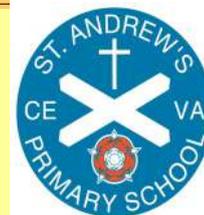


St. Andrew's CEVA Primary Newsletter October 2020



Co-Headteachers: Mrs. D. Thompson & Miss M. Davidson

A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is! Proverbs 15:23

What an eventful term we have had! There may not have been many trips out but lots has been happening at St. Andrew's, despite COVID-19. Each year group has an article explaining the highlights of this term—pages 6-12. The children have been fantastic. They have come back full of enthusiasm and are already beginning to cover ground of missed learning from the summer term.



The allocated year group gate system at the start and end of the school day appears to be working well to help maintain social distancing. We would like to thank those parents who are socially distancing and going in and out of the correct gates. We would like to remind everyone, however, to keep to the 2 metre distancing and not block exits when waiting for children. It would be really helpful if you can wear masks or face coverings on the premises as this will help everyone to stay safe.

We have some great news—another baby is on the way! Mrs. Roberts is expecting a baby in December so will be going on maternity leave at the end of November. We wish her and baby all the best. Mrs. Clarke returned from maternity leave but missed baby Arthur so much that she has decided to stay with him. We also have two new staff who have started part-time in classes supporting teachers. Mrs. Ashley Simmons and Mr Jak Bullimore are working in various year groups across the school.



We are launching two new clubs; our breakfast club will now be called *The Sunrise Club* and the after school one will be *The Sunset Club*. We still have places if you want to book a place in either or both. Contact Mrs. Riggins in the school office to book your wrap around care place in *The Sunrise* and/or *The Sunset Club*!



We have just completed our first remote parents' evening. We have managed to contact most parents by telephone and talk about how the children have settled back into school after a long break from their usual lessons. The children have returned with good attitudes to their learning and seem really happy to be back with their friends. We have been also very encouraged by the positive comments parents have made to staff and even letters that we have received praising the school for all that we have done in these very challenging times. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all their support during what has been a difficult time for the whole school community.

We have tried to maintain as many of the activities and clubs as we can without putting anyone at extra risk. Assemblies are still continuing, but now held in class every day. The children are coming to the hall for assembly in their year group bubbles and the headteachers and the rector take it in turn to have one year group for an assembly each week. Lunchtimes are now spread out over a longer period of time to allow children to eat and play more socially distanced.

The children had their own harvest services in class and many children have brought food and toiletries in for the Hope Centre in Northampton. It has been great to see the children coming in with bags full of items for the display table. We extend a big thank you, once again, for your support.

Information

School Gate Reminder

School starts 8.45am-9.00am and this staggered time is so that children can enter school gradually rather than all at once, allowing better distancing.



Entrances

YR Holcot- EYFS Entrance

Y1 Overstone & Cogenhoe- EYFS Playground & entrance into classroom doors

Y2 Ecton & Wilby- Field Side Gate & through Y2 & entrance into classroom doors

Y3 Moulton & Pitsford- Field Side Gate & entrance into classroom doors

Y4 Denton & Brixworth- MUGA Gates & along corridor to classrooms

Y5 Isham & Althorp- Office Gates & up Fire Exit Staircase door to classrooms

Y6 Grendon & Lamport- MUGA Gates & up stairs to classrooms

Exits

YR Holcot- EYFS entrance at 3.15pm

Y1 Overstone & Cogenhoe- EYFS Playground to collect from classroom doors at 3.20pm

Y2 Ecton & Wilby- Field Side Gate to collect on playground from Y2 classrooms at 3.20pm

Y3 Moulton & Pitsford- Field Side Gate to collect on playground from Y3 classrooms at 3.10pm

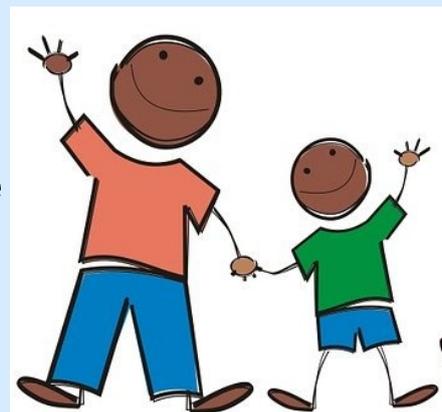
Y4 Denton & Brixworth- MUGA Gates to collect on the MUGA at 3.10pm (one way system)

Y5 Althorp & Isham by the Office Gate at 3.20pm (take the children via Hall Fire Exit)

Y6 Grendon & Lamport- MUGA Gates to collect on the MUGA at 3.20pm (one way system)

REMEMBER TO WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE GATE!!

