

Headteacher's Welcome

EYFS have been learning about the adventures of Supertato and were shocked at the havoc caused in their classrooms by the mischievous Evil Pea (who thankfully seemed to be behaving and kept his distance when Her Majesty visited our Year 1 pupils!).

Year 3 had great fun dressing up for the launch of their new topic, Tribal Tales, and Year 4 have been mixing potions in their classrooms.

We have an article below from our Year 5 pupils about their Tudor topic and Year 6 have been working hard on their practice assessments.

One of the highlights of the last half term was to see the children enjoying their lunchtime activities organised by Mrs Pellington, our Midday Supervisor, and you can read more about this below.



We are currently consulting with Leicestershire County Council regarding additional double yellow lines to attempt to alleviate the congestion outside of school at the beginning and the end of the day. We hope this will improve the safety for the local community walking to and from school.

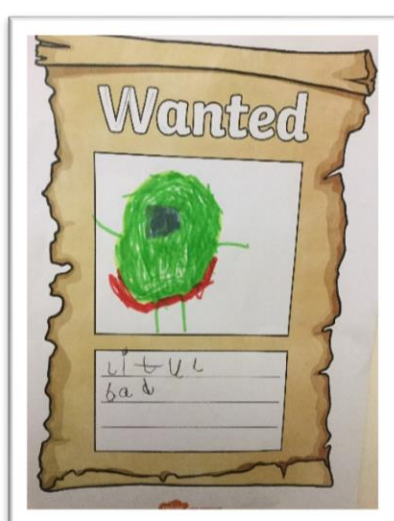
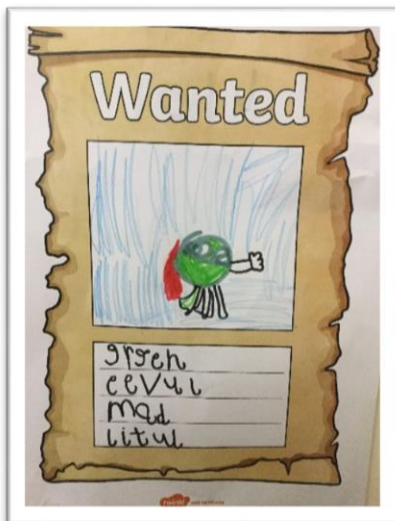
Despite attempts to recruit a school crossing patrol officer over the last 2 years this vacancy does remain open. If you know anyone who may be interested, please direct them to the EMSS Jobsite (https://jobs.emss.org.uk/pages/job_search_view.aspx?jobId=11688)

EYFS – Supertato to the Rescue!

The Foundation Stage children came in to a disaster in their classrooms! Our guinea pigs' vegetables had been stolen from the fridge and were trapped all around the classrooms – Who could have done this?



We read the story Supertato and realised that we must have some Evil Peas lurking in our rooms. We have made Wanted posters so that everyone at school will recognise them and will help us to catch them. Over the next few weeks we will help Supertato to rescue more vegetables and we will make traps to catch the peas so that no more vegetables get hurt. We will write news reports to keep everyone informed of what the Evil Peas are up to, and we will make our own Supertatoes to help in the fight!



Year 1 – Bright Lights and City

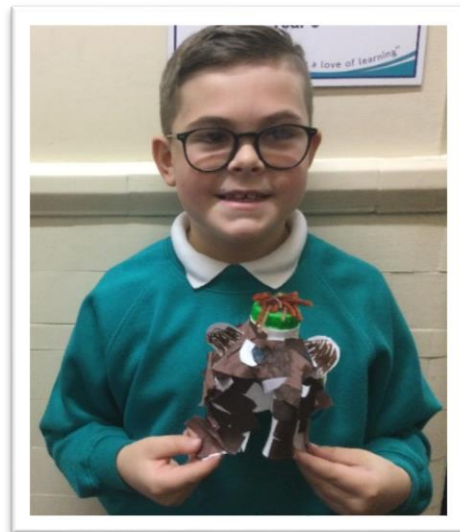
In Year 1 our topic has been Bright Lights and City. To start the topic off we had a great day, doing various activities, like learning the National Anthem, sketching Big Ben and making jam sandwiches by following instructions, for the Queen's tea party. We were especially privileged to have her Majesty visit us at Ratby Primary School. It was a wonderful opportunity to ask the Queen lots of questions about her life and what it is like to be Queen.

