

Newsletter

November 2021



Dear Parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another month it has been lovely to continue a relatively normal routine for the children. The children have experienced a lot this month which I know will be reported in the rest of this month's newsletter.

As always I am keeping a very close eye on events in relation to Covid and will continue to try and balance things, where the children have as many experiences as possible but also ensuring everyone as safe as possible. This can be extremely challenging as I do not wish parent/carers to miss out on their child's assemblies, performances and other events but do have to consider the overall picture. From the very beginning schools have been asked to judge a lot of the safety measures themselves.

I am aware that some schools are allowing such events to take place, whilst others are recording them or have been told to return to class bubbles etc. due to the amount of cases in their school. My main focus is to keep the school running as normal as possible for the CHILDREN so that this continues right up to Christmas and beyond.

Have a lovely December and thank you for your support and understanding.

Best wishes,
Mr Deanus

Value of the Month

Friendship



- Sharing with each other
- Helping others
- Looking after each other

STEM WEEK

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

We had a fabulous week celebrating STEM subjects for our STEM Week. Each year group focused on a Wonder of the World and based their learning on that country. Children had fun exploring and investigating in different ways.

Read on to find out about our incredible learning in each year group...



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well!

Thank you to those of you who have been booking lunches on time.

There are still many parents who leave booking lunches two minutes before 3PM on the Friday deadline day. Leaving it to the last minute is not advised as issues cannot be resolved before bookings close. Set yourselves a reminder to book it a few days before or as soon as you receive a text message reminder and make sure the booking has gone through by going to the History section in your Eduspot account.

The History section is in the drop down menu. You then click on Dinner history and you will see all weeks you have booked. There is also a key on the side to help you see exactly what each block means.

Bookings are now open till the Easter break. Please consider bookings all weeks up to then.

Please note: The deadline for booking lunches for the first week back in January (week beginning 3rd January 2022) is **Thursday 16th December at 3PM.**

Any unnamed lost property still here on the day before the Christmas break will be donated to charity. So please make sure you have everything before school closes.

Stay safe and keep warm!
Many thanks

Mrs Vagadia
Welfare Officer



Congratulations to Mrs Aliraza!

Hi all,

I have an announcement to make! After a lot of hard work and perseverance, I am now a published author - a childhood dream come true. My book 'Your Soulful Companion' is available on Amazon. Get your copies now and please leave me a review.

Thank you for all the love and support you've given me so far and I hope you show the same love to my book. After all, together we are the strongest ♥

Mrs Aliraza

Zainab Aliraza
Teacher and Computing Lead
Roxeth Primary School



Attendance

Attendance Awards Received NOVEMBER 2021

Class Infants	Attendance %	Class Juniors	Attendance %	Achievement Award date
RS	89.3	6P	100	5 th November
2G	95.8	4DS	97.8	12 th November
RS	99.6	6P	99.7	19 th November
2G	98.6	6P	99.7	26 th November

If your child has Covid confirmed by a PCR test you must keep your child at home for 10 days, the whole family do not need to self-isolate for 10 days anymore unless they have Covid confirmed or symptoms. It is important for the whole family to arrange a PCR test if a close contact has Covid. This does not affect your child's attendance so you are aware self-isolating is coded separately for reporting to the DFE.

It is important to inform the school on the first day of absence with the type of absence of your child has particularly, if they have Covid symptoms by ringing the welfare option at school or emailing the welfare@roxeth.harrow.sch.uk. Please ensure all family members are carrying out twice weekly LFD tests to keep everyone safe. The South Harrow Covid walk in centre can be accessed for a PCR test for any child or adult with flu like symptoms just pop in or book online.

Please keep taking the twice weekly LFD tests. These can be ordered from the website below or picked up from local chemists. The new type of LFD test is only for a nasal swab now. Please report the results on the NHS website below. PCR tests can also be ordered online see the links below: -