It is really important that children are escorted to the appropriate entrance gate: this is to ensure that your child is safely in school!

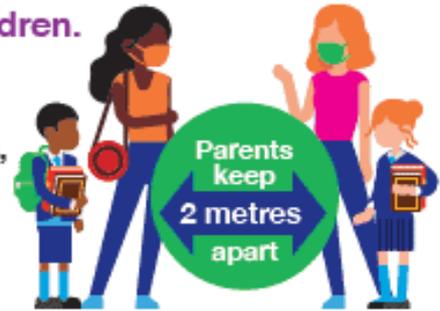


Information

Keep your school run COVID-19 secure

Set a good COVID-19 secure example to children.

Remember to keep 2 metres away from others outside of your household or bubble. If you are meeting other parents outside the school, keep 2 metres from others, and wear a face covering where you cannot keep 2 metres apart. Avoid sharing items with others outside of your household.



Avoid gathering at the school gate

Avoid hanging around outside the school. Drop your child/children off at school and leave as soon as you can to avoid crowds gathering around school premises.

We know its good to talk, so if you want to catch-up with other parents/carers please meet in a COVID-19 secure venue.



Avoid car sharing

If you cannot avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or bubble, everyone in the car **MUST** wear a face covering, have the windows down and ensure the the seatbelts and door handles are cleaned inside and out before and after journeys.



Travel to school safely

If you can travel to school on foot or by bike, or in your own car, this is preferable to car sharing. If you use a bus, please wear face coverings and ensure you and your child/children socially distance whilst queuing.



**Public Health
Northamptonshire**



**Northamptonshire
County Council**

Information



Visitors:

All visitors will be expected to maintain social distancing and not enter the building if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. They will also be expected to wear face masks or coverings.



The safety of our children and staff is our priority at all times.

We have revisited and updated our Covid-19 risk assessment (available on the school's website <https://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/COVID-19-RISK-ASSESSMENT-V7-20.10.20.pdf>)

Parent Governor Election:

We will be sending out information straight after the half term holiday about a parent governor election. If you think that you have number of skills that you could bring to our Governing Body, this could be your opportunity to shine. Please look out for the letters and nomination forms after the holiday.



Pupil Absence Reporting:

Please make sure that your child's absence is reported before 9.30am. Telephone 01604 406486 Option 1: State your child's name and class and reason for absence: it is very important that you give clear information on nature of illness especially if Covid-19 related. Thank you.

Increased ventilation in school:

Updated government guidance has advised schools to ensure increased ventilation during school hours while maintaining a comfortable temperature: opening high level windows to reduce draughts, increasing ventilation while classrooms are unoccupied (during breaks) and to provide flexibility to allow additional suitable clothing. We are encouraging children to wear layers of clothing that can be removed easily. For example an extra vest/thermal t-shirt under school jumper; a extra fleece jumper/cardigan. Please ensure all children bring/wear an appropriate outdoor coat for outdoor breaks & lunchtime.

Information

What to expect if your child's bubble is asked to isolate by the school

In the unfortunate event that Public Health England request that your child's bubble must isolate, you will firstly receive a phone call or parent text from the school. If your child is in school, you will be asked to collect them as soon as possible. Current guidance means that you are not expected to collect or isolate siblings in this instance.

Remote learning for children who are self-isolating

Your child's class teacher will set daily work for your child. Government guidelines suggest one hour a day of English, one hour a day of maths and one hour a day of another curriculum subject such as Science, Geography, History, RE or PSHE. Guidelines also suggest that where possible, pupils should take part in physical activity each day. In addition, reading with your child remains a high priority in supporting their learning.

Google Classroom

Your child's daily work will be set on the online Google Classroom Learning platform. Here, teachers will upload daily work and set daily tasks. Some of these tasks may include accessing other online resources, but all of the necessary information will be on Google Classroom. All parents of children self-isolating will be emailed their child's log in details and information again when self-isolation starts.

Paper packs will be made available for pupils who have limited access to online learning- please contact the school office to arrange this.

Feedback

Your child's teacher and/or teaching assistant (TA) will be available each day to provide your child with feedback. This will mainly occur through Google Classroom where information and correspondence can be sent confidentially between pupils and teacher. Pupils who are working through paper packs will receive a phone call from their teacher or TA, daily. In addition to online communication, your child will receive one phone call per week for a catch up on their work.

