



Dear Families

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Unfortunately, I have been off ill from Mondays to Wednesday. However yesterday I returned to school and was greeted with the beautiful singing of Y5 classes, led by Mr Perona-Wright from Cheltenham Preparatory School. Through our partnership work the children are receiving weekly expert singing lessons, learning a variety of songs that they will eventually perform with the college and several other schools. I went into the hall to listen to them perform a song from the greatest showman, considering it was their first practice of this they did extremely well, and it really brighten my day. Children singing in school is a joyous thing!

SEND MEETING - Thank you for your attendance

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, we will be repeating this in **Term 5 via TEAMS** in the evening to make this more accessible to everyone. Date and time to be confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we change our systems for MY Plans being shared with parents.

Head Teacher Evening Update – Wednesday 13th March 6pm-7pm

Over the course of the academic year I meet with parents in the evening to discuss school matters, such as how we are progressing against the school improvement plan, any new initiatives, building works and much more. This evening I will be presenting on some future projects we would like to work on and how parents can help to contribute towards them. Over the last few evenings, the numbers of parents have decreased. I think this is to do with all the other evening events we host at school, our communication and information sharing has improved and increased, in the variety of what is offered. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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Class News

Class – Severn

This week in Year 5, we have begun to practice our songs for the singing concert we will be joining in with in April. We have heard all about the songs we will be singing and their origin. We will be practicing many musical songs including Seasons of Love, Sing and This is Me, which we already know very well from the Greatest Showman.



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Class – Y2 Blue

Art Week

During Art Week, we have been looking at Kente weaving and printing. We were lucky to be taught how to create a printing patterns by our super artist visitor, Nick, who taught us exactly what to do! We all thought that he was an excellent teacher indeed!

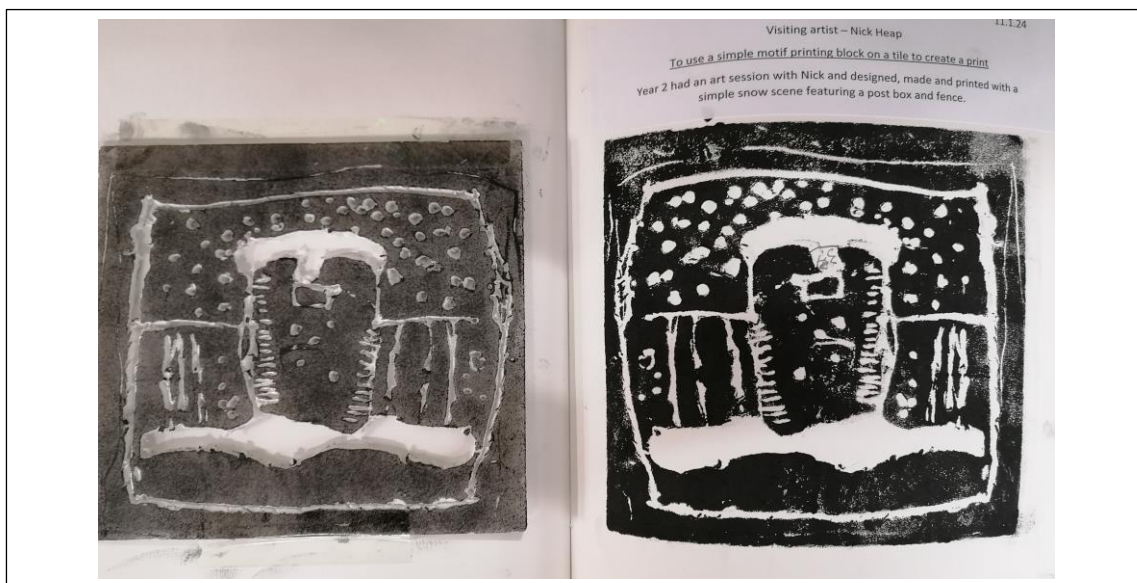
We used this experience back in class to create our own designs based on the geometric patterns used in Ghanaian Kente weaving. We had lots of fun creating the designs; we hope you enjoy them too!



Creating the printing tile was really tricky, because you had to be so careful when you were scoring the design.

The polystyrene tile was so brittle that it was very easy to snap.

We're proud of the prints we created!



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Class – Wye

This week in Year 4, we have been practising suspense writing. The children have really enjoyed the writing we have been doing this week, they have worked hard to use some of the key features of suspense writing including using empty words and trying to show how a character is feeling through their actions and reactions.

