



Newsletter


"Valuing every achievement"

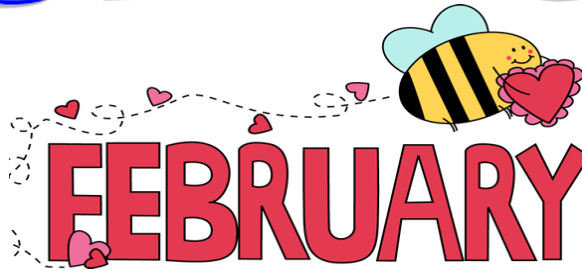
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Dear Families,

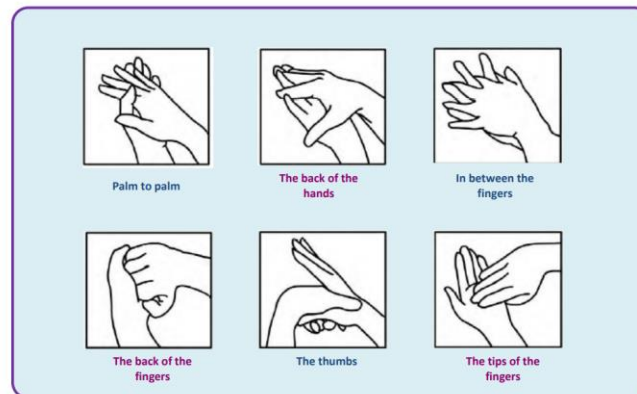
Great start to the year!

A 5 week half term already completed! It feels as if these should be 'better' than the 8 and 7 week halves, but in reality we have that much to still fit in, but in just a shorter space of time!! There have been lots of visits out this half term, and lots of children visiting my office with their fantastic work and achievements.

I have been proud of the children's achievements within sport as well this half term. Our team won the Panathlon and are going to the finals in the next couple of months.

We have celebrated lots with our children; not just work in class but for being good friends, singing, sporting awards and for all the small steps that matter so much for each of our children.

The 6 Steps of Hand Washing



Scarlet Fever

This week we have been hit by bugs and illness. The main one sweeping around has been Scarlet fever. We have shared websites and information around this, and due to the confirmed cases being more than 2, have notified Public Health. Please be mindful of and take note of the information shared so we can all work together to prevent this spreading any quicker than it is. The main symptoms have been a sore throat, fever, rash and the speckled look on the tongue. We're doing everything as advised in school to prevent this but it is contagious.



Support for families

I just wanted to highlight to you all that we are still here for any ways in which we can continue to support you at home. This may be through support with communication and behaviour, this may be for extra support with uniforms or through us being able to share a supermarket voucher with you if you are finding things a bit tough. There is never any judgment for any needs. We always say we are Team Rigby, and we mean it in all aspects.



PTA

We have our AGM set for the 27th February at 4.00. You are all more than welcome to attend. Vicki will be leading this, so please let her know via her email if you are attending. We look forward to seeing as many of you there.

Inclement weather

I just want to mention this as so far we have been ok... It has been around the start of the year, for the past few, that we have seen snow though so I just wanted to say that if I need to close the school due to inclement weather, please know this decision has been tough and I hate making it! It will always be made in conjunction with transport, and will always be for the safest option for our children and staff. I will also let you know at the earliest time as I appreciate the inconvenience a school closure day has on families. I never plan to close school, but I will always put everyone's safety above everything else.

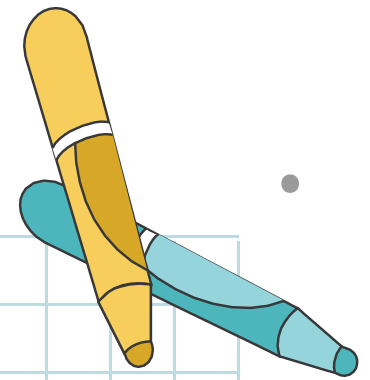
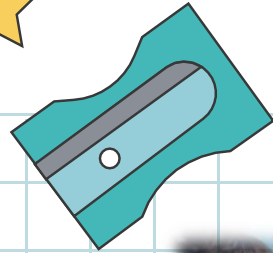
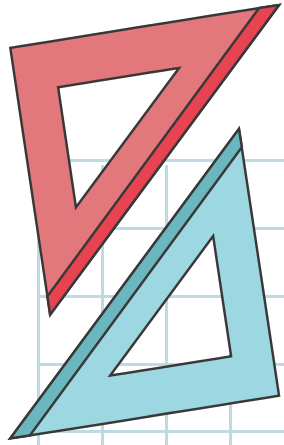
A few of Team Rigby have suffered sadness and loss over the last few weeks. Please know that we are always here for you all. We are one big team around each other, and around our children and families and so if you need us, please just get in touch and we will help support in any way we can.

I hope that you all have a lovely break together. Those who are in holiday club I may see you next week. If you need anything over the holiday you have my number and email.

Take care everyone and thanks as always for your continued support.

Tracey

Maple



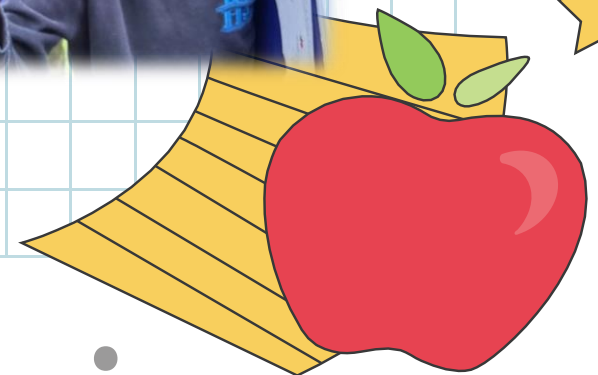
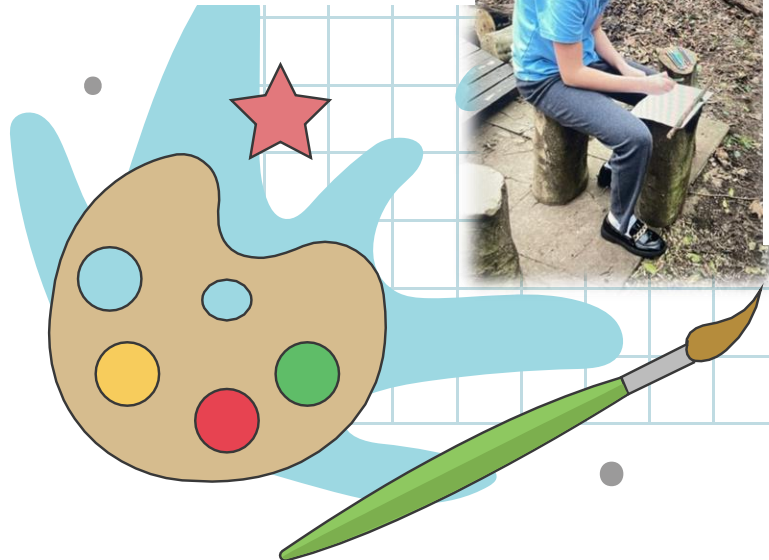
In English we have been learning about Romeo and Juliet which has given the children lots of opportunities to practice their writing and role-playing. The children have loved acting out scenes from the play, learning about teamwork and portraying different emotions.



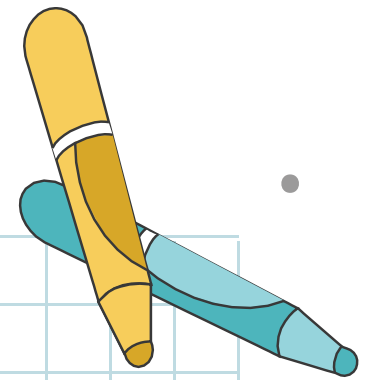
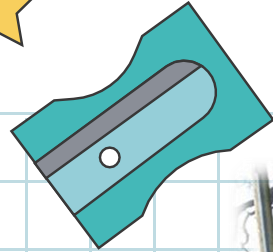
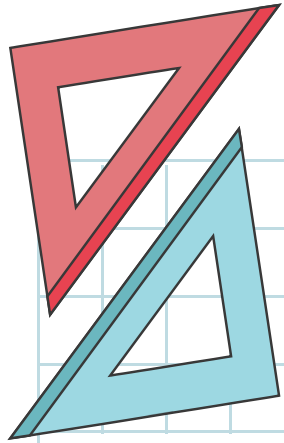
In Art we have been looking at landscapes by Antony Bridges, talking about common elements in landscapes and giving them the opportunity to explore with oil pastels and paint to create their own landscape using the Forest School as inspiration!