Year R News

We have had a very busy first term in Reception. All of our lovely children settled in brilliantly and it's like they have been here for years! We have been busy learning new sounds, focussing on number up to 5 and have been practising to write our names.



We are very lucky to have Lesley from Music bugs come into Reception every Tuesday afternoon, both classes alternate weeks of joining her in making a lot of noise and dancing along to some very catchy songs! This will continue until Christmas so keep checking Tapestry to see what we have been doing.



Thank you so much for all your engagement so far with Tapestry, it is lovely to see all the things you are doing at home, please keep it up! Don't forget to like or comment on any posts you see so we can keep a track of who our posts are reaching.

Every Friday is PE day, the children are now much better at getting changed but we are still getting into a bit of a muddle with our clothes, so please make sure every item of clothing is clearly named!

We have begun our 'Welly Wednesdays'...we will be continuing these after half term (so please keep bringing in warm coats and wellies every Wednesday). We have had lots of fun walking through our local woodlands, looking for signs of Autumn, listening to wildlife and collecting things we can use within our continuous provision.

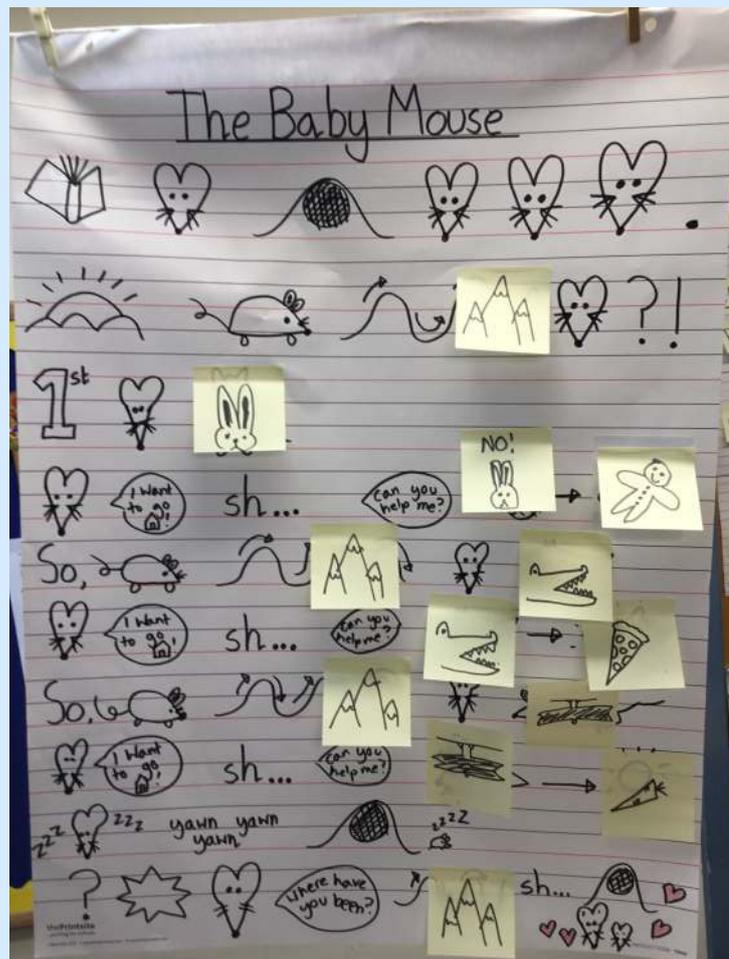
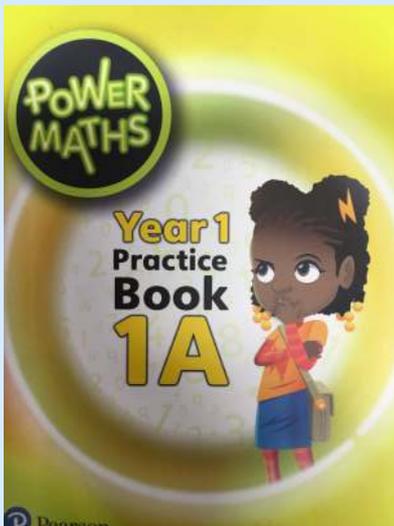


Year 1 News!

The children in Overstone and Cogenhoe have had a brilliant first term, especially considering the extra two weeks that children were unable to attend school. We have been focusing on phonics, writing and maths during this term, making sure that the children reinforce skills that they would have worked on during their summer term in Reception.

