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HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

We've had so much to celebrate over the last half term:

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their Key Stage 2 SATs in May. The tests took place from 11 to 14 May 2026, covering English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading, and Mathematics. The children showed incredible resilience and determination throughout – we're very proud of them all.

Our Year 5 pupils had a wonderful time at Juniper Hall, building new skills, making memories and developing their independence. Thank you to all the staff who made this trip such a success.

Our Earth Day activities were a real highlight, with children across the school engaging in learning about sustainability and our environment. It was brilliant to see such enthusiasm for protecting our planet.

Looking ahead, we have a packed final half term with lots to look forward to:- **Sports Days** – Get ready to cheer on your children!; **Year 6 Production** – Our Year 6 pupils will be showcasing their talents; **Year 6 Residential** – An exciting adventure awaits our oldest pupils; **Educational Visits** – Zoo trip and farm visits for KS1 children; **PTA summer Fair and Discos too.**

Please join me and the **PTA for a planning event** on **Friday 12th June at 9 am** – Gothic Rd site. We will be planning ahead for next year including the Christmas Fair. **ALL WELCOME.**

Later this term, we'll be sending out surveys to gather your feedback on this academic year. **Please do take the time to complete these** – your views are incredibly valuable and help us to continue improving our school and working in partnership with you to give your children the best possible education and experiences.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Here's to a wonderful final half term!

Reception

Our focus text this half term has been 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We have made our own 'Tiny Seed' books and created artwork for the front covers.



We learnt about the artist Marianne North. We looked at her paintings and then, using pencils and paints, made observational drawings of some plants



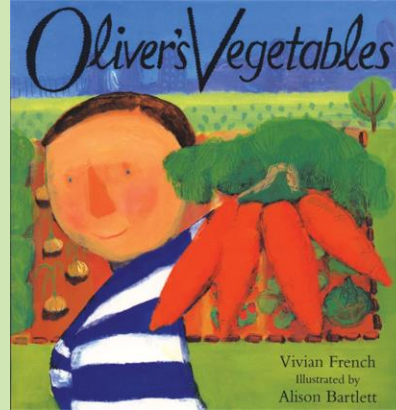
We had a visit from 'The Living Eggs Company' this half term. We looked after several hen eggs until they hatched and then enjoyed caring for the chicks!



We have enjoyed finding out about minibeasts and going on bug hunts in our outside space to see what we find. We especially enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to get a closer look!

Year 1

What a great start to the Summer term! Year 1 have loved learning all about 'Growth and Change'.



In English we focused on the book 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We wrote and designed our own seed packets and taught Mrs. Burton all about how to grow her own vegetables from seeds. We then created our own instructions about any topic we wanted!

In Maths we have started exploring fractions by halving and quartering objects and groups of numbers. We have also been learning about direction and position!



The field is green and we are loving our Golden Games every Monday. We are looking forward to sports day next half term.



In our art lessons we learnt lots about water colours and painted some beautiful vegetables.



In Science, we have been growing Pea Plants, we have really loved watching them grow and labelling all the parts. Did you know that plants can still grow, even without sunlight?

Year 2



In English and History, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We enjoyed attending a drama workshop to help us understand the events and it provided us with an immersive experience. The children created detailed reports that demonstrated their understanding of the events in 1666. We then used this knowledge in writing diary entries from Vlad the flea's perspective.

In RE, our topic question has been, 'Does art teach us about religion?' We have really enjoyed exploring different art forms across a range of religions and we have had lots of opportunities to create some of our own art based on what we have learnt.



In Maths, we have been comparing mass using grams and kilograms.



In science we have been finding out about what plants need to grow and stay healthy. We carried out an investigation to find out if beans would grow in certain conditions if we take away sunlight/water/soil/air. So far, the results are fascinating!



In Computing, we have been developing our coding skills using Bluebots. We created our own maps of London for the bots to travel around and used bluetooth via the ipads to operate our Bluebots.

Year 3

Here are the highlights from another busy and exciting half-term in Year 3.

The children have loved developing their skills in Year 3 PE, showing great enthusiasm while learning to play rounders and working together as a team. They also thoroughly enjoyed athletics on the field, proudly practising their running, jumping and throwing skills with lots of energy and smiles.



