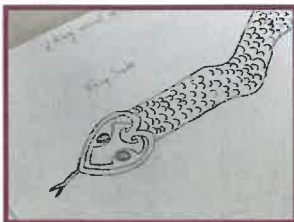
For computing we have been learning how to block code using the program, Scratch. We've really enjoyed this unit and have enjoyed making our own computer games.



Art:

This half-term we have been looking at a wide range of Viking art. A lot of our focus has been on Viking knots and the types of animals depicted in Viking art work. The children have been developing their technical drawing skills as well as using a variety of mediums including biros.

We have also had the opportunity to revisit Andy Warhol and Pop Art, recreating his portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee.





PE:

PE this half term has been a lot of fun for all the class and even the adults have got involved. We have been working on multiple skills, including our team work and communication skills. Children have been set a series of challenges including map reading, riddles and obstacle courses.



Science:

In science this half-term we have been learning all about forces. We have done experiments looking at air resistance, water resistance and gravity. This has been such an exciting topic for us we have learnt so much.



Topic:

This half-term we have started our term long topic of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. So far we have looked at where they migrated from and why they came to England. We have looked at a timeline of historical events during the era. We have managed to fit in some map work, locating local place names connected to the Anglo-Saxons.

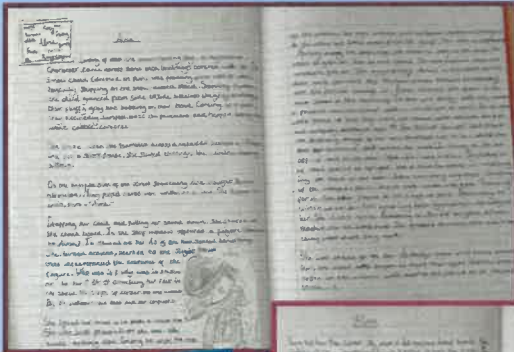
We have also had a fantastic WOW day, jointly with Year 4. We were lucky enough to have experts in from Up and At 'Em History, who ran some fantastic workshops, looking at everything from crime and punishment to jobs people would have had in the era.



Year 6

It's been a very busy half-term in Y6: in addition to our core learning, we have been busy with SATs week, preparations for the Platinum Jubilee and the Young Voices concert...

In English our focus has been on creative writing to incorporate features that create suspense. This was done to great effect in our short burst writing: Alma. Here are a few extracts from the mystery story...



Snow fell from the colourless sky above a dull town; as it drifted towards the floor, a lone figure trotted across the cobblestone path of the alleyway, scanning their surroundings, hopping on and off the pavement, moving from side to side. Carefree, they were in their own little world... Gethin

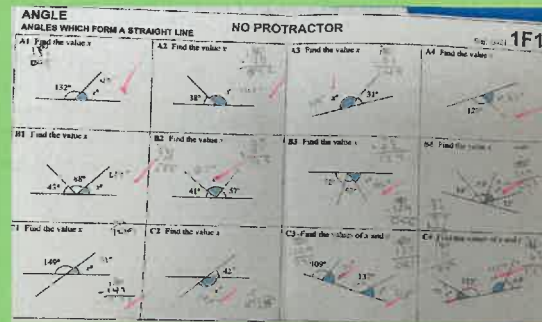
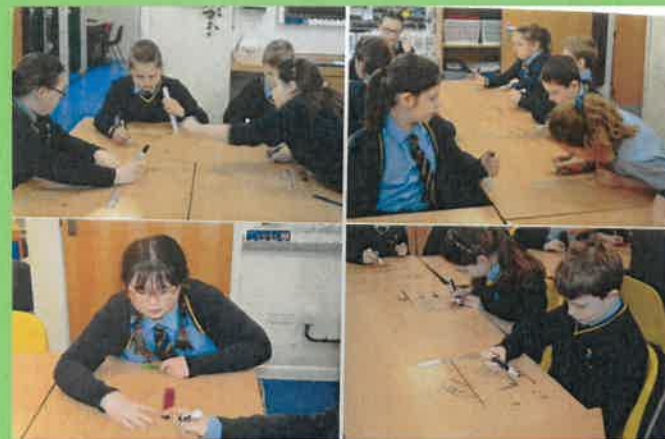
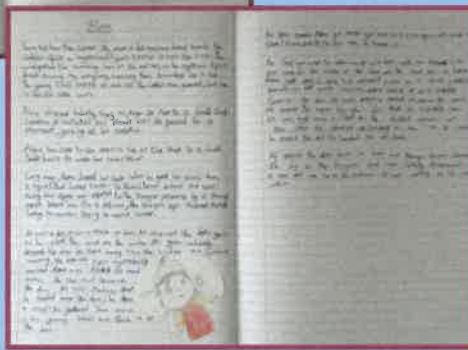
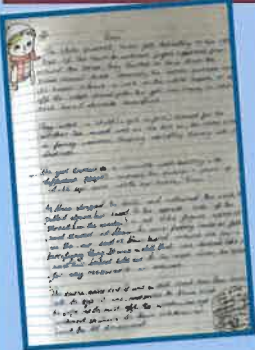
The child stopped abruptly. On the opposite side of the street was a blackboard wall with lots of names on it; the child walked over to it, picked up some chalk and wrote their name: Alma. Sensing someone watching her, she turned around to see a figure in a shop window staring straight ahead, past Alma to the wall of names. Magnus

