

ASPS NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank the whole school community for the exceptional way you have all pulled together to ensure our children have enjoyed an extremely positive start to the school year. A special thank you to all the staff team who have gone above and beyond from the start of September to make the first term a very successful one.

Despite the implications and restrictions caused by maintaining Covid secure bubbles, we are exceptionally proud of the way our children have adapted to the new way of working. It is testament to all involved that they have continued to thrive, achieve and enjoy school life.

Thank you for all your support and for the many positive comments you pass on at the school gates. We value them greatly. We hope you manage to enjoy some family time over half term despite the restrictions and we look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 2 November.

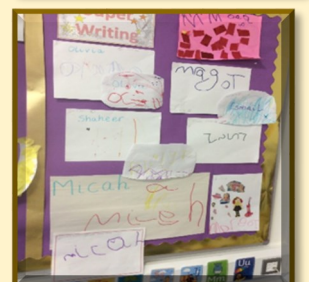
Yours sincerely

Robert Howell
Headteacher

School News

Nursery News

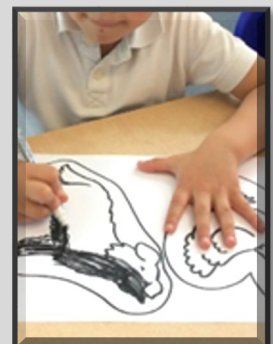
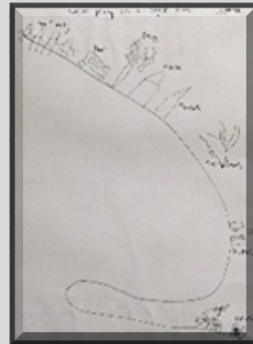
We are very happy to welcome the nursery children to Alfred Sutton Primary School. The children have been very busy getting to know the new teachers, routines and making new friends too. We have been learning how to share and take turns with the toys and how to listen on the carpet. We have enjoyed some great books such as *Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly*, *So Much, Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See* and *The Enormous Turnip*. Learning through these books helps us to learn new vocabulary as well as exploring new art techniques such as painting and collage.



Reception News

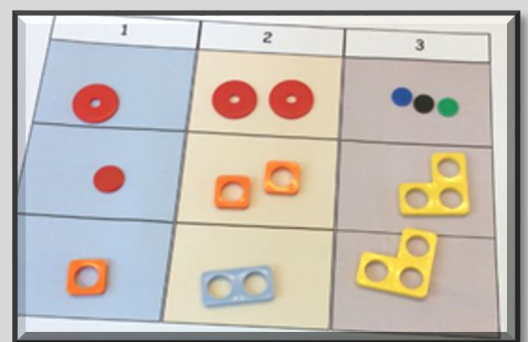
Wow! What a busy first term it has been in Reception. The start of this year looked a little different to previous years and the children had to come into class on their own from the very start. Although it took a few children a couple of days to get used to this, they now come in with confidence, ready for the day ahead. New friendships have been made and daily routines have been learnt.

We have worked with three class texts, *Elmer* by David McKee, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury and the traditional tale, *The Little Red Hen*. Each story has provided plenty of activities for the children to do and they have produced some pleasing pieces of work. Here are some pictures showing you some of the things we have been up to.



We quickly started to learn phonics using RWInc phonics. The children have now learnt to read and write most of the Set 1 Speed Sounds. They have also been learning to use *Fred Talk*, which will help them to read and spell. Thank you to those of you who have been practising the letter sounds at home.

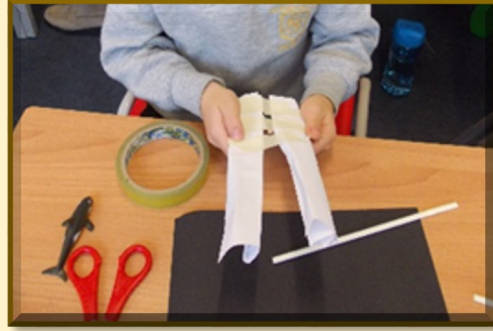
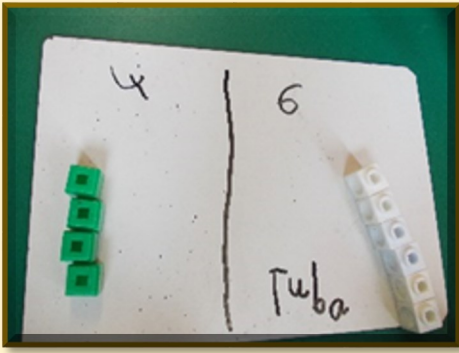
In maths we have been very hands on and have used a lot of different apparatus to help develop our understanding of mathematical concepts. We have been matching numeral to quantity, where we had to count really carefully. We used balance scales to explain our understanding of heavier and lighter and we got to explore 2-step and 3-step patterns and used squares of paper to make our own. The children are working to understand the composition of each number.



However, this is just a snapshot of what we have been doing at school. Log into your child's Tapestry account to see what else they have been up to this term. This is also where you will find the weekly homework tasks. We really enjoy reading your comments and seeing how your child has got on with their homework. You are also able to upload pictures of what you have been doing at home. <https://tapestryjournal.com/>

Well done to all Reception children, they have worked really hard this term and are ready for the half term break. Have a wonderful break and see you back for more fun and adventures in Term 2.