The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about light in Science. They especially enjoyed making their own camera obscuras and discovering how light travels. They were fascinated by investigating shadows, excitedly sharing how shadows change shape and size depending on the light sources.



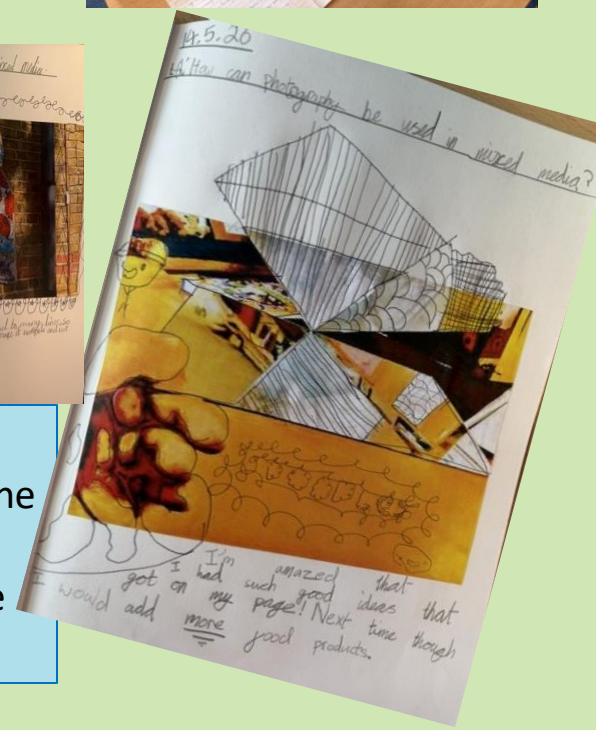
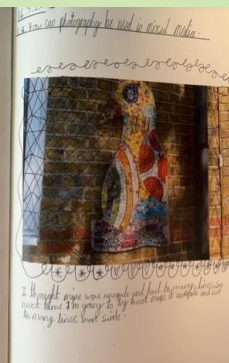
Year 4

Year 4 have had a super engaging half term! Here's a snippet of our Summer 1 learning:

In Geography, we have been learning about rainforests. We researched the different layers of the rainforest using ODDIZZI and discovered what animals might live in each one.



In English, we have written narratives inspired by Edward Tulane. We loved telling our stories to each other.

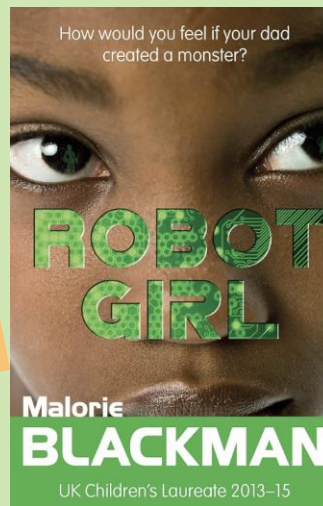


In Art, we have been focusing on photography; we looked at how angles and light can change the way a photo looks and we tried manipulating light using everyday objects like colanders. Here is a selection of some of our photographs!



Year 5

English: Year 5 has had another exciting and fun-filled half term. In English, we have looked at the characterisation, in our class text, Robot Girl. We have written character analyses using evidence from the text. We have also written a balanced argument about the dilemma faced by the main character, Claire.



Geography: The children have been finding out about food miles as part of our Sustainability topic, in Geography. They were surprised at how far some fruit and vegetables have travelled to get to our supermarkets!

Juniper Hall

What a fantastic trip! We all enjoyed exploring Box Hill and the surrounding area. We practised our compass skills, learned how to build a shelter in the woods, made nettle tea and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. We also learnt about the small mammals that live around Box Hill. Lots of fun was had by all.

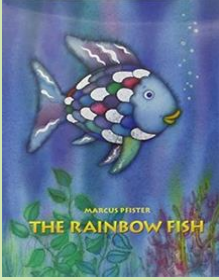


Art: The installation art topic has really captured the children's imaginations. Creating ephemeral art at Crane Park and making paper sculptures, enabled them to let their creativity flow. Thank you for your support with, and participation in, the 'Take what you need' artwork that they brought home.



Year 6

English This half term, Y6 have explored narrative writing for a younger audience, taking inspiration from a range of wonderful children's books, particularly *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. Through careful planning, drafting and editing, they created and published their own imaginative tales. The children demonstrated fantastic creativity, developing vivid settings, engaging plots and memorable characters. We can't wait to share them with our Y3 buddies!



