



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy week with Cross-country running kick starting it all off! Well done to all our teachers and pupils that participated.



Next week is mental health week we are participating in Yoga day on Tuesday 8th February to raise money for Mind charity. A reminder to make a selection for your children's meals via the questionnaire that was sent out by email. For more information regarding Mind Charity please follow the link: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Thank you for all your donations for number day today, the funds raised will be donated to the NSPCC.

Today we have started Hot Chocolate Fridays with the Head rewarding those pupils who are always seen to be going 'above and beyond' and being an exceptional learner. #HotChocFri #AboveandBeyond #Exceptional

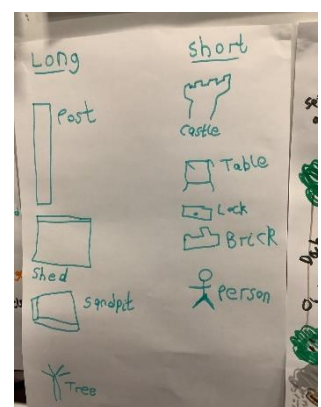
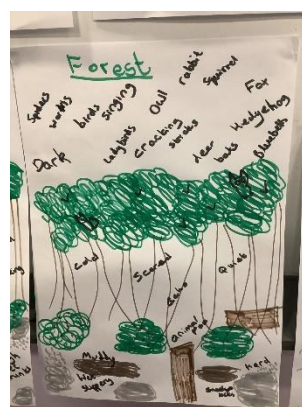
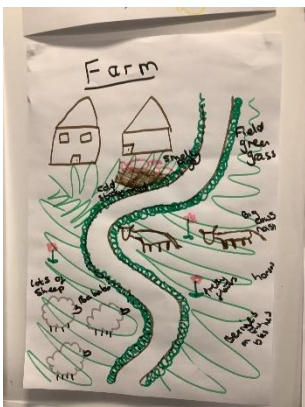
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What have Nursery been learning about this week?

In Nursery this week we have been reading the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed learning about the different settings and thinking about what they might hear, see, feel, smell and what it may be like to touch different item. The children came up with some super describing words and phrases: rough tree trunk, slippery slimy mud, and hard rocks.

In maths this week we have been using the words long, short and round. We have been searching the school for long, short, and round objects and made a list of what we had seen.



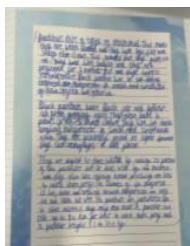
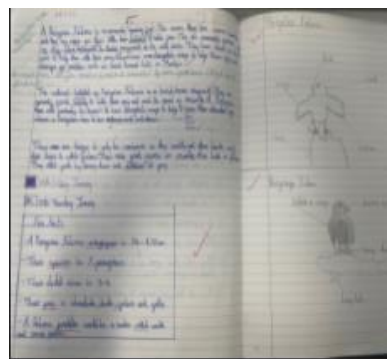
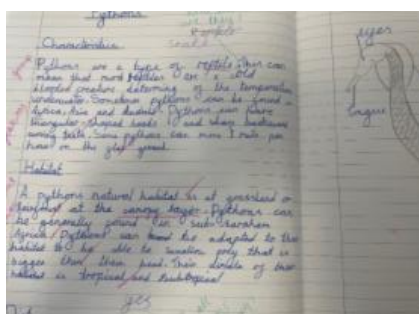
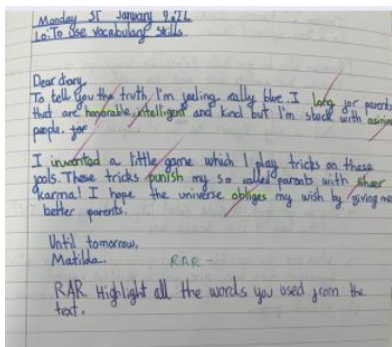
What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

This week in Year 2, we have been busy completing our Maths and Reading assessments. It was time to show off what we have learned so far this year and we are so proud of all our achievements. We tried our best and used all the different strategies to show our teachers how much we have learned! In assembly we also looked at Chinese New Year and made some paper lanterns to celebrate the year of the Tiger. In PE, we continued our dance unit but re-enacting the life cycle of a butterfly. We used lots of different movements to show the evolution from a caterpillar to a pupa to an adult butterfly. Finally, we finished our fact files on crocodiles and are now experts on the topic! We even made our own model crocodiles and painted them so they look more lifelike. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend 😊



What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

We have had a fantastic week at school! In reading, we used our inference skills to write a diary entry as if we were Matilda! We had to infer how she would be feeling whilst using exciting vocabulary from the text. In maths, we have been learning all about area. On Monday we investigated this by using post it notes to cover 2D objects. We concluded that it wasn't the most accurate method, and we were excited to start using standard units to calculate area. In science, we are learning all about Animals and their habitats. We were challenged to write a non-chronological report using both our writing skills and scientific knowledge. We also used iPads to independently research our chosen animal in order to gather more information. In Geography we are loving our volcanos topic! This week, we learnt about 3 different types of volcanoes and defined different technological terms before creating a model of a volcano. We can't wait to see more fantastic learning next week! Please keep supporting your children at home by reading with them at least 3 times a week, ensuring they complete their MyMaths and Edshed homework and of course practicing their times tables in preparation for our test in May.

