

ASPS NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers

Although school closure has been a very challenging time, the Alfred Sutton Primary School community has continued to impress me showing great strength, positivity and resilience for which I am extremely thankful.

I have seen this reflected in the wonderful work pupils have been doing on the learning platform, the lovely feedback parents have sent, strong parent teacher and child 'virtual' partnerships and of course, the high level of commitment from staff to adjusting to a very different way of working.

School has remained open for some pupils throughout lockdown and we are now in the process of welcoming back more pupils. It has been a real pleasure to reconnect in person with so many more of our families and we look forward to a time when we can welcome back all year groups.

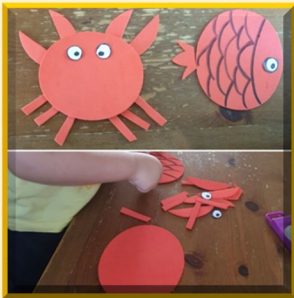
Meanwhile, some of our children continue to learn from home whilst others learn at school. We would like to use this newsletter to celebrate the learning that the whole community has been engaging in.

Yours sincerely

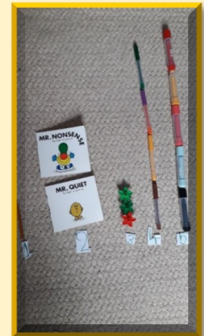
Robert Howell
Headteacher

School News

Nursery News



The Nursery children have been very busy at home learning their letters and their numbers. Everyday we have had a letter or number of the day to work on. Children have been on letter hunts and made number graphs using objects from around their house. Each week the children have listened to a new book from a link on the Learning Platform. Last week's story was *Commotion in the Ocean* and the children drew and made some super sea art using paints and paper.



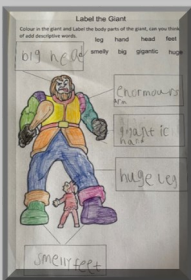
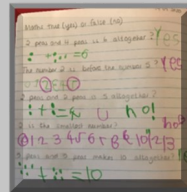
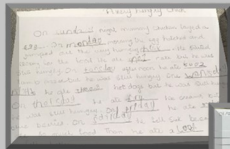
Reception Class News

The children have been very busy at home completing their home learning activities. Each week we upload activity grids for Literacy, Maths and the Wider Curriculum so parents and children can choose what they would like to do. All of the tasks are based on a popular children's picture book. We also have access to *Busy Things* – the children have been using different devices to play games and complete activities.

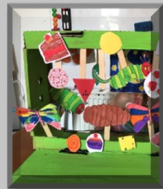
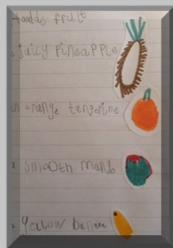
These are the stories we have worked with so far:



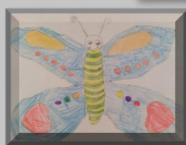
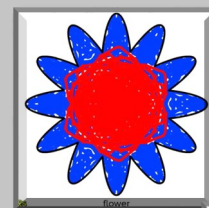
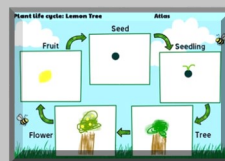
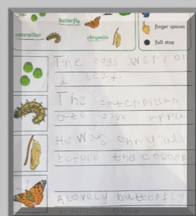
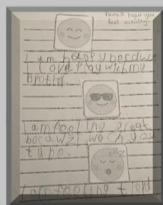
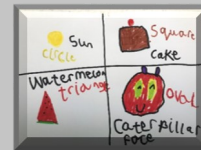
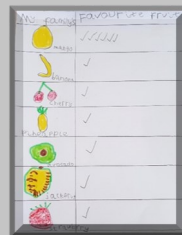
The children and parents have produced some fantastic pieces of work. I would love to share all of them but unfortunately that would take up too much space! Here are some examples of the types of activities children and parents have been doing at home. Thank you for all of your support, encouragement and involvement so far. It truly has been a joy seeing all of the fun things you have been getting up to whilst we have not been able to be in school.