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

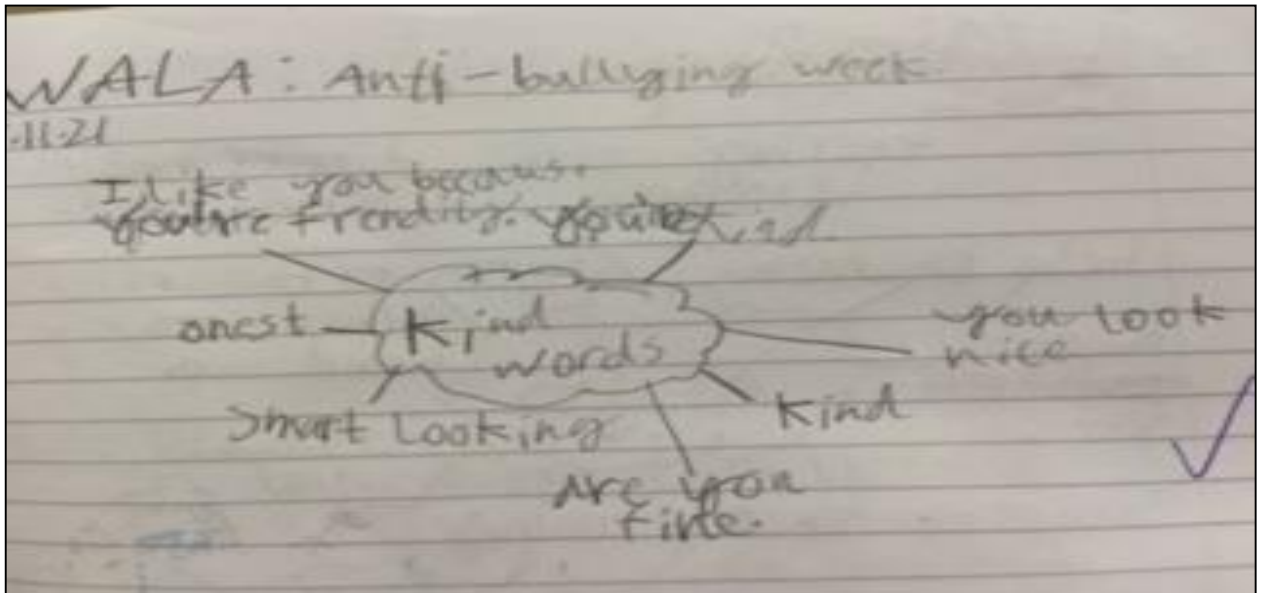
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Please request permission in advance if your child is likely to be taking leave of absence from school. Permission will only be granted for compassionate leave in exceptional circumstances such as bereavement of a close family member. This must be requested in advance to Mr Deanus on the form which you can pick up from the School Office. Each case is assessed and so you are aware no authorised leave is permitted if attendance falls below 95% or during 6 SATs year. Any unauthorised leave could incur an Educational Penalty Notice fine £60 per child & each parent. We appreciate your co-operation by not requesting leave of absence at this time. Children have missed 22 weeks of their education through lockdown over the last 18 months. We do understand families have missed out on traveling to see families in their homelands but we have to follow Government guidance on Attendance.

