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Friday 24th May 2024

Hello everyone, another half term has flown by and here we are nearly in June! It's been a busy term, with sporting events, Year 6 SATS, Year 2 assessments, visitors in school and trips out and about!

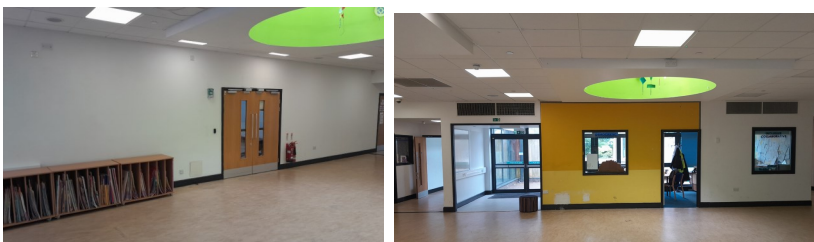
Year 3 assembly

The school and a huge number of parents, carers and friends were treated to an assembly by Year 3 all about the ancient Egyptians. Using the microphone expertly the children told us all we needed to know (and more) about ancient Egyptian times. Well done everyone, and thank you to all those that came along and shared in the experience.

Mural Mayhem!

Over the half term holiday we are fortunate enough to have an artist coming into school, to help us transform our market place area.

The pictures below show the walls as they currently are, and I'll be sharing images after half term that will show the change.



Our school champions, with the help and support of Mr Hocking and myself have been in contact with Jordan, the artist, over the course of recent months. The school champions have spoken to their friends and classmates and they together have produced list of everything that they'd like Jordan to incorporate in his design.

The school champions have seen a mock up of the design and it looks amazing. We cant wait to see the finished design when we return after half term

Diary Dates to Remember

Monday May 27th-2nd June
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd - Fri 8th June
Top up swimming

Thurs 6th June
Yr 2 Assembly - 2.50pm
Year 6 Treat Day
Grandparents Lunch

11th — 13th June
Years 2 Aquarium Trip

Tue 18th June - Time TBA
Rec / Nurs Sports Day

Weds 19th June
Yr 1 Joint assembly

Fri 21st June - 9.00am
Yr1-Yr6 Sports Day

Weds 26th/Thurs 27th June
Year 6 London Trip

Friday 28th June
Non Pupil Day

Thursday 4th July
Houseday

Tuesday 9th July
Year6 Mount Edgecumbe Trip

Tuesday 16th July
Summer Fayre 3.30-5.00pm

Weds 17th July
Yr6 Leavers assembly –PM for parents

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to Beechwood on Monday 3rd June.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

YEAR 1- PORTRAIT GALLERY

Year 1 loved sharing their portraits of famous women in history with parents and carers today to celebrate their learning this term. The children have worked incredibly hard to produce these paintings and we are very proud of their creativity. Thank you to everyone who came to visit the Year 1 gallery.



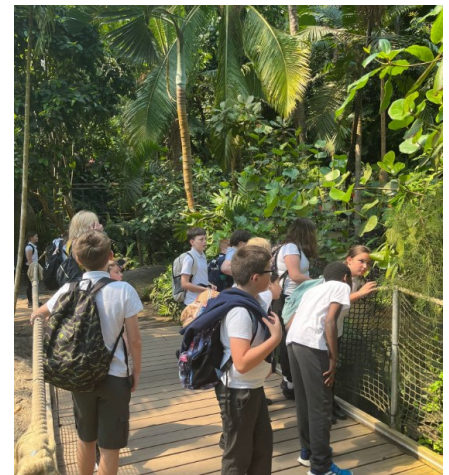
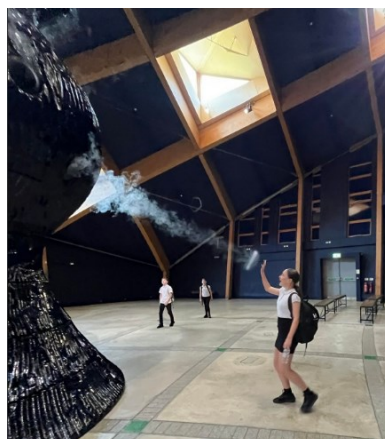
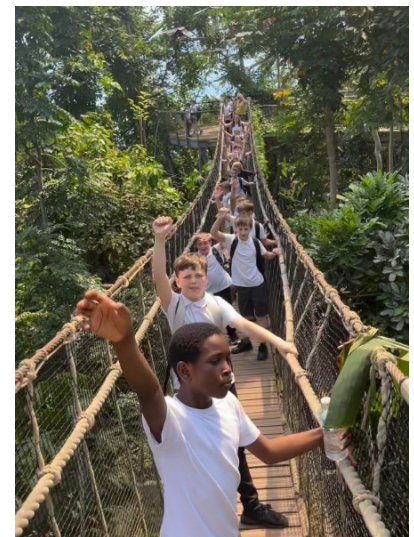
RECEPTION CLASS- NATIONAL DRAWING DAY

Tom Daley class really enjoyed taking part in National Drawing day. The children made their own collages and draw their portraits to create an eye catching and fun piece of art. They also used pens and pencils to create their own scribble monsters complete with googly eyes!