An eerie feeling filled the air. As Alma crept closer, she realised it was a doll: it had the exact same clothes as her. Alma tried to wipe the mist from the shop window, her eyes widened in shock as she stared at the motionless figure. Faith

Alma opened the door wide and stood inside the doorway. The shop was dark with red-painted, wooden shelves filled with a collection of dolls: all were stood up and all were unique, with carefully displayed hats and delicate dresses. Suddenly, the shop door slammed shut! Mistie

Turning back, beginning to feel nervous, she saw the 'Alma' doll was now on a higher shelf. Climbing up to reach it, she passed twin dolls whose eyes followed her movements. She took her glove off and reached out in order to touch the lookalike figure's nose. Her world spiralled into darkness... Finn

As things came into focus and became clearer, Alma realised she was inside the doll. Trapped. Creaking as it rose, the stand in the shop window, which had previously held the Alma-like doll, presented the next victim. Chloe



In maths we explored angles: we calculated the missing angles on a straight line using column addition and subtraction to work them out.



As promised in the last edition, here are some of our completed battery-operated torches.



In DT we are making models of our own houses. Below is Mrs Preece's model, which she made to show us what a completed one looks like. We are using clay that will be 'fired' in the pottery kiln owned by her mum. This process is done over two stages - the initial firing before painting and the final one to set the glaze. The models will need to be hollowed out and incorporate windows as this will reduce the time needed in the kiln and allow us to put a tea light inside, too. We will show you our finished models in the next edition.



We have been doing lots of singing this half-term! To get ready for Young Voices, a multi-school concert at the NEC in Birmingham, there were medleys from movies and shows as well as pop songs to learn. You can find out how we got on in the featured article in the following pages...



We have been practising the whole school song for the Platinum Jubilee with YR and Y2.

Rehearsing with Y4, who are also going to Young Voices, has been fun!

Mrs Preece and Mrs Vigus were so proud of our hard work in preparation for our SATs tests, in which we all gave our best efforts. As a special treat, they arranged a Beefy Boys burger picnic lunch after we had finished the exams - it was delicious!



School Parliament



By Miss Evans

Introducing our new School Parliament team, as democratically elected by the children:



Layton



Robbie



Arlan

The children have been very excited to have the first School Parliament meeting following its recent re-launch. We discussed lots of things that the children thought would be the responsibility of School Parliament, such as encouraging recycling in class and thinking of charitable projects that we could support as a whole school.

I was really impressed with all of the ideas that the children had and with their level of enthusiasm. I can't wait for our next meeting after half term.



Max



Demi



Chloe

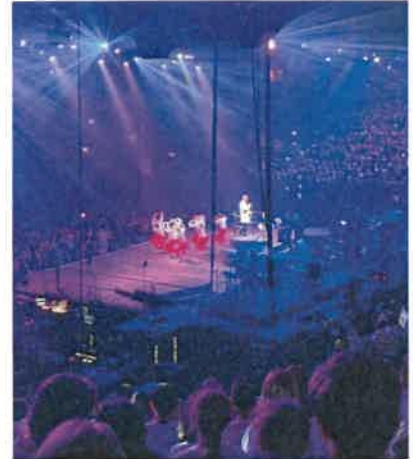


Esme

YOUNG VOICES



After a long-awaited, two year gap, the concert, Young Voices, finally returned to the Birmingham arena. This annual concert, which had been postponed due to COVID restrictions, was eagerly attended by the Year 6 and Year 4 children of Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School - one of many schools that chose to go and be a part of this amazing experience. Approximately forty-thousand children accompanied professional singers and performers on Thursday 19th May to bring joy to an audience of family and friends.



