



Dear Parents and Carers,



For Maths Week, Year 5 have been exploring coordinates outdoors. The children were given a grid of the school field and were tasked with calculating the coordinates of where they were standing. They then took part in a coordinates challenge, using the grid to locate different symbols hidden around the field.

Year 1 are learning about place value within 100. We took our learning outside and collected natural materials to group into tens and ones. Some of us had peppers for snack, so we collected seeds from each pepper and counted them in tens and ones to find out how many seeds each one contained. We then used chalk to draw a place value chart to record our numbers. We were surprised to discover that one little pepper had 46 seeds!



As part of Maths week, Year 6 took our learning outdoors and engaged in a fun arithmetic challenge. They searched for hidden eggs around the KS2 playground and raced back to answer the questions inside. The children loved it and found it really engaging and enjoyed the different approach to maths!



As part of their Design and Technology unit this term, Year 4 have had a fantastic time becoming budding bakers as they designed, created and evaluated their own delicious shortbread biscuits. Starting with a basic recipe, the children carefully selected and added a sweet ingredient of their choice to make their biscuits unique. They investigated how different ingredients affected the flavour, texture and overall quality of the finished product, before evaluating their creations against their design criteria. It was wonderful to see their creativity, problem-solving skills and enthusiasm throughout the project, and of course to enjoy some tasty results along the way.



This week, the St Andrew's Choir took part in the annual Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. The children did an outstanding job and sang beautifully throughout the event. During the afternoon rehearsals, they engaged enthusiastically with the songs and continued to develop their singing skills. In the final rehearsal with the conductor, they demonstrated just how hard they had been working and brought fantastic energy and enthusiasm to the performance.

A huge thank you to Mr Wall for leading this, and to Miss Smith for her support with the choir. We would also like to thank all the parents who have worked alongside the school to make this incredible experience possible for the children. We hope you enjoyed the final performance.

Thank you for your continued support.
Annette Mashru and the St Andrew's Team