

Diary Dates



**Locks Heath
Junior School**

"Where Children Come First"

Inset Days

June 1st Monday 2026

September 1st Tuesday 2026

October 5th Monday 2026

November 20th Friday 2026

February 12th Friday 2027

May 28th Friday 2027

Residential dates

April 24th - Year 4 Fairthorne Manor

September 16th—18th - Year 5 Avon Tyrrell

April 13th Monday -	Start of term	June 30th Tuesday -	Fareham Live
April 14th Tuesday -	Year 4 Running Club Trials	July 6th Monday -	Transfer Day
April 16th Thursday -	School Disco	July 13th Monday -	Year 3 Showcase
April 24th Friday -	Year 4 Fairthorne Manor Trip	July 13th Monday -	Perseverance Showcase
Monday 4th May -	Bank Holiday	July 14th Tuesday -	Year 4 Showcase
May 11th—14th -	Year 6 SAT's Week	July 15th Wednesday -	Year 6 Production
May 22nd Friday -	Last day of term	July 16th Thursday -	Year 5 Showcase
June 1st Monday -	INSET day	July 20th Friday -	Reports home
June 2nd Tuesday -	Start of term	July 21st Tuesday -	Reports Drop-In Session
June 9th Tuesday -	Year 6 Bridging Day at Brookfield	July 22nd Wednesday -	Whole School Picnic (no hot meals available)
June 12th Friday -	Class/Club Photos	July 22nd Wednesday -	Last day of term

June 15th—19th - Sportacular Week

June 17th Wednesday-	FOLH Fair/Sportacular Fair 3:30 - 5pm
June 17th Wednesday -	Year 5 Biathlon (am) Parents welcome
June 18th Thursday -	Year 6 Biathlon (am) Parents Welcome
June 19th Friday -	Sports Day (am) Parents Welcome

The Headteachers Celebration



Mrs Natasha Farrell

What a fantastic spring term we have had! The term has been jam-packed with learning, and the children have responded positively to the plethora of opportunities and activities on offer. From science experiments with lemonade and raisins to perfecting purses; from clay columns and Medusa heads to fraction walls; from pizza making to river 'reccies' and from sizzling spelling to hockey and cross country; our curriculum has excited and inspired the children and helped them make lasting memories. Looking through the pages of this newsletter will give you a flavour of all the happenings across the school.

At Locks Heath much of what we do is about preparing the children for their time at secondary school, laying foundations for successful futures. It is always delightful to hear news of our past pupils, especially the successes they have gone on to achieve. I was especially pleased to hear how well the Brookfield Netball team, made up of three ex-Locks Heath students; Isla, Alexis and Alice successfully won the County schools round in January, the Regional schools round in February and then were one of the top 18 schools in the country to attend the National finals at the England Institute of Sports in Sheffield. They ended up the 11th school in the country. We are very proud of all that the girls achieved, especially because all three girls previously played on the LH team when they were in year 6. Congratulations Girls!



Year 3



Roman Day

Roman Day was a fun way for the children to learn about the Roman legacy and spot things we still use from Roman times on a walk. We also enjoyed testing our shields and practising our army formations!



Art

We created our own landscapes inspired by the artist Georges Seurat.





Mary Rose Museum

Year 3

We had a great visit to the Mary Rose Museum, where the children enjoyed looking at the many artefacts recovered from the ship and learning about life on board.



Science

We have been exploring solids, liquids and gasses this term. As part of this we explored how to make ice cream by using ice with salt in to freeze milk!



DT—Making purses

Inspired by the Mary Rose, we made our own Tudor-themed purses designed for modern day use.