Our Year 6 Teacher, Mrs Preece, was quoted as saying: 'It was amazing: an unforgettable experience for the children. I was so proud of them – they sang their hearts out and sounded phenomenal!'

Amy (Year 6) said: 'It was a fun experience. My Mum and Nan loved it - my Nan disliked arriving home at midnight, though!'

Mr Eckley, the Year 4 teacher, said: 'WOW! What a night!'



*** If you couldn't go, you can watch it on YouTube on the official Young Voices site!!**

BY MISTIE



Out of School Achievements



Lots of our children have excelled in the sporting activities and hobbies they do out of school. Here are some of their amazing achievements...



Ellen, Year 6, achieved 5th place in the (four-piece) Spring Gymnastics competition.

Theo, Year 3, was named 'Player of the Session' by his football club.



Izzy, Year 3, was awarded this trophy for coming 1st in her team's cheerleading competition (as flyer).



Lilly, Year 1, has achieved Duckling 1, 2 and 3 in swimming... What a wonderful accomplishment in such a short time!



Mikayla, Year R, achieved Level 1 in swimming.

Robbie (below), Year 1, has been awarded a trophy and medal for his football at the Lads Club with Joel.

Elliot, Year 4, is a keen gardener who takes part in the after school Gardening Club. He is combining his love of gardening with his interest in photography and took these lovely pictures in Hereford recently; he clearly has a talent in this area, too.



Joel, Year 2, has been awarded with a medal for his amazing football skills at Lads Club.



Theo (left), Year 4, has been awarded Duckling 2 in swimming.



Max (right), Year 4, has been doing really well with his taekwondo and has been awarded his first belt.



Florence, Year 6, was awarded a medal for completing acro beam (dance-based gymnastics).



Evie, Year 3, has been awarded with Levels 3, 4 & 5 in trampolining: she participated in Pink Spring Sparkle, a four-piece competition. Evie also achieved distinction in her ballet exam.

Chloe, Year 6, has been doing really well with her swimming. She has had 10 county qualifying times with 1 second off a regional time on 200m butterfly and 2 seconds off on 50m freestyle. An Olympian in the making for sure...



Eden, Year 4, has been doing very well with his rugby: he has even been awarded a medal.

Sisters Chloe and Evie participated in a swimming event, Wyvern League: it is three swimming competitions that combine the totals from each round together. They competed for Hereford and came second!



Finley, Year 6, has been awarded a trophy for Most Improved Football Player of the Year with Belmont Colts.



Isabelle, Year 3, was awarded a certificate for swimming 10 metres in her lessons.



Skye, Year 1, has been awarded a certificate for her gymnastics.

Freddie, Year 5, won the cup final with his team in a football match at Edgar Street.



STAR

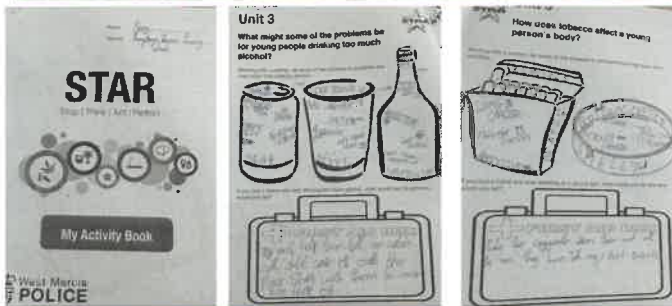


Stop/Think/Act/Reflect



PC Anna came to our class and taught us how to say safe and well. We had STAR workbooks with activities about drugs (legal and illegal) and we also did some practical activities.

We learnt about the side effects of smoking, drinking and taking drugs: PC Anna gave scenarios we might find ourselves in and we thought about strategies of how to say **'No!'**



We tried on Beer Goggles! It turned our worlds upside down! The goggles simulated the disorientating effects of being drunk: we had to try and walk in a straight line, catch a ball and pick it up from the ground. It was almost impossible! Although it was great fun, it gave us a serious insight into the effects of alcohol.

