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Friday 18th March 2022

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## Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, we have been enjoying the first signs of Spring and are looking forward to the warmer weather to come. The Year 5 children have been developing their cycling skills in the Bikeability course. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the course and have learnt how to cycle safely on the roads. We will be running a further course next week. This week, we have held the Scholastics Book Fair and hope you are enjoying reading your new purchases.

On Wednesday, coach Jack took the Year 5 and 6 children to participate in a basketball tournament at St Aloysius College. They showed some amazing basketball skills and were great team players. Well done!

We took part in Red Nose Day. Children came to school dressed up as their favourite superhero and we sold red noses to raise money for Comic Relief. Thank you all for your generous donations. We raised nearly £400 for Comic Relief. We also celebrated Holi festival with an assembly and draw Rangoli patterns in the playground.

Today, we learnt about a competition that we can enter called 'Beat The Street'. Beat the Street turns towns into giant games. Earn points, win prizes and discover more about your area by walking, running and cycling. Pick up a Beat the Street card and swipe Beat Boxes across your community. Children will be bringing home packs to participate and you can find out more [here](#).

Next week, we are looking forward to a visit from the Vicar at St Andrew's church on Monday to lead an assembly about Easter. The children will be performing together at the Spring Music Festival. Parents of children in choir and orchestra are invited to attend. We will film the performance to share with the rest of our school community.

The weather looks promising! Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hatch, Mrs Coyle, Ms Seymour



## Red Nose Day - Superhero Day

Today we took part in Red Nose Day with the theme of Superheroes. We saw some amazing costumes from Iron Man and Spiderman to Jeff the Pigeon! We loved seeing everyone get creative and channel their inner superheroes.



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## Beat the Streets

Islington is going to be transformed into a giant game and our school is invited to play!

Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking and cycling game which gets staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. The Islington game runs from **23rd March to 4th May 2022**.

Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. So far 1.5 million people and 4,000 schools have taken part in games across the UK and beyond. Evidence shows that the programme really helps adults and children become more active.

Every child has been given their Beat the Street maps and cards so they're ready to take part in the game!

## Coming Up...

**Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th March** - Parents Evening: bookings are live via Arbor Parent Portal

**Friday 25th March** - Spring Music Festival open to parents of children in Choir and Orchestra Club. Year 5 Book sale and Year 6 Bake sale organised by parents to raise money for their year groups end of year activities.

**Friday 01st April** - Easter Bonnet Parade: more information to follow soon

**Friday 01st April** - Last day of Spring Term: school closes at 2pm - No After School Clubs on this day

## Things to Remember

- Office phone lines are open from **8am-5:15pm**. If you are calling outside of this time please leave a voicemail or email [OfficeTeam@whitehallparkschool.org.uk](mailto:OfficeTeam@whitehallparkschool.org.uk) and will follow up your query.

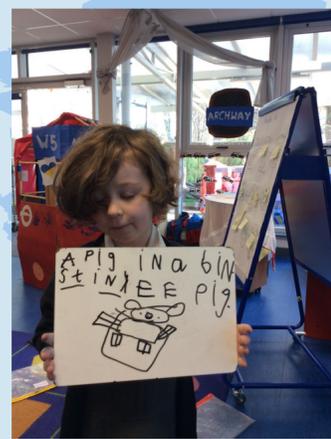
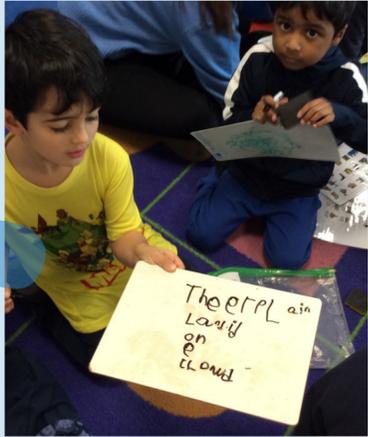
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their names. If you are missing any items of uniform, please check the lost property box located near the Office.

- Please ensure you book your children's school dinners on the Scopay app every Wednesday for the following week. Remember to inform the Office of any dietary changes.

- Term dates for next academic year are available to view [here](#).

# EYFS

This week we have had an incredibly exciting time with a big focus on Literacy. We have fished for magnetic letters to practise our sounds, we have taken our naughty buses on a tour of the school (they got up to lots of mischief!) and we have been working really, really hard to develop our independent writing skills.



# Year 1

This week in Year One we have been learning to classify deciduous and evergreen trees in the woodland area. We explored the different plants and trees and drew sketches of some of the trees we found.



We have been learning about healthy eating in Design and Technology and this week we were sampling a range of smoothies! We tried to identify the different fruits and vegetables in each smoothie. We created a tally chart of our favourite smoothies. Strawberry and banana was the winner!