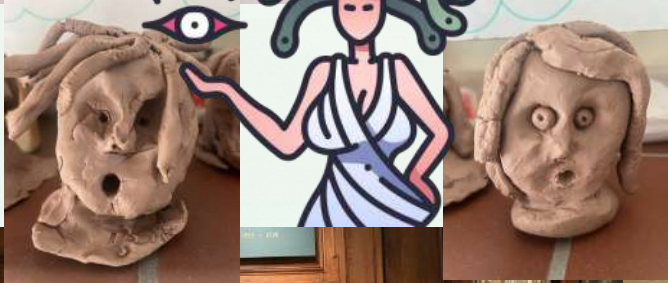
Year 4



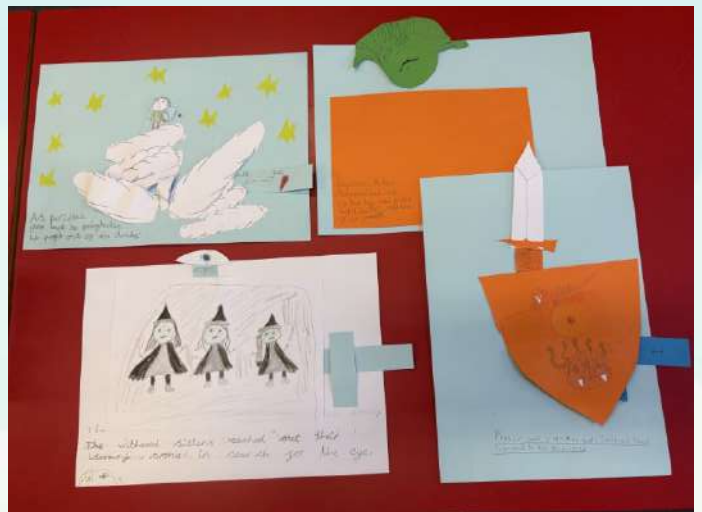
Science—We have been looking at sound—how it travels and how it is made. We have conducted lots of experiments to explore sound.



Art Gallery trip—Whilst at Southampton Art Gallery, we had a clay workshop and made Medusa's head out of clay. We also got to listen to the Perseus and the Gorgon story whilst looking at the paintings.



Year 4



Art—We have made columns out of clay inspired by both Ancient Greek architecture and inspired by Alicja Biala who is a modern architect from Poland—her artwork is displayed above.

Design and technology—The children have used their knowledge of levers and linkages to make moving pictures for a children's book based on a Greek myth.



Year 5



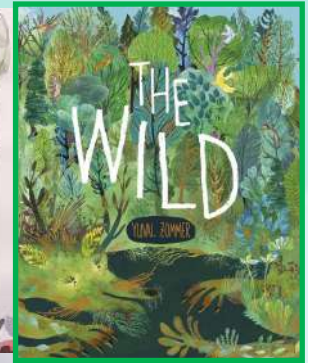
Design and technology

The children have used their knowledge about balanced diets and applied food preparation skills to designing and cooking pizzas.

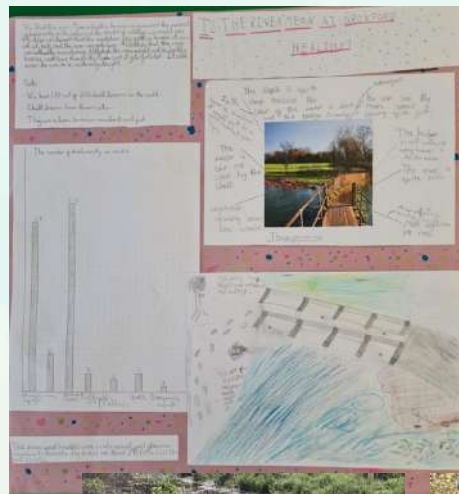


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Art - the children created artwork in the style of Yuval Zom-



Geography - the children undertook a geographical fieldwork enquiry, making a judgement as to how healthy the River Meon is at its middle course in Droxford.