In Maths we are currently learning about size, length and area. The children have enjoyed the practical activities we planned for them including a caterpillar hunt in the outdoor area to compare different lengths and learning how to measure these with a ruler.



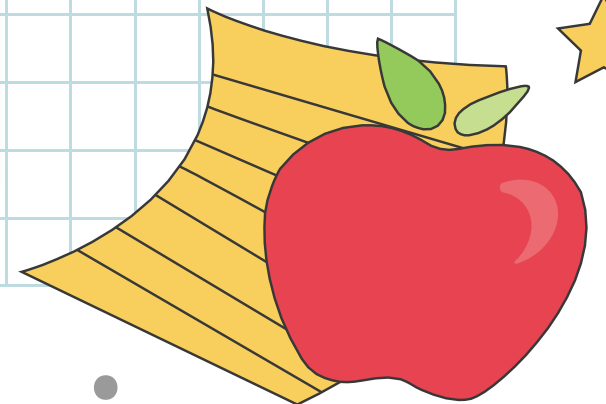
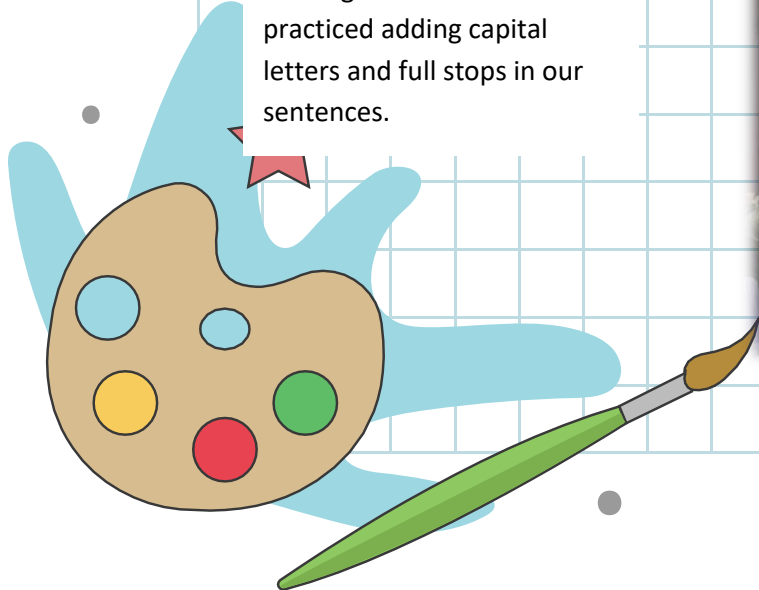
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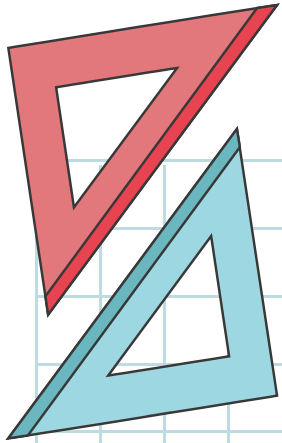
This term Oak class have taken part in lots of activities relating to their wonderful Worcestershire theme. We have especially enjoyed taking a walk in the local area to find human and physical features that has linked into our Humanities topic. Within this topic we have also explored writing fact files in our English lessons and have practiced adding capital letters and full stops in our sentences.



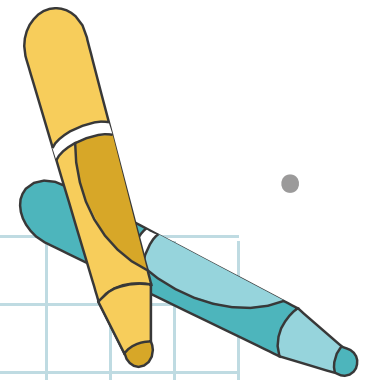
We have also enjoyed our CSBO Symphony Hall Dino Disco trip where we learned a lot of musical skills to implement into our music lessons in school. We have learned about tempo, layers, dynamics and pitch. We were able to find dinosaurs throughout the performance which meant that we could have a wonderful Dino disco at the end.



Pear



In Geography, we have been looking into our local area. We have explored Aston Fields and collected data on traffic, wildlife and litter.



We have explored lots of skills this half term... we have been learning to tie our shoe laces, how to look after animals, baking, archery and lots more!

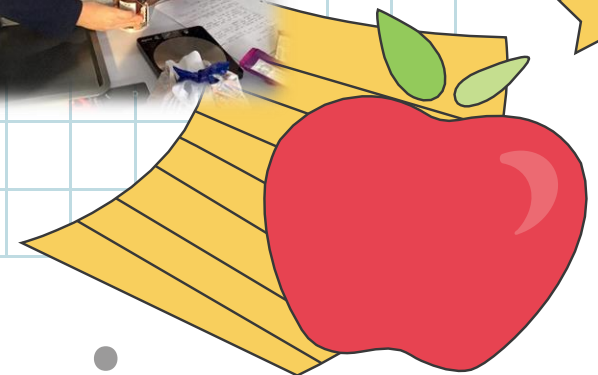
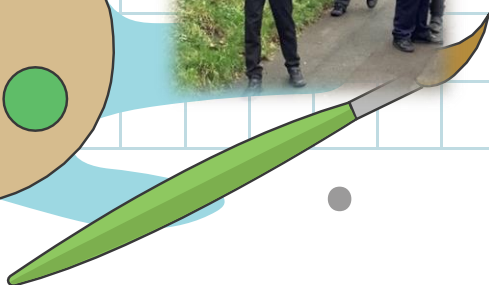
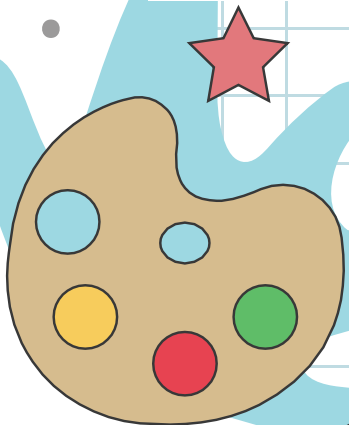
In English this half term we have been looking at Romeo and Juliet. We have explored the theme of tragedy and performed to classes around the school!

We have also been working on how we form our letters!

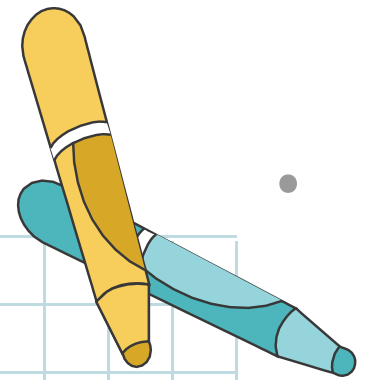
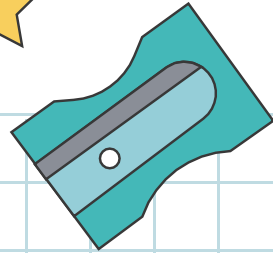
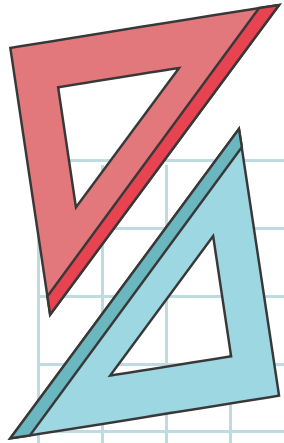
We are super proud of all of the children that have continued to read at home this half term! There have been some amazing books from the vending machine!



In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We now know what vertices, edges and faces are!