Literacy activities



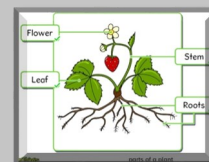
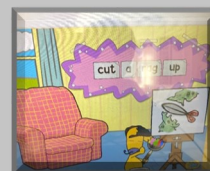
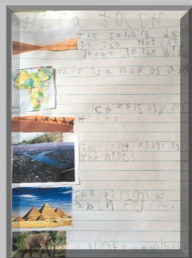
Maths activities



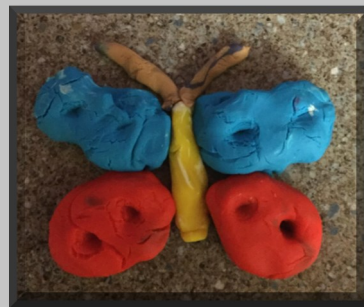
Busy Things



Wider Curriculum activities



Year 2 News



Year 2 have been doing some beautiful butterfly art this week to celebrate Butterfly Education and Awareness Day, which took place on 1 June. Us teachers have been blown away by some of the work produced, and the amazing effort the children have put into their creations. Some used paint or clay to create their butterflies, whereas others used objects from outdoors, such as leaves, twigs - and even shells! One even made a 3D model hung by some string. Here are a few examples:



Year 3 News

Year 3 have been working very hard with their online learning. Although it is different and they miss their friends, we know that they have been trying their best while at home. They have worked hard with learning about a variety of topics. From magnets in science, to rivers in Geography. They have demonstrated the Sutton value of perseverance in producing some excellent home learning.



A model river by Luca and Max



Boat made by Carol



Creating shadows by Ella



A poster made by Dimitros

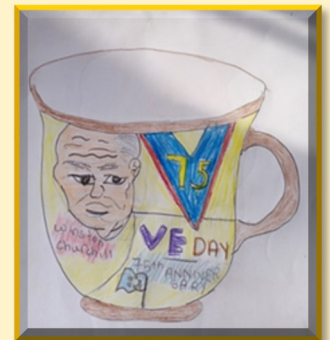
Year 5 News



The Year 5 team would like to congratulate all the pupils of Buzzard, Eagle and Falcon classes for the mature and responsible way they have approached their learning during this period of isolation and lock-down. There have been some truly remarkable displays of hard work and dedication over the last few weeks and months, with children going above and beyond what is expected and required from them.



As a team we have done our best to maintain the children's education across all areas of the curriculum but without the support of the children and their loved ones, nothing would be possible. We would like to extend our thanks to everybody who has helped the pupils of Year 5 with their work, encouraged them to give one more challenge a go and made clear the importance of working from home even when other, more 'appealing' ways of spending their time might have been calling!



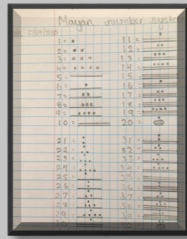
Sadly, we cannot even begin to scratch the surface of what has been achieved by the Year 5 children. However, we hope the photos that surround these words give at least a flavour of what has been going on. From VE Day cookery, to cardboard sculptures, from board games, to collage, from comic drawing to videos of science experiments, from stunning poetry and story writing to incredible maths, we have received it all and loved every minute of looking at the marvellous creativity and resilience of our pupils.



Year 6 News

We have enjoyed seeing all the posts over the last few weeks online. We've been so impressed with everyone's work and keep it up!

We've been looking at the Mayan culture so far this term. We have also enjoyed celebrating Ramadan and have had some fantastic work to showcase this time.



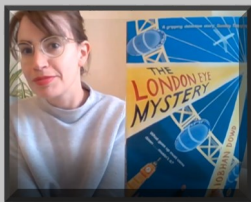
A brilliant Mayan mask submitted by Mercedes.



Zaid has been working on the Mayan number system.

Lilia's Ramadan work .

Anya's Ramadan work



Ms.Harris has enjoyed reading each day to Year 6. We have already finished 'The Star Outside My Window' and are now onto reading by popular demand, 'The London Eye Mystery'.

Here are a selection of the comments on the current book! Keep posting!

A huge thank you to Ms.Harris for reading each day – everyone has really enjoyed the chapters and are eager to find out more!

Hi Ms Harris,
Today's chapters were *amazing*!! I really can't wait for Monday's chapters!!

Also, in one moment of the story, Ted says, "I folded my arms across my chest to stop my hands from flapping." (I can't remember exactly, but I think it goes like that). Moreover, in another moment of the story, Ted says, "defied the laws of gravity...". This reminded me a lot about The Star Outside My Window as I think Anyah says this as well (or something like it).

I am really enjoying this book!!

Thanks,
Mercedes

Hi!!!!!!

It is soooo good and interesting and thanksssss a looott for reading this book to us!!!!

I agree with lotte and mercedes how they had said about that the could have adhd. I don't think ted's family admire aunt glo since she makes people get all angry and then everyone starts arguing.