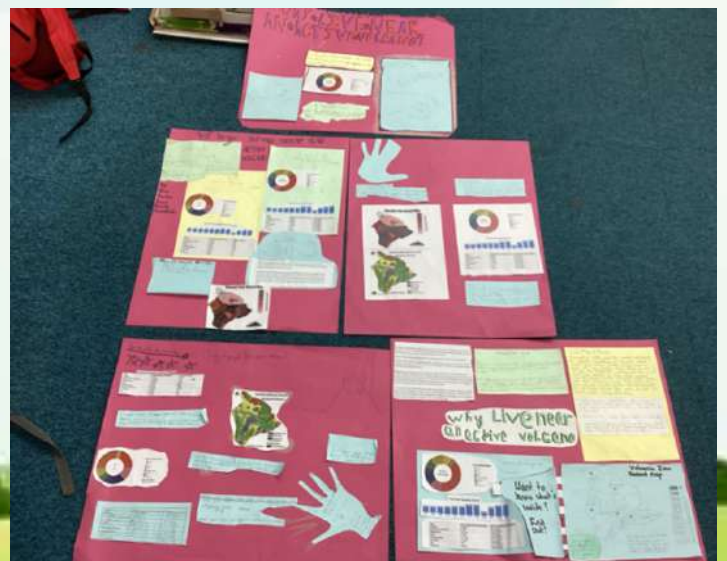
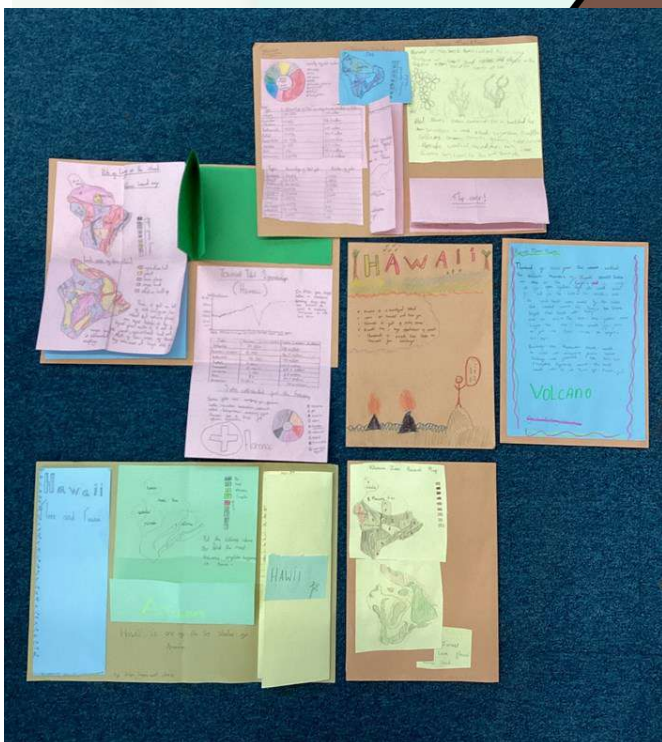


Year 6

In Year 6 this term, we have been exploring the concept of Survival and thinking about answering the question, 'Do you need to be strong to survive?' In Project, we have learnt about volcanoes and earthquakes and how they affect the lives of the people that live near them. In groups, we researched and presented information answering the question, 'Why do people live near an active volcano?'