Pine

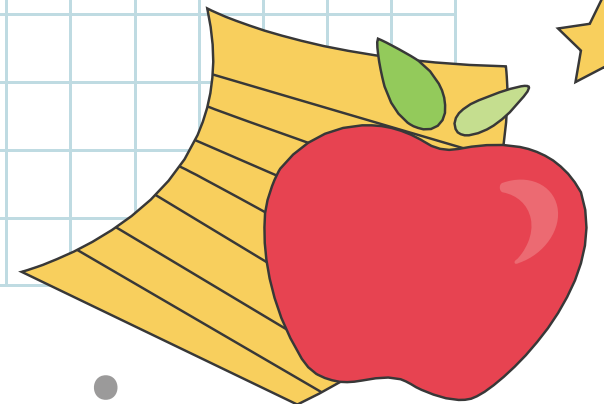
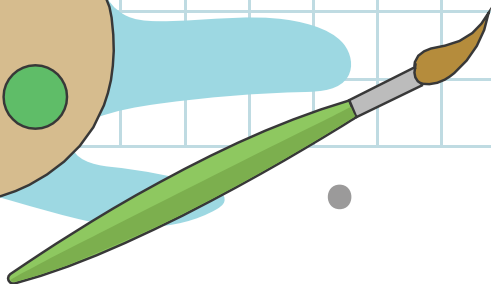
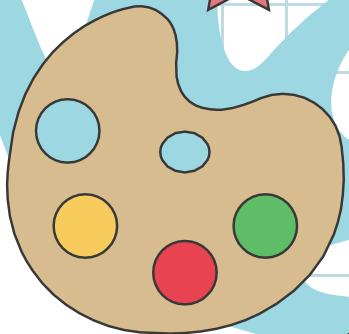


In science we have completed the theory section of our elements, compounds and mixtures topic. We finished off this week with our externally set assessments where everybody scored really well and they should all be really proud of themselves!

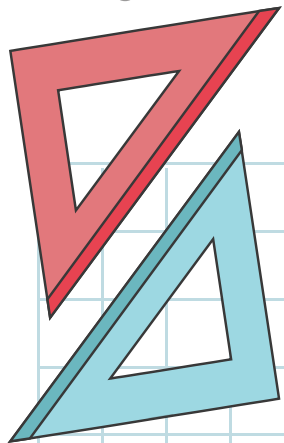
In English we have completed our editing and sequencing topic. They all worked really hard on this and this was shown in some great topic test result!
Well done Pine!



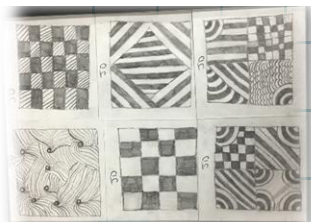
We have all enjoyed finding out about tectonic events and some brilliant pieces of coursework have been produced.



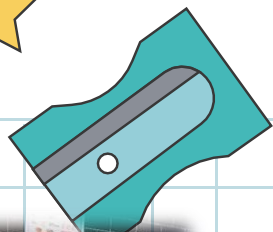
Post 16.1



In art we have been creating our own Zentangles. We have learnt about the 8 steps we need to follow and have framed our finished pieces.



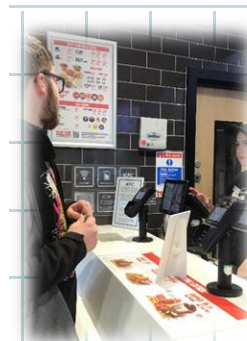
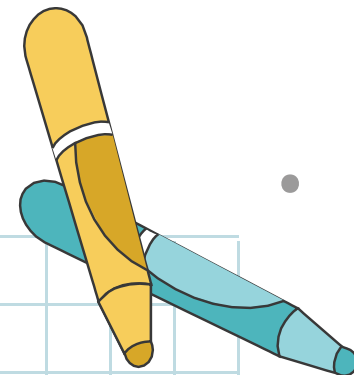
In World of Work, we are looking at our own personal skills and qualities and those that employers may be looking for. We identified some skills and qualities of staff we know in school and we are identifying what skills we need to develop further for our own future employment opportunities.



In English we have been developing our spelling and grammar skills. We are also working on reviewing our work, ensuring it makes sense and correcting any errors we have made.

In Maths we have been working with money to develop further our skills and understanding of using money in the community. We have planned trips to the cinema and bowling, finding costs of different items and adding them together. We have had the opportunity to practice our skills when we walked to KFC, ordering our own food and paying independently.

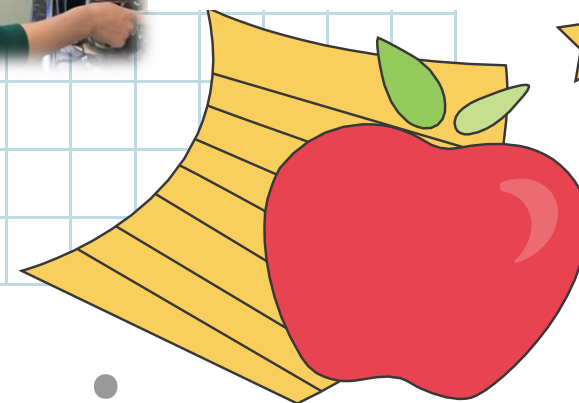
We have been producing text documents and editing these in ICT. We are learning to save work in appropriate places and find and retrieve our work. We have created tables to record our activities we are going to complete in PSHE.



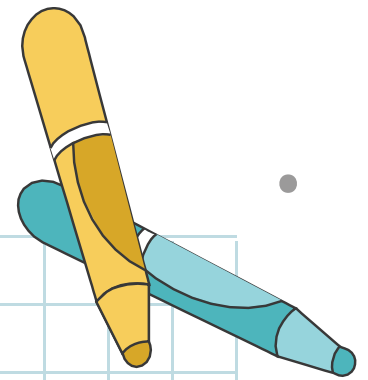
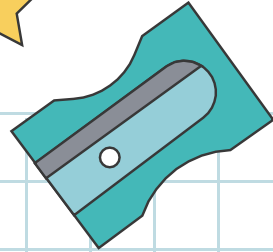
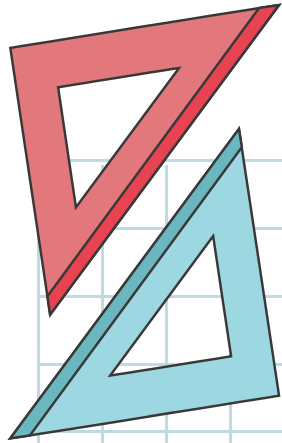
As part of our Vocational work, as well as volunteering around the school community we have started learning how to prepare a meal, writing shopping lists, putting deliveries of food away in the appropriate places and then cooking a meal. We have made spaghetti bolognese and Italian rice salad so far.



In PSHE we are working on developing healthy lifestyles. We have chosen 2 activities to complete over the term and will be recording how these make us feel. The activities we have chosen are Just Dance and Walking.



Post 16.2



We have had a great half term.

We have been out and about in the community exploring the library and borrowing some books to use back in the classroom.

We have also enjoyed trips out to local eateries to engage with members of the public and develop independence skills.

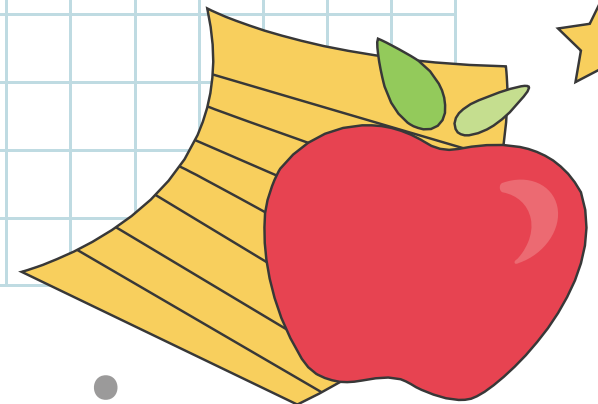
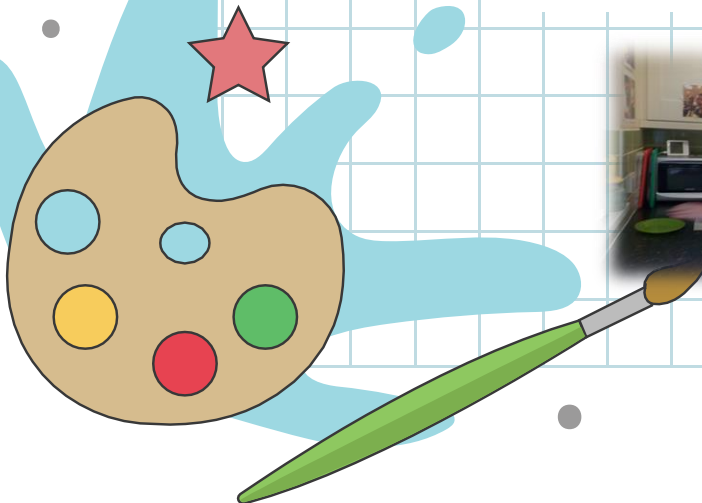
Students have developed their confidence well, ordering their own food and drinks and paying for items more independently.

