

Message from the Headteacher

This week the children have been working hard on their end of year assessments and we are really pleased with the efforts across the school.

We have an equally busy week next week with lots of events taking place (weather permitting). As part of our 300 year celebrations we have Steve Voake, author and ex local Headteacher, coming to talk to the children about his life and work on Tuesday. On Wednesday we are hoping to hold a teddy bears picnic to welcome our new children for September, unfortunately this is weather permitting as we cannot hold it indoors. **On Thursday it is St John's day. We have incorporated our 300th year celebration with this day and would like the children to come to school dressed for a celebration.** During the day the children will be involved in a school trail, identifying signs of how the school has developed, as well as exploring the lives of our four benefactors; Ann Harris, Sophia Kelston, Reverend Charles Otway Mayne and Ralph Sperring.

I'm sure you will all be aware of the increase in cases of COVID 19 in our local area. We have reminded the children today of the things implemented in school to keep us all safe. Can we please remind parents to wear masks on site and to keep socially distanced where possible. Up to date guidance has been included for your reference within this weeks purple pages.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Star of the week

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

Acorn class	Evie Sophie
Ash class	Charlie
Birch class	Ella
Chestnut class	Mason
Elm class	Alfie
Holly class	Taylor
Hazel class	Izzy
Maple class	Elijah
Oak class	Dillon
Pine class	Marnie
Rowan class	Lilia
Sycamore class	Taia
Willow class	Dawson

Sunflowers

It has been wonderful to receive more photos of our pupils sunflowers. Some are now almost as tall as the children themselves!

Well done to Freddie F in Oak class and Charlie and Henry S in Hazel and Ash class.



Acorn class - Reading

In Reception this term our topic is, 'Down at the bottom of the garden'. Last week we read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly, we now have our very own caterpillar so that we can see the life cycle in action. This week we are reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' where we have been learning about planting and growing.

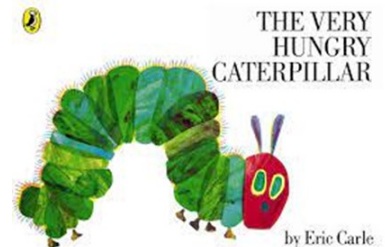
Here are some reviews from the children:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Freya "He ate an apple, two pears and three plums. He had a tummy ache then at the end he turned into a butterfly".

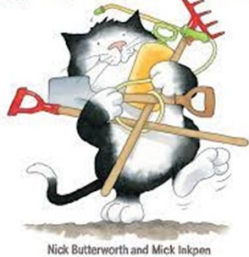
Todd "She was hungry and ate lots of food. She had a tummy ache".

Cordelia "He ate lots and lots of food because he was super hungry. He had lots of junk food which gave him a tummy ache but then he ate through a big leaf and it made him feel much better".



JASPER'S BEANSTALK

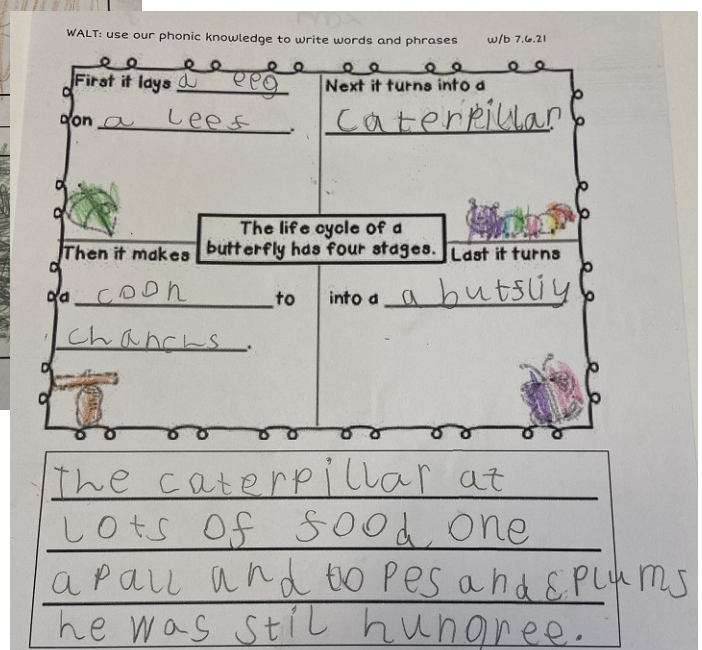
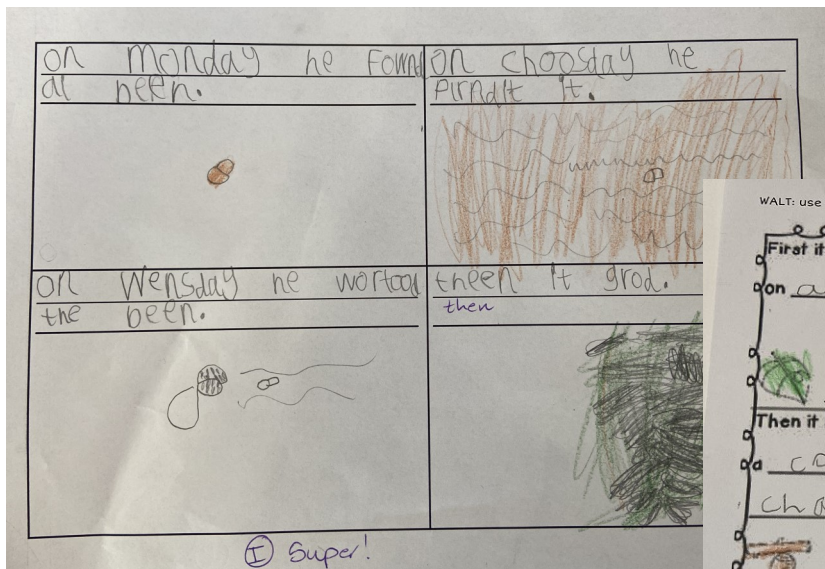
Jaspers Beanstalk