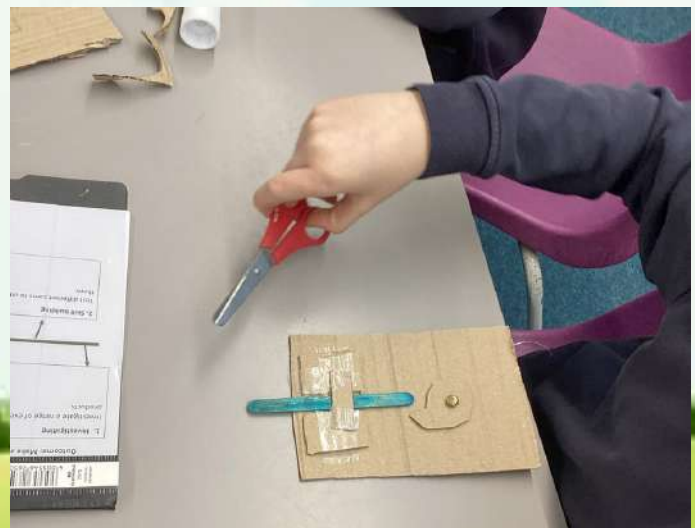
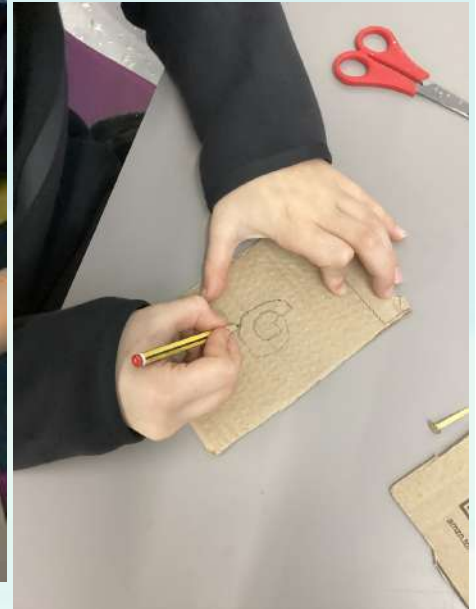
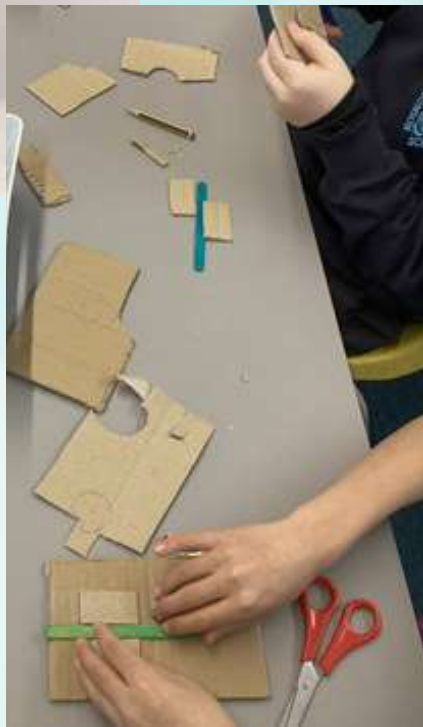
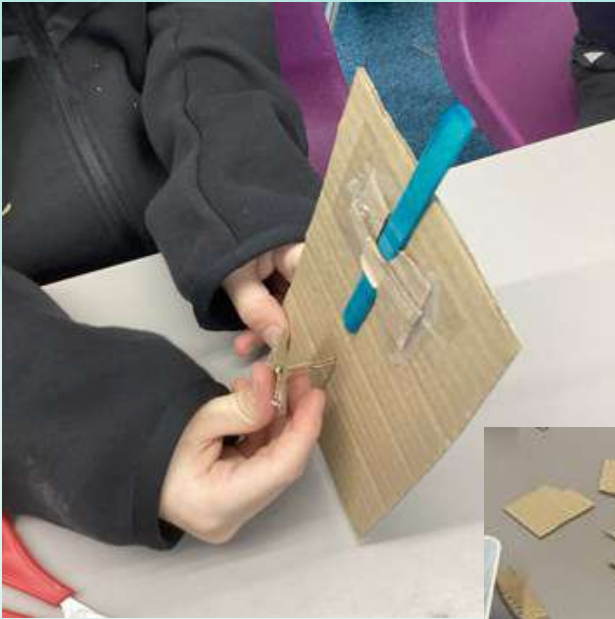


Our research on why the people of Hawaii choose to stay living near an active volcano.



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In DT, we have been improving our skills to build cams, which we then used for our final pieces, creating a moving toy.