In **Science** we have been learning about healthy bodies, with a particular focus on the circulatory system. We had fun making 'blood', using a mix of Cheerios, mini marshmallows, star sprinkles and orange cordial, then explored how the heart, blood and blood vessels work together to transport oxygen and nutrients around the body, as well as the importance of exercise, diet and lifestyle choices in keeping our bodies healthy.

During **SATs** week, the children showed resilience, determination and maturity, approaching each test with a positive mindset, drawing on all their hard work and preparation throughout the year. We are **incredibly proud** of the way they supported one another, stayed focused and demonstrated such perseverance. They should feel very proud of everything they have achieved!



Scenes from our SATs celebrations!



Music



Year 1

We have been learning about different percussion instruments and how we can use them to create an accompaniment to our song.



Year 2

This ½ term we have been focussing on how to compose a piece of programme music.

Programme music describes something without the use of words.

We have thought about the pitch, rhythm, tempo and dynamics of our percussion instruments and used them to describe a seed as it germinates and grows into a plant.

We have also been learning about timbre

Music



Year 3

This term we been learning about pitch. We sang a simple round about the rain and re-wrote it using our own lyrics! We enjoyed singing action songs – Four White Horses was fun and we enjoyed using Garage Band and recorded our own voices.



A HUGE well done to all the children who performed so well at the **Rose Theatre** this week. It was a lovely day, and they sang so joyfully and behaved impeccably. We are so proud of them all!

We are so grateful to Mrs Davies for the staff for giving their time for the children and to support this special event. You are so special and wonderful!

Thank you to our parents gave us lots of amazing feedback which is always great to hear and makes it feel so worthwhile and a valuable experience.

Singing Festival 2026

Year 4,5 and 6 choir members performed amazingly at the Rose Theatre. I was so proud of their joyful singing and the way they represented our school. It was a very special day! A big thank you to all of them for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Year 4

This term we have been rapping! We rapped like a *Hip Hoppy Kid* and then using a backing track wrote our own raps. We worked on rhythm and rhyme, creating some very cool results. We also used Garage Band, creating our own backing tracks using live loops.

Year 6

This term Year 6 have enjoyed playing the Boomwhackers. They have been following music and playing accompaniment for a variety of songs. This term Year 6 have started preparing for their Year 6 show by learning some of the songs.

Year 5

This term we have enjoyed playing the Boomwhackers to play scales and chords. We also enjoyed composing our own Whacky music. We used Garage Band Beat Masher loops to edit and arrange our own tracks..



Key Stages 1 and 2 were delighted to take part in a presentation and meet and greet with some members of the Chelsea Youth Team led by Greg Van Der Kraan, one of our Trafalgar parents!



The children asked some amazing questions about how to be motivated, a team player and how to work hard to achieve your goals.



We also got a close up look at the Youth Premier League trophy!





Earth Day 2026



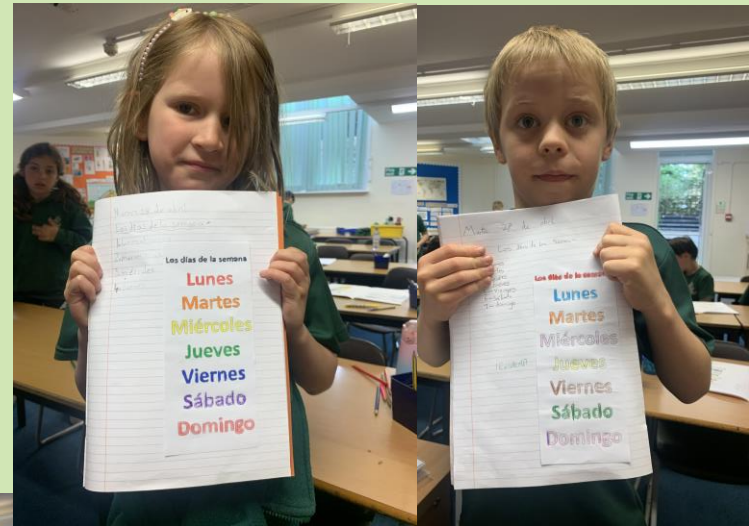
San Jorge (Sant Jordi): 23 de abril, una fecha importante para Cataluña.