Post 16;2 have been working on how to have a healthy lifestyle exploring the use of meditation and yoga as a way of relaxing. Students have also explored different foods and making more informed choices to make sure we have a balanced diet with the nutrients we need to be healthy.

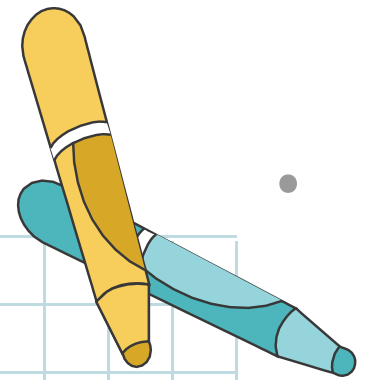
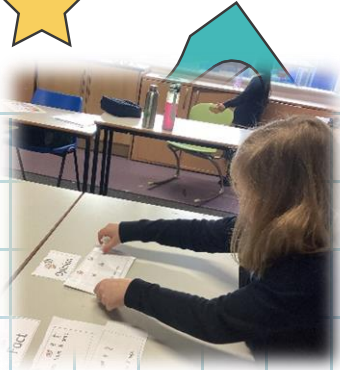
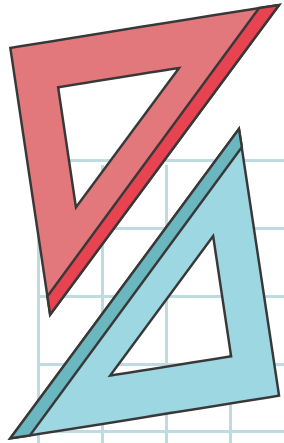
Students have enjoyed using different music software to create their own compositions and add in different special effects.

Some students have had the opportunity to get involved in various work experience tasks; some doing painting and decorating, come helping out as sport TAs and others supporting the site team with maintenance tasks around school.

Hope you all have a lovely weeks break and we look forward to seeing you all after half term.



Rowan



This half term our topic has been 'Wonderful Worcestershire'. We have thought where we live and our local area.

In English we have explored newspapers and what we may find in a newspaper. We have also been exploring question marks and full stops



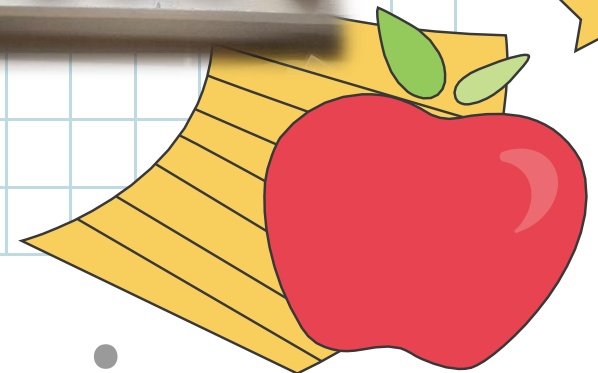
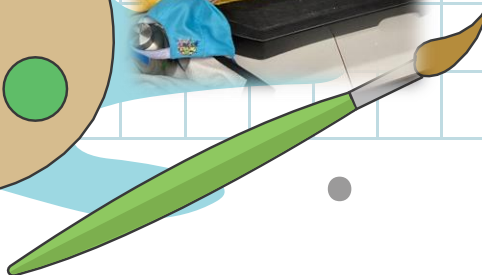
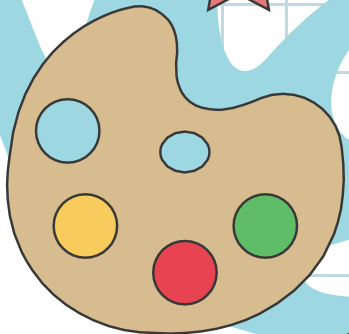
In Geography we have been learning about where we live and our local area. We have explored physical and human features and enjoyed a walk around Aston Fields to find, different types of houses, roads, trees and shops.

In Science we have been learning about plants, looking at different seeds and understanding what plants need to grow. We also completed an experiment growing cress and beans.

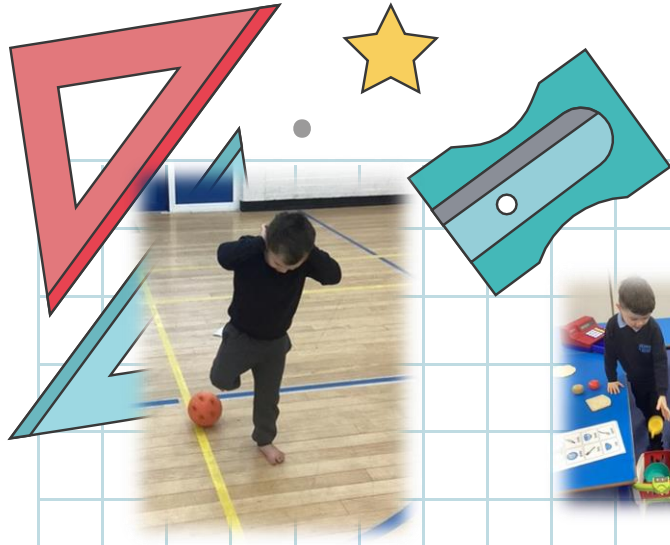
In Maths, we have explored 2D and 3D shapes, thinking about their names and properties. We have also learnt about length and compared different lengths. We have also looked at subtraction and have used various sticks and twigs in Forest School.

We celebrated National Story Telling week where Donna bought in some very special PSHE story books.

In RE, we explored Hinduism and their special symbol the 'Aum'. We explored different items in the Hindu resource box.



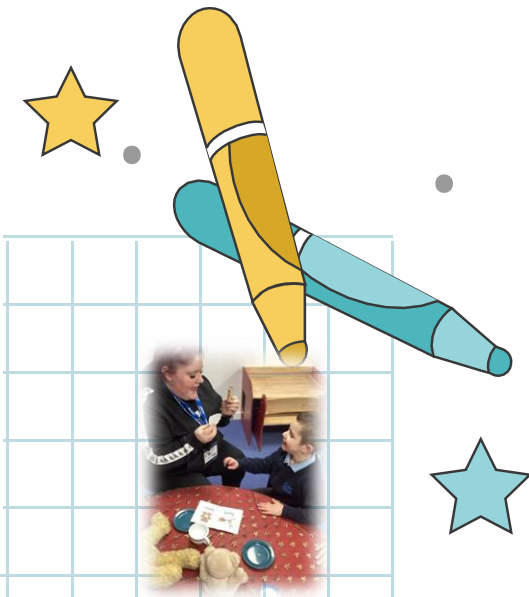
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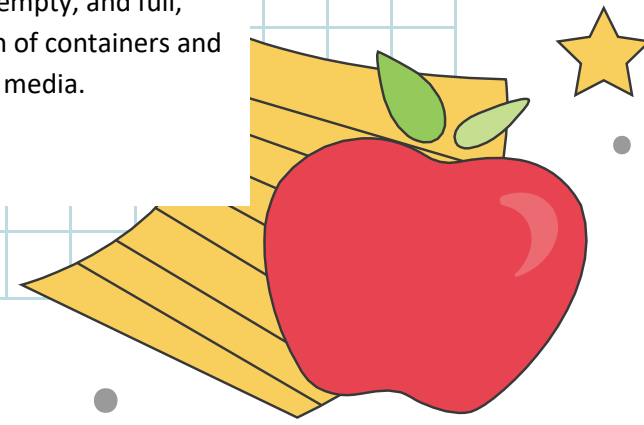
Sapling Class have had a great half term. Children have been working hard on their kicking ball skills in PE. They have learning to kick a ball, kick into themed targets, and dribble a ball along a line.