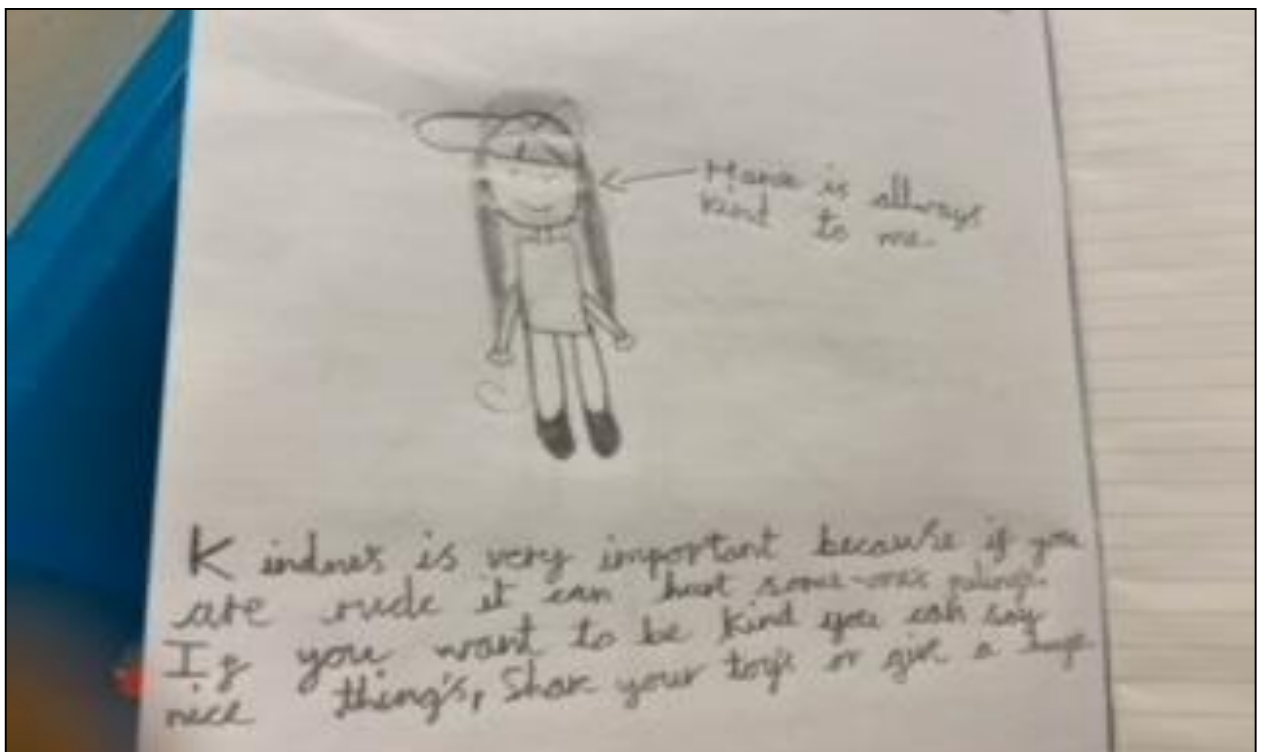
Anti-Bullying Week



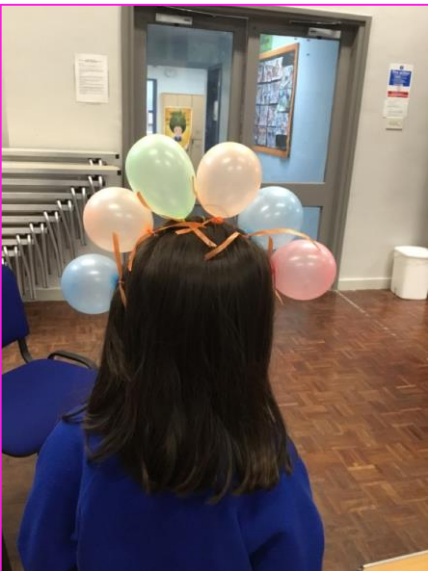
At Roxeth we celebrated Anti-Bullying week.

This year the theme was "One Kind Word."

The children thought of: how can we be kind to others? Apart from please and thank you, can you think of other kind words?



Wacky Hair Day!



DIWALI Assembly

This year a few children in Year 4 & 5 took part in a fantastic Diwali assembly. They described, through a series of power point slides, how Diwali is a five day Festival of Lights, celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains throughout the world. Some of them even made rangoli patterns, divas and had their hands decorated with henna!

They narrated the story of Rama and Sita and the triumph of good over evil and light against darkness.

The children in the audience talked about their own celebrations of Diwali and New Year: spring cleaning and decorating the house with rangoli patterns, going to the temple, wearing new clothes, lighting diyas and candles and last but not least meeting family and friends to share delicious food and Indian sweets!

Diwali is a time for fun, family and friends. To reflect this, the assembly ended with a fantastic Bollywood dance performed by six very talented girls.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast club celebrated Diwali by creating banners and posters.



STEM Week - Sublime Science Assembly



Sublime Science assembly

To kick start our STEM Week, we had Sublime Science carrying out an incredible assembly for us with some jaw-dropping science experiments! The amazement on the children's faces was priceless! All classes then participated in workshops carrying out fascinating experiments such as rocket blasting and making bubbles.