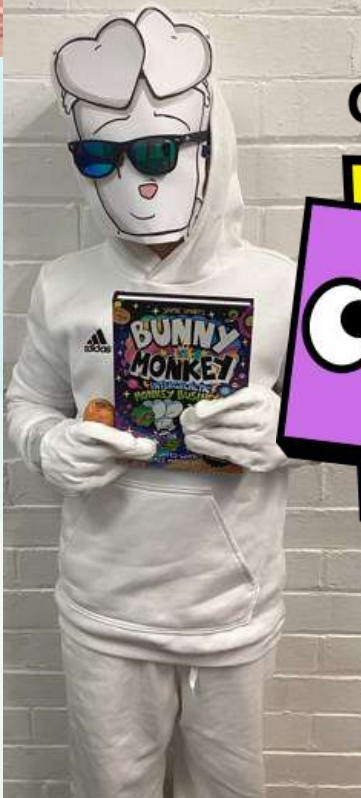
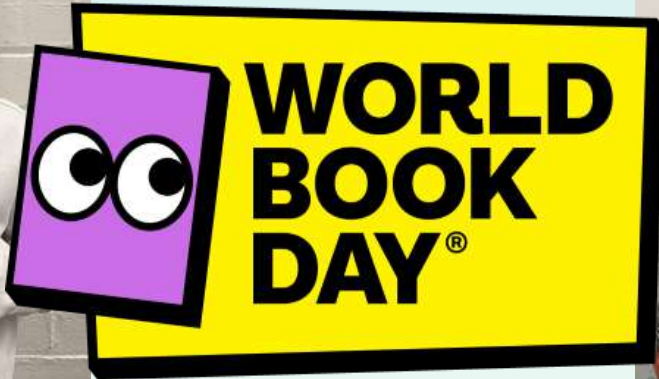


