

Message from the Headteacher

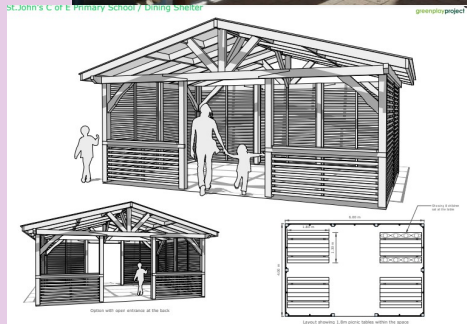
What a wet and windy few days! Luckily the weather stayed dry for our year 5 multi sports event and it hasn't deterred our classes getting outside for their learning this week.

Next week is our final week before half term and we have lots of things to look forward to. On Monday we have a new project starting on the field. The Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership have gifted us (as a 300th year present) a community café structure that will be used for forest school, an outdoor learning as well as our school events.

We also have Edgar Phillips (local artist, <https://edgarphillipsartist.co.uk/>) visiting to measure up our stained glass window and present his final designs. As always we will be ending the term on Friday with a PTA mufti fundraiser so don't forget it's non uniform!

Have a lovely weekend - hopefully the weather brightens up for us all.

Mrs West-Gaul



Star of the week

Well done to all our pupils who achieved star of the week this week.

Acorn class	Jessica Xander
Ash class	Henry S
Birch class	Ellis
Chestnut class	Frankie
Elm class	Arthur
Holly class	Reeva
Hazel class	Poppy T
Maple class	Poppy G
Oak class	Rhys
Pine class	M
Rowan class	Amelia
Sycamore class	Tegan
Willow class	Ruby

School class names mural

We would like to say a huge thank you to Moira Vu who has painted this beautiful mural in our reception area. The name of each class tree is shown along with their leaf from seedlings at nursery to Sycamore and Willow in Year 6.