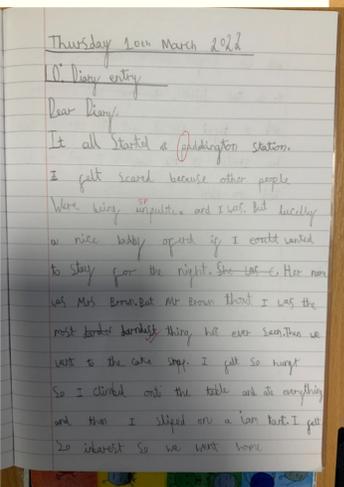
# Year 2

In Geography we looked at physical and human geography and began to identify this in different landscapes. In Science we explored what is living, dead or never been alive! We went on a playground tour to investigate further.



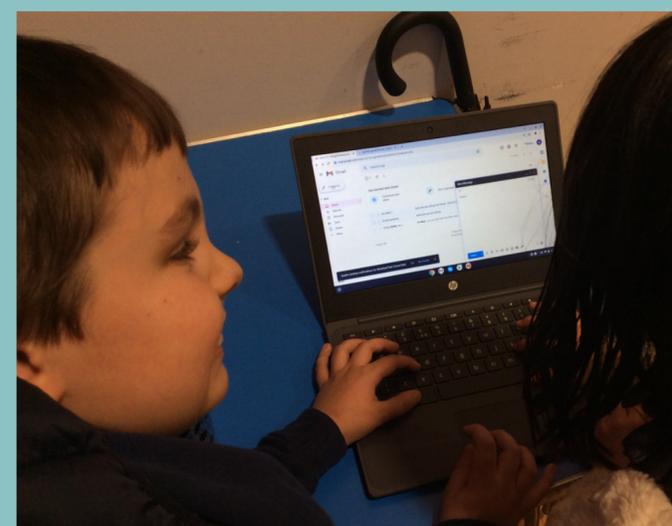
Last week, we travelled back into the world of Paddington and experienced his first day in London. Children took part in drama and art to explore Paddington's perspective. Children did some incredible diary entries unpicking all of Paddington's feelings in that first day. We are so proud of how they are developing as writers.

In Maths we have been calculating change and adding money! We looked at different strategies for adding, subtracting, and applying this through money problem solving.

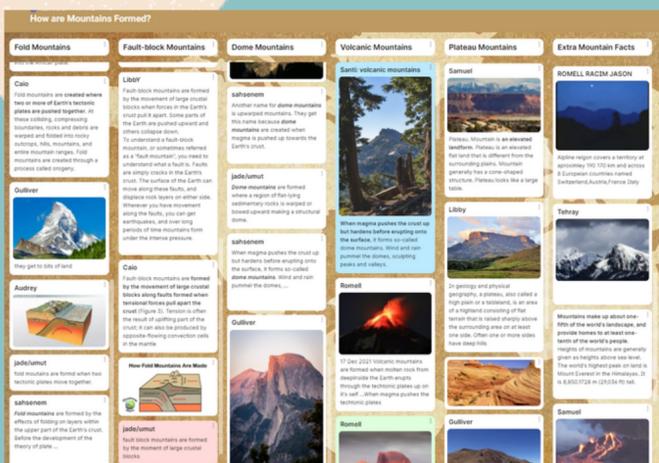


# Year 3

Being able to send an email is a valuable skill. We have loved learning how to send our first ever email. Children have been learning how to send emails with attachments and how to be a responsible digital citizen by thinking about the contents of what is sent.

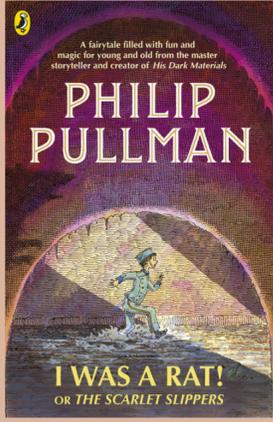
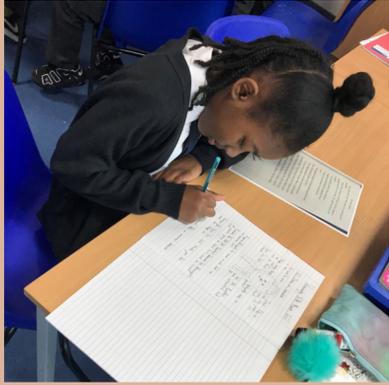
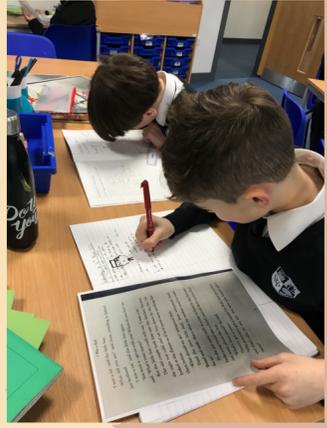
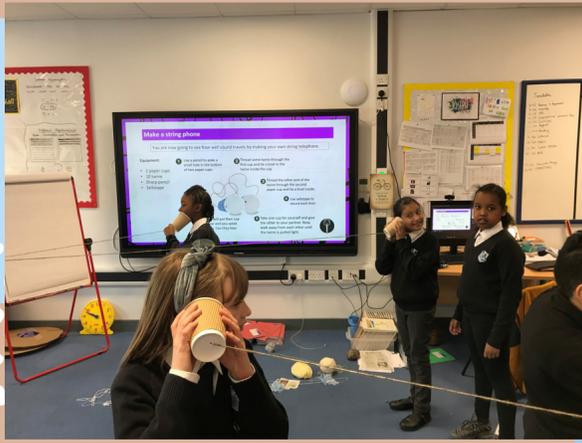