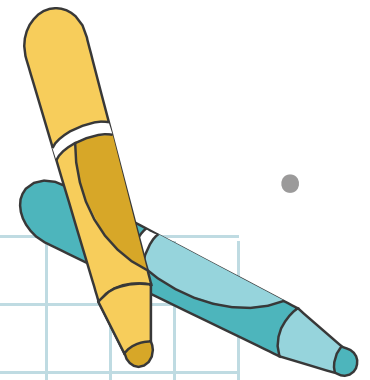
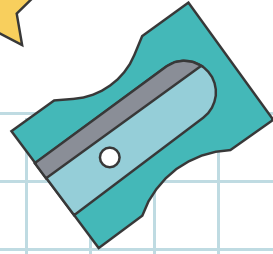
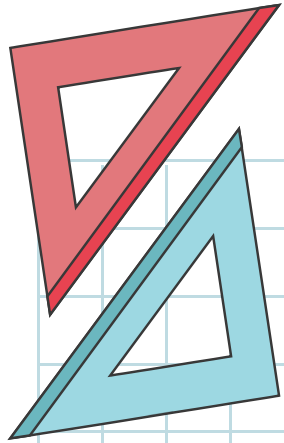
In Literacy, children have been following one key word instructions containing nouns in relation to food items and cooking equipment. Children have enjoyed exploring this through Teddy Bear's Picnics, Shopping, and Tea Parties.



Children have been learning about capacity through exploring filling and emptying in Maths. Children are beginning to understand key vocabulary: fill, empty, and full, through exploration of containers and sensory media.



Spruce



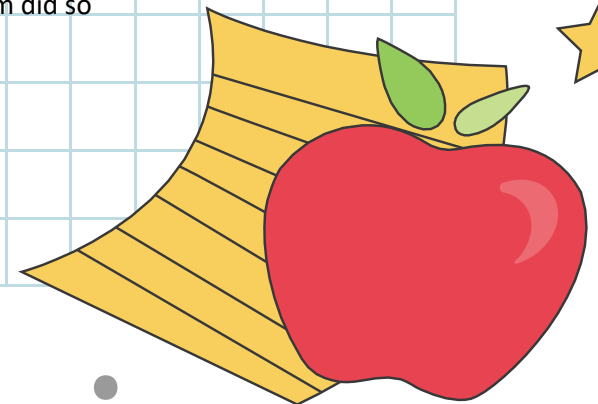
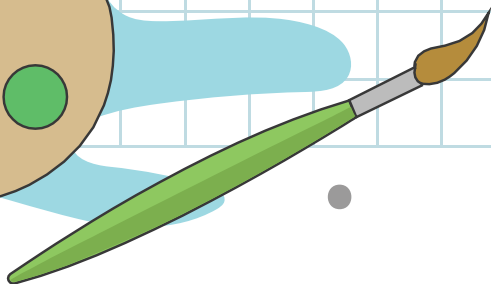
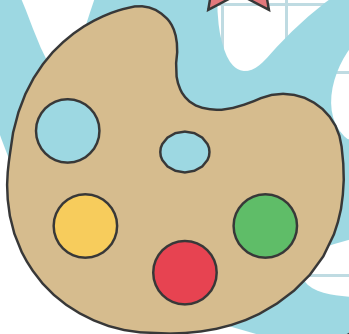
It has been such a quick half term but super busy and I am so proud of the effort of Spruce class these last 5 weeks. It's been quite full on with a few not so fun tests thrown in as well!

In English we've been preparing for Speaking and Listening. We will be completing these after the holiday. It can be tricky so it's great to practice asking questions at home.

In PE we have been learning to play basketball and have been travelling over to the Ryland Centre to play on a proper court. They have become so much more confident outside in the community.

In Humanities we have been learning all about rainforests. This has included why they are threatened and how we can help.

In Maths, we have been exploring shape and geometry. They had to be able to identify different types of angles, lines and symmetry. Every one of them did so well in their test it was amazing!



Willow



Willow class have been very busy following and writing instructions of things we will need in order to have our Chinese New Year party this week. We have written shopping lists of items we will need and also instructions on how to make cakes. We have enjoyed practicing our kneading skills in Cookery and learning how to make Chinese delicacies such as pineapple bao buns.



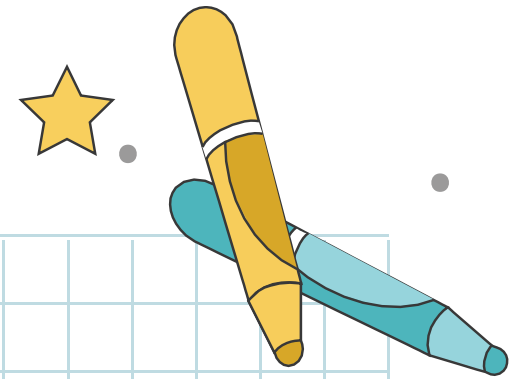
Physical Education has been lots of fun this half term. We have learnt been learning to kick a ball. We have done this with different types of ball, from a stationary start to having a run up. We have learnt some new skills and new words such as 'dribbling'.



In expressive Arts we have been using junk modelling materials to recreate animals of our choice and in Understanding the World we have been learning how to recognise things in nature such as grass and different types of trees.



In Personal, Social and Health Education, we have been thinking about families and discussing how they can be different. We have learnt that the most important thing that makes a family is love. We have also looked at roles within the family and how they all work as a team to get jobs done at home.



In Mathematics we have been working on capacity. We have been using language such as 'full' and 'empty' and 'more' or 'less' to describe how much liquid is held in containers. Then we looked at whether just because a container may appear taller, it may not mean that it holds more than a shorter or fatter container. We were able to check this by experimenting with the water and containers.

We have also been learning what the add and equals signs mean and adding numbers within 5.



Ash



Some more exciting news! We have a new member of our class team joining us, to help us learn and play. When we come back we will have Caitlyn helping us grow and learn new things. Caitlyn is already doing a transition period with us this week, so she isn't a brand new face to us.



This term we found out that because we have made so much improvement on our attention, we have had to stretch our lessons to make sure that we are learning to the best of our ability. This means that we have trialled, and starting properly in Spring 2 term, a two week timetable. Don't worry, we will still get in all of our fantastic lessons and learning, but we have more time to get involved. Communication lessons will last all afternoon.



Next half term our theme is "On the Farm", and we can't wait to get stuck in all of the sensory messy play that we will be doing.

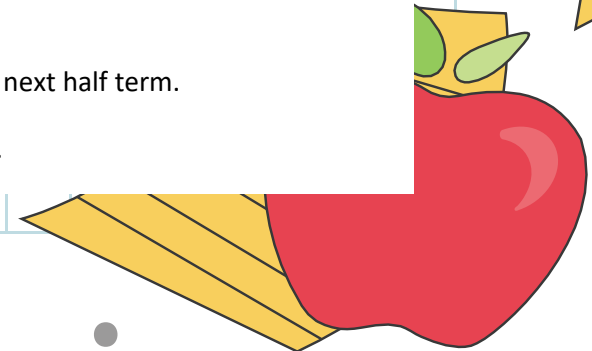
Forest School is still on a Monday, so please send in spare clothes, as we are bound to get muddy. Due to the weather, we haven't been able to go into Forest School as often as we'd like, however we have been using our huge field just outside of the classroom to be able to stretch our legs and learn instead. PE will still be on a Thursday.

We can't wait to start our new topic and learn new skills next half term.

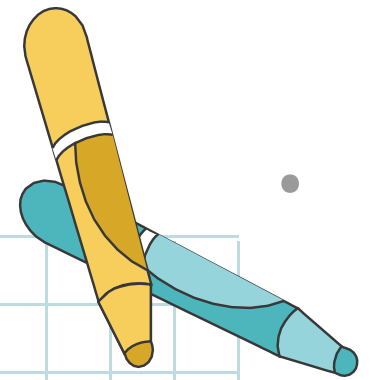
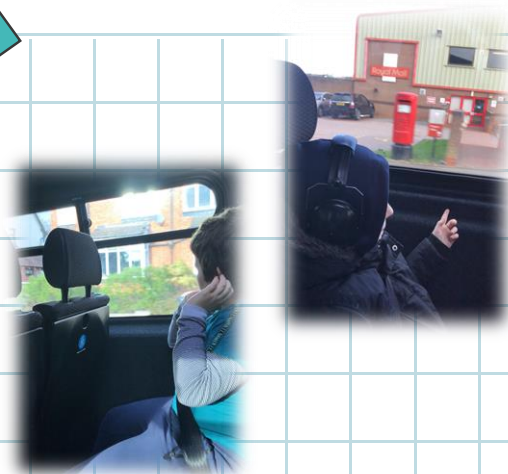
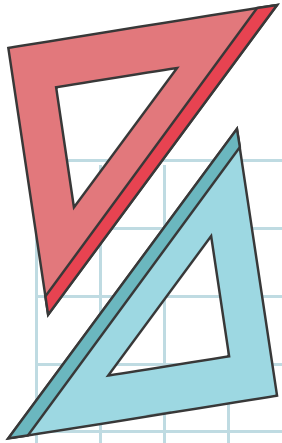
From Ash Class – Paige, Molly and Caitlyn.

