



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 30th April 2021

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

This week, senior leaders and myself have carried out a book (and learning journal) scrutiny and an English learning walk. It has been good to see evidence of pupils' progress in books and high challenge in lessons. Teachers are working incredibly hard to ensure that the pitch for each and every child is well-matched to their needs and scaffolding learning appropriately. The input on subject-specific vocabulary is particularly strong with the majority of children demonstrating a solid understanding of new language and applying it in context.

Next week is assessment week. Teachers will be carrying out both formal and informal assessments to 'level' the children so that we can measure their progress since the end of the Autumn term. Please make sure your child is in school every day and on time so they do not miss any opportunity to evidence their skills, knowledge and current achievement.

On the subject of attendance and punctuality...Mrs Virji and I will be analysing attendance figures next week. There has been a noticeable number of 'lates' recently, usually by just 5 minutes. A reminder that all children need to be on the playground in their zone at least 5 minutes before their start time as they should be inside at that time and not walking through the gate. These times will continue for the remainder of the academic year.

Good news: Mrs Teakle returns to school next week. She will start seeing children face-to-face again to support them pastorally and friendship groups will also resume on a weekly basis. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her back.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend ☺

Marshalswick Library is open!

Libraries across Hertfordshire are open again and, at Marshalswick Library, customers can browse and borrow books, spending up to 15 minutes in the library on a single visit.

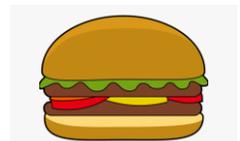
They have lots of reading books for young children and non-fiction for older children to use for homework. They also have pre-made 'Grab and Go' packs of books which customers can just pick up and borrow to minimise their time in the building.

They are open from 10am to 5pm on Mondays and Thursdays, 1pm to 5pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays.



Dinner Change – next Thursday 6th May

Next Thursday, we will be having turkey burgers in place of beef burgers for our red menu option.



Year 6

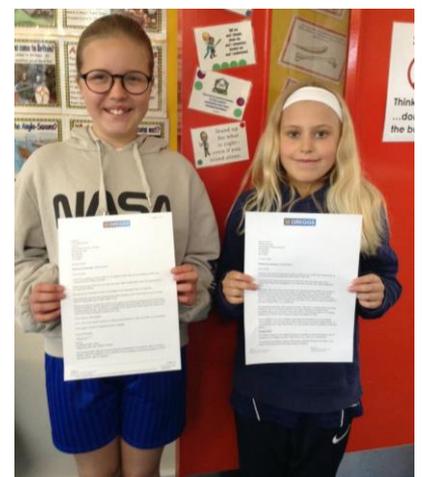
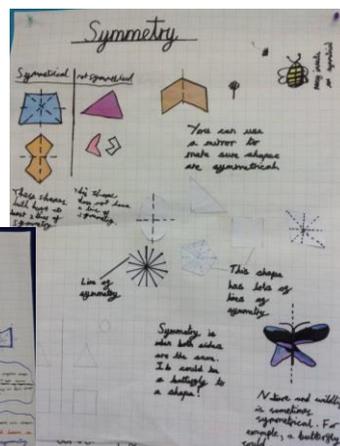
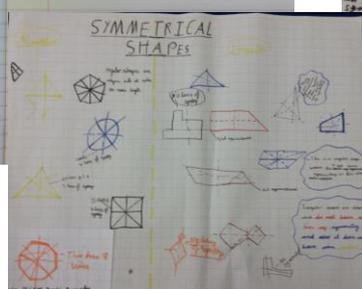
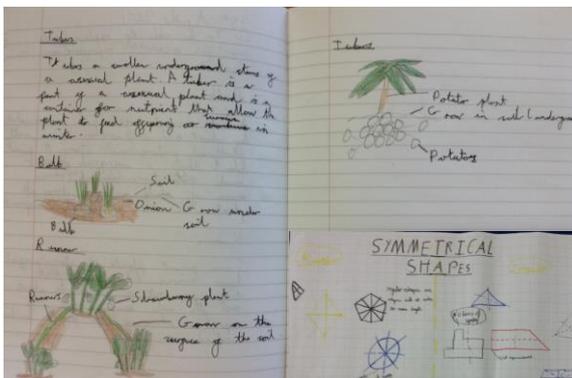
In Music, Year 6 learnt three sea shanties: Blow the Man Down, John Kanaka and Drunken Sailor. They looked into the lyrics and the background of sea shanties with the knowledge that they will be creating their own in future weeks. After that, they split into three groups to practise and, in their groups, decided how they were going to organise themselves for their performances.



Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been learning about asexual reproduction in plants. We did our own research using secondary sources to find out about the way bulbs, tubers and runners reproduce on their own. We then wrote our own explanations from our research. In maths, we have been exploring symmetry and reflection and created our own knowledge posters to show what we knew about the topic.

We were also very excited to receive our first responses to our letters about the use of sustainable palm oil in different companies. Greggs replied to Molly and Sophie this week and told them about their pledge to use 100% sustainable palm oil.