In Geography, we have had a fantastic time researching how a mountain is formed. We used our Chrome books to create a 'Padlet' in our whole class research project. This enabled us to learn from each other and work as a group. Take a look at our learning by using the QR Code.



# Year 4

In year 4, we have been looking at a new book called 'I Was a Rat' by Phillip Pullman. We searched the books for evidence that Roger is a rat!



In Art, we were painting water in the style of Monet and we made string cup telephones in science to learn about sound!



Some our Year 5 pupils completed Level 2 of their Bikeability course. They gained the skills, knowledge and understanding to cycle safely on the roads. They practiced in the playground and once they felt confident, they ventured out onto the roads.

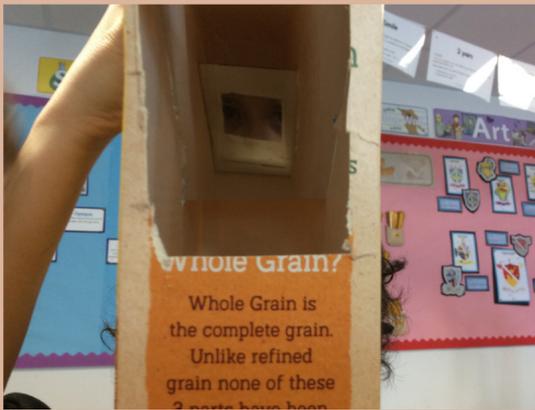
Well done, Year 5!

Year 5 used freeze frames to re tell the story of The Highwayman. It is a tragic and beautiful poem by Alfred Noyes. The children captured the emotions of the two characters, the Highwayman and Bess, the landlord's daughter.

# Year 5



# Year 6



In Maths this week, the children have been learning how to calculate: the area of a parallelogram and volume of a shape.

In Science this week Year 6, have been studying how mirrors reflect light, and how they can help us see objects. The children also looked at when the rays of light are reflected they obey the law of reflection and how the angle of incidence always equals the angel of reflection. The children used their understanding of reflection and the angles of incidence and reflection to make a periscope.



# Class Attendance

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Parsley	EYFS	89.1%
Sage	EYFS	90.5%
Jasmine	Year 1	89.4%
Lavender	Year1	90.9%
Basil	Year 2	79.8%
Chive	Year 2	85.9%
Rosemary & Thyme	Year 3	97.4%
Clove	Year 4	90.5%
Myrtle	Year 4	100.0%
Chamomile	Year 5	100.0%
Mint	Year 5	94.0%
Cinnamon	Year 6	98.5%
Nutmeg	Year 6	96.2%

# Gold Awards

Sara - Reception Sage - for becoming very confident to express her ideas during class discussions.

Lea - Reception Sage - for starting to come to school in time.

Egshiglen - Reception Sage - for using her developing phonic knowledge to write CVC words.

Gledjona - Reception Sage- for building positive relationships with her peers and using her developing phonics knowledge to write short sentences.

Chloe - Reception Parsley - For fantastic independent writing

Leyhan - Year 1 Lavender - Leyhan has tried hard in all his learning this week. Well done and keep it up!

Aron - Year 1 Jasmine - Aron wrote a fantastic recount of Jack and the Beanstalk. He thought carefully about his word choices and presented his writing beautifully..

Kirah - Year 2 Chive - For amazing work in English

Nadine - Year 2 Basil - For being an all round superstar

Audrey - Year 3 - A fantastic retelling of Leon and the Place Between from the point of view of the Rabbit, 'A Rabbit's Tale!'

John - Year 6 Nutmeg - for his brilliant attitude to learning, perserving with his English and for his brilliant performance in the basketball tournament.