



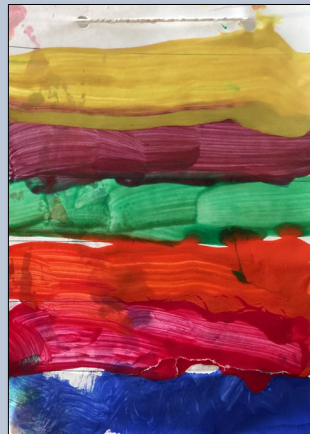
## STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"*

### Curriculum In Action

July 19th 2023

**Rainbow Explorers** have had another action packed term learning about the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have made bridges, acted out the story and met the troll to tell suggest ways he could resolve his problems with the goats. We had a wonderful visit from Farms2Ewe who brought lots of farm animals for us to meet including goats. The children behaved beautifully and were very calm around the animals. They enjoyed brushing the pony, stroking the cow and holding the mice, rabbits and guinea pigs. We had a really successful sports day and it was lovely to see the children supporting their friends and being able to welcome so many parents who came to support us. Mrs Pell has been gardening with the children and we were so excited when our crop of potatoes were finally ready to pick. We washed them and made them into wedges for a special snack. The harvest was so successful there was even enough for everyone to take some home.



### Reception

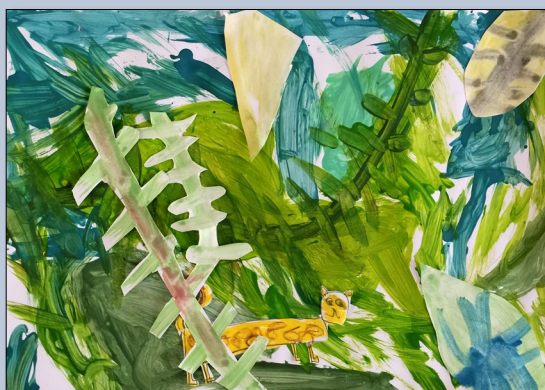
What a wonderful last term we have had, the highlights were our sports day and the stay and play. We enjoyed welcoming parents into the classroom and the children loved sharing their school environment with you all. Sports day was a great success and the children were resilient and enthusiastic as they completed their sporting tasks. The PTA surprised us with two wonderful experiences. Farms2Ewe and a circus. Both events were full of awe and wonder. The Reception team have seen such a development in the children's characters and we know they are all ready for Year 1. They are a wonderful group of little humans who have made us laugh and burst with pride.





## Year 1

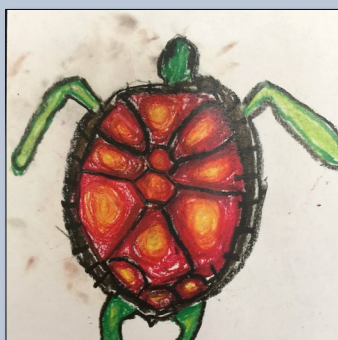
Term six got off to a great start with the Year One trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. It was a wonderful day out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing the different animals. During the visit the children learned all about penguins and lemurs and they used this information to create their own fact files. In science the children have learnt how to categorise animals e.g. mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Some amazing artwork has been produced this term in the style of Henri Rousseau. We used oil pastels, poster paint and water colour to create some wonderful animal themed art. Year one have also enjoyed using 'Code for Life' which develops early coding skills, practising for sports day and the visit from Farms2Ewe.



Year 1 were inspired by the artist Rousseau

## Year 2

This term Year two became environmental heroes! At the start of the term we received a letter from an orang-utan called Tango and he told us how his habitat is being destroyed to make way for palm oil plantations. In order to help Tango the children wrote persuasive letters to Cadbury's to ask them to stop using palm oil. The children also created a Year 2 eBook all about the orang-utans and the problems they are facing. They are selling this book to their families and friends to raise money to adopt an orang-utan through the World Wildlife Fund. We also learned all about Shelley and Shelby, two sea turtles, who told us all about pollution in the oceans. The children learnt about how plastic harms the sea creatures and created booklets to inform others. As you can see the children created some wonderful pictures of sea turtles using oil pastels. We are so proud of our Year 2 children.