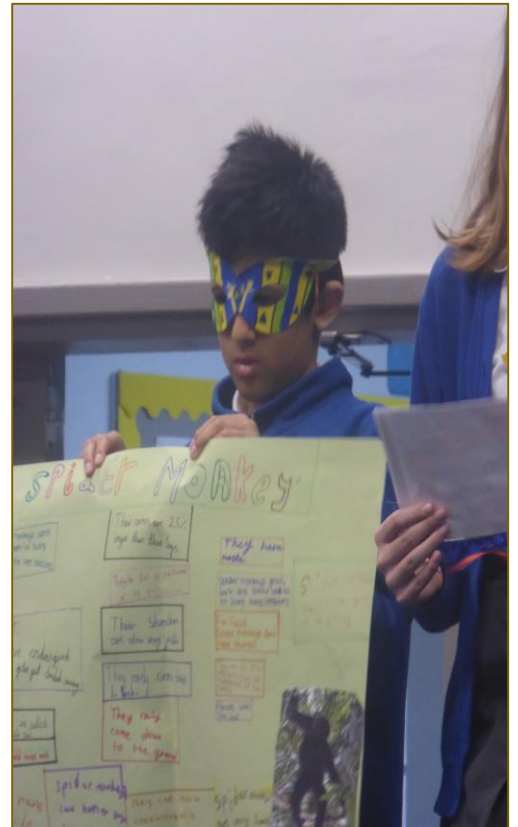


STEM week – Friday Assembly



Friday assembly

At the end of the week, we all came together to share our learning with each other. It was amazing to see everything that other year groups had been doing for the week!



RECEPTION STEM Week

STEM WEEK-D&T

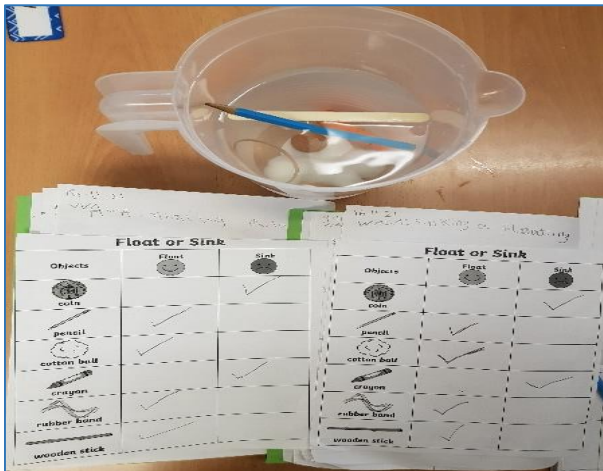
D&T subject is an important part of STEM experience. The teachers in Roxeth planned exciting hands-on activities. Each year group had an opportunity to get stuck in the kitchen and cook something from the country they were learning about. These cooking sessions were a lot of fun as well as increased children's awareness of a range of tastes and textures of food and the children discovered more about the history and culture of the foods we eat. The children were also provided with many problem solving opportunities while making models and carrying out projects focusing on saving our planet. You can see what each year group did on their individual post below. Well done everyone!



