



Dream big, shine bright
St NICHOLAS
 C of E Primary School, Alcester

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St Nicholas C of E Primary School – Newsletter

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Dear families,

Another exciting few weeks here at St Nicholas, including a visit from an escaped parrot and a whole host of Paddingtons.

Last week Mrs Allen, Mrs Long and I had the pleasure of observing teaching and learning in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes. The children in Reception were telling us all about how they travel to school and what a 'j' looks and sounds like, year 1 were whizzing through their number bonds to 20 and year 2 were creating the most weird and wonderful magic potions linked to their learning about A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Once again, this issue is jam packed with lots of exciting learning that has taken place in each year group.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break,

Mrs Laura Newell, Head of School



Oversley

House points

Congratulations to
 Oversley who were this
 week's winners of the
 House Cup.

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM

Thursday 16th February

SENDCo coffee morning

Friday 17th February

Staff training day – school closed to children

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February

Half term

Monday 27th February

Celebration of reading week

Tuesday 28th February

Year 1 & 2 children Festival of Football

Wednesday 1st March

Potential strike action

Thursday 2nd March

World Book day

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March

No swimming due to Pool Course/training on site

Wednesday 8th March

Year 5 & 6 children Festival of Football

3H Heart of England trip

Thursday 9th March

Year 6 SATs meeting

Friday 10th March

3KH Heart of England trip

Film night – year 3/4

Monday 13th March

Reception – Cotswold Farm Park

Week beginning 13th March

Science week

Tuesday 14th March

Reception families stay and play session

Wednesday 15th March

Potential strike action

Year 2 SATs meeting

Wednesday 16th March

Potential strike action

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March

Parent consultations (face to face)

School uniform sale

Tuesday 28th March

Year 3 visit to St Nicholas Church

29th – 31st March

Year 4 Residential to Edgmond

Friday 31st March

Break up for Easter holiday

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in real need of volunteers to help at our swimming sessions. This would entail supporting groups of children to and from the pool and helping them with their belongings.

There are swimming sessions on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon (1.15pm – 3.15pm) and a Thursday morning (9.10-11.30am)

If you are interested in supporting swimming please pop a message in via Studybugs and we can send you the volunteer information. Please note all volunteers will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Balaam's Anger Issues



Collective worship this week has explored anger and the impact we have when we display our anger. As a whole school we looked at the Bible story about Balaam, a man that let his anger get the better of him.

Prayer for Reflection

Dear God,

We know that often getting angry doesn't solve a problem, it can often make a situation worse and leave us feeling horrible inside. This proverb reminds us that patience is a way that we can overcome anger. Help us to be wise and improve our own skill of being patient, especially at those times when we feel angry.

Amen

Dream Big Shine Bright

Well done to Jessica who volunteered her time at the weekend to perform on the violin and piano to residents of a local care home. They really enjoyed her performance.

What a
community super
star!



Please do let us know if your child has an entry for Dream Big, Shine Bright on the next newsletter

Together,
let's make
it count



BIG
Garden
Birdwatch



Year 1 have made bird feeders this week as part of the Big Bird Watch. During Science they labelled parts of a robin, looked at British, wild birds and made bird feeders using pine cones, lard and seeds. It was a great way to feed the birds and eco friendly too. A big thanks to Mrs Hopkins-Wyatt for supplying the pine cones!