Thursday 18th January 2024

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1. My teeth chattered as I thought about who or what was there.
2. My heart pounded as fast as a sword just when I hid under the covers on my bed.
3. Birds squawked, wolves howled, branches snapped but I screamed.
4. I froze, my face was blank and I would not move.
5. I was prepared to go whatever was out in the wild.
6. Nothing would scare me I was determined to kill what was out there.

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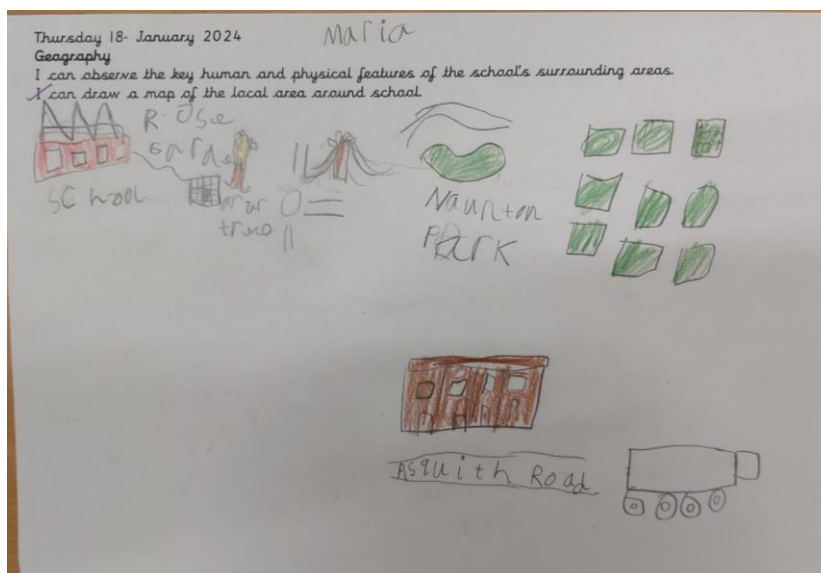
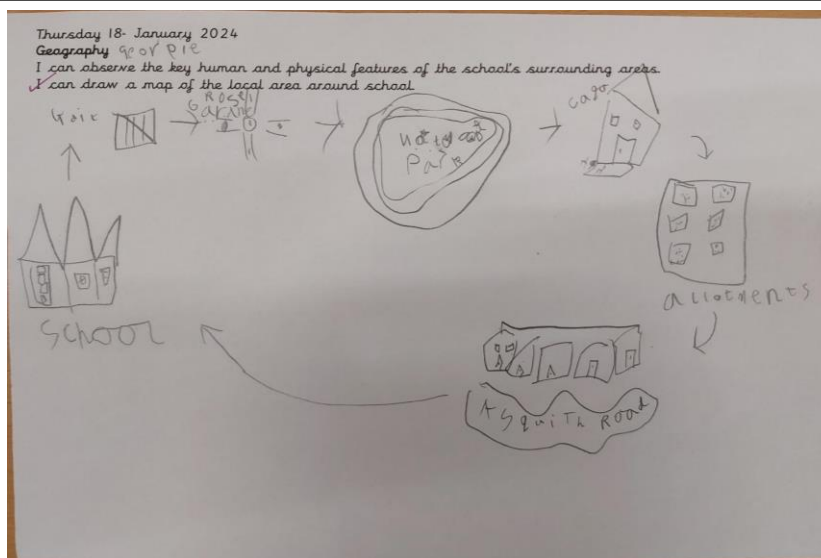


1. I sat there crying my heart out, I didn't care whatever or whoever they were I just wanted something.
2. Suddenly the door slammed, as if a ghost was trapping me in.
3. When I realised there was no escape, I reluctantly opened the door.
4. My jaw dropped, as if someone was pulling it open.
5. As I crept through the house, strange noises echoed around me.

Together

Yellow Class

Year 1 have started our new Geography based topic “What are the main features of Cheltenham Town?” this week. We went on a very bracing walk around our local area to school on Thursday morning (through the Rose Garden , around the new path on the park, into the allotments and back to school via Asquith Road). We then drew a map to show the route that we took.



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Art Week

It's always lovely to kick start a term with an Art Week. This year of our cyclic programme focuses on printing and textiles. The children are really getting an opportunity to learn more focused and challenging skills with our new curriculum and this week saw the children tackling designing and making printing tiles using different materials, creating repeated patterns and experimenting with sewing and textiles.