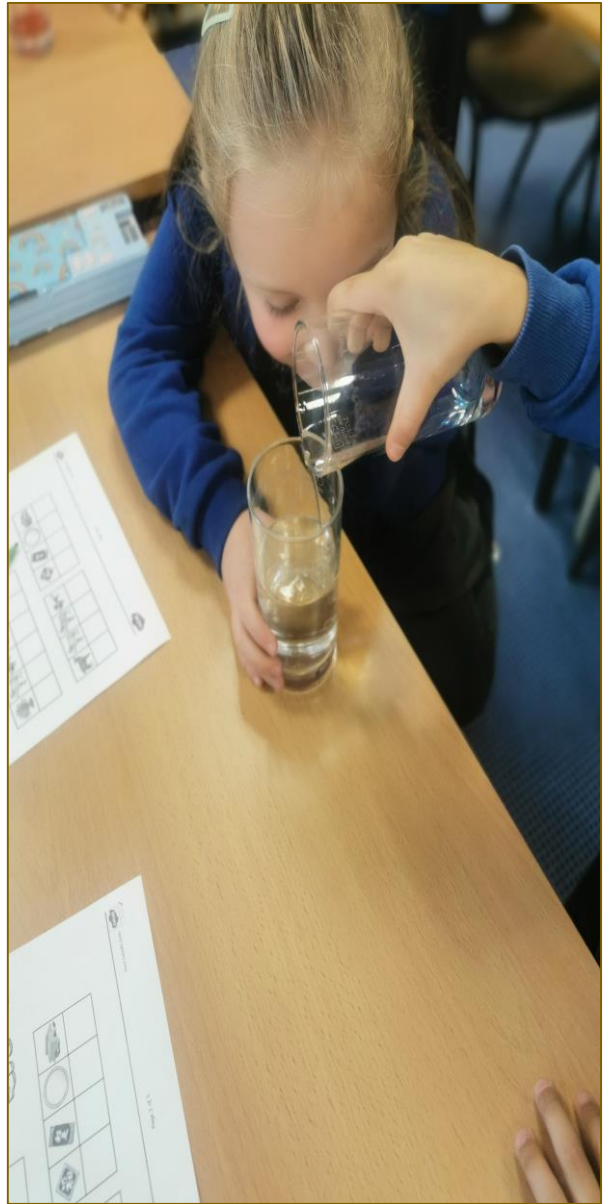
YEAR 1 STEM Week



During STEM Week the year 1 students explored Peru and learnt about the Inca Empire. The students discovered Inti, the God of the Sun and made sculptures using salt dough. We also investigated water, learning about sinking and floating and how we can save water. The students used recyclable materials to create their own shoe. They planned and constructed them using newspaper, cardboard and tape. The goal was that they were able to put on and take off their shoe without breaking.



YEAR 2 STEM Week



In Year 2, our focus was on the Great Wall of China. The children fully immersed themselves in the week where each lesson was based around China. In D&T we cooked a Chinese noodle salad which the children thoroughly enjoyed making (and eating!). The children carried out experiments for example which material would be the best to build a wall for Humpty Dumpty. We also made fireworks in a cup, using oil, warm water and lots of different food colouring. Furthermore, we made noodles dance by using vinegar and baking soda. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching and understanding what a chemical reaction is.

STEM Week Year 3

Here's some pics of 3FR planting beans like the ancient Neolithic farmers did!!



YEAR 4 STEM Week

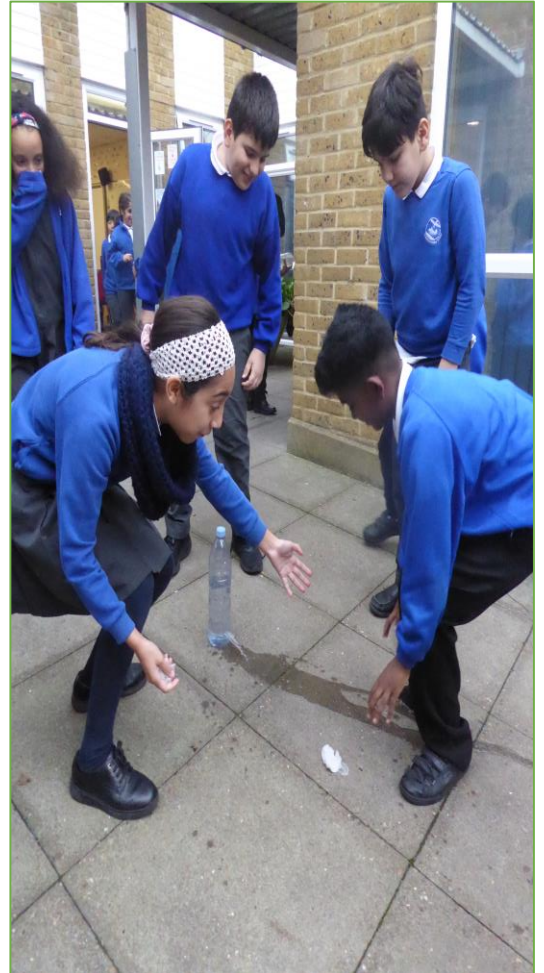


In Year 4 we made Pyramid shaped Rice crispy cakes and pyramids made out of sugar cubes because our topic was all about 'Pyramids'. We also made posters for representing the 5 types enquiry types and we enjoyed conducting an investigation using eggs. We placed eggs in different liquids and over time we observed what happened to the shell.



Stem Week Year 5

Year 5 focused on Chichen Itza in Mexico for the week. We investigated droughts in Mexico and developed our own water irrigation systems to help farmers. We loved using recycled materials to create our own versions of Chichen Itza. We also REALLY loved making quesadillas and eating them too-they were absolutely scrumptious!