Evie "Jasper found a beanstalk in the garden and grew it"

Harry "he mowed it, he watered it and he dug it"

Zena "It didn't grow for a long time and then it grew into a beanstalk"



Year 5 Learning

This week in Year 5, the children were continuing with the Mayan History topic and learning about the belief system of the Mayan's. We spoke about the importance of religion to their people and how it affected everything the followers did.

Interestingly, the Mayan people believed in lots of different nature God's who ruled people's lives and decisions. This included the God of the Sun, maize fire and even rain. Before Mayan hieroglyphics had been translated, no one knew what the names of the Gods were, so they labelled them with the letters of the alphabet. The children even found out that the Mayan people gave blood offerings to the God's and this included putting barbed wire through their tongues!



Message from the wellbeing team

Art is a fantastic way to wind down and spend a few moments doing a calming activity. Activities such as mindful colouring asks us to focus on how we choose and apply colour in a design to bring our awareness to the present moment. This process is similar to meditation, we let go of any thoughts about tomorrow or yesterday, or what we are going to do when we finish.



Art is the best. Its an a whole entire different world where you can explore your imagination. Create characters, and so much more! even if your not a artist it is fun to do when your stressed or sad.

Tahlia in Sycamore has been busy at home refining her art techniques; she completely wowed the class with her amazing drawings of people and planets. She has also written a message to other children who enjoy art explaining that it is a wonderful activity to do and can really improve wellbeing. Well done Tahlia!

Lost Property

We have acquired a very large amount of lost property. We will endeavour to put this outside at drop off and pick up times for parents to look through. Pupils are able to look through lost property in the Pottery Room during the school day. Please ensure that all items of school uniform, PE Kits, water bottles and lunch boxes are labelled as this helps items to be returned to pupils. Any items remaining at the end of term will be disposed of appropriately.

Year 6 - Lion King workshop

This week, Year 6 were lucky enough to have an ex-pupil of St John's - Richard Hurst - lead a Lion King workshop.

Richard plays the part of 'Scar' in The Lion King with the Rhino Touring Company. He was incredible at modelling speaking with prosody, the physicality of the individual parts and how each role was equally valuable. Later in the morning, Richard arranged a GoogleMeet singing session with the actress who plays 'Rafiki' - Thandi. Thandi sang 'The Circle of Life' with the year group.



We are so grateful of Richard's time spent working with us; there are now many aspiring young actors because of his talent.

Message from the PTA

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to earn your 20p's over half term. In total we raised £472.90 and the winning class was Acorn!

Please look out for raffle tickets coming home next week. We have some amazing prizes to be won so please do help us to raise more money for school resources by selling tickets. More books are available from the school office if required.



Junior Theatre Group

Merriman Theatre Group has spaces for new members to join their Junior Company (known as 'The Minimen') from September. Minimen offers children from 6-9 years of age the chance to develop their skills in all areas of performance through rehearsals and workshops. Their workshop leaders and theatre director encourage the development of skills in acting, singing and dance for all abilities, while working towards an end of year performance. Older children will be given the opportunity to move on to our highly acclaimed senior company, Merriman Theatre Group.

Sessions take place in Midsomer Norton on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 12 noon. If you would like more information, or would like to sign up to join, please email Ann Savage at merrimantheatre@hotmail.co.uk or 01761 414957.