I love the book sooo farr!!!! Cannot wait for the next chapter to be out!!!!!! 🍀❤️😊

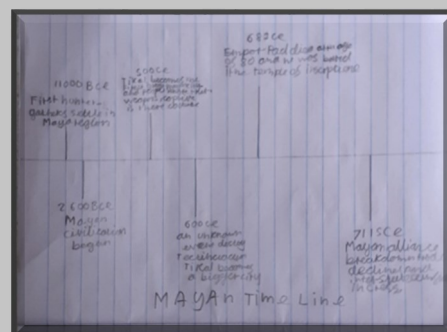
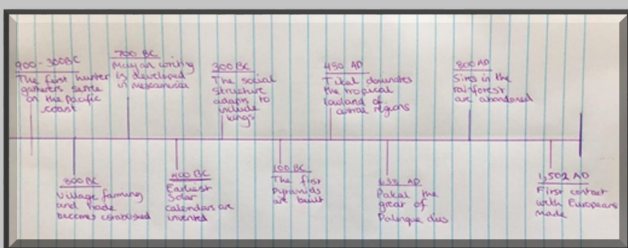
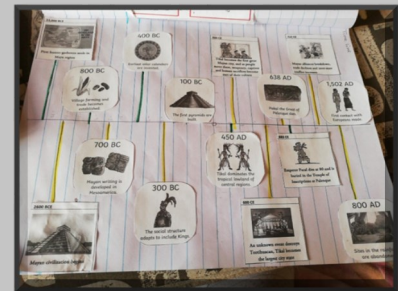
Hi everyone

Just saying when I read this story, it was so addictive and itrentisting. 🍀👍

Ella



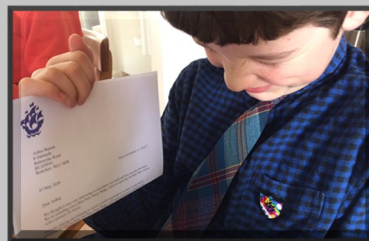
Thanvi, Zaid and Kamol have been looking at how the Mayan culture progressed over time – what a fantastic job they have done!



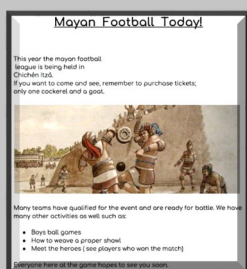
Arthur has received a Blue Peter badge for his music work – what a fantastic achievement!

All the Year 6 staff are very proud of you!

Here is a screenshot from his video on our El Dorado Writing project – if you haven't seen it make sure you go and check it out!

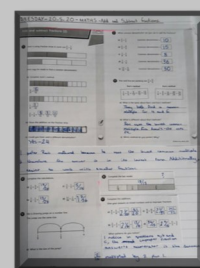


Amiti, Lilia and Bhavishya have been busy creating shape art inspired by a range of artists. We can't believe how brilliant these pieces are! Well done to all!

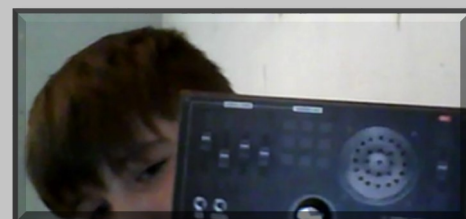


Ella has been hard at work researching about Mayan culture and comparing it with today.

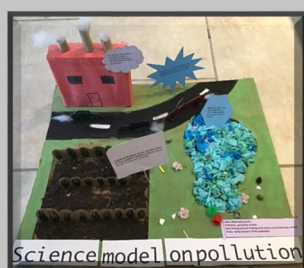
A special mention to Amrita who has been working hard on her Maths – she is always engaging on the platform and helping others. Well done!



Over the half term, Harry commented: 'I have built a working V8 engine. This type of engine is powerful and is used in cars such as Ford Mustang, Ferrari 488 and Mercedes G-Wagon. I got the kit for Christmas and I've really enjoyed building it.' We were so impressed!



Another engineer, Onyx made a synthesiser. Go and check out on the platform to see what it can do!



Sofia spent some time looking at Science outside and Zuzanna made an electrical circuit at home – would you be able to do that!?



We once again want to congratulate all Year 6 for their fantastic achievements on the learning platform at this time.

We also want to thank parents and carers for all their support (as well as brothers and sisters and anyone else who has helped!). We realise it has been a difficult time, but have been amazed by the standard of work posted each day!

The Year 6 team are looking forward to welcoming some of Year 6 back soon but will still be online enjoying everything that people are posting in the meantime!

Thanks to all!

The Year 6 Team

The School Garden



Whilst the whole county has been in lockdown, much of the natural world around us has been thriving, largely thanks to the improved quality of air. The air quality around the world has improved as a result of the huge reduction in pollution from people not driving their cars, flying on planes or other activities that can have a harmful effect on the environment.