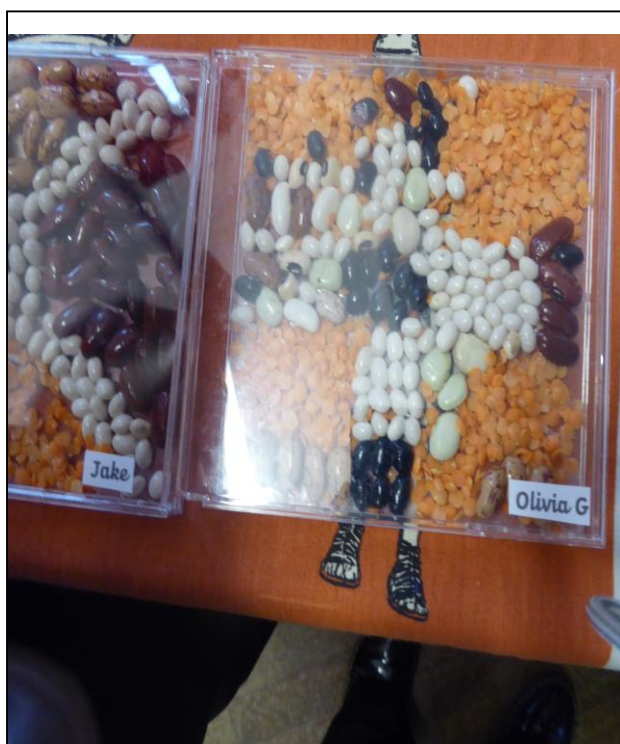
YEAR 6 STEM week

As part of our STEM week Y6 researched all about Brazil. This included learning some Portuguese, learning about their main religion, researching the height and scaling problems with Christ the Redeemer and understanding about their carnival celebrations. We even made brigaderios.



Art Exhibition

On the 4th of November St Anselm's Primary School held an Art Exhibition. A small group of children from Roxeth were lucky to go and see their amazing work. Their art showcase was inspired by artist like Jacqueline Hurley and her Remembrance Day art and abstract portraits by Picasso. We were able to speak to pupils and teachers about their creations and take some inspirations back to Roxeth.



RECEPTION

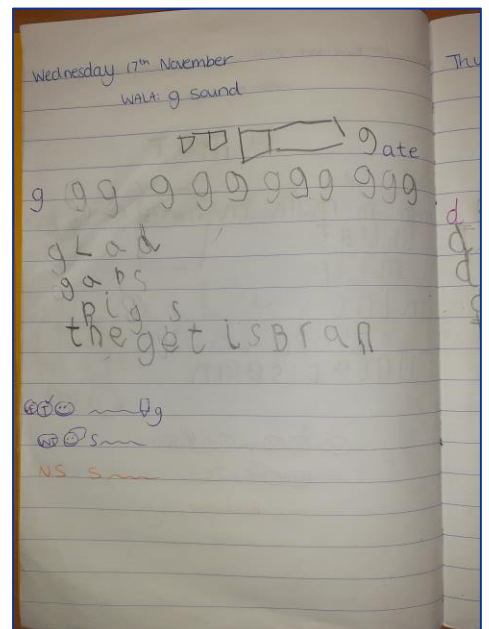
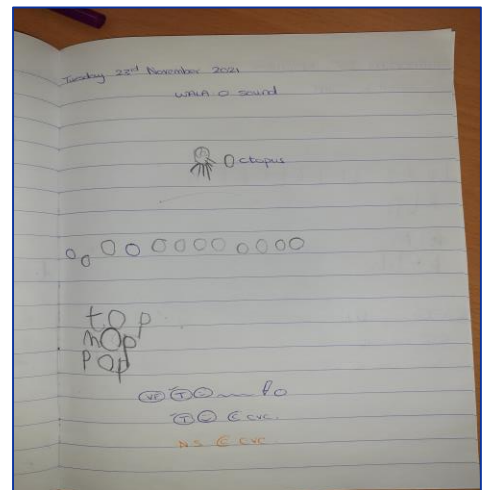
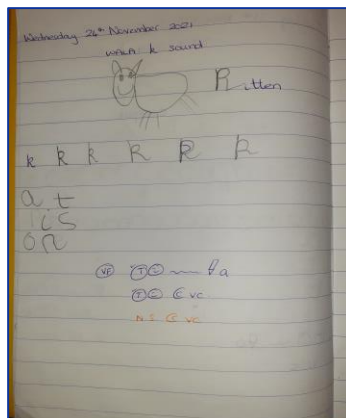
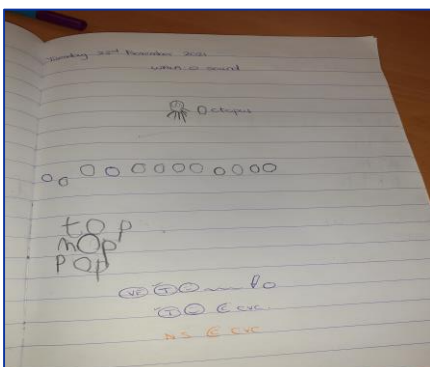


