

STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

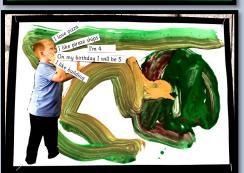
"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

October 20th 2022

The children in Rainbow Explorers Nursery have all settled into nursery fantastically. We are very proud of how well the children have learned our nursery rules and how quickly they have made friends. We all enjoyed looking for the signs of Autumn on our school walk and making our own delicious vegetable soup. We have been learning about 'The Enormous Turnip' and we made our own clay turnips and mixed paint to decorate them. We learned all about road safety in 'Beep Beep' week and we practised crossing the road safely on our school zebra crossing.







Reception

A huge welcome to all the new children and their families, the children have settled in really well. We are enjoying our Read, Write Inc. phonics lessons and the children enjoy finding out what the new letter is each day. In maths we have focused on numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The bikes have proved very popular in free flow and it is great to see the children learning to take turns. They love to demonstrate their progress as they whiz past. UK class have loved Forest School and Poland are looking forward to it next term.

The **Year 1** topic this term has been all about Dinosaurs. We discovered a huge footprint on the playing field and wondered what an earth it could be and we came to the conclusion that it was a dinosaur footprint. We explored lots of questions such as 'how big was the biggest dinosaur, why did dinosaurs become extinct and how are fossils made?' We made our own dinosaur footprint replicas using salt dough and toy dinosaurs. The children produced the most beautiful dinosaur silhouette paintings. They learnt how to blend colours and used cotton buds to quickly remove paint before it dried .This gave the impression of meteorites falling from space. We

think the pictures look Roococcarsome.







This term in Year 2 our topic was 'Land Ahoy'. The children investigated a crime scene and after completing their research the clues led them to their culprit, the notorious Captain Blackbeard. We read 'The Pirate Next Door' and the children loved getting to know the Jolley Rogers family. We had a class debate on whether the pirates should be allowed to stay

in Dull-on-Sea and this informed our persuasive letter writing. In art we studied the seascape paintings of JMW Turner. The children developed their colour mixing, painting and drawing skills to create beautiful seascapes. In PE we focused on throwing and catching skills and team building.





In maths the children in Year 3 have been learning all about place value. Our focus for writing is linked to our learning about the Stone Age. We have media to create some wonbeen mapping, stepping, speaking and innovating Satoshi Kitamura's 'Stone Age



Boy'. In art we have been learning about cave painting and the class have really enjoyed using different derful images of mammoths. We have also been making pinch pots out of clay just as our Stone Age ancestors did. As a class we have been looking at the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates and learning the names of some of the bones in the body and how by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. the human skeleton works. It has been great to learn new words such as cranium, mandible, scapula and clavicle. In



RE we have been learning about Diwali also known as the festival of lights. It is one of the major festival celebrated We have made our own diva lamps. Thank you for all your support this term, we really appreciate it.



We remembered the Queen with a wonderful display of pictures and writing. Years 4 and 5 were given a picture of the late Queen's face which was then cut in half. The children then sketched the other half of it. Abigail and Eyeshah your pictures are amazing.



Caleb and Leiarna painting





Great News

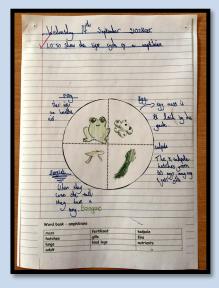
We have a brand new play surface for our climbing frames. The equipment has been out of action for a while but as you can see the children couldn't wait to get back on it. Thanks go to the PTA who contributed to the cost of the new surface.

In **Year 4** we have been on a 'road trip' through China and Japan and learnt so much about the culture, infrastructure, food and festivals of these two beautiful and diverse countries. In maths we have been developing our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We are really proud to say that one of our Year 4 boys is the fastest in the whole school at answering his times table correctly. Our science lessons have been great as we have been learning about electricity and the children are now able to build a simple circuit with a switch. Our art lessons have been inspired by 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' a painting by the Japanese Painter 'Hokusai'. In our geography lessons we have learnt about lines of longitude and latitude and worked out different times across the world. We are impressed with the learning attitude of the pupils in Year 4.





This term **Year 5** have been transported back over 3,000 years to the time of the ancient Egyptians. We have learnt about the gods they worshipped and their rituals including mummification. It has been fascinating learning all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. We have been writing our own newspaper reports about the events on the days following the opening of the tomb. In science we have been learning about the life cycles of different animals. We had the opportunity to visit UTC for a LEGO and coding workshop. The children were tasked with designing and constructing an energy efficient home. We return to UTC in November to present our final constructions.





On Tuesday 18th October our football team played All Saints Primary School in a friendly match. It was the first match that the team had played in three years and they played really well. The final score was 4-0 to All Saints.

What an incredible term it has been in **Year 6**. The children have worked hard, listened well and many of them have stepped up to present themselves as amazing role models to the younger children, particularly at lunchtime. As part of our guided reading, history, geography and English lessons we learnt about Mexico. We studied maps and topographies, learnt about ancient Mayan gods and read about Mexican life and culture. We even had a Mexican food tasting session - Yum. In maths we have been learning all about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. TT rockstars is back and anyone can reach the top of the leader-board. We have taken part in circuit training in PE and the children have developed their own circuits including warm-ups and stretches. We have all been striving for good attendance to be in with the chance of rolling the dice and getting a reward. The term has been filled with learning, opportunities and fun. Well done to the Year 6 children we think you are great.





Back to School

Monday 31st October