Children learnt that: Once upon a time, there was a region in Spain called Catalonia where they show their love giving books and roses to those they loved the most on the **23rd of April**.

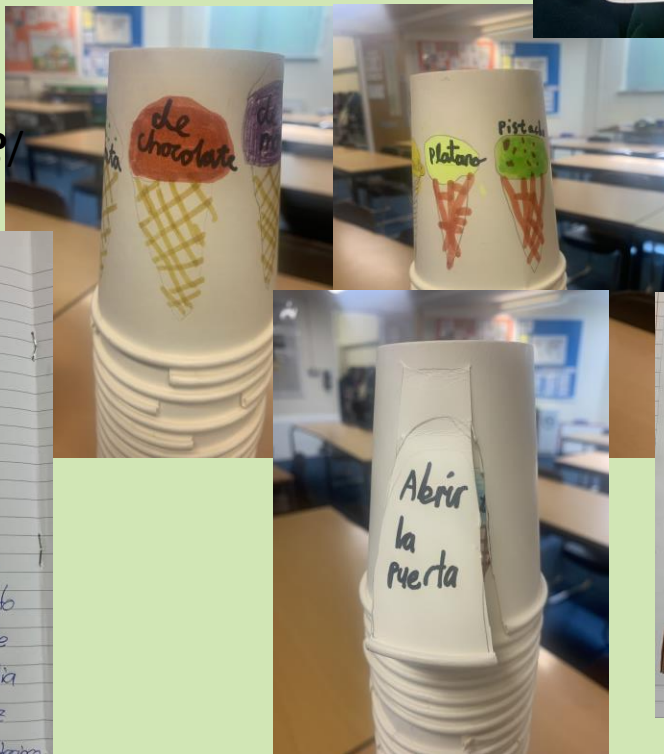
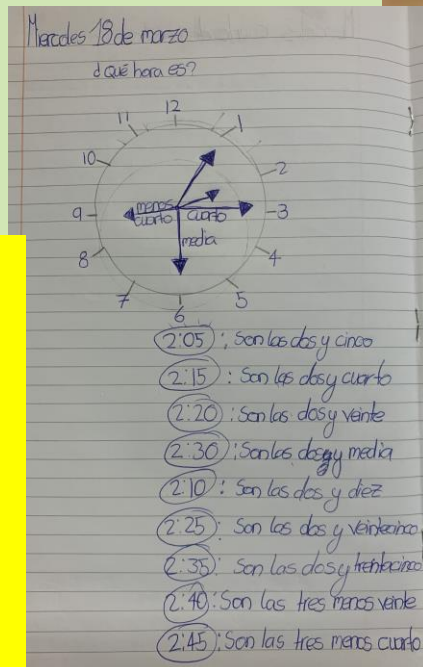


Year 3: Los días de la semana/
The days of the week: lunes, martes, miércoles, jueves, viernes sábado, domingo.

Year 4: Los helados/
The ice creams

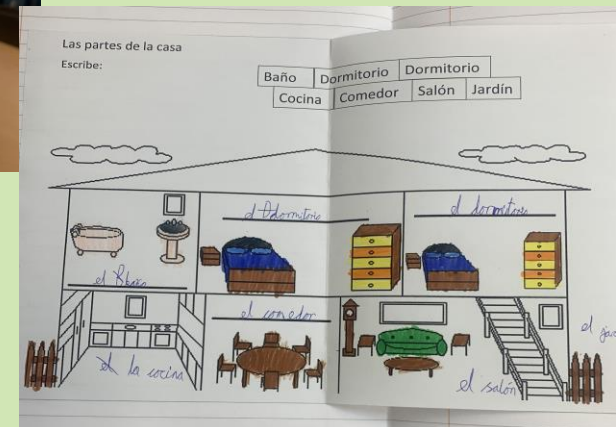


Year 6: ¿Qué hora es?/
What time is it?



Hoy = today

Year 5: ¿Dónde vives?/
Where do you live?
Mi casa/ My house



Sabores/ Flavours: fresa, chocolate, limón, pistacho, menta, café, vainilla, caramelo.



YEAR 6: La escuela: We are watching a documentary about: "The most dangerous ways to school". We are translating from English to Spanish using the dictionary.