



SPARK

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SUMMER TERM – PART 1!



Welcome to the 5th Spark newsletter. The summer term is well underway and, alongside some crazy hailstone storms, we've been grateful for the sunshine, which has allowed us to make even more use of our fantastic outdoor areas,

including the adventure trail.

Year 6 have just finished their SATs, so a huge well done to them — they can finally breathe a sigh of relief!

Our Bake-Off sales are now underway, with plenty more to come, so remember to bring some change on Fridays and treat the children to something well deserved!

Year 5 have been to Sayers Croft for their residential, which looked like a lot of fun. Year 4 have had their Friday swimming lessons.

We also have confirmation of our new children joining reception this September which is very exciting! Read on and enjoy....

Reception **FIRE!**

The Summer Term is a lovely time to capture the children's progress in many different ways. Reception firefighters have been using role play and their increasing writing skills to write about their emergency calls. Cats have been stuck in trees and cars on fire!



The children's increasing fine motor skills alongside expanding number knowledge has been displayed when threading jumbled numbers onto laces. We no longer have a random string of numbers, they are selecting the correct numeral to thread.

The lovely weather has meant more time in the garden. We have been hunting for numbers in the sand and then ordering them, exploring capacity and using key maths vocabulary full, half full, and empty. Some children even noticed that the tallest container does not always hold the most water.



Mrs Wishy Washy and some farm animals made an appearance in Reception! Poor Mrs Wishy Washy loves her farm animals to be clean but they keep on finding the mud!

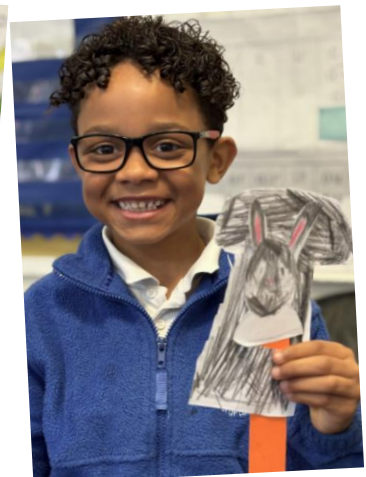
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Year 1 *Moving Pictures*

Year 1 loved making their moving pictures for our DT project. We practised using sliders, levers and wheels to make pictures move then children designed and made their own moving picture.

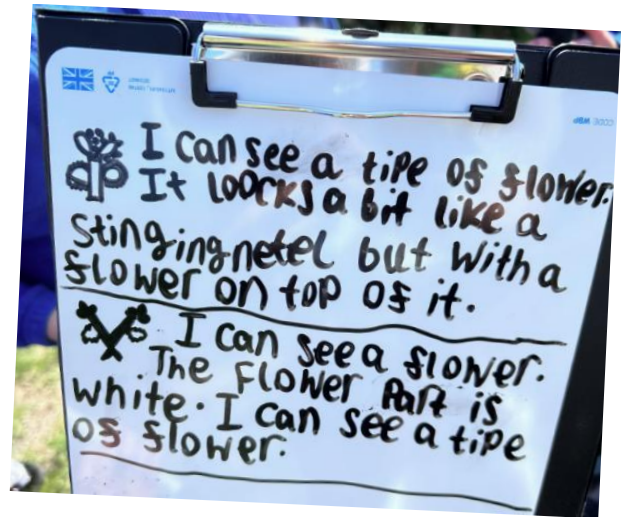
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Year 2 Green Fingers.....

Year 2 have had a fabulous time in the School in the Wood this half term. They have been exploring all that it has to offer and benefiting from all the hard work put in by Mr Hill and our parent volunteers. They have especially loved using the curriculum boxes funded by the PTFA. It's been really great to see how much they love taking their learning outside.

Miss Hamilton



Year 3 THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Year 3 have had a wonderful few weeks exploring the Romans through our English, Geography, History D&T and Maths lenses: looking at what it meant to live during the Roman times and comparing Italy to England and Rome to Brighton - there are only a few differences! We are looking forward to creating our Roman shields and swords for our secret invasion coming soon! We have also been looking at the importance of Mary in our lives and how she guides us in our prayers.

Mr Brown





Year 4 **Swimming**

This half term, Year 4 have been super swimmers, taking part in swimming lessons as part of our PE curriculum. The children have worked incredibly hard, learnt lots of new skills and amazed us with their confidence in the water. From practicing different strokes to diving and jumping, they have shown great enthusiasm and determination throughout. Year 4 has had lots of fun during the lessons and should be so proud of the progress and resilience they have each shown. Well done year 4!