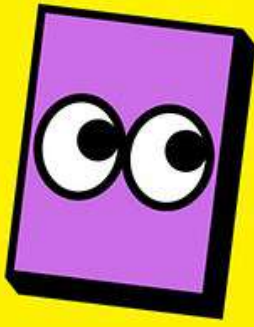
Year 6—Calshot Memories



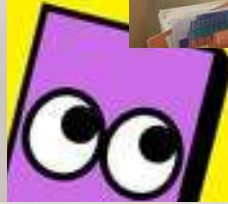


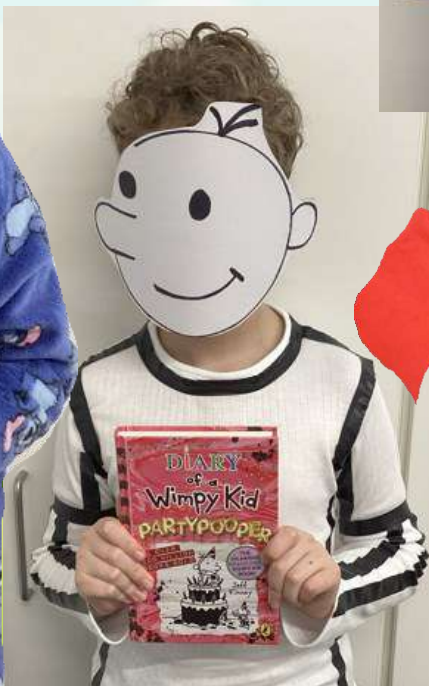
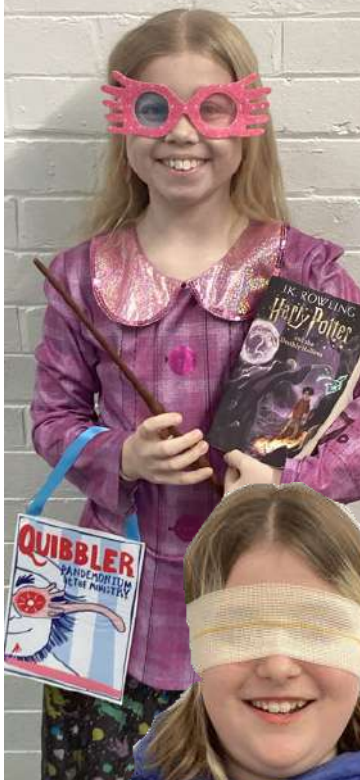
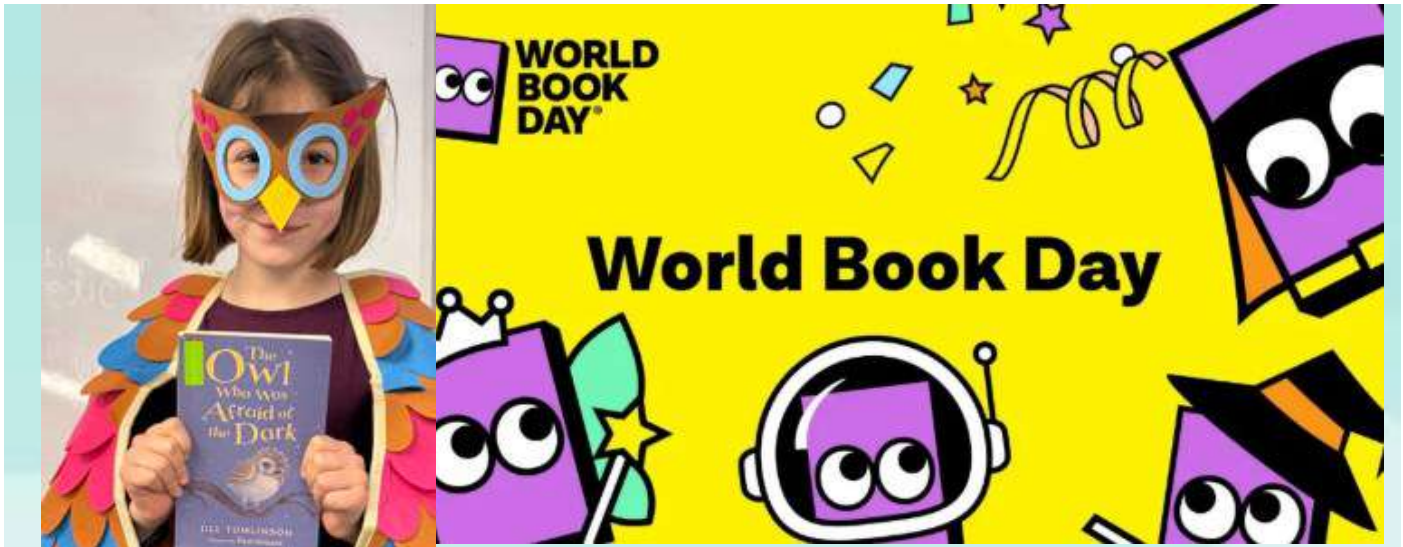
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Library

Thank you to everyone who attended the Scholastic Book Fair last week. It was very busy which means we will be able to choose lots of wonderful free books for the Library again this year.

Thanks also to those students who took part in the book fair "design a front cover" competition. The entries were brilliant and competition was tough. I hope the winners enjoyed the books they purchased with their book fair vouchers.

The library has been very lucky to receive a grant from the Friends of Locks Heath to buy a variety of new books. We purchased a beautiful set of books by Charlotte Guillian focusing on the world around us. With rich illustrations and fold out pages these will support class topics. We also have new football books, graphic novels and Beast Quest titles arriving soon.



2026 is the National Year of Reading and everyone in the country is being encouraged to go "all in" and read about things they love and enjoy. It's about reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around. Easter is a great time to focus on reading - don't forget the fabulous resources available via Hampshire Libraries and also the SORA reading app which all students have access to. More information and inspiration can be found here www.goallin.org.uk



Sports News

Football This half term, the football team have enjoyed playing a variety of league and cup games as well as training. Mr Elsworthy has been impressed with their positivity towards each other as well as their respect to the other team and officials this season.