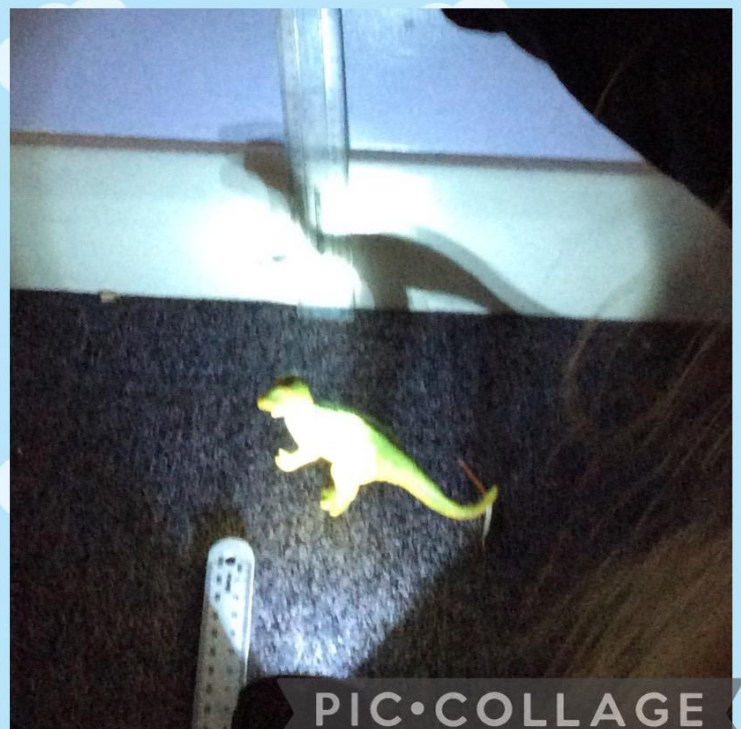
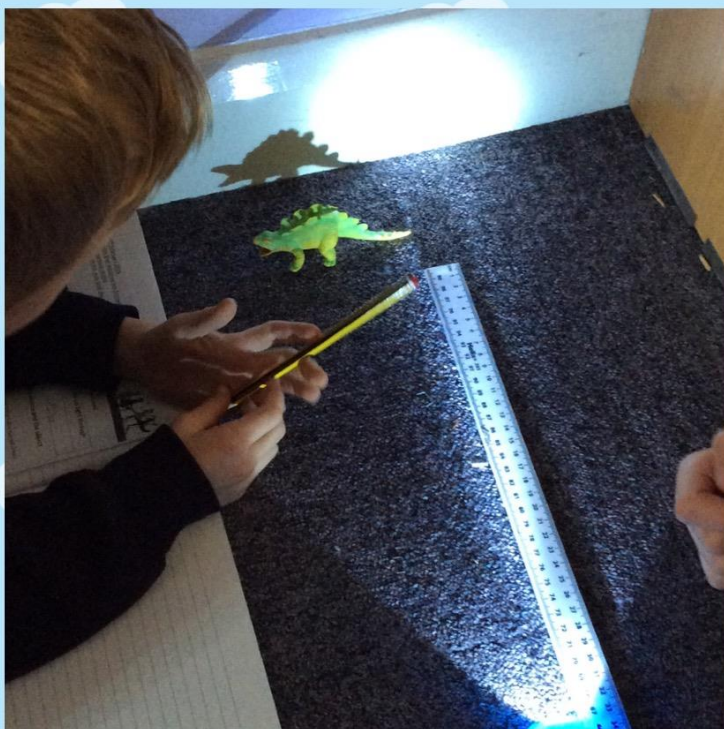
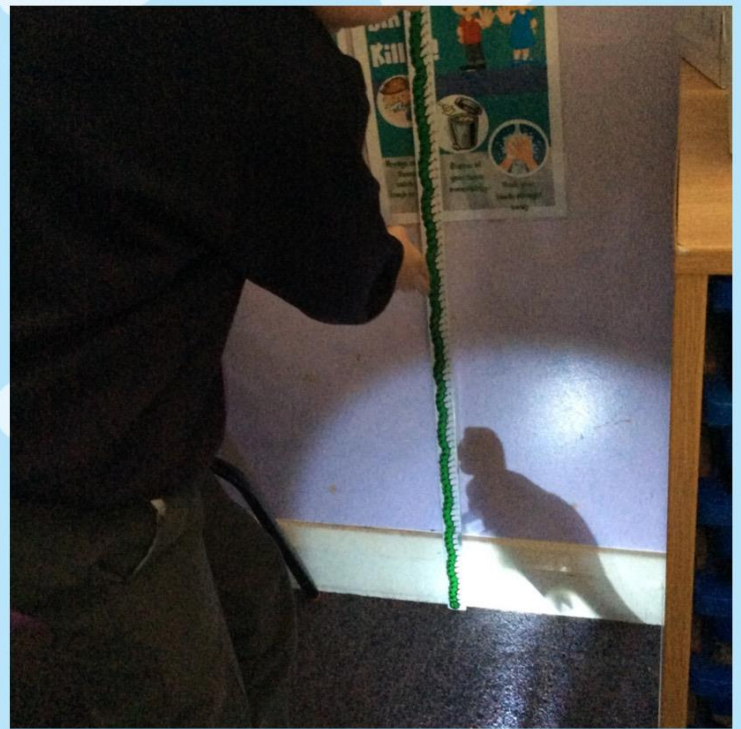
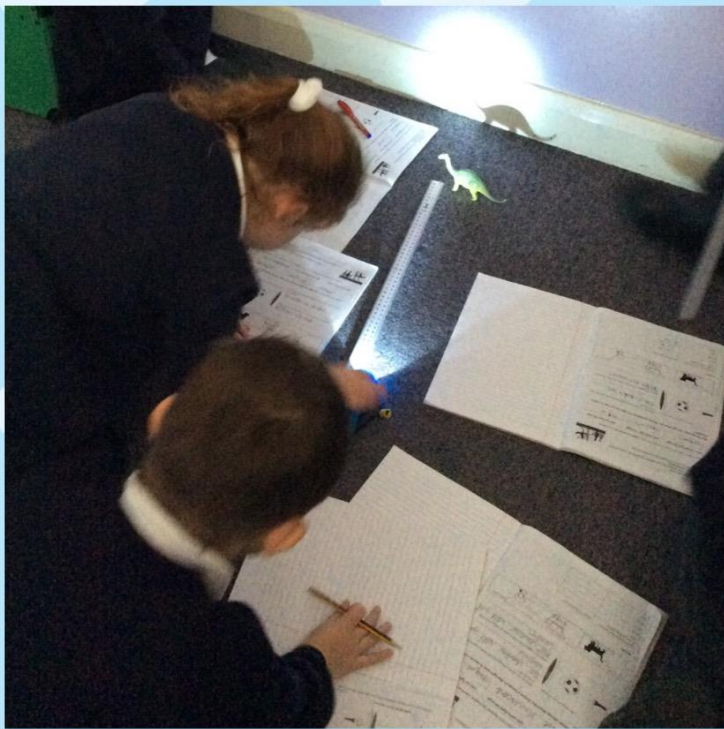