YEAR 6 -EDEN PROJECT

"Following our topic of Biomes, year 6 were fortunate enough to get to visit the Eden Project this week and see first hand the different plant and animal species that grow and thrive in the different biomes. The children were impressed with the different conditions between the Mediterranean and Rainforest biome and how these differences harboured the different plants."



Sports Week



Monday 17 th June	Tuesday 18 th June	Wednesday 19 th June	Thursday 20 th June	Friday 21 st June
KS2 Golf Taster Sessions 	KS1 Archery Taster Sessions  Foundation and Nursery Sports Afternoon 2:15-3:15pm 	Athletics Activity Day  	Sports Mufti Day 	Years 1-6 Sports Day 10am-12pm  Picnic on the field 12-12:50pm 

Monday- KS2 Golf Taster Sessions

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will get a taste of golf with our new Unleash Your Drive golf equipment. They will get to know the proper golf techniques and practice aiming for a target.

Tuesday- KS1 Archery Taster Sessions

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will give archery a go with a coach from Plymouth School Sports Partnership.

Tuesday- Foundation and Nursery Sports Afternoon

Parents and carers are invited to the Foundation and Nursery Sports Afternoon at 2:15-3:15pm. Parents are asked to enter the school via the gates next to the school reception. Refreshments will be provided by the PTFA from the STEM room.

Wednesday- Athletics Activity Day

All the children will take part in athletics field events in their classes and scores will go towards the final result of sports week.

Thursday- Sports Mufti Day

Children are invited to dress as a sports star and bring in donations of sweets and teddies for the PTFA Summer Fair.

Friday- Year 1-6 Sports Day and Picnic

Parents and carers are invited to watch all the children take part in sports day races from 10am-midday. The black gates next to the school reception will open at 9:45am. Children will sit in their houses and be able to join their parents after all the races are complete and trophies presented to the winning houses.

At midday, we will be having a picnic on the field for everyone. Packed lunches will be available instead of hot dinners. You are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and food. Refreshments will be provided by the PTFA and available in the STEM room. If you have a child in nursery/foundation, they will be able to join you for a picnic.

Grandparents and Great Grandparents Lunch

On **Thursday 6th June 2024**, Grandparents and Great Grandparents are invited to join us for a fish and chip lunch to remember the largest naval, air and land operation in history.

Grandparents and Great Grandparents will have the opportunity to eat with their grandchildren to remember this occasion. **The Year 6 pupils will not be in school on this day as they will be enjoying their Treat Day.**

Great British Fish and Chip Lunch and commemorative cupcake - £4.63 per meal.
A vegetarian Option of Fantastic Fishless Fingers will also be available.

To secure your place, please pay for your lunch via ParentPay by **17th May 2024**. Lunch will take place between 11.30am and 1.00pm. Children's lunches are to be paid using the normal method on Parent Pay if your child is not entitled to Free School Meals.

Once we have confirmed numbers, we can confirm times.

If you require any support with booking, please speak to the school office who will be able to help you.



We visited the Mediterranean biome and saw some of the citrus fruits that grow as well as the different forms of cacti and many more.

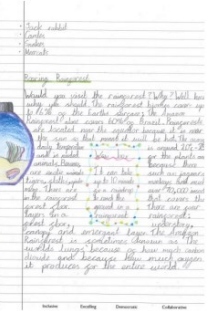
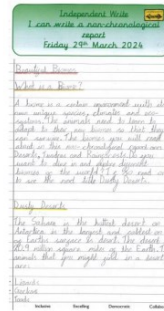
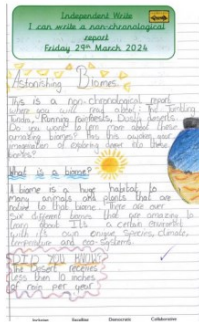
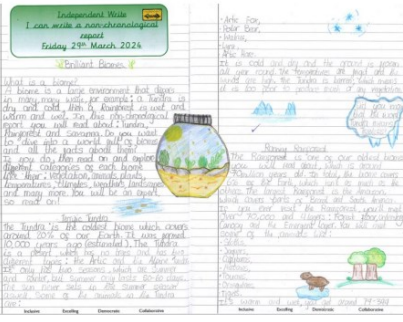


In the Rainforest biome, we were amazed by the amount of water all around, the size of the leaves and the arrays of tropical fruits and height of the trees!