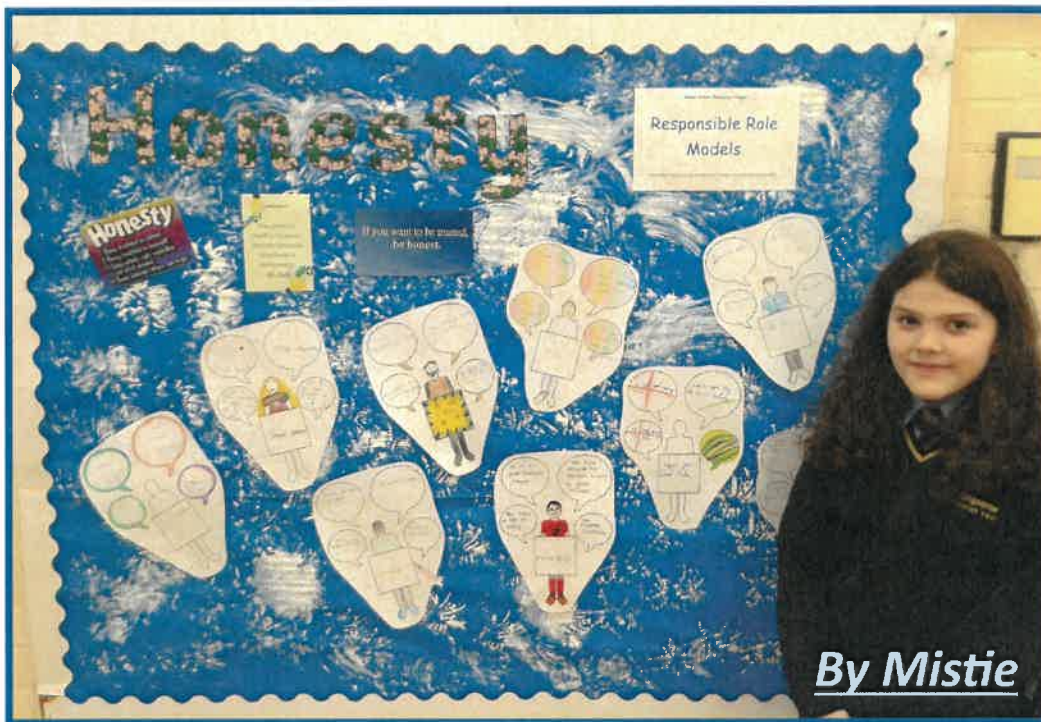




Values: Honesty



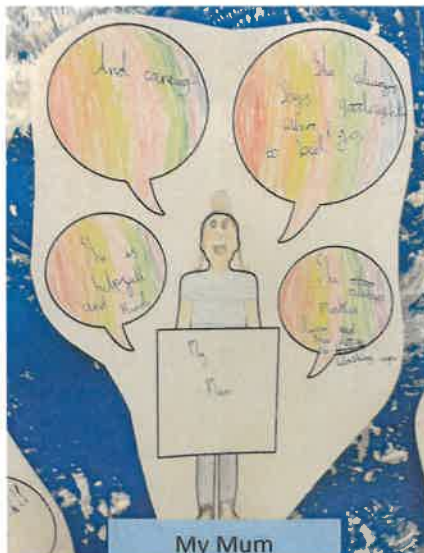
Our new Value for this half term is honesty. We have talked in assemblies about the definition of honesty: we have taught each other that this is when we are being truthful with ourselves as well as with others. We thought about the people that we look up to and respect as role models and we understand that honesty is a key characteristic of what we admire about them. The Values display board shows great examples of some of our role models. In class, we each gave clues about our personal role model and had fun guessing who they were!



Mr Beast



Ronaldo



My Mum



Sharon Jonson



Mr Bull



From seeds planted before Easter to seedlings...



Nasturtiums



...to plants big enough to plant in the garden...

Tomatoes



Sunflowers



Gardening Club



... we are anticipating wonderful flowers, fruits and vegetables this summer.



Strawberries

Rhubarb

Rainbow radish

Sports Slam

Sports Slam is an exciting new sports initiative! It's a new way of introducing sports to children and includes fun learning activities.

We were extremely lucky and received lots of new sports equipment, which included tennis, football, basketball and athletics equipment.



Every lunchtime, there has been a range of challenges for the children to complete. It has been amazing to see everyone getting involved and not only completing the challenges, but helping others to improve their sporting skills.



The children have also been busy creating their own sports, as part of the Sports Slam competition.

It's been fantastic to see everyone's ideas so far and there will be an update about the competition in the next Chronicle.