In **Year 3** we have been learning all about forces and magnets. The children went on a trip to Winchester Science Museum where they were able to use the interactive exhibitions to support their classroom learning. We made our own rockets and found out some amazing facts about space in the planetarium. The children have really enjoyed learning all about the weapons that the Romans used. They made their own shields and these were used in a battle on the school field.





**Year 4** have had a term packed with fun and learning. Our topic was 'Blue Abyss' and we used oil pastels to create our own artwork inspired by David Doubilet's 'Barracuda' photograph. We researched the work of Sir David Attenborough and the children wrote their own biographies. In maths, we focussed on shape and space and investigated symmetry and reflection. As a year group we really enjoyed our trip to Bristol Aquarium which was fully funded by money raised during enterprise week. The children were amazed by the size of some of the fish and the

beauty of the tropical tank. It was really exciting to see the blue lobster which is exceptionally rare. As a Year 4 team we would like to say an enormous thank you for all your support this year. We hope you have a wonderful summer

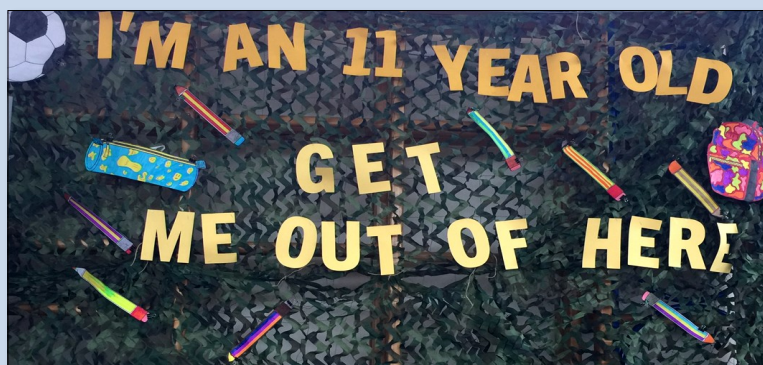
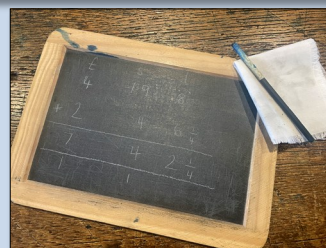


Year 4 loved seeing the circus



In **Year 5** we have been studying crime and punishment throughout History. We were particularly interested in the Tudor era and the children wrote about the gruesome ways that criminals were tried and punished. We had a visit from a curator from the Oxford Museum and she shared artefacts and costumes from the Tudor period. The children were able to try the costumes on and learn to write with a quill. At the end of this newsletter you can see a montage of photographs from the day. We had a visit to the UTC for one final time to test and see forces in action. We also explored how space buggies move over different terrains and how gravity and friction enables movement. As teachers we have been incredibly impressed with how the children have responded to their learning this term and we want to thank you for your support.

What a jam-packed final term it has been for **Year 6**. Our term started with our swimming lessons where the children have grown in confidence and many have completed their 25 metre swim check. Over 40 children took part in the Bikeability sessions and the instructors were impressed at how resilient the children were riding in such hot weather. We enjoyed our recent trip to Reading Museum where we experienced what it was like to be a child at school and at work in Victorian times. The children role played a Victorian school and learnt about the standards of Victorian teachers. They saw the punishments that were used for poor behaviour such as the dunce hat and the cane! They enjoyed learning about the array of jobs that were on offer during Victorian times and they couldn't believe the role of a Chamber Maid.







Archery lesson

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Preparing to joust

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The blue dress

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The pink dress

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## *Year 5 Tudor Day*



The quill and ink

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Tudor boy

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Awaiting our Tudor dresser

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All in our finery

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### **The Theatre Came to School**

At the end of June, we were really lucky to see a performance by actors from Oxford Playhouse. They performed, 'Mind the Monsters' which was an interactive adventure around the brain. It was great to see a live performance by real actors. Thank you Mrs Lewis for arranging this wonderful surprise.

### **Forces Friends**

Forces Friends is a school improvement project designed to strengthen Oxfordshire County Councils support of children of Armed Forces families. We took part in 'The Festival of Friends' which culminated in a fabulous afternoon out in Oxford. We created an exhibition for the event and met lots of other Forces Friends. We even got to meet Britain's Got Talent finalist, Steve Royal who taught us how to juggle.