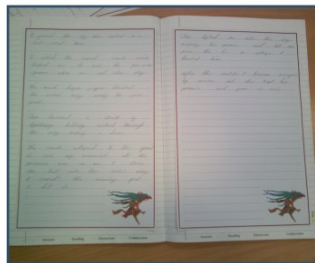


Year 6 Learning Celebration— Summer 1 - Eden Project

Following on from our topic of Biomes, the children produced a fantastic non-chronological report about some of the different biomes they have learnt about, also including all of the grammatical features. We then were fortunate enough to visit the Eden Project and see first hand the different plant and animal species that live and thrive in different biomes.



In English we used the book Rainplayer to create a diary entry from the perspective of Pik.



In History, we have explored Mayan writing known as Logograms and even created some of our own. We also explored Mayan calendars and found out the Mayans had 2 different calendars the Haab and the Tzolkin.



Ancient Maya Year 5

This term Year 5 have been learning all about the Ancient Maya. We have been studying the book Rainplayer, learning how to play pok-a-tok and even made our own death masks!



Preparing guacamole and salsa



Playing pok-a-tok



Creating Mayan death masks



The children appeared to be very absorbed in their computing lessons. They collaborated well to create their own stop motion animations. These were based upon the roman chariot they had made. This has developed their I.C.T skills .



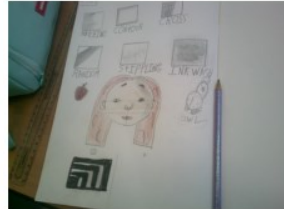
It is all about times-tables in Year 4 at the moment. The children have worked hard to secure their knowledge and have used a variety of resources to enhance their skills. They have collaborated with Year 6 pupils and used computer games to support them further.



Year 4- Summer 1 Ancient Rome



To celebrate National Drawing Day, the children spent the morning developing their art skills. They used techniques such as: cross hatching and stippling to produce portraits.



Such lovely handwriting Zakk and Billy. Well done. The children have created their own roman chariot and then wrote instructions .



Computing

The children have been learning how to code on Scratch, creating their own maze game with a logical goal.



Science

We have been exploring light, what natural light sources are, what materials reflect light and investigating how shadows are formed.



Egyptians

Big Question: What made the Egyptians successful?

Year 3



Maths

The children have been learning how to tell the time on analogue clocks.



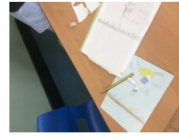
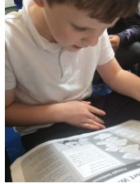
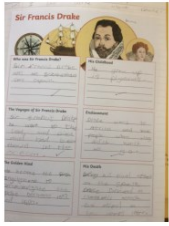
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The children have been learning about running stitches, back stitches and sewing buttons to create their own Egyptian collars.



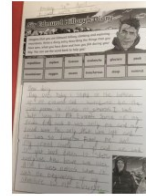
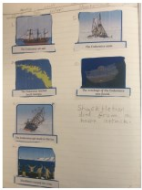
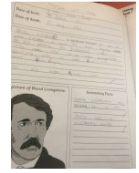
History

The children have been learning what artefacts are, why they're important, comparing ancient and modern Egypt features and why the Egyptians were successful



Year 2 Term 5 World Explorers

This term we have been learning all about world explorers. We have studied explorers from history like Sir Francis Drake, as well as more modern explorers such as Ernest Shackleton and Neil Armstrong. We even had our own explorer and author in school to talk and inspire us about his adventures. We also started reading fluency lessons, as well as martial art sessions. What a busy term!



In Art, we have explored the work of Frida Kahlo and created our own portraits of Madonna, Aretha Franklin,



We loved sharing our work with parents and carers to celebrate our learning for this term.

We have been very lucky to have a special visit from PC Muttram and PC Middleton as part of our PSHE topic 'people who keep us safe'.



In Music we have enjoyed listening to and appreciating music from famous female musicians, for example, Aretha Franklin and



Summer Term 1 ~ 2023-2024

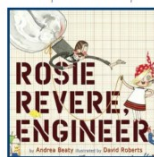
Year 1 ~ Usain Bolt and Laura Muir Classes

Women in History

This term the Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about the lives of significant women from beyond living memory. They have understood how these women impact on our

Year 1 have written some super diary entries from the perspective of Rosa Parks this term.