Year 4

We have continued our work in science this week by making string telephones. They helped us to understand how sound travels and how sound is made louder and quieter. A large selection of fabulous Roman shields appeared in class as we completed our optional homework. Roman soldiers have started to gather in front of our class Colosseum ready for battle. In Art we have drawn some excellent pictures of the Colosseum using pencils, water colours and acrylic paint.



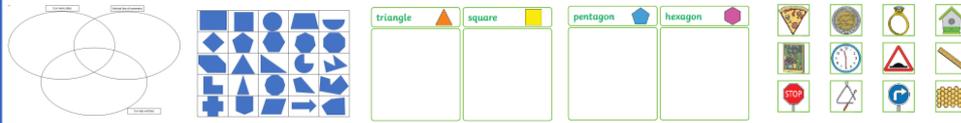
Year 3

Our outdoor learning this week saw us turn into shipbuilders. Using tree bark, sticks, mud, stones and leaves we had to try and make a boat. The boat needed to have a hull, a mast, and a sail. The important part in the brief was that we needed to make sure it would float when tested. Some of us passed with flying colours; others were not so reliable!

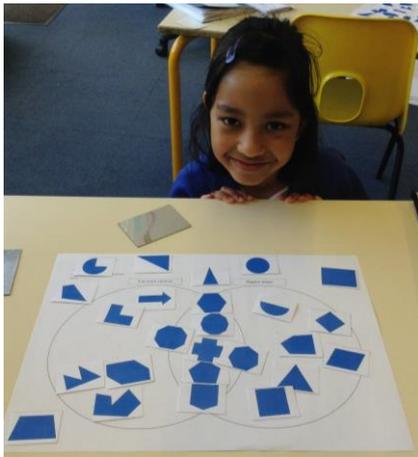
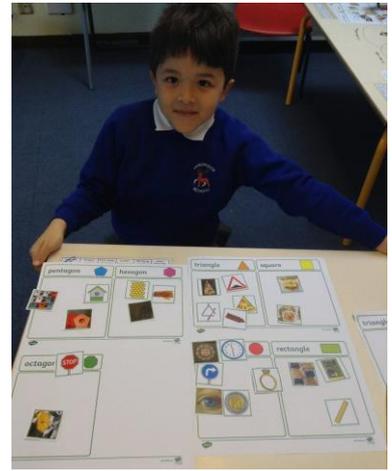


Year 2

In Maths this week, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We practised identifying and sorting them into groups. We sorted the shapes into Venn diagrams and put the shapes in the areas of the diagrams according to their properties. The properties that we were looking at were vertices, sides and vertical lines of symmetry.

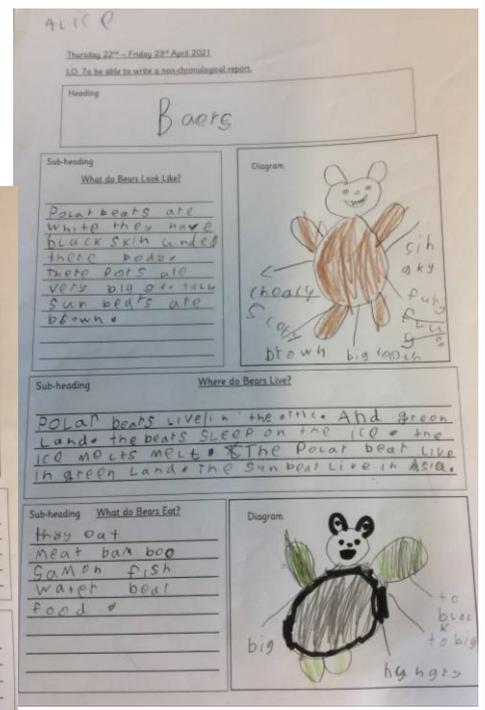
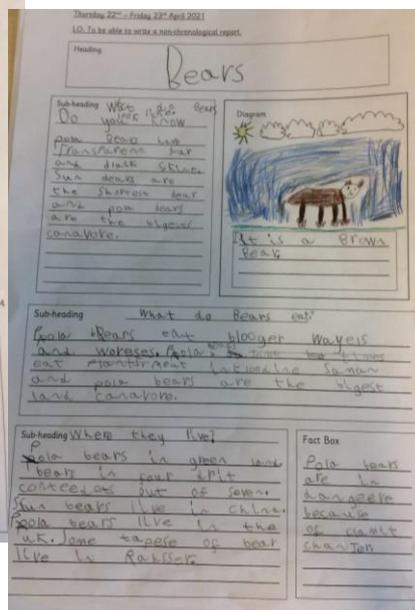
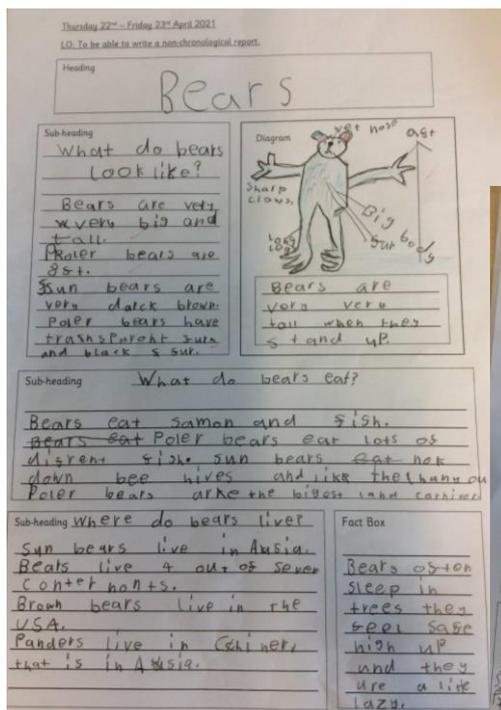