Our topic theme has been Celebrations, and we have been celebrating all of our wonderful achievements every day. We can't wait for our end of half term party this week, celebrating Chinese New Year with all of our friends in the early years centre.

We have been working so hard on our listening skills, and absolutely love Song and Rhyme Time. We can listen to songs, rhymes, stories and puppets for such a long time now, our staff are super proud of our progress that we have been making.



Bay



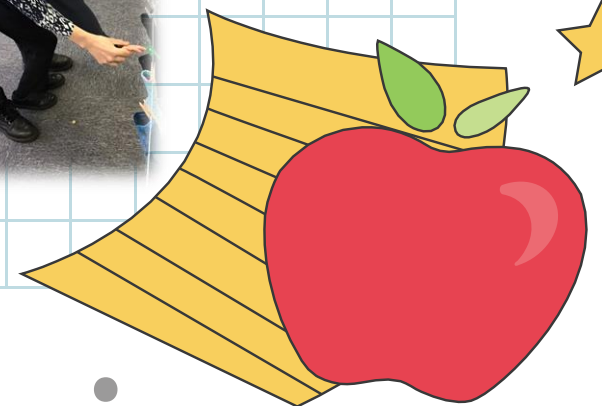
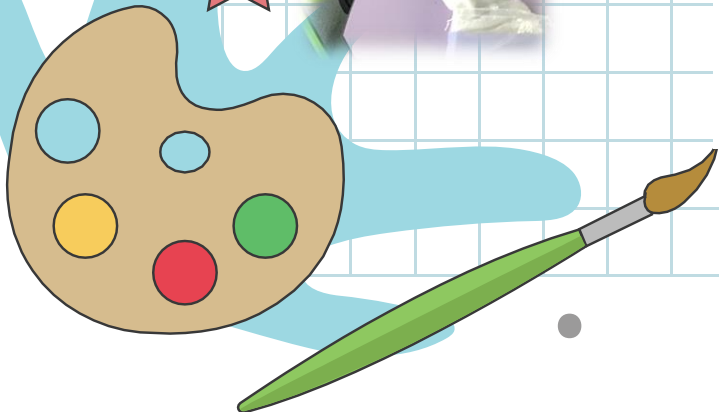
This term we have enjoyed our topic of 'Wonderful Worcestershire'. One of our highlights was a trip on the minibus around Aston Fields and Bromsgrove to observe the local environment.

In Mathematics we have enjoyed exploring shapes and taking part in subtraction activities. We have been building houses, sorting shapes and enjoyed taking away socks from the washing line! Next term out theme is 'Perfect Planet'.

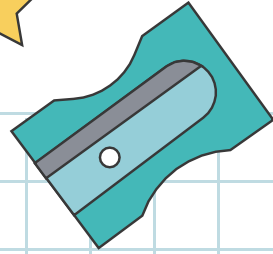
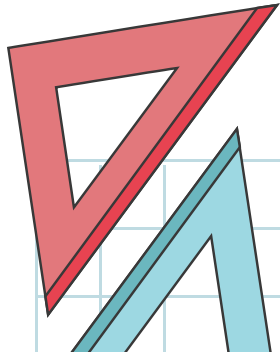


We hope you all have a lovely half term. Thank you for your continued support.

We have enjoyed learning about plants in science and have had lots of fun exploring fruit and vegetables and growing our own cress.



Beech



The children have really enjoyed learning about newspapers during our English lessons. We have done lots of sensory activities including tearing, scrunching and putting the newspaper into water to make it go soggy. The children have explored turning the pages from left to right, matched symbols to pictures of news

At the end of the topic, the children worked hard to create their own page of a newspaper with a heading, title and picture showing their news.

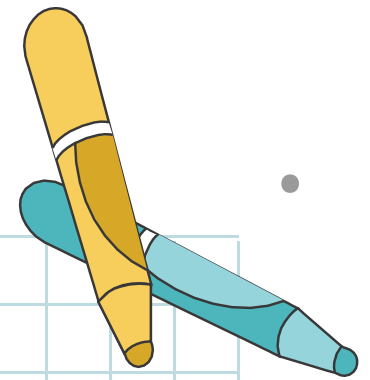


The children have worked hard in number lessons. We have been counting backwards and exploring subtraction using objects.

The children's favourite activity was driving the bus past the bus stops, taking passengers off and counting to see how many are left.



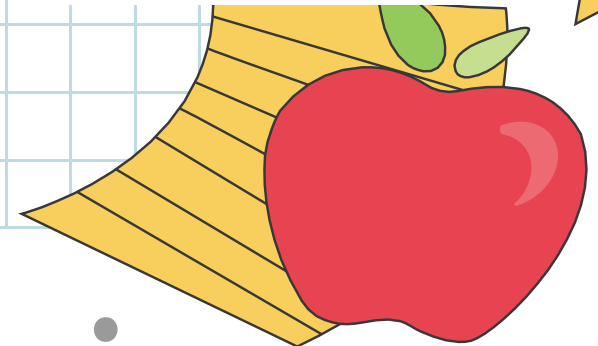
Beech class made me feel really proud on our trips to the Botanical gardens and the park. It was great to see the children outside of the classroom, engaging with their surroundings. I am looking forward to organising more trips when the weather improves.



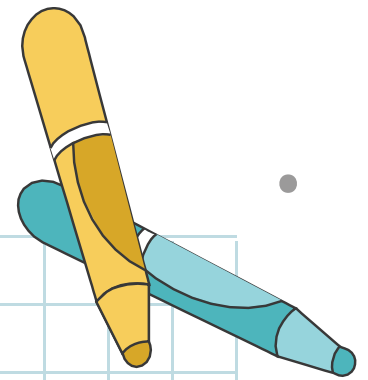
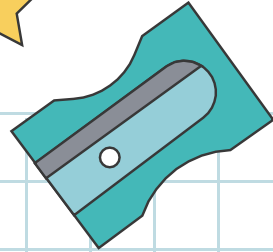
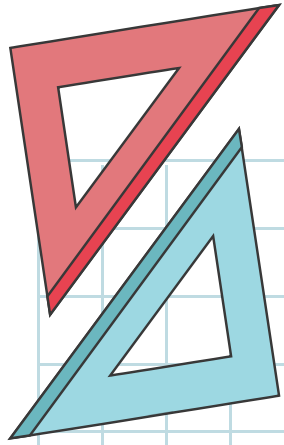
DT has been lots of fun in Beech Class. The children loved digging up vegetables in the garden, washing them and preparing them so they are ready to eat. We cooked small potatoes as well as coleslaw using skills such as chopping, mixing and grating.



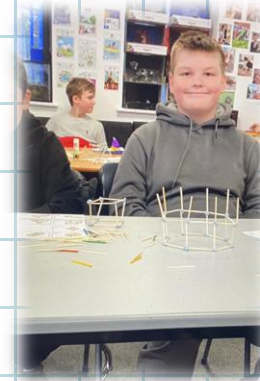
In PSHE we have been learning about respect. We looked at photographs of children and sorted them into kind and unkind behaviour.