The children have also produced explanation texts based on the book



Bolt and Muir classes have enjoyed National Drawing Day this term and their artistic skills and talents have shown through!

In Computing, the children have worked hard on developing their word processing skills and have persevered with typing up their diary entry from the perspective



In Maths we have been working hard on developing our knowledge of measurement, focusing on mass and volume.



Reception: Trains, Planes, and Cars

Summer 1 Term Summary

We have been learning all about different ways of travelling. We have compared old and new modes of transport by looking at pictures and videos and using our oracy skills to talk about the differences and similarities.



We built our own modes of transport and ran a car wash.



We met the bin man and watched how the lorry works.



Our final learning destination was to design and build our own mode of transport. We spent some time talking about what we had learned, we made a design and then built a range of cars, boats and planes.



We have been using a range of materials in our outdoor provision to build modes of transport. In our water area we have made a water course to transport balls, thinking about how they can be transported effectively.



We have become experts at building our own small worlds.



In our English learning we have been reading the book 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. We loved the story because of the rhyme throughout. We also read 'Naughty Bus' which helped to inspire some amazing writing. We made missing posters as 'Naughty bus' went on their own adventure!



We went to the local library.

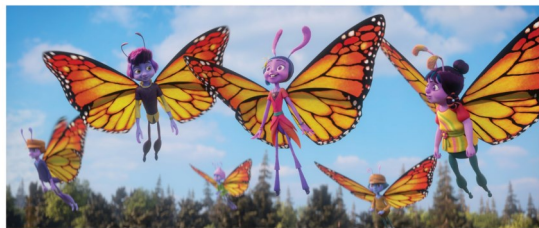


We used junk modelling to build aeroplanes.





Half Term Family Cinema Event!



Butterfly Tale (U) Friday 31st May, 11am (running time 88 mins)
The butterflies are preparing for their annual migration, and everyone is aflutter! Despite having only one full-grown wing, Patrick and friends follow their dream of flying with the migration.

Butterfly Origami Workshop Friday 31st May, 9.45am
Join us for a sociable creative workshop before we watch Butterfly Tale! We will learn to use basic origami folds to create pretty concertina butterflies.



- All cinema tickets £4
- Workshop £3.50 for children (booking essential)
- Relaxed and neurodiverse friendly environment
- Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
- The best hot chocolate in town!



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 - Themed Toddler Village
 - Zip Line
 - Mini Football Pitch
- Cafe with an excellent range of hot/cold meals, drinks, sweets & treats

Session Times
Monday to Friday
9am - 11am, 11:30am - 1:30pm,
2pm - 4pm
Weekends & School Holidays
9am - 11am, 11:30am - 1:30pm,
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Entry Prices
Weekdays:
Under 12 months - £1.50
1 to 2 years - £3.95
2 to 4 years - £6.45
5 to 10 years - £9.25
Adults - £1.25
Weekends, School & Bank Holidays:
Under 12 months - £1.50
1 to 2 years - £4.20
2 to 4 years - £7.45
5 to 10 years - £8.25
Adults - £1.25

Events & After School Sessions
Pizza, Pasta & Play!
4-5:30pm on selected Fridays every month. Book online and pre order your meal!
We host themed parties every month! Keep an eye on our socials to see what's coming next...

TO BOOK A PLAY SESSION,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.DRAKES-DEN.CO.UK

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Please contact us for more info on 01752 794444 * jllsleisure@outlook.com
UNIT 22 DRAKE MILL BUSINESS PARK, ESTOVER ROAD, PLYMOUTH, PL67PS
Height / age restrictions apply. Play areas are independently safety inspected. Socks must be worn at all times. CCTV systems and locked gate access in use.

Summer Term Assembly Dates

- Thurs 23rd May
- Thurs 6th June Year 2 - Class Assembly - 2.50pm
- Wed 19th June Year 1 - Joint Class Assembly - 2.50pm
- Thurs 18th July Nurs / Rec - Class Assembly - 2.50pm



P.E. Timetable

Below is this term's PE timetable for your info.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 5 (10:00-10:30)	Year 4 (10:00 - 10:30)	Year 6 (10:00-10:30)		Foundation (10:00-11:00)
PM	Year 6 (13:30-14:45) Year 5 (13:30-14:00)	Year 2 (13:45-14:45) Year 1 (13:45-14:45)	Year 1 (13:30-15:00) Year 3 (13:45-14:45) Year 5 (13:30-14:45)	Year 4 (13:45-14:45) Year 2 (13:30 - 15:00)	

Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Beechwood Primary Academy.
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

Lost Property

We have quite a lot of lost property in school. Please feel free to pop in and have a look to see if anything belongs to your child.
All lost property will be available each Friday at Tea with Teresa.