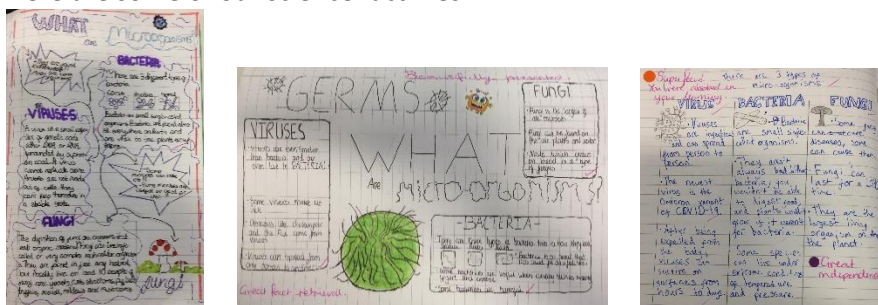


What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

This week, Year 6 have been learning about micro-organisms in Science. They really enjoyed having the autonomy to present their findings however they wished. They completed fact files on the 3 types of micro-organism after research. Did you know, one type of micro-organism – viruses – are so small they can even live inside bacteria?!?! We have also been working on our newest Palmer Power, FOCUS! If you see us coming home with orange dots on our collars, you know we have been super focused in our lessons at school.

We have also enjoyed our English unit on interviews too, whereby we have returned to a previous piece of work to create the content of an interview. We have been practicing deepening our questions to encourage more detailed answers and have been recalling all previous learning to construct answers using a range of descriptive features. This might just be our best writing yet!

Here are some of our science fact files:



TTRockSTARS Battle of the bands!

Another new week. With the introduction of Focused Fabio, many children have had a new lease of intrinsic motivation to improve their times tables. Let's see how they have done...

<p>Ahlberg 70</p> <p>MVP: Chidinma, Taneisha & Sharvaree</p>	<p>Butterworth 315</p> <p>MVP: Miray, Shanaya & Divina</p>	Ahlberg 0 v 3 Butterworth
<p>Benjamin 23</p> <p>MVP: George, Abigail & Daniella</p>	<p>King-Smith 1089</p> <p>MVP: Andrew, Richardson & Lareya</p>	Benjamin 0 v 3 King-Smith
<p>Binch 280</p> <p>MVP: Arjun, Chinonye & Halima</p>	<p>Pullman 152</p> <p>MVP: Inesa, Jessica & Jayden</p>	Binch1 v 2 Pullman
<p>Hughes 325</p> <p>MVP: Andriah, Hope & Salim</p>	<p>Morpurgo 155</p> <p>MVP: Mariam, Sharvika & Ethan</p>	Hughes 3 v 0 Morpurgo
<p>Horowitz 981</p> <p>MVP: Lufurano, Wahaab & Daniel</p>	<p>Lewis 974</p> <p>MVP: Chisom, Vidya & Aaron</p>	Horowitz 2 v 1 Lewis

Wow King-Smith! What amazing usage! And a shout out to the massive improvements that Year 6 have made 😊

COME ON YEAR 4! You need to be practicing daily!

- Well done to our MVP's again! Please keep up the great work you are doing! - Miss Gundry 😊

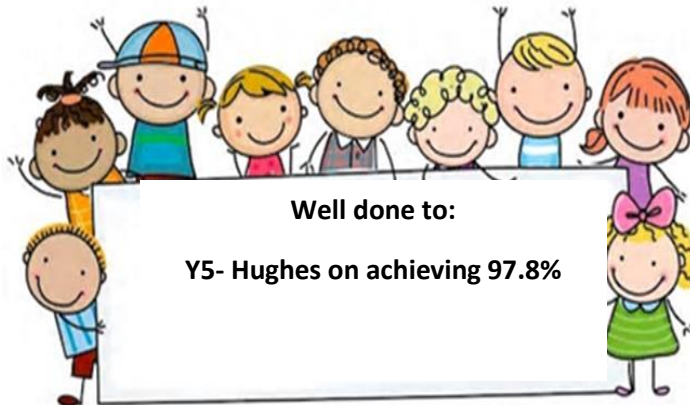
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
92.2%	92.1%	90.1%	87.8%	92.1%	92%	97.9%	86.6%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
78.4%	91.5%	95.8%	93.2%	97.8%	90.8%	95.2%	95%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 91.5%

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from KS2, KS1 and Early Years will be selected and win a special prize. We are always looking for exciting prizes so if you have any new items which would make good attendance prizes please feel free to donate to the office.

The winners this week are Sophie, Favour and Fizz. Well done 😊