We have continued our topic by learning about the Great Fire of London and facts about London then and now. In Science we have looked at what is the best waterproof material to help the Queen with her leaking roof at Buckingham Palace. In Art we have appreciated and drawn in the style of Tinga Tinga. It has been a busy half term and a very enjoyable one.



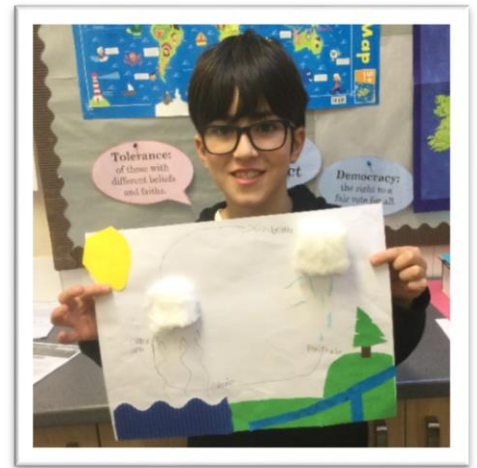
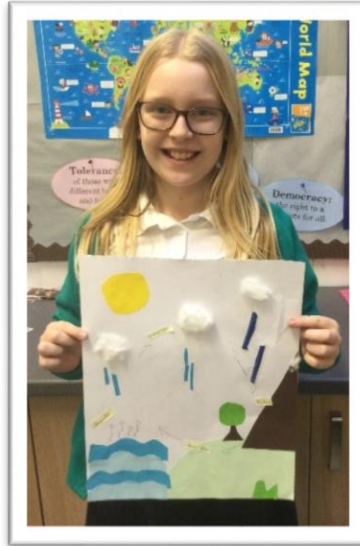
Year 3 – Tribal Tales

Year 3 started the New Year with gusto by travelling back in time to the Stone Age for our topic- Tribal Tales. We have all greatly enjoyed this topic and embraced lots of cross-curricular learning. We began with a dress up day and a treasure hunt! We had to search for clues using 4 figure grid references and maps. This really developed our Geography skills and was also great fun working in teams. Next, for Science we have been learning all about light, this involved making a model of Stonehenge to then investigate shadows. We have also written instructions on 'How to make a pet mammoth!' and enjoyed using collage materials to decorate our own pets. For Design and Technology, we were given a brief to make Stone Age tools or a necklace. We collected resources in the school grounds and then set to work to make these using clay and string. We then ended the topic with a huge hunt, men searching for mammoths and women telling them how strong and brave they were. We greatly enjoyed the topic, but are glad to be back and ready to travel to the USA for our next topic!



Year 4 – Potions!

Year 4 have had a Potion-Tastic start to the year! We have been exploring solid, liquids and gases and having fun testing the viscosity and density of liquids as well as making a Non-Newtonian fluid. In History, we have learned about Medieval Medicine and in Art we have been using a variety of media to create a Potion bottle artwork. We loved finding out about the water cycle and learning about the different processes and we made some wonderful posters to show our understanding! Our Literacy has also been linked to the topic with diary entry writing as a fairy vampire and setting descriptions of famous castles! What a fantastic term!



Year 5 – Off With Her Head!

In Year 5, we have been learning about the Tudor Period. We've learnt about King Henry V111 and his six wives, including how two were beheaded. He had three children: Edward V1, Mary 1, and Elizabeth 1; all of them became Tudor monarchs. Eventually, the Tudor period ended after Elizabeth refused to marry, therefore leaving no heir to the throne.



We have been getting artistic, by sketching Hans Holbein style portraits. Some of us painted miniatures of Ann of Cleves, Catherine Howard and many other Tudor people; some, drew full size portraits of Henry V111.

We have also discovered that Lady Jayne Grey, one of England's rulers and known as the Nine Day's Queen, lived locally in Bradgate Park.

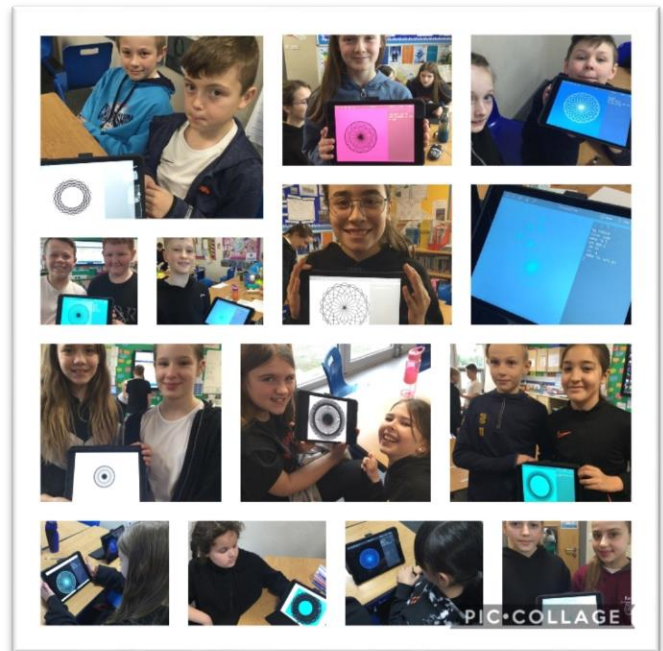
Our topic is extremely interesting and we are excited to learn more!