One clear sign of this impact at Alfred Sutton Primary School is the way that our garden has been thriving throughout this period. It has taken a lot of hard work from the children that have continued to attend school during lockdown to ensure that the plants have had enough water to survive what has officially now been called by the Met Office “The sunniest Spring on record” and the fruits of their labours have been the bursts of colour as flowers have bloomed and begun to attract bees.

Learning about the environment and how we impact it is an increasingly important part of the curriculum and thanks to the sterling efforts of our children and the favourable environmental conditions, along with knowledgeable encouragement from some of our staff, our garden has survived lockdown and is ready to be a source of pleasure and pride for everyone in school, as well as a source of learning about the natural world around us.

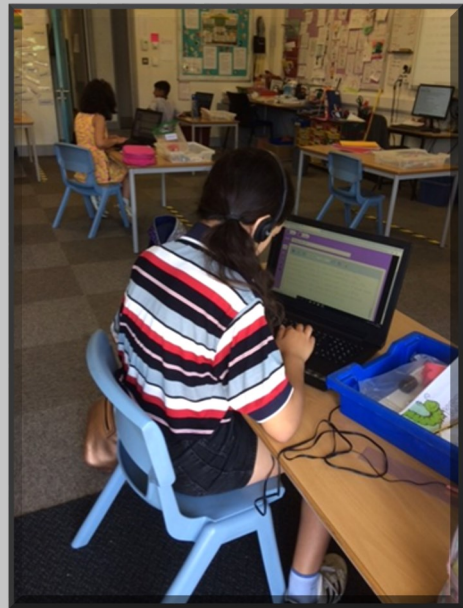


Childcare Bubble

Summer Term 2 is in full swing with the Childcare bubble. Children have worked really well in their space and new classroom. There has been a boat theme this week with some information about magnets. Children were able to use magnets to fish as well as understand a bit more about things having to do with the ocean and boats. Children have their regular break and lunch times, luckily with some lovely weather. In the afternoons, one class will water the plants in the school garden.



Working on the learning platform



Playing basketball and doing craft in the classroom – all socially distanced. (2 children at back table are in the same family!



Good bye to Mrs Bruce and Ms Scott

Sadly, we will be saying good bye to two long standing members of staff at the end of the term and I know you will join me in wanting to wish them well and to thank them enormously for the years of dedicated service they have given to the whole school community.

Ms Louise Scott, our Business Manager , leaves Alfred Sutton after 22 years. In that time , she has expertly managed the school finances and overseen an extensive range of school improvements projects to enable the school to flourish and continually improve. Throughout her time at Alfred Sutton ,Louise has played a huge part in the life of the school and will be greatly missed. The role of the Business Manager has evolved hugely during her time in post and it is testament to Louise's professionalism that she has so ably adapted to the huge change and levels of responsibility attached to the role.. I would also like to personally thank her for the invaluable support she has provided to the school during these unprecedented times and for her unswerving professionalism.. Thank you Louise for everything and best wishes for a happy retirement.

Following Ms Scott's retirement, we can announce that after a rigorous selection process Alice de Croos had been appointed as the new School Business Manager and will join the Senior Leadership Team of the school. I would also like to thank Alice for the hugely significant developments she has overseen in her role as Office Manager, particularly the work she has led around developing parental communication systems and the introduction of Weduc. We look forward to working with Mrs de Croos in her new role.

Mrs Bruce will also be leaving the school at the end of term as she moves to take on a part time and less 'high profile' role in another school. Mrs Bruce has played a very significant role in the life of Alfred Sutton and I know will be greatly missed by all members of our community. I would like to particularly thank Mrs Bruce for her inspired leadership of the music curriculum and for her dedicated service to the PTA and wider school community. Mrs Bruce writes:

Dear Alfred Sutton Parents

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the privilege of teaching and getting to know you and your children over the past 12 years at our wonderful school. I have always felt very proud to work at Alfred Sutton and have been inspired, amazed and humbled by the children I have known – in my classes and in choirs, plays, residential trips, sports events, etc. They have been creative, resilient, enthusiastic and loyal and I have many, many happy memories. I have valued friendships with many of you as often more than one of your children has passed through my class. Thank you to the many of you who have helped on trips, supported the choir at the Hexagon and O2, come into class to help with reading and other activities and to the fantastic PTA parents who I have loved working alongside.

I had not planned my last term at Alfred Sutton to be like this and am very sorry not to be able to leave with musical celebrations, plays, and the chance to say goodbye to the whole school community. I do feel very sad to be leaving, but it seems right to work part time for my last 2 years before I retire – so I am taking on a new challenge at a new school. Alfred Sutton will always have a special place in my heart, and I am sure that you and your children will continue to make it a fabulous school community.

With love

Sue Bruce