Here are some cake ideas for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee...

by Maisy



Corgi Cake



Union Jack Cup Cakes



Crown Sponge Tier

Queen's Arts and Crafts

For the Queen's reign of 70 years on the throne, we put together these arts and crafts to keep you occupied for your Jubilee party, so you can decorate your home as if Her Royal Highness herself were coming...



.First find a material that you can easily sew.

.Hem your material in triangles. Hemming is when you fold your piece of material back on itself and then you sew that section to make a tidy edge.

.Make sure you add a line so that you can thread some ribbon to hang your bunting and you're done!!!



This is an easy crown to make at home just using paper and a few decoration or jewels: it's ideal for role play or just having fun!

By Faith and Florence

Jam Heart Cookies *by Maisy*



- You will need:**
- ***½ cup (113g) unsalted butter***
 - ***½ cup (106g) light brown sugar***
 - ***1 large (56g) egg***
 - ***1 large (21g) egg yolk***
 - ***1½ teaspoons vanilla extract***

Method:

Remember: always get a grown-up to help when using the oven.

- ***Combine all the ingredients together to make a dough.***
- ***Once you have made your cookie dough, you shape it into a circle then use your thumbs to make a heart shape.***
- ***Place your cookies on a greased baking tray.***
- ***Next, you cook your biscuits in the oven (at a heat of 180° for ten minutes or maybe bit longer).***
- ***Now they're cooked you need to let them cool.***
- ***Then add jam into the heart shape (any flavour).***

ARTS AND CRAFTS

By Faith and Florence

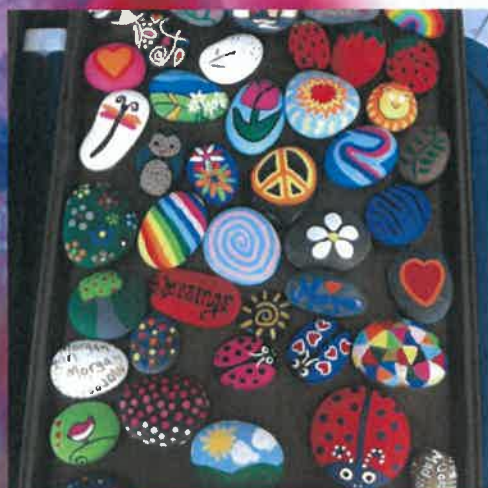
Sock Bunnies



- Get a pair of old socks that you like.
- Cut up from the bottom of the sock and measure what size you want the legs to be.
- Next, grab the other sock and cut two even ovals for the ears, which can be whatever size you wish.
- Sew the legs so that all holes are gone and attach them to the bottom of the bunny, adding stuffing.
- Attach the ears (ovals) to the top of the bunny on the side of the bunny.
- Get the other sock and make four arm shapes. Sew them together and do it again for the other two arm shapes to make the bunny's arms. Remember to stuff the arms.
- Stuff the main sock (the body of the bunny).
- Attach some eyes and a mouth using buttons for the eyes or simply just sew them on.
- Cut some ribbon and tie it a few cm below the mouth to create a head shape.

Rock Art

These are easy pieces of art to make and all you need is some felt tips or paint and some rocks from wherever you can find them. Then, all you need to do is design the rocks however you like (let them dry) and you're done. You can even hide them in your local area and challenge your friends to find them!



Josh's Jokes

Where do pencils go on holiday? Pencil-vania!



Why did the dinosaur refuse to wear deodorant?
He didn't want to be ex-stink!



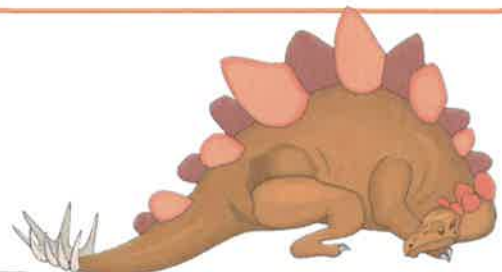
Why should you not let a bear operate the remote?
He will keep pressing the paws button.



What is an astronaut's favourite key on a keyboard?
The space bar!



What kind of dinosaur loves to sleep?
A stega-snore-us.



Did you hear about the rancher who had 97 cows on his field?
When he rounded them up he had 100!



What do you call a crocodile that solves mysteries?
An investi-gator!