Thank you for all the reading you have been doing with the children at home. Only changing books twice a week has had the bonus of the children really knowing their books well, and having time to discuss and improve their reading skills. In class we have been learning to retell the story of *The Baby Mouse*. This week the children have been videoed telling their innovated stories and they were absolutely brilliant! In maths we have been learning to use our new Power Maths books. This is a new scheme which scaffolds learning for children who find new concepts challenging, and extends reasoning understanding for children who are more confident. In our Connected Curriculum, the children have loved learning about how toys have changed over time. This week we looked at the history of the Lego company, and why they have been so successful. Everybody then designed and built their own Lego toy!

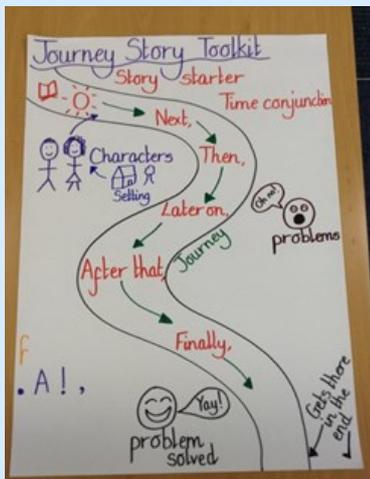
Have a restful half term, and we can't wait to see the children back in November!



Year 2 News

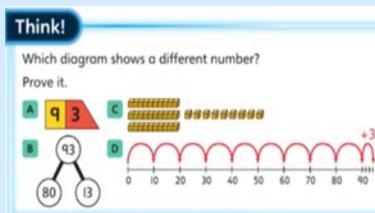
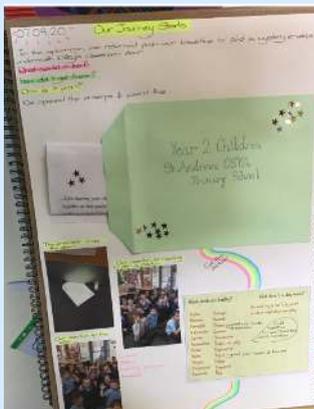
In Year 2 this half term we have been really busy:

In English, the children have been learning about journey stories. As a class, we innovated the story *Little Charlie and the Lighthouse Keeper*, and the children wrote their own story using some of the key themes.



Our journey starts here:

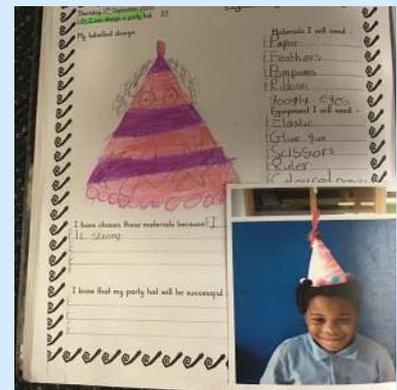
A letter arrived from Cinderella informing Year 2 that they needed to plan a party.



The unit in Maths this term was Numbers to 100. The focus was on the children being able to read and understand numbers to 100. The children used lots of different representations to show a number: Part-whole method, place values grids, number lines and cubes. The children enjoyed using the various resources, which helped to strengthen their understanding.

In our connective curriculum the children became party planners.

The focus in our connective curriculum for this term was 'Can Party Food be Healthy?' In this topic the children have learnt new skills including: materials and properties, where the food has travelled from, the benefits from each food type and learnt party dances in PE.



The children designed and made their hats, sketched fruit and vegetables and created a table cloth using ink.

Year 3 News

Welcome to Year 3's newsletter! Year 3 have settled well into KS2 and we have seen some great independence and kind behaviour. We have all been working very hard.

Bright Sparks

This term, Year 3 have been learning all about electricity. We have learnt about different electrical appliances and what life was like before electricity. We have made electrical circuits and experimented with magnetic and non-magnetic materials. One of our afternoons was spent testing out static electricity by using balloons—some of us ended up with pretty funny hairdos! From this, we then learnt about thunderstorms and how they happen. We have used musical instruments to create the sounds of a thunderstorm and we have also used oil pastels to create a stormy scene.



Dragons!

During our first week in Year 3, a mysterious egg appeared in our classrooms. We concluded from its appearance that it must be a dragon egg. This led to us learning about dragons and using them in our writing. We have all written a journey story where our main character met a mythical creature, even though they had been warned not to! We are now learning about reports and will be writing our own later on next term.



I-Aspire

This term we have all been working incredibly hard, however, these children have already received their I-Aspire certificate for showing some of our school values.