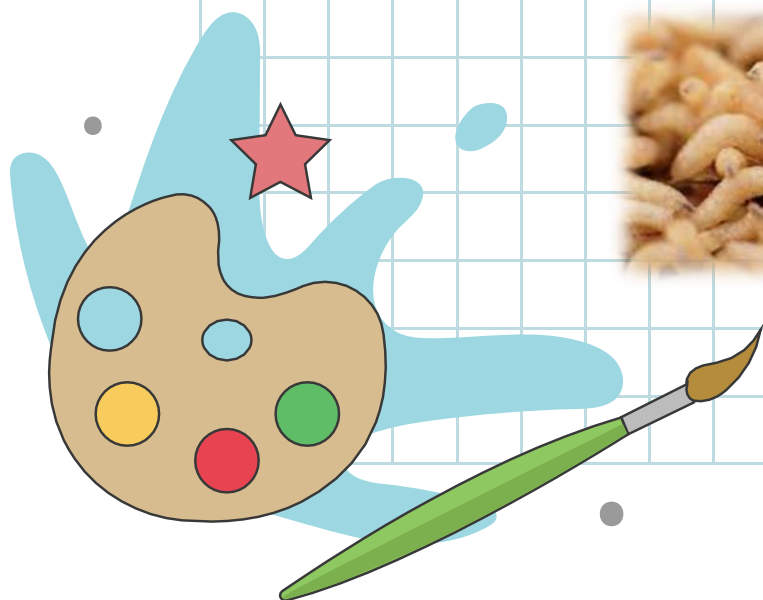
Birch



In Geography – we have been looking at our local area and investigating what environment problems this area faces. We first recorded the speed of cars on the main road near our school to see if speeding is a problem. Next, we conducted a litter survey in Worcester Woods to see if that was a problem.

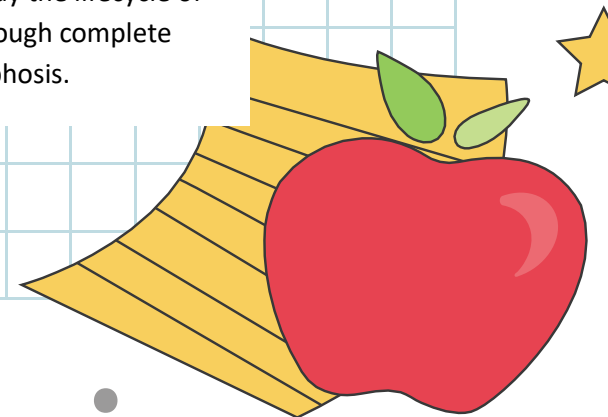


This half term, in maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We used matchsticks and blue tac to create 3D shapes.

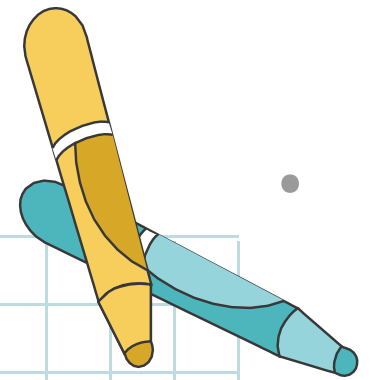
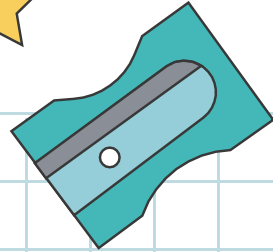
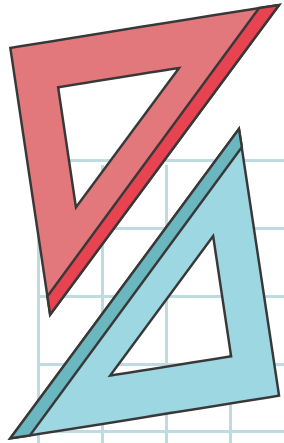


In Science, we have been studying the life cycles of different animals.

We have also kept some class pets...maggots to study the lifecycle of insects who go through complete metamorphosis.



Cedar



Science: We have been learning about Living Things and using classification keys to classify animals into their specific animal group.



Super Visit to the Ryland Centre to work with other schools and enjoy some team games!

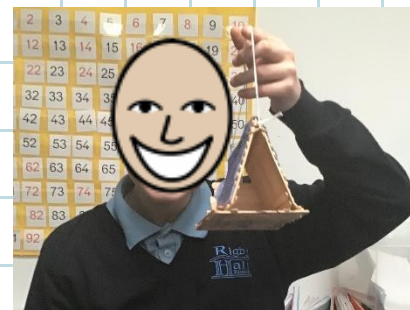


DT: We have been helping out our local environment by designing and creating some bird feeders for our outdoor areas. Our class Robin and Squirrels have been very impressed!

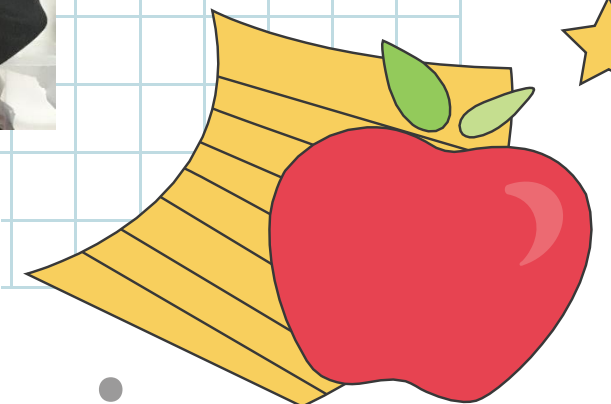
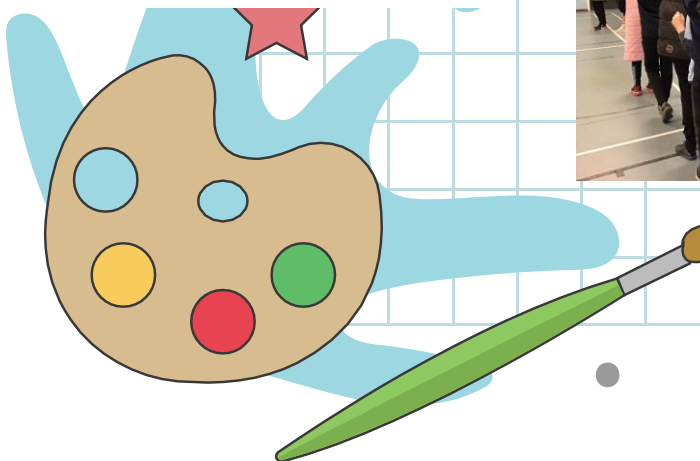
Geography: We have been learning about 'Wonderful Worcestershire' and conducting field enquiries during visits to some of our local amenities

Art: We have been learning about a local artist Anthony Bridge who is very talented and draws landscapes of The Malvern Hills. We have created some great work!

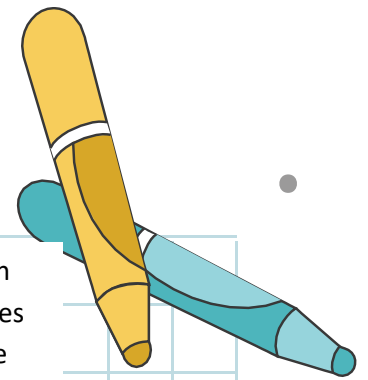
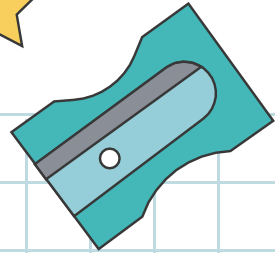
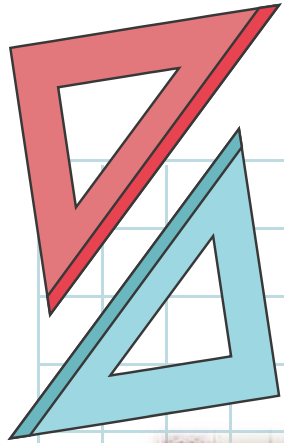
Life Skills: We have been choosing basic recipes and ordering food on a budget as part of our Life Skills Challenge. Some excellent work this half term, Well done Cedar!



PSHE/RE: On Tuesday 6th February, we celebrated 'Safer Internet Day'. We have been talking about Keeping Safe Online and discussing who we can talk to



Cherry



This half-term we have focused on cooking in Design Technology. We have explored lots of vegetables. We have practiced cutting, slicing and grating and made our own coleslaw. Children were great at washing hands and understanding the hygiene involved in food preparation.