Year 1 News



What a fantastic start Year 1 have had to the new school year. We have been so impressed this term by how all of the children have been confident and resilient to come back to school. The Year 1 team are so proud of how they have adapted.

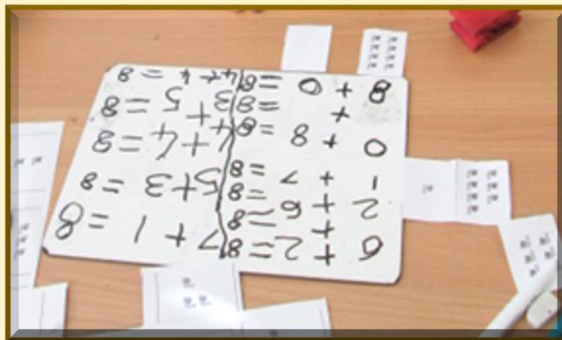
We have had great fun this term on our topic '*All about me!*' It has been lovely to get to know the new members of our classes and we have produced some super writing and art work about ourselves.

In history and geography we have been learning about our school and local area. We have learnt about who Alfred Sutton was, as well as comparing the past and the present. We have thought about our town and talked about our favourite places to visit- the university lake is very popular with the Year 1 children!

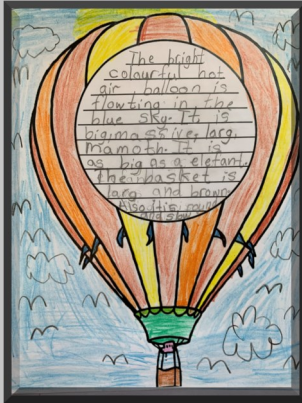
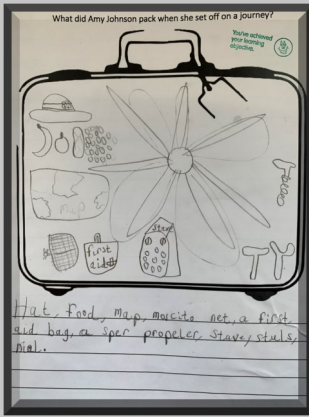
In English work the children have been focusing on stories about toys. We have enjoyed doing some creative writing based around *Old Bear* and *That Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown*. The children have been practising their neatest writing, as well as using full stops and capital letters in their work.

Maths has been lots of fun this term. We have experimented with numbers and been thinking about number bonds. We have worked on sharing cubes, coins and even pots of honey between two people!

Well done to all the Year 1 children and thank you to all parents and carers for your support so far this year.

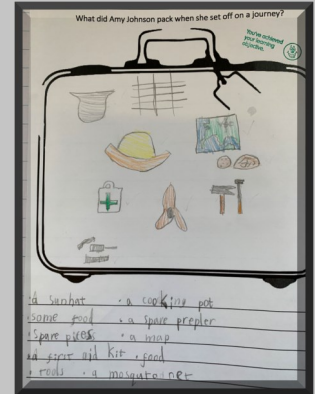
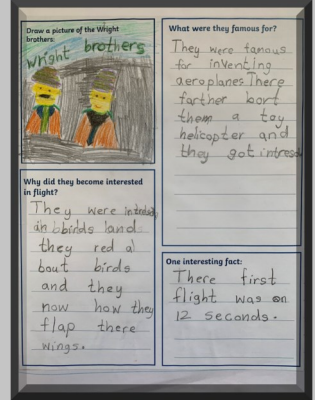


Year 2 News



Year 2 have been so happy to be back at school! Even though things have been different, they've showed such eagerness to get back to their learning.

This term, our topic has been 'Flight'. The children have been learning about important people in the development of planes and other methods of flight, including the early journeys into space! Year 2 particularly enjoyed learning about the Wright Brothers and Amy Johnson! They have written beautiful shape poems about hot air balloons, focusing on including really good description.

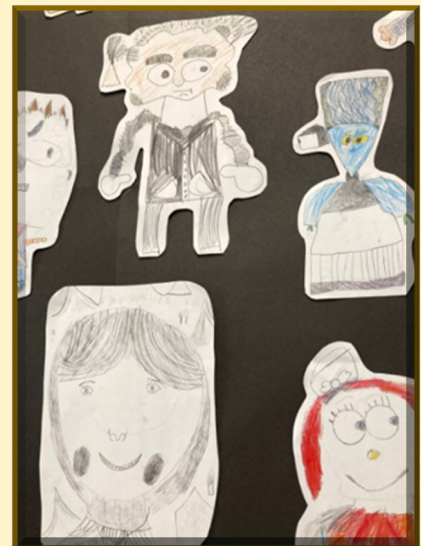


Year 3 News

In Year 3 the children have adapted brilliantly to the new ways in which we're working at school. They have settled into Key Stage 2 and have already shown great enthusiasm and produced some excellent work.

They have written some exciting narratives reflecting our knowledge of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. The children have drawn their rock characters using techniques of hatching and shading.