Then we worked in pairs to sort the images into Venn diagrams on the tables.



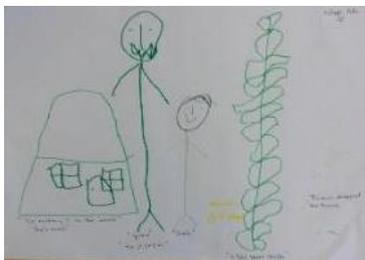
Year 1

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 1 have been learning all about bears! For our end of unit piece of writing, we have written non-chronological reports about them. We researched and found out what they look like, what they eat and where they live. These are our finished pieces of work!

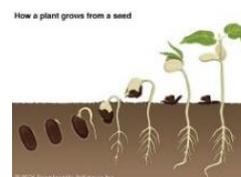
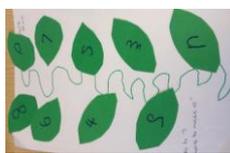
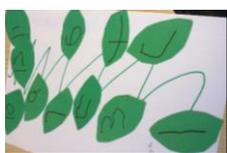
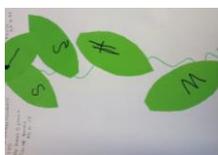


Early Years

Fee Fi Fo Fum... it has been a little noisier in Early Years this week as we have been thinking about Jack and the Beanstalk! Children have been role playing the story and adding music to it by using a glockenspiel and/or xylophone for going up and down the beanstalk. Older children wrote stories and giant's speech bubbles! Younger children drew and spoke about the story: our Jack said the beanstalk 'goes up for ever and ever'!



The story has also grown into our Maths learning - Nursery aged children had a go at counting leaves that they stuck onto a beanstalk and also had a go at writing the numbers!



Reception children estimated how many small items, including beans, there were in a bowl and then we counted to see if we were close or even right! We recorded our estimates and counting on whiteboards independently.



All children planted beans in plastic bags, jars and pots. Older children began their bean diaries that they will be adding to over the next few weeks...



We have also enjoyed watching 'Mrs Robin' visiting her carrier bag nest outside our classroom!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

David, Anabelle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Phenomenal Phonics awards

Early Years: Matty
Year 1: Otti
Year 2: Sayfoddine



Star Writer awards

Early Years: Hadley
Year 1: Sadie
Year 2: Spencer

Year 3: Ava
Year 4: Jennie
Year 5: Oliver
Year 6: Ava



REPS Certificates (**R**espect, **E**quality, **P**erseverance, **S**elf-belief)

Persevering every day with writing stories and writing in his own learning time! **Aras**



Persevering with her handwriting this week: **Elsbeth**

Such amazing perseverance in all learning: **Reagan**

Showing fantastic equality at lunch time when organising the football teams: **Max E**

Showing perseverance to master the correct technique when speed bouncing in PE: **Nathaniel**

Working so hard to improve his handwriting, showing perseverance and self-belief: **Donny-Lee**

Persevering during gym and making amazing progress in one lesson! **James B**

Certificates of Merit



Early Years (Nursery) Superstar Award for working hard and playing imaginatively! **Harper**

Stunning cardboard creations! **George**

Accurate and confident retelling of the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood: **Franklin**

Brilliant maths work in shape this week: **Adriana**

Amazing improvement in your reading this year! You are now an enthusiastic reader, who finds enjoyment reading with an adult: **James C**

Making a real effort to improve the neatness of her handwriting and presentation: **Amina**

Unwavering positive attitude and incredible work ethic: **Scarlet**

Constantly focusing and engaging during Maths! **Reuben**

Sporting Certificates



Running quickly in our PE warm up game: **Evie RP**

Showing excellent jumping skills in athletics this week: **Eve**

Brilliant team work skills in PE: **Arisha**

Brilliant chipping in golf this week. You focused on the technique and were able to get the ball up in the air: **Henry LH**

Using great techniques when running over hurdles: **Jasmine**

Enthusiastic and positive participation in our athletics when looking at sprint starts: **Elsie**

Excellent effort and determination during gym this week: **Kayden**