



Live Life, Love Learning, Guided by God



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Fox Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Families,

Hope you are having a lovely week

Week two already, our summer 1 term is flying away!

Our Learning

Maths - We have been learning about unit fractions and non-unit fractions and recognising fractions on a scale.



Fractions snap



Fractions dominoes

English - Our class book is 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. It is a non-fiction book about a journey of a pebble starting from its origins in a fiery volcano 480 million years ago, to its place in a busy, modern landscape. To help the children understand the timeline in the book over the last two weeks we have used drama techniques, story mapping, researched some facts about volcanoes and written poems about sea creatures .



'Volcanic explosion'



'Pebble in a river'

Science

Our topic is **Forces and Magnets**. The children were exploring magnetism and learning about the north and south magnetic poles and the meanings of attract and repel. Afterwards we had some fun using magnets in their magic tricks!



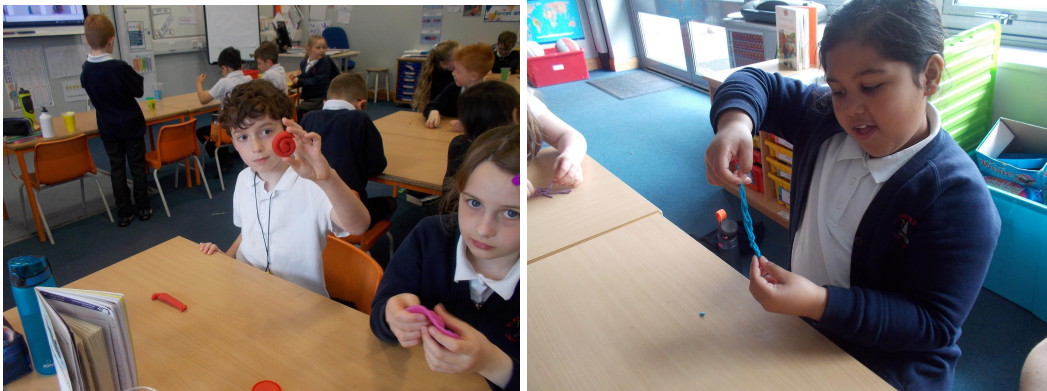
"My magnetic ring trick"



"We are moving magnets from underneath our table"

Design and Technology

This term we are learning about sculpting skills. We practised using plasticine different techniques including plaits, spirals, piecing and cylinder rolls.



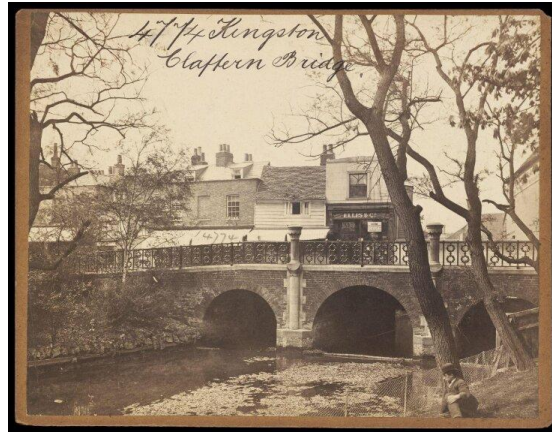
History - Local History

Our topic is local history. We started our learning by looking at maps of Chessington and Kingston upon Thames and talking about what makes our area very special. We then looked at understanding what makes a building special and why some buildings, monuments and structures are listed to preserve them. The children

researched listed buildings in the Kingston area and the reasons why they were listed. These included the Coronation Stone, St Mary the Virgin Church, Clattern Bridge and All Saints Church.



St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Lane



Clattern Bridge, Kingston



Coronation Stone, Kingston



All Saints Church, Kingston

Reminders

PE - Tuesdays and Thursdays

1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

5th May - Coronation Day celebration in school - contributions of packets of biscuits, cupcakes/cakes welcomed

8th May - King's Coronation Bank Holiday Monday

Please come and speak to us or email if you have any questions or queries. We can be contacted by email on fox@stmarys.rbksch.org

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