Nick Heap, local artist, worked with Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3. Red and Green classes helped Nick to create a snowman scene printing tile and observed the printing process using ink and rollers, then they asked him questions. Years 1, 2 and 3 each made their own snowy post box scene being guided by Nick to scrape into the polystyrene and remove certain areas completely so that when they printed with ink, there were areas left perfectly white for the snow. The children worked brilliantly, listening carefully and creating beautiful art work as a result. Nick said "I had a fab time and absolutely loved working with all the children. Without exception, the ones I interacted with were enthusiastic, charming and engaged."

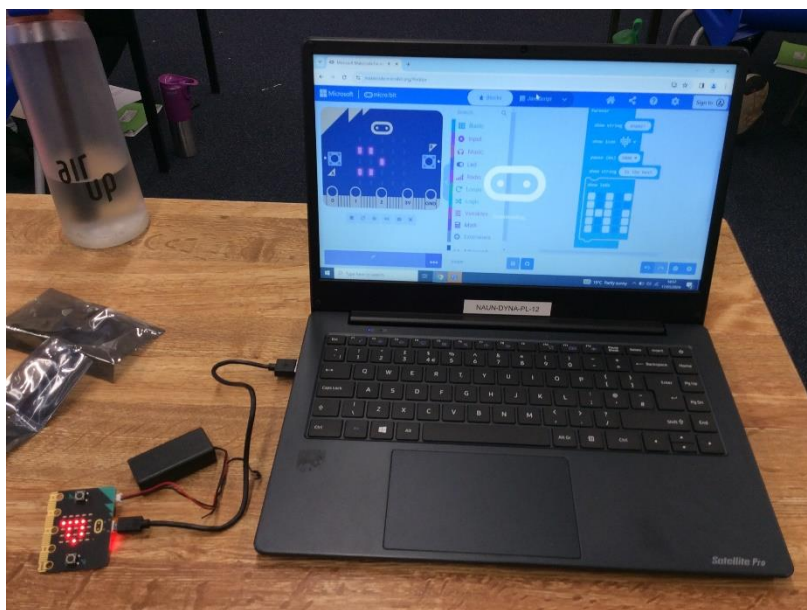
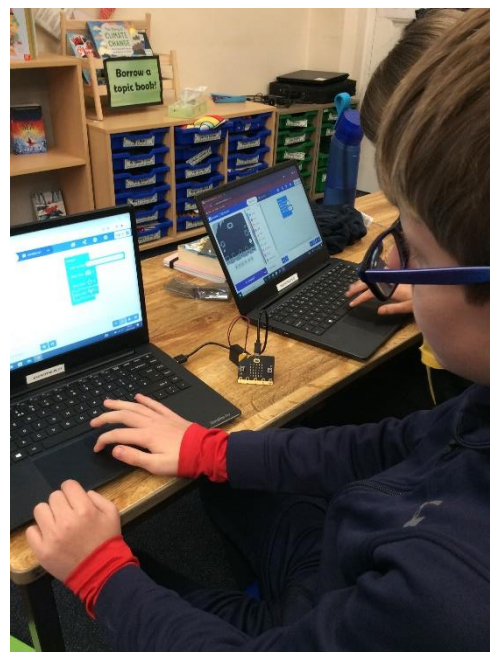
We look forward to Nick returning to work with Year 4 and 5 later in the term. Mrs Martin



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Class – Avon

In our Computing lesson this week, we started to learn how to use MicroBits. These are tiny computers that help the children learn to code and create with technology. It has many features including an LED display, input buttons and a motion sensor. We learnt how to write an algorithm that told the MicroBit to display our name and then we explored what else we could show using the LEDs.



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Sherborne

In Sherborne this week we have been getting back into the swing of writing. We have had a go at writing spine poems, using our fantastic vocabulary to create a poem about what we would see in a magical factory. We created impossible inventions like suits of chocolate armour, and emerald green electricity bikes.



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Class – Frome

Year 5 have loved art week. We have experimented with a few different types of mono-prints. Firstly, we colour mixed and covered an artist's palette with the paint before 'sketching' leaves using q-tips and printing this onto paper. Once these were dry we cut and arranged these in our books. Today, we have concentrated on nature printing, using water colours to imprint the outlines of leaves onto a colour washed background, and finally printing directly from the leaves onto paper. This will all feed into our final piece of textile artwork creating a printed rainforest which we will embellish using various stitches, inspired by Kim McCormack.