Moulton

Teodora, Yazdan, Harry, Lilly-Mae, Joy and Keira.

Pitsford

Simon, Leonardo, Patrick, Toby and Tayshaun.

Well done to these children.

Black History Month

Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month by learning about influential black people from the past. We learnt about Martin Luther King Jnr and his famous 'I have a dream' speech and then thought about what our own dreams are for the future. The following week we focussed on Lewis Howard Latimer, who was very influential in the invention of both the telephone and the lightbulb.

Maths

Year 3 have settled fantastically into our new Maths scheme—Power Maths. We have been looking at 3 digit numbers up to 1,000 and have started to add and subtract numbers. We have used lots of concrete resources, such as counters and Base Ten, to help us understand this.

Spanish

Hola! Now that we are in Year 3, we have started to learn Spanish. We love our weekly Spanish lessons and so far we have learnt classroom instructions, how to say hello, how to ask if someone is ok and how to ask someone their name. Maybe you can have a little practice at home and see what your Year 3 child can remember!



Year 4 News

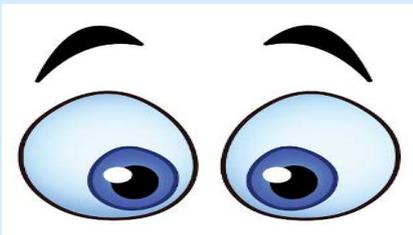
Year 4 have been really busy this term but we've settled back into school and have adopted the new Covid -19 restrictions with ease. Our hands have never been cleaner!



In Maths, we have been working on the Place Value of numbers up to and including 10,000. We have practiced ordering, comparing, representing and rounding 4 digit numbers. Negative numbers have been fun but a bit challenging too.

In English, we have written our own Portal Stories. We have learnt a lot of new things along the way, like how to use determiners, prepositions and different types of noun phrases.

WOW!!!! Did we really learn so much?

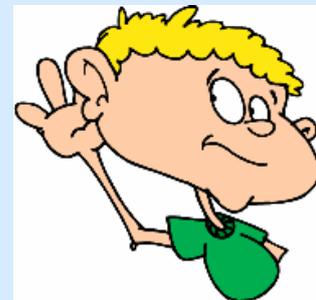


How can I see?

Did you know that we need light to be able to see? Light travels in a straight line from a light source, like the sun, bounces off of an object and then into our eyes? Honest!!

We have also learnt about transparent, translucent and opaque materials and have even made a collage of our profiles using different types of these materials. Cool or what?

Science



How can I hear?

Did you also know that sound is caused by vibrations? Yes, and that creates sound waves that travel through a medium and into our ears and the amplitude and wave length change the pitch and volume of the sound we hear. Amazing!!

Even more amazing, were the working telephones we made out of plastic cups and string as well as the panpipes we made out of straws, that we could actually play.

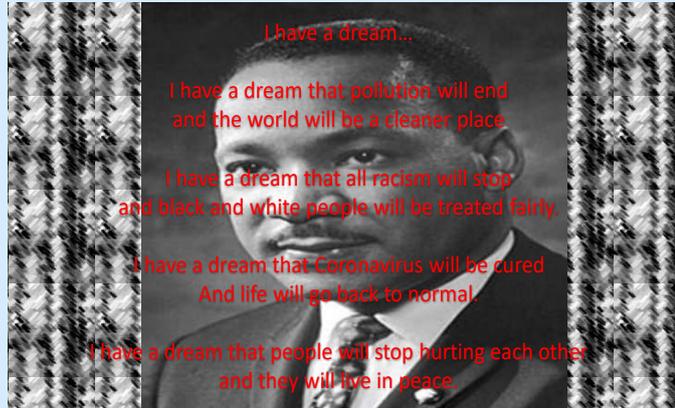
In R.E. we have been learning about The People of God, in particular about Noah and his covenant with God. We have related it to the rules we have to live by today in school and in the wider world. As with Noah, we have to accept the consequences of breaking the rules that have been

Of course we do lots of reading at school and have some great new books that have been bought especially for Year 4. We must remember to read at home too. Five times a week and we get a token. Seven times and we get two. **You do need to sign our reading records first though. Please!!!!!!**

Year 5 News

Celebrating Black Lives

This month Year 5 have learnt about the life of Martin Luther King and considered the impact of his 'I have a Dream' speech. In Althorp, we have used Martin's famous words as inspiration for creating poetry and have worked collaboratively to sketch his portrait.