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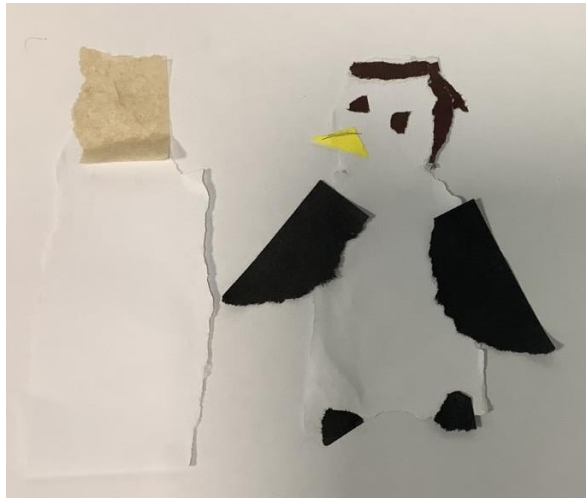
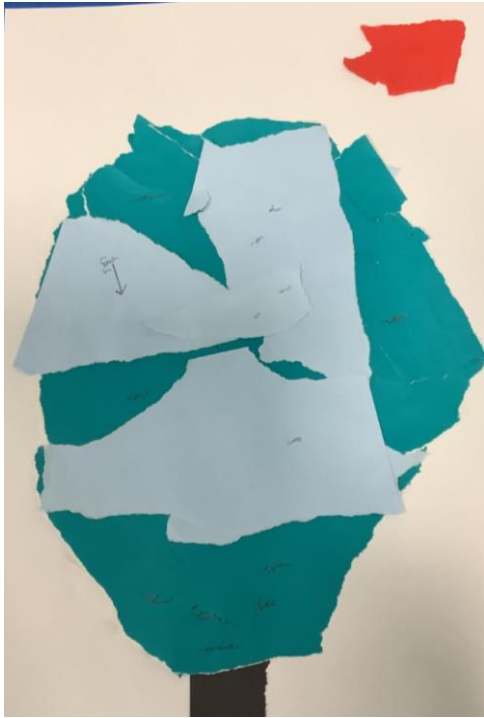
Year 3 Shadows