### **The Circus Came to School**

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a fantastic end of term surprise. The circus came to school and we loved watching the juggling and acrobatics. The children took part in circus skills workshops. Thank you to the PTA for this great experience.



### **My name is Pamika and this has been by journey at Stephen Freeman School.**

I joined the school in 2021 in Year 4 when I moved to England with my family from South Korea. From my first day, I knew that I have joined a truly remarkable school. I soon became familiar with

the school's expectations and regulations and I found my feet and stepped out of my comfort zone. In Years 5 and 6 I engaged in class discussions and developed my sense of curiosity. Stephen Freeman's commitment to providing a nurturing environment where challenges are embraced and dreams are pursued has left an indelible mark on my educational experience. The school provided so many opportunities for personal growth from trying out new sports such as netball, cricket and swimming as well participating in extracurricular activities. I remember when our netball team participated in a tournament against another local school and alt-

hough the outcome wasn't in our favour the event tested our teamwork and determination. Lessons on empathy, integrity and respect were seamlessly integrated into the curriculum and these have shaped me into a dignified citizen and compassionate individual. As I prepare to bid farewell to Stephen Freeman School, I feel grateful for all the experiences and knowledge that I have gained. The challenges I faced taught me resilience, the support I received boosted my confidence, and the opportunities I seized broadened my perspective. Stephen Freeman school will always hold a special place in my heart and I carry it's spirit with me as I embark on new adventures, striving to make a positive difference in the world. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers and staff who have provided unwavering support throughout my Stephen Freeman school journey.

**Thank you Pamika for sharing your memories of Stephen Freeman School with all of us. We wish you and all the Year 6 pupils good luck in your new schools.**





Inspired by 'The Persistence of Memory 1931' by Salvador Dali, Cruz and Miksha in Year 6 produced these wonderful paintings. Keep up with your art in your new schools.

### Sports Day 2023

Sports days across the school showed any amazing array of talent. The children showed some great team work and it was good to see everyone supporting their houses. The results from the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 sports day are as follows:

1st place - **South** - 4850 points

2nd place - **North** - 4840 points

3rd place - **West** - 4820 points

4th place - **East** - 4180 points

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all those parents and carers who came to school to support the children.

### *Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Hamwell*

Mrs Hanwell joined Stephen Freeman Primary School in 1998 as a fresh-faced teaching assistant having attended Stephen Freeman as child herself! Over the years, the school community have been touched by her presence as a class teacher, a lead teacher in the Children's Centre, an Early Years Foundation Stage Leader and most recently a Deputy Head. As she leaves us for pastures new as a not quite so fresh-faced Headteacher, I want to thank her for committing so much of her professional life to the enrichment and development of the pupils, families and staff at Stephen Freeman. Mrs Hanwell's nurturing nature is certainly part of what has made Stephen Freeman into the caring and inclusive school that it is today. Stephen Freeman will be sad to see Mrs Hanwell go but Marsh Baldon will be welcoming her in with open arms. Goodbye, Good luck and Thankyou from Mrs Lewis and the whole Stephen Freeman Community.

### Stephen Freeman PTA

Thank you for all your support this year helping to make our fundraising a success. It's lovely to go out on a high at the end of the school year with such a fun and busy week. On Monday, the school fete had a fantastic turnout, and Mr Muddle's Magic show kept everyone entertained. On Tuesday, we all arrived at school to a wonderful surprise, a circus tent on the school field. Years 2-6 had circus workshops throughout the day and the whole school enjoyed an hour-long circus performance in the big top. Now, as we look forward to the summer break, the PTA would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer.

<i>Spending 2022/2023</i>	
<i>Teacher/class money</i>	<i>£820</i>
<i>Playground resurfacing</i>	<i>£5000</i>
<i>Cooking equipment</i>	<i>£600</i>
<i>WBD prizes</i>	<i>£60</i>
<i>Coronation medals</i>	<i>£550</i>
<i>Visiting farm</i>	<i>£665</i>
<i>Circus</i>	<i>£2300</i>
<i>Year 6 leaver's gifts and inflatable</i>	<i>£300</i>
<i>Gazebos and picnic blankets</i>	<i>£490</i>

### **PTA spending 2022/2023**