SATS WORD SEARCH

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By Amy

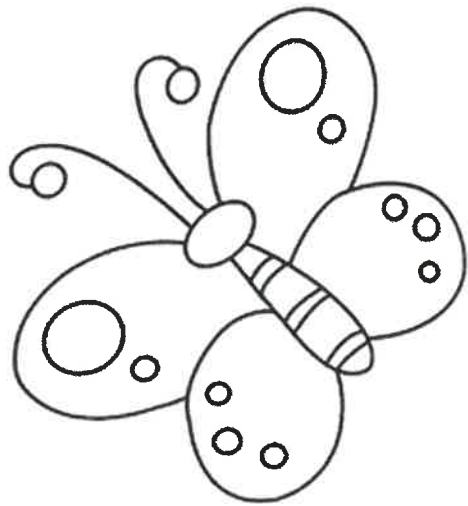
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MAY COLOURING - HAVE A HAPPY MAY DAY!



May Day!



By
Amy

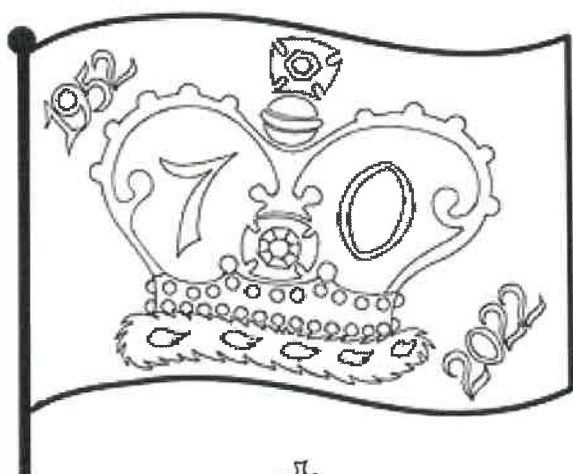
JUBILEE Colouring By Magnus and Josh

The picture of the Queen below (right) was used as a template for the amazing Y5 portraits which are on the front and back covers. They were done in the style of Andy Warhol.

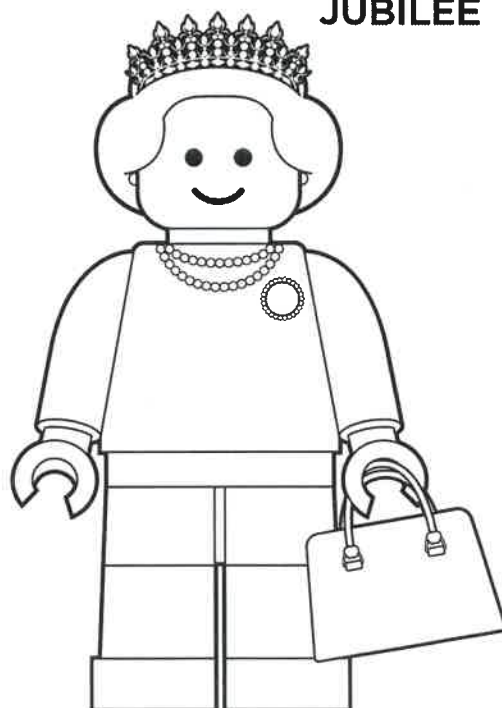
Why not design your own?



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End of Term House Points

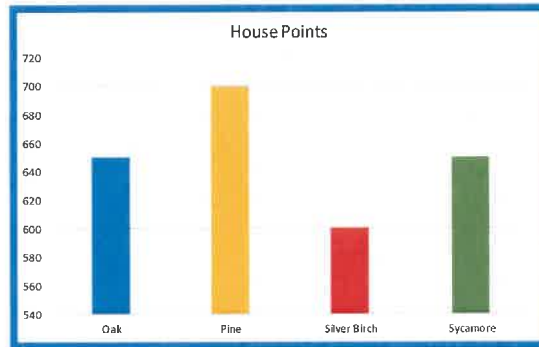
As we reach the Summer half-term, here are the new totals:

Pine: 700

Oak: 650

Sycamore: 650

Silver Birch: 600



Congratulations to everyone who has achieved House Point Certificate awards and have had their picture moved up on the Rainbow Chart. Also, well done to all those who have earned points for their houses through Good Choice Awards and modelling our whole-school Values and behaviour targets.

Apologies to Josh, whose brilliant cartoon (the Easter Bunny taking advantage of technology to let a drone deliver the Easter Eggs while he takes a sunshine break) should have been included in the last issue.



The Easter Bunny takes a holiday... by Josh

Puzzle Solution: SATS WORD SEARCH

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Just Stand Up... by Gethin



Royal Portraits by: Jacob M Y2 and Bella Y5,
Denver Y5 and Fae Y2