In Science, Year 3 have been investigating how shadows are formed and found patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

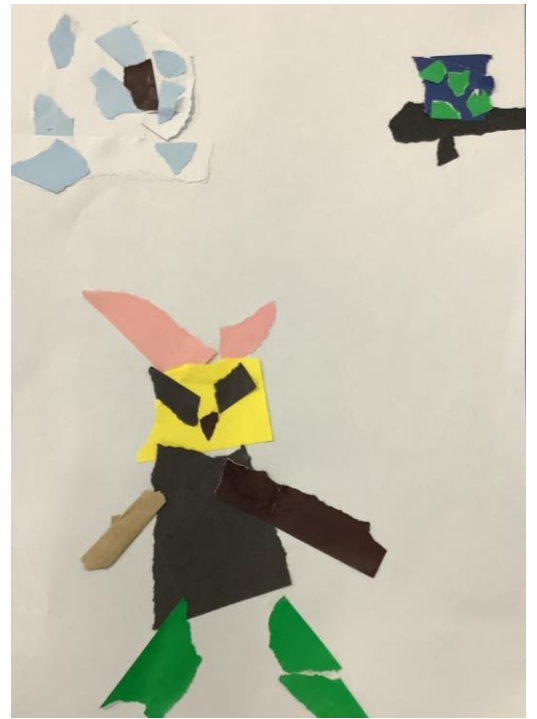
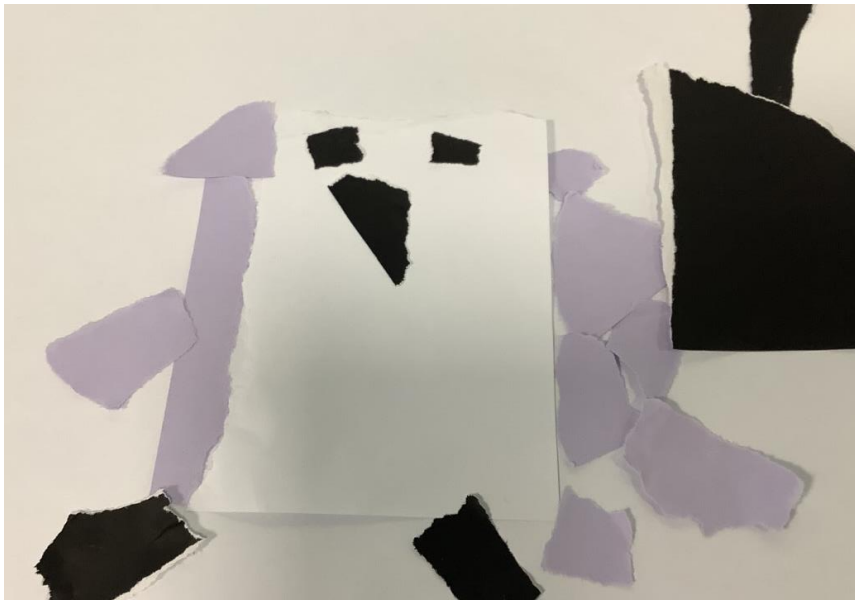


Year 2

Exploring colour and form



Year 2 have been exploring colour and form by making collages from still life. They had to tear paper to create their pictures.



Well, there were so many Paddingtons all in one place! Well done to all our families for supporting the children with their Paddington style outfits.

The children in year 1 wrote fabulous character descriptions for Paddington, planning a new chapter for Michael Bond and trying marmalade on toast!



Year 1 Paddington



Reception - Transport

This week Reception have been learning all about different types of transport and comparing transport from the past to present. They have enjoyed making their own vehicles and sorting out old and new transport.



Year 5 have completed a course called 'Bikeability.' This has involved sessions both at school and on the road. The children have learned how to keep their bike and themselves safe whilst riding. They have developed key skills when riding on the road with traffic, so that they know what to do in different situations whilst out and about - an extremely important life skill. Well done Year 5.