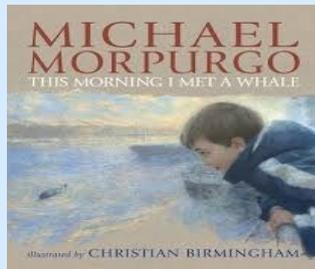
Mysterious Materials

Throughout the term, we have had great fun investigating the properties materials. We have learnt all about separating liquids and solids by using evaporation and explored the different states of matter. We know that some changes are reversible and had an explosive time looking at some irreversible changes using common household ingredients.



We're having a whale of a time!

This term, our Talk for Writing unit has focused on the theme of whales through different genres. We met a whale who took us on a journey around the world, his world, where he introduced us to a number of environmental issues faced today. We have watched the passionate words of Greta Thunberg and are using the plight of whales being hunted as a basis for analysing persuasive texts.



ATOMIC SCIENCE Workshop

We had a fantastic workshop with Atomic Tom and the children enjoyed participating in lots of experiments!



Year 6 news

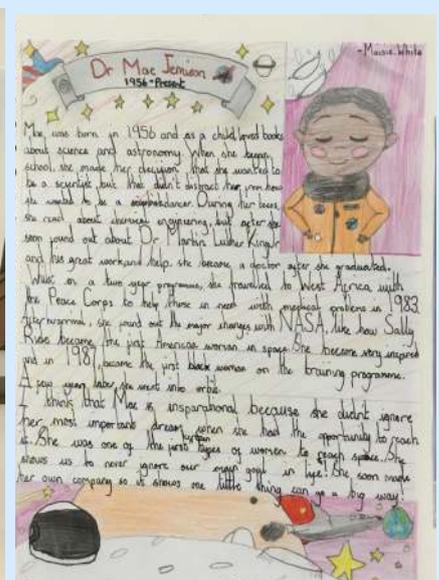
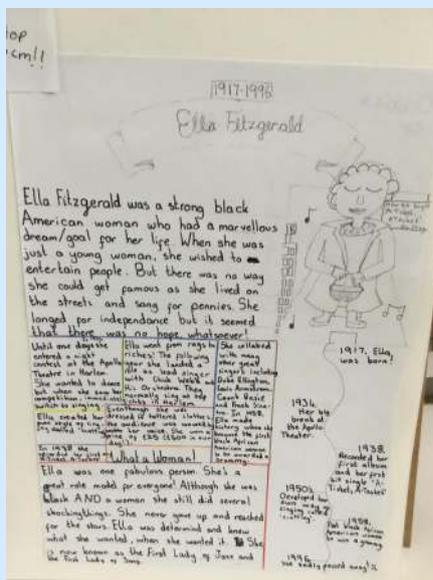
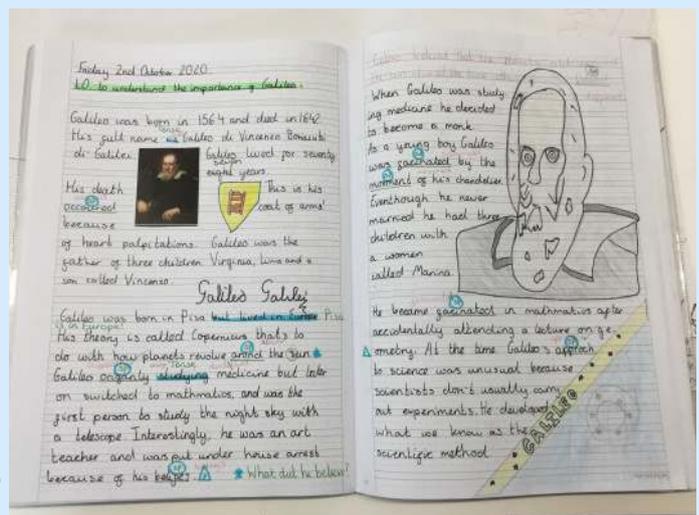
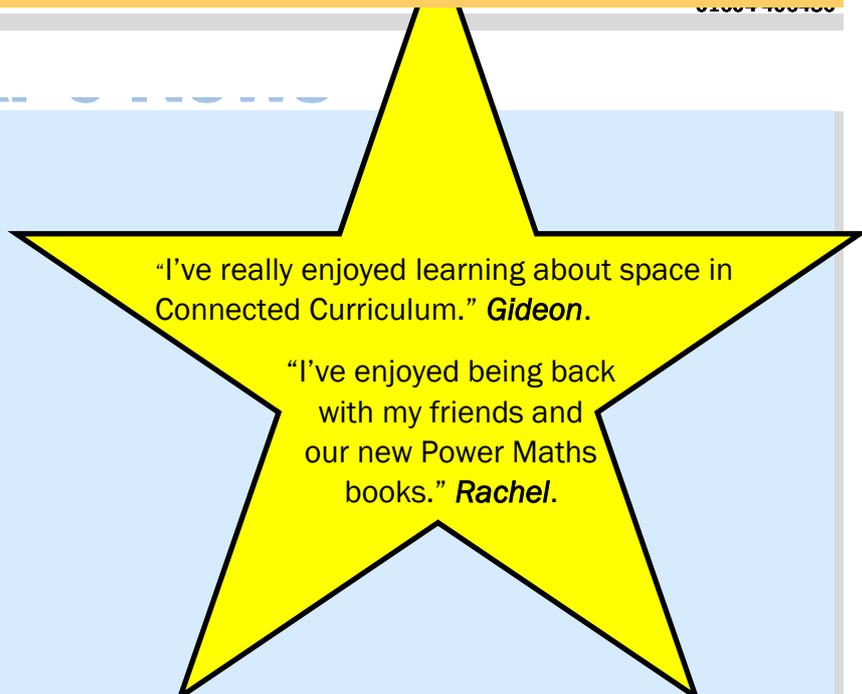
We have really enjoyed being back at school and getting back to normal. We've been working hard and keeping safe all whilst becoming more independent and ready for secondary school!