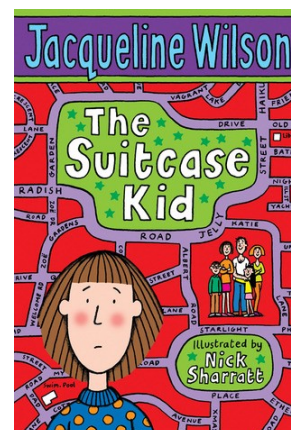
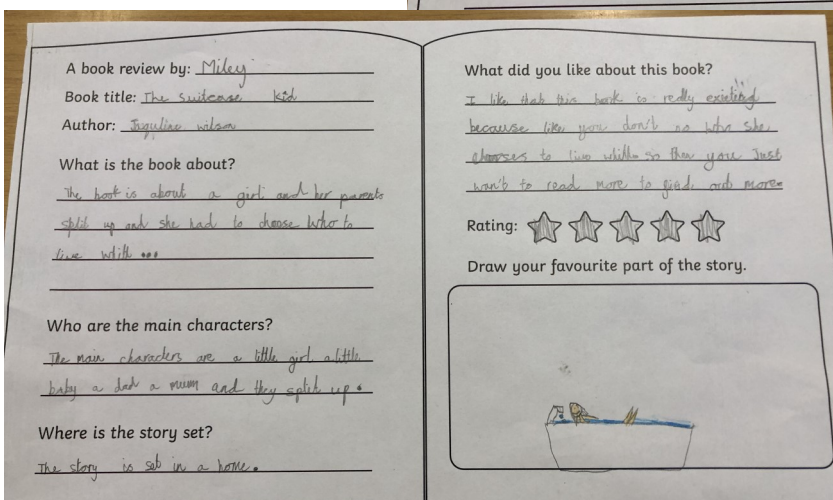
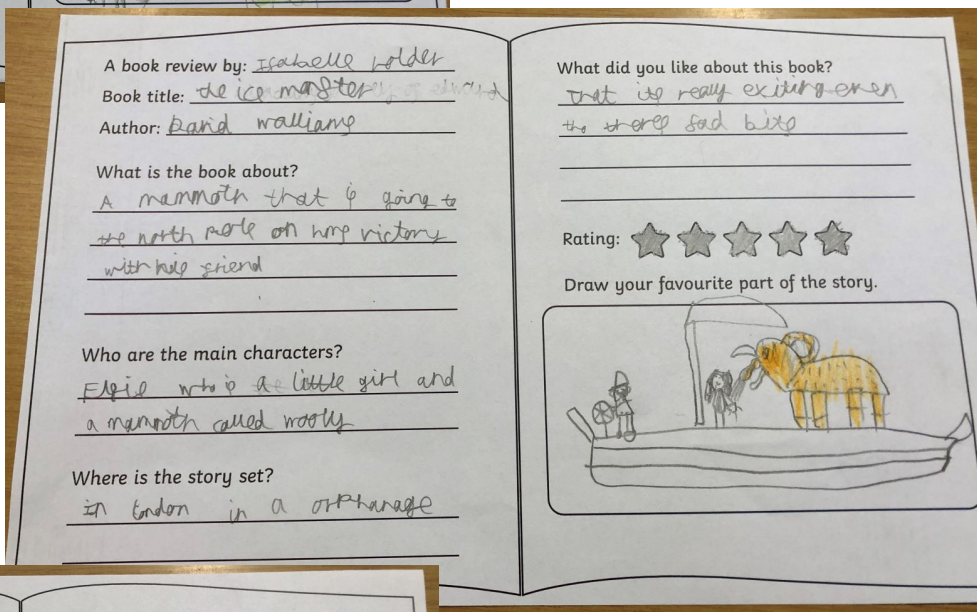
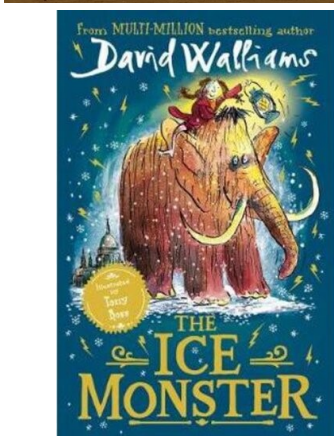
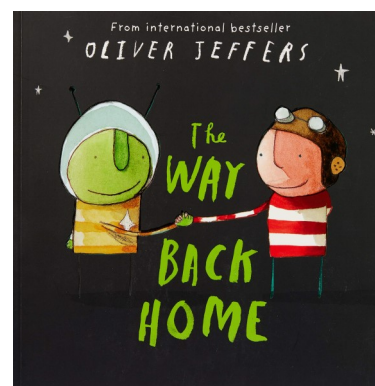
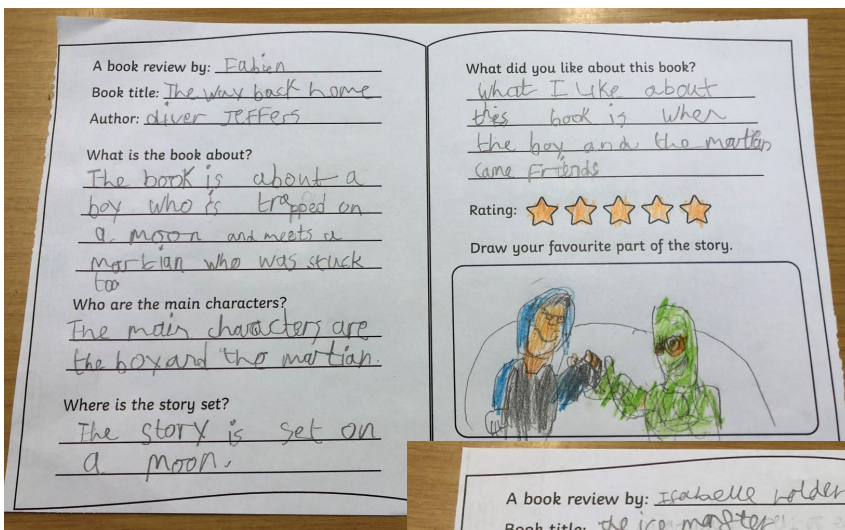
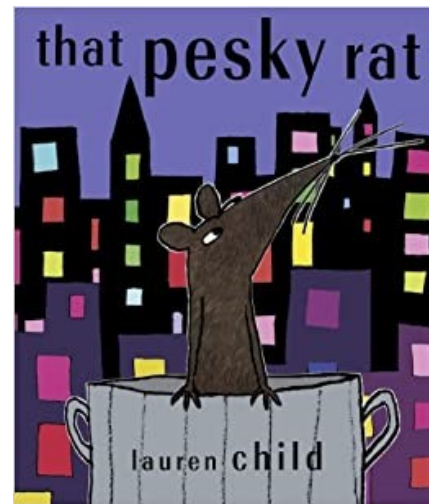
Now that spring has arrived why not see if you can find and take a photo of your class leaf. Or try to find all of the class leaves. We'd love to see your photos!