Year 5 – Bikeability

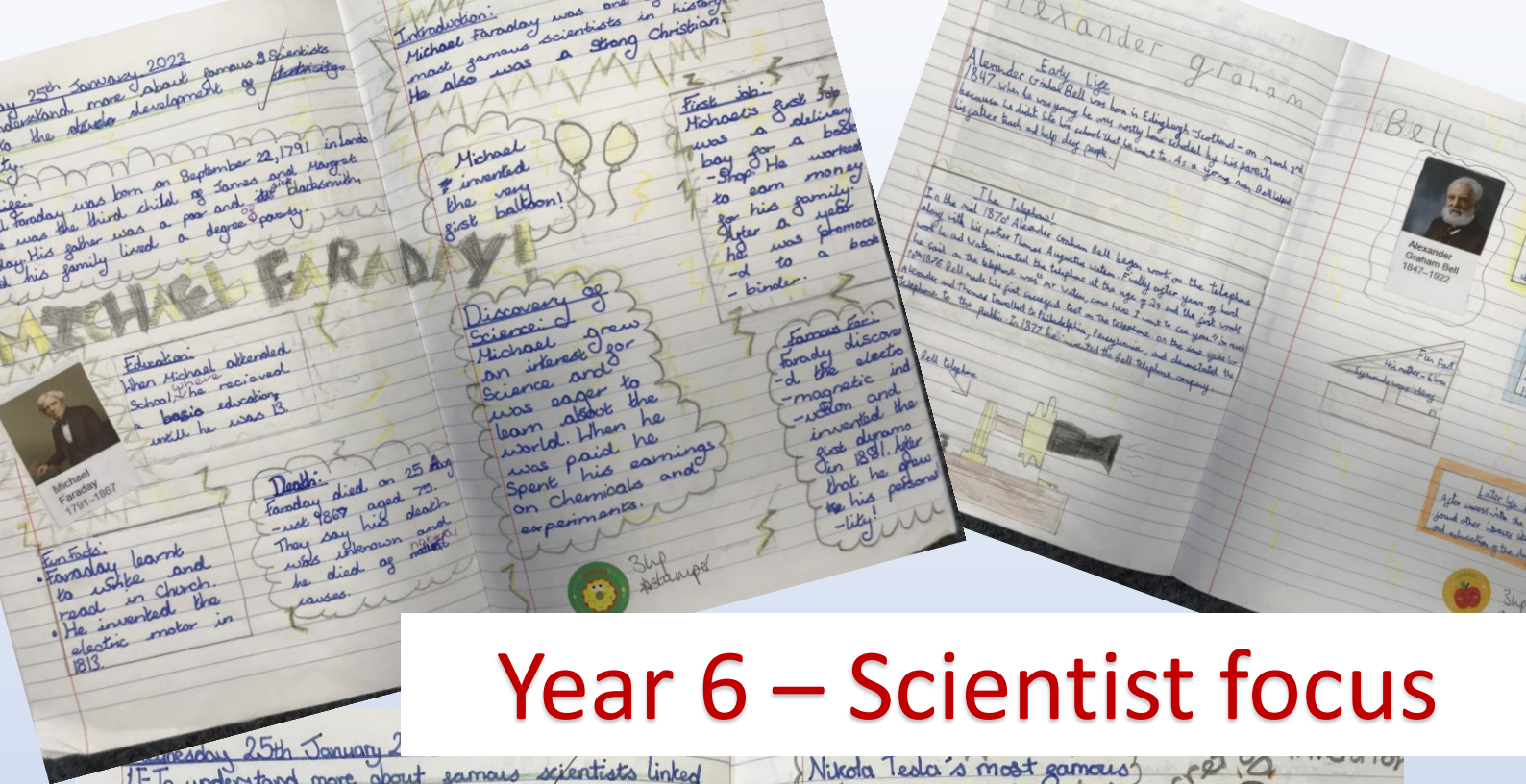


This half term in Art, we have been exploring different types of patterns. Last week, we looked at Roman mosaics and discussed the different types of patterns that we could see. We then designed and made our own Roman inspired mosaic.

Once finished, we presented our work to each other and gave each other some feedback on a post-it note.

Year 4 – Art





Year 6 – Scientist focus





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FEBRUARY MULTI SPORT COURSE



Venue: Our Lady's Primary

Dates: Mon 20th, Tues 21st, Wed 22nd

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Age: 5 - 11

Cost: £18 per day

£9 for half a day option 9 am – 12 pm or 12 pm – 3 pm.

Limited spaces of 30 children.

Cash payment or bank transfer is optional please ask for details. Contact details: Dave Geden on 07990972762 or davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk

Clothing: Children are required to wear suitable clothing for a wide range of sports. Children may bring football boots and shin pads as football will be one of the sports played. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and drinks to the course. **Reminder: Please do not send any food into school containing nuts.**

Aims are to introduce, adapt and improve skills in a wide range of SPORTS e.g.

Football, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Tag Rugby, Netball, Archery, Kan Jam, Corn Hole and many more. With the emphasis on fun and participation.



Court Leet and Court Baron of the Most

Honourable Henry Jocelyn Seymour,

Marquess of Hertford ARAgS, DL

Alcester Court Leet Pancake Races

Tuesday February 21st 2023

The High Bailiff of Alcester cordially invites you to the above event. Races will take place in Alcester High Street

on Tuesday February 21st between 11.30am and 14.00 p.m.

This year's pancake races fall on Half term, so we are giving you and your parents a huge heads up.

We would love to see you at the start line.

For more information regarding age slots please contact:

Alcester Court Leet FB page

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Or

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