Miss Turner

Year 5 *Windmill*

This half term, Year 5 have enjoyed some fantastic learning experiences! We visited the windmill on a very sunny (and surprisingly extremely windy) day to inspire our spooky story writing in English. While taking notes and gathering ideas, a few sheets of paper made an unexpected journey into the sheep field, but thankfully Harlan's dad came to the rescue! It did result in some fantastic writing in our English lessons.





Year 5 **RESIDENTIAL**

Last week, we also had an amazing time on our residential trip to Sayers Croft, where we enjoyed lots of delicious food, explored the woods through orienteering, found all sorts of creatures when pond dipping, bravely tackled the gladiator challenge and most importantly, made wonderful memories with our friends.



Eco Council

On Wednesday 6th May, members of our KS2 eco council were invited to Cottesmore St. Mary's Catholic Primary School to learn all about their forest school and the eco work they do at their school. We were able to take part in den building, nature painting, elderflower syrup making, composting and more. It was a fantastic experience! Thank you to Cottesmore for inviting us, we had a great time and learnt a lot!



Children's Parade

The Children's Parade on Saturday May 2nd was a huge success and a wonderful celebration enjoyed by everyone involved. We were incredibly lucky with the weather; the sunshine made the whole event even more special and created a fantastic atmosphere throughout the day.

There was so much noise, excitement and energy from the children and the crowd, making the parade feel vibrant, joyful and full of fun.



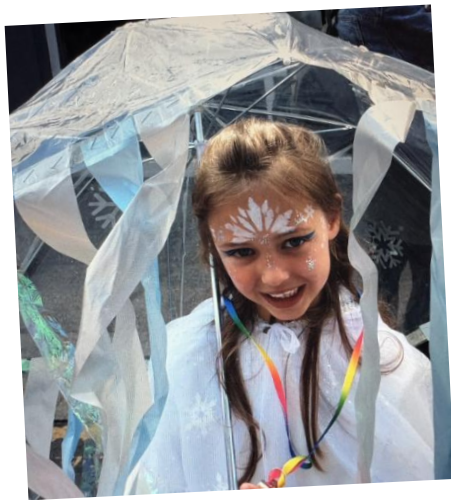
The amazing face paints added so much colour, glitter and creativity, and it was lovely to see the children so happy and enthusiastic. It was so nice to see many of our families cheering us on the parade too. A huge thank you must go to all of the parents who helped by carrying the wardrobe and supporting the children throughout the event. Your help was truly appreciated and made a big difference on the day.



Thank you to all the staff for giving up their Saturday to help carry our flag and banner and ensuring the children were supervised and safe throughout the day. Your support is very much appreciated.

Special thanks also go to Victoria, Louise and Martina for dedicating such a huge amount of time and effort helping me to make the wardrobe. Many weekends and evenings were taken up creating it. Your hard work, creativity and support were invaluable and helped bring everything together beautifully. Thank you so much.

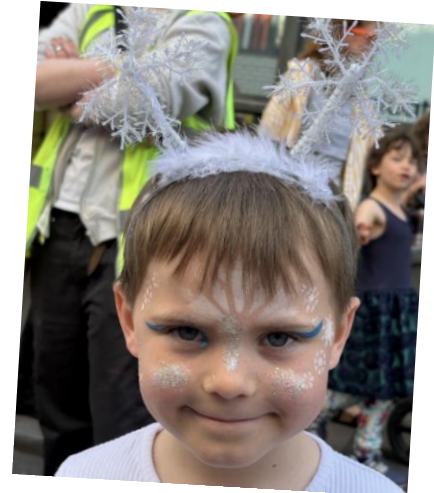




Thanks must also go to David, our 'man with the van' for collecting the wardrobe on the Friday and delivering to us at the parade on the Saturday. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Most importantly, the children had an unforgettable time. Seeing their smiles, excitement and confidence throughout the parade made all the preparation worthwhile. It was a brilliant community event filled with fun, teamwork and happy memories. Look out for the photo book in the entrance of the school in the next few weeks.

Miss Anscombe



Hail Mary.....

We had some very unusual weather on Tuesday 13th May, with two heavy hail storms passing through during the day, each lasting around 10 minutes. The hail came down so heavily at times that the playground quickly turned white, creating quite a surprise for both children and staff!



Once the weather had eased slightly, the Year 1 children had the opportunity to safely go outside and explore the hailstones. They enjoyed touching and feeling the icy pellets, observing their shapes and sizes, and talking about the weather changes they had witnessed. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience and certainly a memorable moment for the children!

Miss Ricetti



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