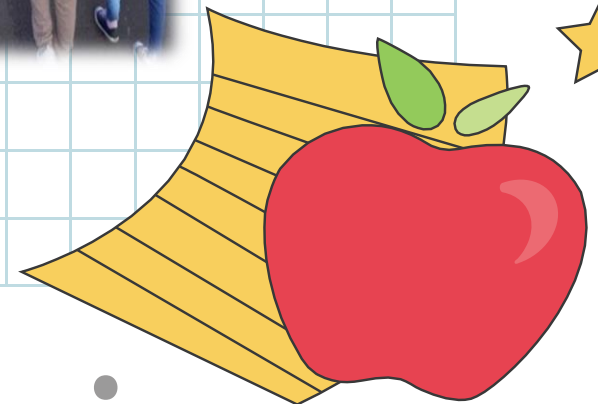
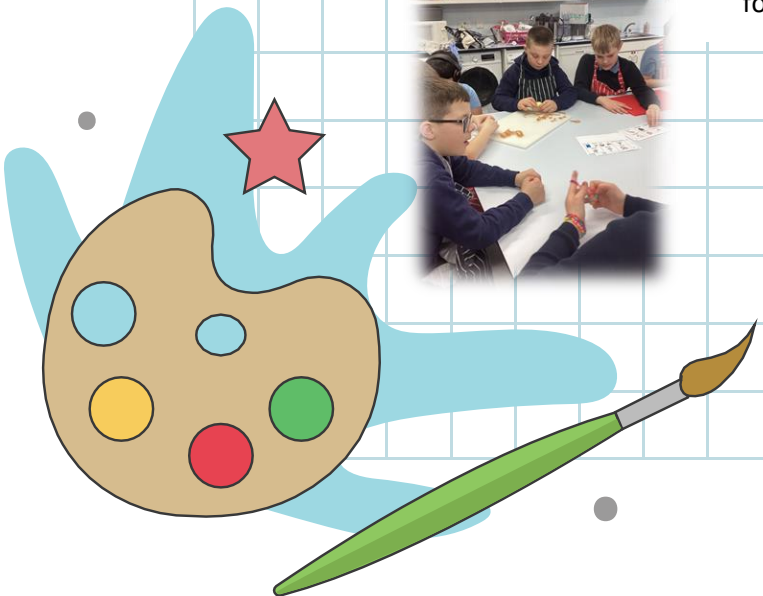


In Humanities we have been learning about types of houses and our local area. We have explored maps and looked at what is around our local area. Last week Cherry class went out and followed maps to identify types of houses around school (detached, semi-detached, terraced, flat and bungalows).

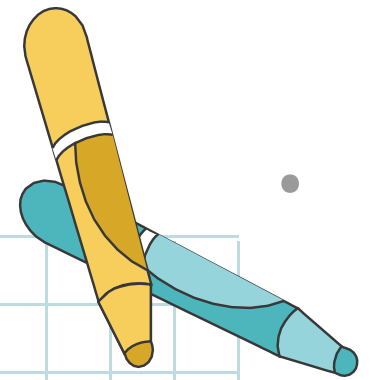
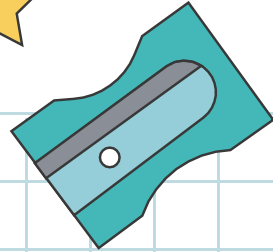
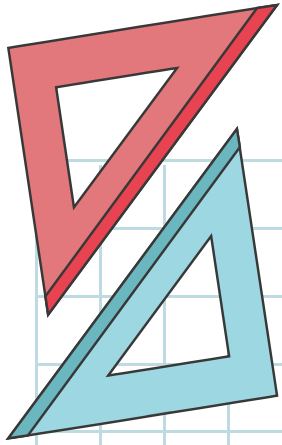
Children were so sensible crossing roads and being safe when out of school. We were very proud.



Have an amazing half-term! Kelly Ferran,
Chloe and Lydia.



Hazel



In Maths, we have explored 2D and 3D shapes, thinking about their names and properties.

We have also learnt about length and compared different lengths, using cubes and finding various sticks and twigs in Forest Schools.

We celebrated 'National Story week', by reading our favourite stories. Mr Homer joined us to read his favourite story.

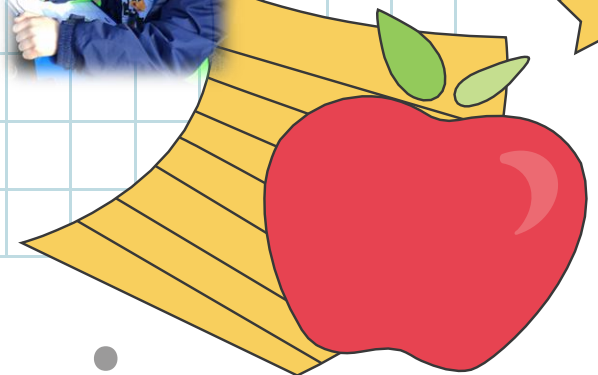
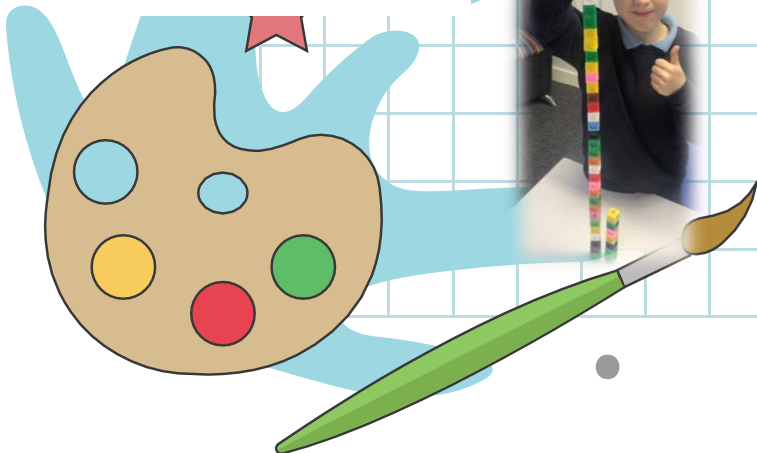


This half term our topic has been 'Wonderful Worcestershire'. We have thought where we live and our local area.

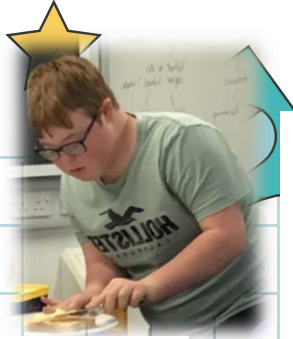
In English we have explored newspapers and fact files and created our own articles about our home towns.

In Geography we have been learning about where we live and our local area. We have explored physical and human features and enjoyed a walk around Aston Fields to find, different types of houses, roads, trees and shops.

In Science we have been learning about plants, looking at different seeds and understanding what plants need to grow.

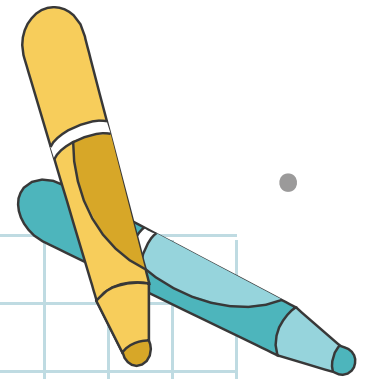


Lime



Lime class have also enjoyed designing and making our own photograph frames and keyrings as part of Design Technology. They have explored a variety of materials and have used different ways of cutting and joining materials together. We have also learnt the names of the seven continents and the countries that make up the United Kingdom as well as the names of the capital cities as well as exploring the area around the school and where the school is on a map. In PSHE we have learnt about the use of technology in every day life and how we should always ask permission before sharing a photograph online.

This half term Lime have been preparing and cooking lots of exciting recipes including spring rolls, vegetable samosas, vegetable soup and lots more, this has been part of our life skills but has also contributed towards our Duke of Edinburgh Award. The children have been taught about the importance of hygiene when cooking and how to prepare ingredients in a variety of different ways, chopping, grating, peeling, cubing etc. They have also taken part in preparing some quick and easy meals using a microwave and toaster for beans on toast and cheese on toast.



In RE we have been learning about Sikhism and the importance of the 5 K's and their different meanings. We have discussed and looked at photographs and artefacts relating to Sikh beliefs and have used the laptops to research this further and find out information for ourselves.

In Maths we have been learning about money, recognising different coins and notes and identifying their different features as well as using them to pay for goods at a pretend shop in class. In English we have enjoyed listening and taking part in a variety of sensory stories as well as reading and understanding different texts.