BEECHWOOD FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



Miss Sam Roscoe

First Contact to signpost parents

Foodbank

Courses for Parents / Carers

PTFA Contact



Mr C Randall
Assistant Head of School

Deputy Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Safeguarding

Behaviour

Family Crisis

Service Families



Mrs Natasha Jackson
INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behaviour-
support for parents

School Nurse
Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



Mr P Arnold
Senior Head of School

Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Family Support



Mrs S Rama-Dominguez
Assistant Head of School

Deputy Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Safeguarding

Education and
Curriculum

Family Support



Mrs Teresa Pinhey

Community Support

School Life

Parents Question &
Answer

Local Issues

Coffee Mornings

You can contact us by emailing beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.

Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Mo Farah - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 6 - Sky Brown - k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5 - Nicola Adams - c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5 - Dina Asha-Smith - k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4 - Ben Ainslie - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4 - Ellie Simmonds - j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Max Whitlock - c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Charlotte Dujardin - i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or l.field@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 2 - Kelly Holmes - c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1 - Laura Muir - s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1 - Usain Bolt - m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Jill Scott - k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Tom Daley - s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk or j.gooding@discoverymat.co.uk

Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with your current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

PARENT PAY

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you.

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Times: _____

Ages: _____

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Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Whitsun half-term holidays.

And with the HAF programme, your children can attend sessions free of charge. Each session includes healthy food and enriching activities.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!



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SCHOOL FAMILY DISCOVERY DAY

Open to invitation schools only,
for school staff and their children.

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY
10am - 3pm

Tickets via Eventbrite:
£3 adult, £2 child



- ✓ FREE parking
- ✓ Complimentary cream tea on arrival
- ✓ Farm, Garden & House Tour
- ✓ Fun in The Spinney - Nethercott's version of Forest School

Bring your own picnic to enjoy during your visit. Come prepared to see what we're about, how we're a world away & full of magic & muck.

Experience what *your* school children could experience.



Book your space via Eventbrite
or call
01837 810025

www.farmsforcitychildren.org

Tea with Teresa



When:

Every Friday

Time:

8.45 till 10.00

Where:

Beechwood Primary

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our tea and coffee morning each week in school

Come along for a drink and a chat with Mrs Pinhey



Beechwood Primary Academy



Star Learners

Congratulations to all our Star Learners this week. We are proud of you all!

Week ending : 24th May 2024

Andy Murray Class



S is our star learner because she has settled well into Nursery. She joins in with learning and is developing friendships. Well done!

Jill Scott Class



A is our star learner because he continues to grow in confidence. You have been participating in discussions and using new oracy skills/ Well done!

Tom Daley Class



M is our star learner for her positive attitude towards school and her learning. She is always happy to share her thoughts and opinions and is very polite. She also has great sentence ideas.

Usain Bolt Class



A is our star learner this week. He has tried incredibly hard in his art lessons this term. He really focused on his colour mixing and has produced a wonderful portrait!

Laura Muir Class



J is our star learner this week. She has showcased amazing learning in all of her assessments this week. She is showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning. Well done!

Kelly Holmes Class



I is the star learner this week. He has grown in confidence over the past few weeks and now this is showing in his learning. He is putting his fantastic ideas into his writing and it is great to see.

Max Whitlock Class



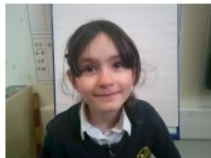
W is our star learner this week. She has shown resilience and determination in all of her assessments, despite having a poorly arm. Well done!

Charlotte Dujardin Class



Z is our star learner this week for always trying his hardest in every lesson and always doing his best.

Ben Ainslie Class



W is our star learner this week for making fantastic progress in her times tables. She is now getting 25 out of 25 in her multiplication tables check. Well done W!

Ellie Simmonds Class



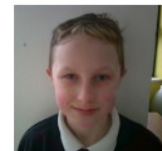
M is our star learner this week. He has excelled in all subjects, particularly maths! Well done for remaining our T Tables champion with incredible speed.

Dina Asher-Smith Class



S is our star learner for her amazing narrative writing. She remembered all the features and used great vocabulary.

Nicola Adams Class



K is our star learner this week. He was brilliant at the tag rugby competition and has been working really hard with an adult to write his story. Well done K!

Mo Farah Class



Our star learner this week is M. He has stood out this week, particularly on our school trip, for his outstanding manners and respect for others at all times.

Sky Brown Class



Our star learner this week is R for always setting an example to the others around her. She constantly sets high standards for herself which she always achieves.