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Safeguarding

Keeping safe at lunchtimes

We have included information in Park Life previously about how we teach the children to play safely at playtimes. This week, the children received an assembly to remind them about how to keep themselves and each other safe at lunchtimes. Please chat through this with your child at home to reiterate our messages in school. Thank you.

Children were reminded about the 'safe' adults in school to go to with any questions or worries...



We ask that children put rubbish and left-overs in the bin, cutlery in the water tray and cups in the bucket. This not only teaches the children to keep the eating area clean and tidy, but it also allows the adults to supervise and support children in their play.



The adults finish tidying and cleaning the canteen once all the children have returned to class.



We talked about the importance of showing an adult what's been eaten before putting lunch away/in the bin. This is so that adults can check what each child has eaten and parents can be informed if children are not enjoying or eating enough food.

Children are asked to put their hand up to show what's left before packing away.

Children must always sit down while they're eating. We encourage the children to enjoy their eating time while chatting to their friends. Children can choose to eat outside or inside, but must always sit down to eat.



We have a lot of equipment for children to play with. Long objects must be dragged along the floor and not be waved around in the air. Equipment is used to play with and, like hands/feet, mustn't be used to touch anyone with. Children love the long tubes to jump over!

The children are really helpful by putting everything back in its place at the end.



It's incredibly important that children listen to the adults on duty and listen to their instructions. The bell sounds each time a class can collect their lunch. The whistles signal the end of playtime. When children hear the whistle, they tidy up and line up calmly ready to start their afternoon lessons.

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Diary Dates

Monday 22 nd January	Y4 swimming
Wednesday 24 th January	Y1 walk to Bath Road
Wednesday 24 th January	7pm Parent Consultation booing system opens
Friday 26 th January	Cherwell Class Assembly
Monday 29 th January	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 30 th January	6pm Online Safety Information meeting for parents with Glos. Constabulary
Monday 5 th February	Y4 swimming
Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week (until Friday 9 th February)
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	Mid-year attainment summary report to parents
Monday 12 th – 16 th February	Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Y4 swimming (last session)
Monday 26 th February	Y5 swimming starts
Tuesday 27 th February	3:40-7:30pm Parent Consultations – letter to follow
Wednesday 28 th February	3:40-6:00pm Parent Consultations – letter to follow
Friday 1 st March	Sherborne Class Assembly
Monday 4 th March	Y5 swimming
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Y5 swimming
Wednesday 13 th March	3:30-4:00pm Open Classrooms
Wednesday 13 th March	6pm Headteacher information meeting for parents
Friday 15 th March	Blue Class Assembly
Monday 18 th March	Y5 swimming
Monday 18 th March	RE Week
Monday 18 th March	Easter Celebration TBC
Monday 25 th March-Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Y5 swimming
Monday 15 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 19 th April	Yellow Class Assembly
Monday 22 nd April	Y5 swimming
Monday 29 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 3 rd May	Purple Class Assembly
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 13 th May	Y5 swimming
Friday 17 th May	Green Class Assembly
Monday 20 th May	Y5 swimming
Monday 27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	RE Week
Monday 3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
Monday 3 rd June	Y5 swimming
Monday 10 th June	Y1/2 Phonic Screening Check Week
Monday 10 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
Monday 10 th June	Y5 swimming
Friday 14 th June	Red Class Assembly
Monday 17 th June	Y5 swimming
Monday 24 th June	Y5 swimming
Friday 28 th June	Orange Class Assembly
Monday 1 st July	Y5 swimming (last session)

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Wednesday 3rd July

Friday 5th July

Monday 8th July

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms

Annual Reports home to parents

Y6 PGL Week

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Summer Holidays

Term dates and events in the diary can be found here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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Recognition

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Yves Vidler-Gazeley Valentine Farrag	Aarriyan Sangiah Martha Coupland
Y1	Isabella Dexter Finnley Chandler	Alannah Phillips Benjamin Chambers
Y2	Jude Mortimer Proietti India Gore	Scarlett Hopley Busby Buchanan
Y3	Alice Howell Bruce Nield	Ada Threadgold Aurelia Preece-Smith
Y4	Henry Sheppee Reuben Smith	Barney Human Leo Wilson
Y5	Florence Farmer Sophia Elliot-Allen	Arthur Eels Troy Preece- Smith
Y6	Tom Barrett Nate Contreas-Nurk	Alexander Kroh Sabrino Orestas Zemaitis

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