Additionally, we have worked our way through *Skeleton Keys: The Unimaginary Friend* which the children have thoroughly loved reading.



Year 4 News

In Year 4 the children have settled back into school life wonderfully embracing sensibly the new ways in which we are working at school. They are showing great energy and enthusiasm and have produced some super work.

In geography, the children have learned all about Whitby and compared and contrasted its physical and human geography to Reading. They have published what they have learned in a Whitby Fact Book which is a delight to read.

The children have also showcased their design and building abilities, having studied different forms of dolls houses, followed by creating their own designs and culminating in constructing them. Here are a few that were made.



Year 5 News

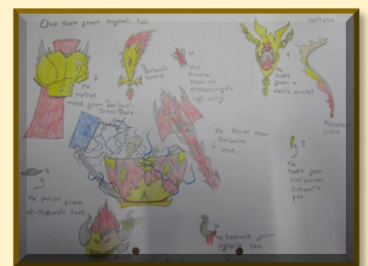
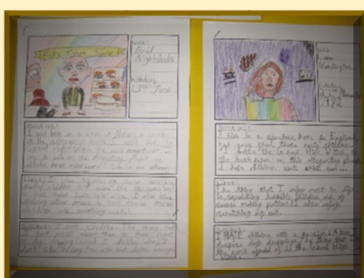
As we approach the end of our first short term, the children of Year 5 should feel very proud of all that they have achieved. They have worked consistently hard in all subjects, despite the strange Covid-19 situation they find themselves in. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the children for the mature and responsible way they have coped with changes to their school life.

With six weeks nearly over, the children have already completed several topics. In science our work on materials and their properties has come to an end, as has the geography topic of 'marvellous maps'. We have now made a start on a first history unit – The Indus Valley Civilisation – and the display boards are already filling up with fantastic work.

A particular favourite of all the children has been DT. Our focus has been on construction and methods for joining materials. As you can see, recently the classes have rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to develop wood-working skills. We are pleased to report that they were unfazed by the use of saws and all fingers were still in tact at the end of the session!

One new area of learning has come in the form of, 'Fun with Reading'. We are striving to develop a love of books and reading in the children. To do this, we have been exploring new ways to look at and respond to a wide variety of texts (including Roald Dahl's *Witches*, Aaron Blabey's *The Bad Guys* and Malorie Blackman's *Cloud Busting*). Here is a variety of the work that has come out of these lessons.

We hope you are all safe and well and looking forward to the short break.

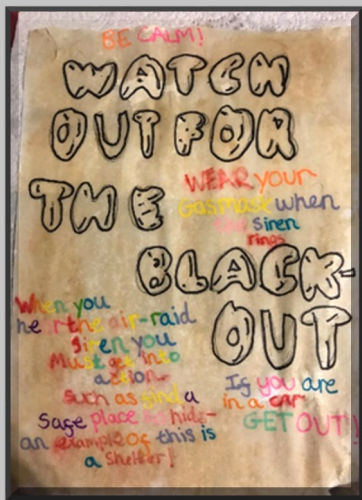


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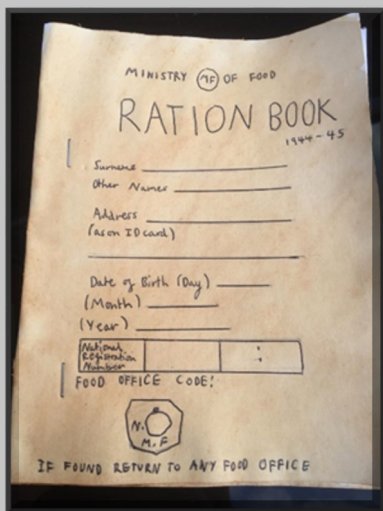
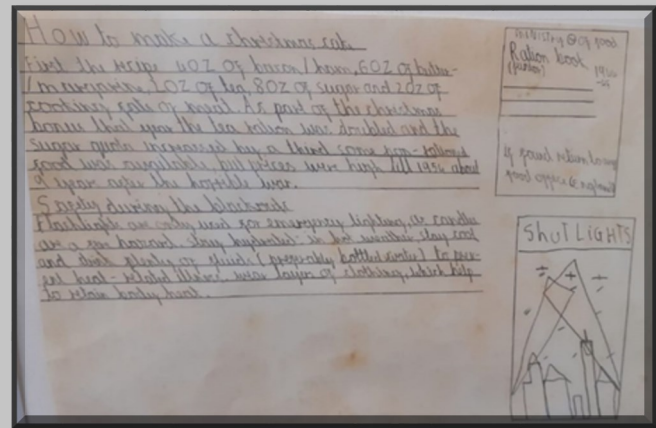
Continuing with our topic of WWII, children have enthusiastically been selecting topics to research as part of their home learning. We have enjoyed learning about World War II this term in our history and writing lessons and have enjoyed reading a selection of texts describing the period. The Year 6 team have also been delighted with the selection of home learning from children. Here is a selection of some of the fantastic activities they have been doing over the last two weeks.



Abrar's rationing cake



Imaan's war inspired poster





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