



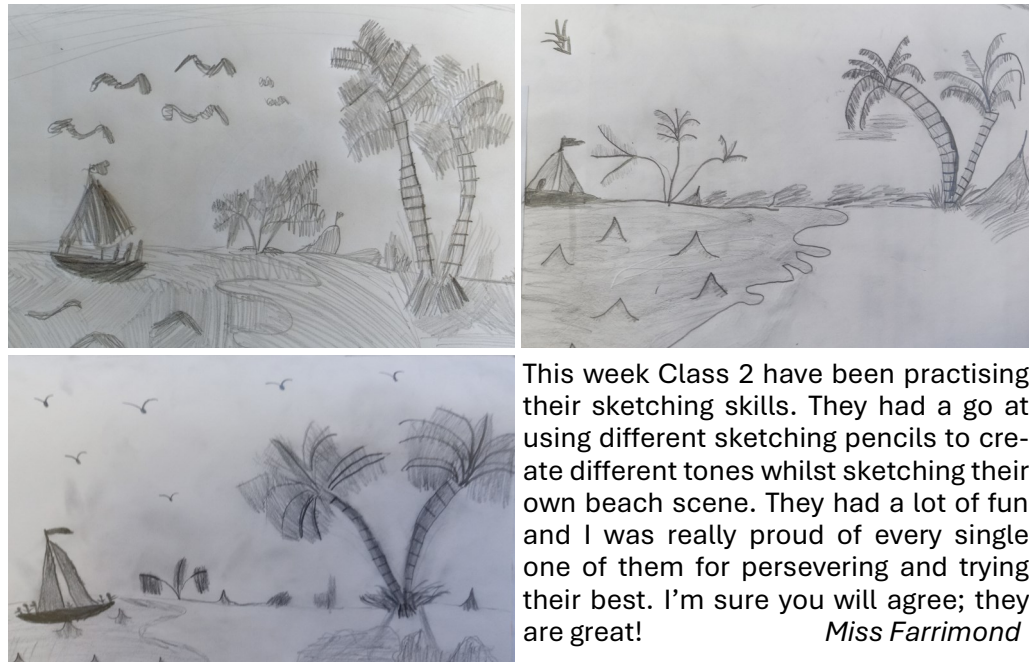
Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are planning a big tidy up around school. Our Forest School space will be reinvigorated and next we will be focussing on the Adventure Playground!

In response to the parent survey, some parents have expressed an interest in Smartphone Free Childhood. I am sharing this link if you are interested in finding out more; <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>. Many families from our school are already involved.

Attendance: Every term we will inform every parent if their child's attendance is below 95%. Letters detailing attendance are to inform and offer support. This is in line with our school policy and Government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Mrs Stoddart



This week Class 2 have been practising their sketching skills. They had a go at using different sketching pencils to create different tones whilst sketching their own beach scene. They had a lot of fun and I was really proud of every single one of them for persevering and trying their best. I'm sure you will agree; they are great!

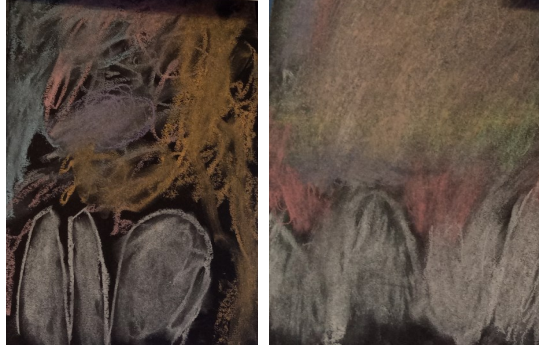
Miss Farrimond

This week we have been busy exploring space. We enjoyed reading The Great Explorer, where we learned about the Northern Lights. We



were amazed at how quickly the children learned the scientific name of *aurora borealis*! We looked at the way the lights move across the sky and the different colours that are created. We then replicated this with our own pieces of chalk art, using the smudging effect to show movement. They are fab!

Mrs Atterton



In history, Class 2 have been learning all about the famous fossil hunter, Mary Anning! We have had time to explore some books about Mary Anning and had a look at some very special fossils sent from the museum.

Miss Farrimond

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

- Class 6 22nd January
- Class 5 29th January
- Class 4 5th February
- Class 3 12th February
- Class 2 26th February
- Class 1 5th March
- Class R 12th March

MSA Uniform & Cake Sale

Friday 24th January after school

Class 6 Trip to see Bournemouth City Orchestra, Great Hall, Exeter University
 Friday 31st January

KS1 Fossils and Dinosaurs Workshop
 Friday 7th February

Half Term Break
 Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Class R Teeth and Bones Workshop
 Friday 14th March

Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse
 Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st March

Year 5 Sports Festival at Kingsmead
 Thursday 20th March

Easter Break
 Monday 7th to Monday 21st April.

Year 5 Residential to Kilve Court
 Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th April

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	111	322
Cork Oak	134	367
Blue Cedar	130	388
Horse Chestnut	128	347

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Preschool	Brendan for always being so polite and helpful to everyone.	★ ☆ ☆
Class R	Lotteigh for your fantastic progress with your reading.	★ ☆ ☆
Class 1	Reggie for your super input during maths lessons.	★ ☆ ☆
Class 2	Grayson for always trying your best and being a kind, helpful and thoughtful friend to everybody.	★ ☆ ☆
Class 3	Edie for having a positive mindset this week.	★ ☆ ☆
Class 4	Rufus for your fantastic short multiplication work in maths.	★ ☆ ☆
Class 5	Martha and Eva for your outstanding progress and participation in maths this week.	★ ☆ ☆
Class 6	Willow for your participation in class this week.	★ ☆ ☆

Well done!



This week, Preschool has been all about the Gruffalo! We have been creating big art work to make a display on the wall and creating our own pictures too. In Forest School, we went on a Gruffalo hunt, retelling the story and finding all of the characters as we went through the deep, dark wood. Next week we will be learning all about dinosaurs.

Charlotte

A big thanks to sport leaders and ambassadors for a great start to this term with engaging children in lunch clubs and helping me to organise physical activities in school. The school sport leaderboard of speed bounce has showed some real determination this week. Current leader Sophia is still top, but Amelie has now joined her in the top spot—both on 70 jumps in 30 seconds! Watch this space; there are other children hot on their tails. We look to start standing long jump next week. Who will be the school leader of this event?

Miss Storey

Is your child a budding artist? Would they like to enter a piece of work created at home to the Royal Academy of Art's Young Artists' Summer Show competition? Any child, 4 years or older, can enter from our school. Please look at the link below. Parents/carers can create an account, and are then prompted to create a submission on behalf of their children. When doing this, make an account for each child and select their school from a drop down list. Then complete the submission. Please note that you will have to submit by 5th March. Good Luck!

Ms Boullin

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved#howitworks>

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

hosted by the MSA

Save money, reduce waste and support the school
Tea and cake while you browse

Friday 24th January
from 3.20pm



Cyclo-cross Club was in full swing this week with some Year 6's showing how competent they are riding their bikes. Miss Storey made a jump for them and they all showed great confidence cycling over it.



Elis (Class 6), Seren (Class 4) and Miss Storey have all booked a running race in June up at Pinkery Pond. We have been doing this now for the past 3 years. We would absolutely love more children and parents to come run with us. You can walk most of it! Fancy the challenge? Book on and come join the fun. Here is the link:

<https://www.channelevents.co.uk/man-vs-moor/>

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***There are a few tickets left for TONIGHT'S SHOW Friday 17th January at 7.30pm.
Tickets can be bought on the door.***