This term our topic has been **Out Of This World** and we have had great fun learning all about our solar system. We learnt the order of the planets by creating our own comedy raps and mnemonics. Here is Qasim's way of remembering the planets:

- My—Mercury
- Very—Venus
- Embarrassing—Earth
- Monkey—Mars
- Jumps—Jupiter
- Side to side—Saturn
- Upon—Uranus
- The news—Neptune.

We spent time this term researching Galileo who was a very famous scientist. He helped us understand how the solar system worked. Here is Ruby's independent research all about him.

We also have been doing a lot of history work to celebrate Black History Month. We learnt about remarkable figures such as Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman and reflected on what we could learn from them. We also enjoyed researching about notable figures and created our own fact files about them. Here are Debbie's and Maisie W's from Grendon:



Sunrise and Sunset Club News



Welcome to Sunrise and Sunset Club, previously know as Breakfast and Afterschool Club.

Sunrise Club serves different things for Breakfast like cereals, fresh fruits, toast and drinks and lots more. This ensures your child is ready to learn during the day ahead and is a great start to the day.

Sunset Club offers safe and enjoyable care after school up to 5.45pm. Children are provided with a healthy snack such as chopped vegetables with dips, fruit with yoghurts, pasta with cheese, beans on toast, etc. There are a range of fun activities on offer for children to participate in.



'I like how Mr D Comes to Sunset Club because he is the funniest Teacher in the School.' **Panashe**

'I like Sunset club because it is fun and we get to go outside and play and play games with my friends.' **Anthony**

'I like Sunset club because there is Lego to play with.' **Kayne**

Sunrise Club hours: 7.45am to 8.45am

Sunset Club hours: 3.15pm to 5.45pm

If you would like to join us, please contact the school office on 01604 406486 or use the contact form on the website: www.standrews.northants.sch.uk



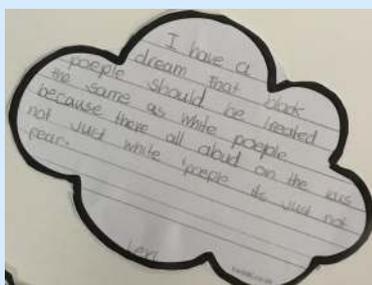
Black History Month 2020

October is Black History Month and throughout the school, the children have been learning about significant individuals who have made a difference to the lives of Black people all over the world.

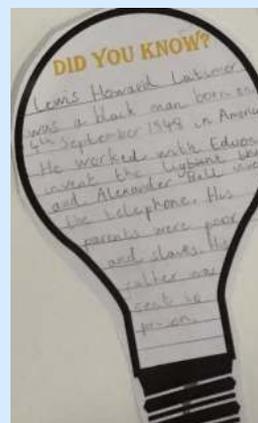
Year 1 have had a Black History Month assembly .



Year 2, watched a short Video about Walter Tull. Walter Tull was both a professional footballer and a soldier during World War One. Walter had to give up his career as a footballer to help out in the war, but he then became recognised as the first black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle.