Arrya & James



Year 6

Year 6 were very busy with their practice assessments last half term but managed to fit in some fun with coding in their computing lessons, making fantastic patterns with nested loops! They have also been experimenting with stencils for our Inuit art project.



Happy Lunchtimes!

You may remember our Midday Supervisor, Mrs Pellington, organised a carnival lunchtime in October to raise funds to purchase play equipment for break time activities. As a result of the staff's efforts and generous contributions from our parents and carers, our pupils have been enjoying football, crafts and dance activities and have been having lots of fun as you can see in the photos below!

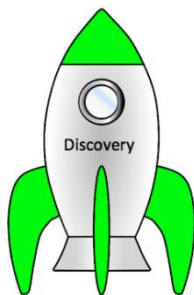


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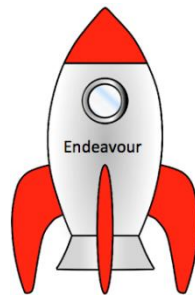
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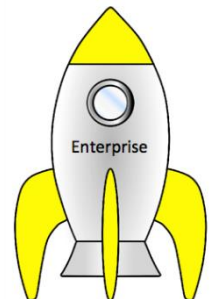
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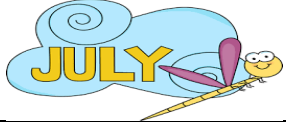
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Spring Term



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| 14th – 18th | Mid Term Break | | 2 nd | May Day Bank Holiday |
| 22 nd | Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle | | 25 th | PSA Jubilee Competition |
| 28th | Pupil Progress Meetings (Video) | | 30 th – 3 rd June | Mid Term Break |
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| 2 nd | Pupil Progress Meetings (Video) | | 13 th / 14 th | Year 2 Residential to Beaumanor Hall |
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| 25 th | PSA Mother's Day Sale | | 17 th | PSA Father's Day Sale |
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| 7 th | PSA Disco | | |  |
| 11 th – 22 nd | Easter Holidays | | 7 th | Last day of term |

Could your child be entitled to a **FREE** school meal?

Families of children and young people in full-time education at any school may be entitled to claim free school meals, providing they receive a qualifying benefit.

Do you receive any of these benefits?

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

How do I apply?

Email: freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk

Download the Free School Meals Application Form from the [school website](#) or [Leicestershire website](#)

Request an application form on 0116 305 5770

Apply via telephone on 0116 3055770

The postal address is:

School Food Support

Service Room 400

County Hall

Glenfield

Leicestershire

LE3 8RB

Please note you should only apply for Free School Meals if you receive one of the benefits listed above.

Academic Year 2021- 2022

Autumn Term

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| Teacher Days | Monday 23 rd & Tuesday 24 th August 2021 |
| Schools Open | Wednesday 25 th August 2021 |
| August Bank Holiday | Monday 30 th August 2021 |
| Mid-Term Break | Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd October 2021 |
| Schools Close | Tuesday 21 st December 2021 * Different to Leicestershire proposed holiday pattern |
| Number of school days: | 79 days |

Spring Term

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| Teacher Day | Wednesday 5 th January 2022 |
| Schools Open | Thursday 6 th January 2022 |
| Mid-Term Break | Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th February 2022 |
| Schools Close | Friday 8 th April 2022 |
| Number of school days: | 62 days |

Summer Term

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| Schools Open | Monday 25 th April 2022 |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 2 nd May 2022 |
| Mid-Term Break | Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022 |
| Schools Close | 3:10pm on Thursday 7th July 2022 |
| Additional Holiday for Queens Jubilee | Friday 8 th July 2022 |
| Teacher Day | Monday 11 th July 2022 (Disaggregated) |
| Teacher Day | Tuesday 12 th July 2022 (Disaggregated) |
| Number of school days: | 49 days |
| Total school days for pupils | 190 |