Year 3 Reading

In Year 3 this week, we have been looking at 'That Pesky Rat' by Lauren Child. We have thought about the characters and predicted the ending that we thought would happen. A lot of us predicted correctly!

Once we had finished reading the book we decided to do our own book reviews. We had quite a range including fiction and non-fiction, funny and sad stories and a wide selection of authors! Here are a few of our reviews so have a read and you let us know if you decide to give one a try based on our



Year 2 learning

Year 2 designed and made our own clay pots during Forest school this week. Each of the designs are unique and look fantastic! We wrote instructions for how to make the clay pots during our English lesson, using time connectives and imperative verbs.



A few reminders

We encourage all of our children to drink water regularly throughout the day. If for any reason your child needs to drink anything other than water then please make sure their class teacher is informed.

All pupils wearing a buttoned up school shirt must have a tie (this is not necessary for those wearing a open necked blouse) and shirts are to be tucked in at all times. It might not seem it, but it is the term for summer dresses to be worn. Please ensure these are accompanied by white socks, not tights.

Pupils with hair below shoulder length should have this tied back off their face. No jewellery is to be worn other than stud earrings, which pupils should removed independently by your child for PE.

Please ensure that all uniform is fully named. Our lost property is growing and naming items helps to reunite items with their owner.

Please make Drs, Dentist and Hospital appointment outside of school hours. If this isn't possible, please provide proof of the appointment via email to office@stjohnsman.co.uk. A photo of the letter or screen shot of a text is fine.

Lastly please can we remind everyone that scooters/bikes are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds. Children should dismount from these at the school gates.



Pop up Sports Event

On Wednesday afternoon some of our Year 5 pupils attended a multi sports event at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club. Within their bubble group, pupils took part in a variety of sports along with other local schools. It was a great opportunity to try out new skills and have fun playing sport.



Year 1 Picnic

Pupils in Birch class enjoyed a picnic on the field of Wednesday afternoon. They spent the morning writing their menu during English and then as part of DT they made their sandwiches and cut up fruit to make kebabs. Thankfully the sun shone and they had a lovely time eating the food that they had prepared.



Wellbeing Team

FiveWaysToWellbeing research resulted in 5 steps that we can all take to improve our wellbeing. Over the next few weeks, we will look at each section and add some suggested activities that you can do at home to support these steps. This week we will focus on 'Keep Learning'.

Keep learning

Continued learning through life enhances self-esteem and encourages social interaction and a more active life.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that the opportunity to engage in work or educational activities particularly helps to lift people out of depression.

Learning something new can lift your mood and setting goals is linked to better wellbeing. Why not sign up for an online course in your spare time – there are lots of free options available. Alternatively, pick up a book, join a virtual book club or research something you've always wondered about. We would love to hear about your new skills and talents.



Out of school Achievement

Well done to Lily in Chestnut class for being awarded Gymnast of the Day!



Walk to school week

Despite the weather it has been lovely to see so many of you walking to school this week. Thank you to Jayden in Acorn class for sharing this photo of you walking to school in the rain!



Reception visit to St John's Church

Pupils from Acorn class visited St John's Church in Midsomer Norton yesterday. They were all very excited to be going on a school trip and had a lovely afternoon learning about the history of the church.



Music Lessons

BANES Music service have availability for flute, clarinet and guitar lessons for pupils in Year s 3-6 from September 2021. If you r child is interest in learning please visit the website <https://www.banesmusiconline.co.uk/site/parents-students/instrumental-lessons/>

National Smile Month

BRUSH SMILE REPEAT

Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste

Have less sugary foods and drinks

Visit a dentist regularly

National Smile Month
18th May - 18th June 2020

www.smilemonth.org

Oral Health Foundation
Better oral health for all

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club

Midsomer Norton Rugby club are on the look out for new junior members.

Meeting every Sunday from 10am - 13.30am for all age groups from under 6's to under 11's.

They are keen to grow their under 11's youth team so are keen to encourage year 5 and 6 girls to come along and give it a try.

If you are interested please contact Darronhebbard@outlook.com