Netball The netball team have started off their season and commenced training. Mrs Beagley has been amazed at how many children have shown an interest and the wonderful teamwork on show. They have also started off their league games, continuing to show fantastic teamwork and determination.

Once again, we would like to thank the guardian's support in making netball, football and running clubs possible.



Sports News

PE lessons

Indoor PE— The children have been working on movements, patterns and achieving their personal best in dance, circuits, yoga and gymnastics.

Games— The children have been taking on challenges as individuals and as teams in hockey, football, tennis, handball and tag rugby.

Swimming

14 year 5 and 6 children were chosen to represent the school at the Hampshire Relay Championships in Waterlooville. We were able to enter 3 teams for both the freestyle and medley relay. We were incredibly proud of the children who showed their absolute best. One team walked away with the Bronze medal for the freestyle relay too. They were a pleasure to take and represented the school wonderfully with excellent respect and sporting behaviours.



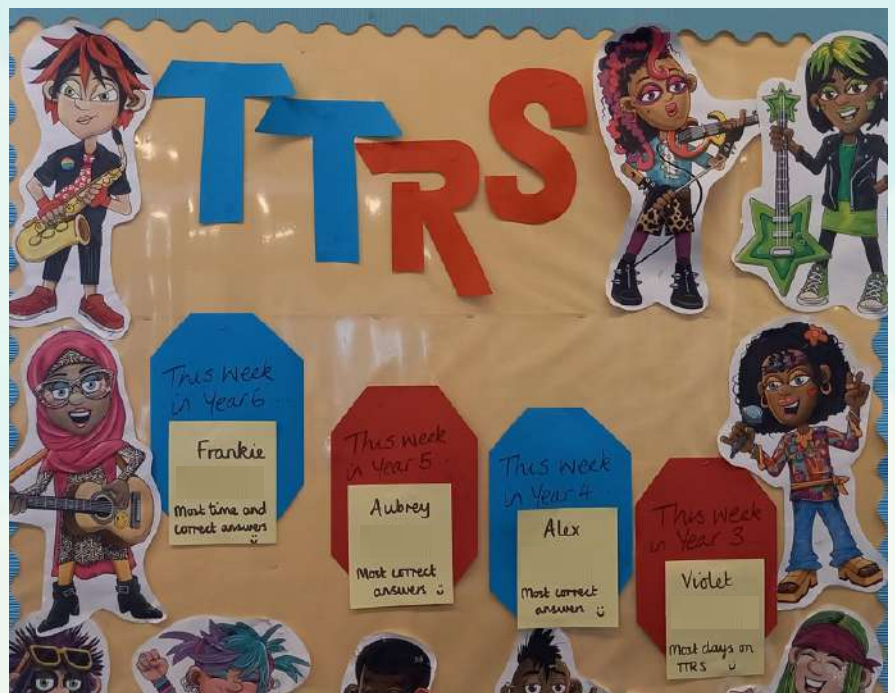
Times Table Rock Stars



Well done to all the children for practicing their Times Tables this term. Learning times tables helps build confidence in mathematics.

We now have two Times Table Trophies. These are awarded weekly to the children that have shown particular commitment or effort with TTRS. They get to proudly display this trophy on their desk.

If your child has forgotten their Times Table login, please do contact your child's class teacher.



Music



Very proud of the woodwind, violin and brass players, who had the opportunity to show off their talents to parents.



Music

The Sing Squad performed brilliantly during the Collaborative Concert- they worked incredibly hard preparing not only their solo song, but the pieces they sang with other local primary schools and the Brookfield choirs. It was great to see them all enjoying themselves and having such a fantastic opportunity to sing with a live band. **Well done Sing Squad!**



We wish all our families a
happy Easter break

We return to school on Monday 13th April

The school menu begins on Week 3



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