In Reception we have been very busy this month. For topic we have continued to learn about Ourselves. We have explored the people in our communities and their roles in society. We talked about how we have changed since we were babies and what we would like to be when we are older. We also made portraits of the people in our families.

For Stem week we were learning about Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world. We made symmetrical paintings of Taj Mahal. We also explored the weather in India compared to England and we learned about the water cycle.

In Literacy we have been busy learning about phonics to help us read and write. We have been practising letter formation, writing words and sentences.

Well done to all the children in Reception for their continued effort this half term!



Year 3 Stone Age

In Year 3 we have been enjoying our Stone Age topic. We've been busy collecting natural materials from the school grounds to build a model Neolithic house. We had to think carefully about the structure of the house and used sticks and string to create a tepee like frame. It was lots of fun!



Roxeth's got talent!

At Roxeth we pride ourselves at doing well in our learning especially in English, Maths and Science. What we haven't done recently is celebrate the skills and talents our children have in other areas.

3M showcased some amazing talents in a recent assembly. Leon is a talented artist who likes drawing especially the beach and sea. We saw the musical talents of children like Ethan and Lysander who are learning to play the guitar. Peter played a few notes on the trumpet and Phoebe played a tune on her flute which had us all enthralled. We heard Aliza sing a spellbinding solo and Ayaz read a poem he wrote on 'Friendship'. Sara is learning kickboxing and showed us some of her moves.

It was just a snapshot of the talents that some of the children have. All our children have a natural talent or aptitude and we hope to showcase and celebrate more of their talents in the future.



YEAR 4



4Ds have been going to Harrow School the last 3 weeks and have been learning and discovering amazing things! They have learnt some interesting maths and also seen different areas of Harrow School! Here are a few photos!

We went to see a room in the school where Harrow Potter was filmed, after doing some Harrow Potter word problems. It was on the day it was Harry Potter's 20th Anniversary!

We also went to see various animals in the Biology lab! We all loved this!

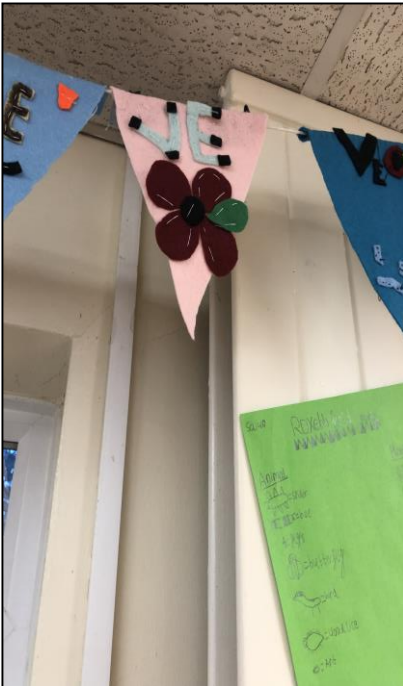


YEAR 5

On Friday 26th November, Year 5 performed our play named 'Olivia' to the rest of the school. Olivia is a female version of the Oliver Twist story and is set in the Victorian era. It follows the adventures of a young girl named Olivia as she embarks on a journey through the challenges of Victorian life - from an orphanage, to the streets, to a ragged school. Year 5 really enjoyed performing this play as we got to take on roles such as orphans, school teachers, school girls, criminals and much more! We were sad not to be able to perform this to our parents but we will soon be able to share a video recording of our play to Y5 parents.



YEAR 6



In Year 6 we have been learning about WWI and now WWII. To commemorate VE Day and support our learning we looked at how everyone celebrated the day and we used our understanding of 'Make Do and Mend' to create and learn how to do a running stitch and made a VE Day bunting.