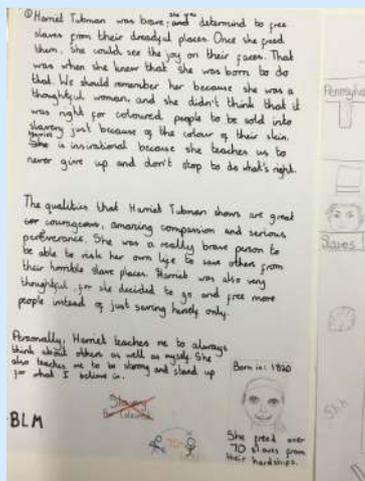
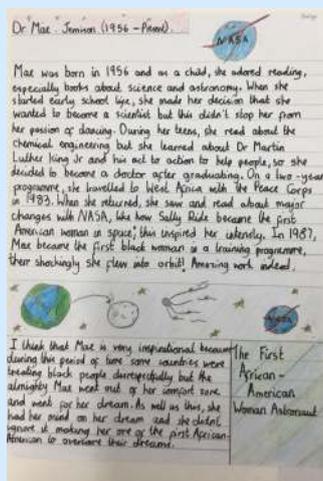
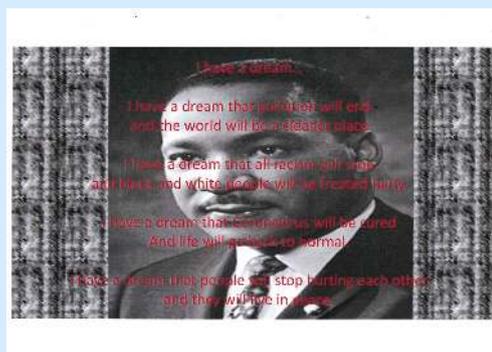


Year 3 have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr and Lewis Howard Latimer.



Year 4 have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks and Muhammad Ali. We have also discussed the more recent Black Lives Matter movement and events that have lead up to the protests in England.

Year 5 have written a class poem based on the famous words of Martin Luther King Jr
"I have a dream."



Year 6 have learnt about black women who have had a huge impact on the lives of generations of black women since. Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman and Dr. Mae Jemison are but a few.

Nut Allergy

Please note that we have children in school who suffer from a severe allergic reaction to nuts which can result emergency medical intervention and is a life threatening condition. We would ask that you do not pack any items that contain nuts for snack or for lunch. If we find any food for snack or lunch that contains nuts, we will have to take these away from children.



Safety Notice

Please ensure that when children come



onto or leave the school premises that they keep to footpaths, still maintaining social distancing. Please stay off the car park and avoid short-cutting across the disabled bays as we have recently had near misses due to the number of vehicles moving in this area. Thank you.

IMPORTANT!!

Contact Numbers

It is extremely important that we have 3 emergency contacts for every child in the school.

If you change your mobile number, please let us know immediately!

Please make sure we can contact you in the case of an emergency. Thank you!



Dates for this School Year

Term Dates 2020 - 2021

	Open to pupils on:	Closing on:
Term 2	Monday 2nd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Term 3	Tuesday 5th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2021	Friday 26th March 2021
Term 5	Monday 12th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2021	Friday 16th July 2021

Bank Holidays	Teacher Training Days
25th and 28th December 2020	4th January 2021
1st January 2021	19th & 20th July 2021
2nd and 5th April 2021	
3rd May 2021	
31st May 2021	

THANK YOU to FOSA!

The English Department would like to say a big 'Thank you' to FOSA (Friends of St Andrew's) for their contribution of over £700 for the recent purchase of lots of new reading books.

Lots of exciting and interesting new books are now on the shelves for children to enjoy.

Thank you to all parents, carers, friends and family who support FOSA events and fundraising.



Pre-loved Uniform

We have lots of pre-loved uniform in school that is available to purchase for 50p an item. All items are clean and in good condition.



Due to current restrictions we are unable to have a stall in the playground for parents/carers to purchase.



If you would like to buy a jumper, cardigan, polo shirt or other uniform items please send an email using the contact form on the school's website:

www.northants.sch.uk stating your child's name, what item and size you are looking for and if we have it in stock we will send it home with the child for you to purchase.

Adult Learning

There are lots of family learning courses online at present using Google Classroom and Google Meet. Parents are able to register their interest in a range of courses online <https://courses.northantsglobal.net/AvailableCoursesList.asp>