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Dear Parents/Carers

As a very challenging year draws to a close we would like to end on a high note by celebrating some of our best memories of the experiences and achievements we have shared.

Never ceasing to be inspired by the wonderful spirit of the whole Alfred Sutton Primary School community, staff are incredibly grateful for your support and solidarity during a year that has seen so many changes in society. The children have impressed us throughout, demonstrating incredible resilience and positivity and are a total credit to you. Please pass on how very proud we are of each and every one of them.

Moving forwards, as we adapt to a current new normality, I would like to wish you a great summer, catching up with wider family members and friends and hopefully enjoying some outings or going away.

Yours sincerely

Robert Howell
Headteacher

School News

Nursery News

What a busy time we had in Nursery this year. We had so much fun making new friends and learning how to get along with others. We learned and practised the rules we need to help us listen and learn in school. We explored so many different topics through our book of the week. We loved acting out the stories we heard. This photo is from the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr.



Some of our favourite memories were made when different visitors came to our school.

We loved meeting and stroking the animals who came to visit from Miller's Ark Farm. We found what they like to eat and how to look after them



We had a great time exploring the outside environment on our Welly Walks... we did one in the autumn and one in the spring. We loved marching up the hill to the nursery rhyme 'Oh the Grand Old Duke of York' and then running down from the top! We collected leaves and twigs, stones and pine cones and made a Natural Art collage back in the classroom.



In springtime, just before lockdown, we did some weeding and gardening and planted lots of seeds. Look at how they have grown into beautiful, colourful flowers. The children who came back to school in June also planted sunflowers after we read the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Mick Inkpen. On the learning platform we saw all the amazing plants you had grown at home!



The teachers have loved their time with the Nursery children watching them grow, develop and learn. We wish them all a fantastic summer holiday!

Reception End of Year Newsletter

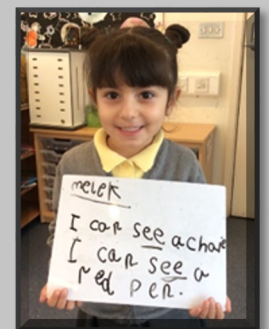
It has been a funny old year in Reception! All of the children settled so well in September and were keen and excited to explore their new setting. Throughout the year we have been a number of different things, for example, explorers, performers, authors, illustrators, bakers, designers, inventors, mathematicians, artists and scientists to name but a few. We have also learnt how to be good listeners, learners and friends. We have done so many fun activities that it will be hard to only name a few.



In Autumn we made and ate bread rolls just like the 'Little Red Hen'. They were so tasty. Then later in the term, we bravely performed to our parents during the Christmas 'Stay and Sing' session. In Spring, we drew maps and designed puppets to help us learn the class text, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We also had so much fun in the garden, building models and playing in the mud. Throughout the time in school we produced a number of beautiful pieces of artwork using a range of mixed media, materials and techniques.



In literacy and maths we have worked so hard to consolidate our skills and understanding. So many children are now able to write short sentences or their own stories; it was so nice to see their interest and enthusiasm in writing grow. As we learnt more sounds and became even more confident in using *Fred Talk*, the children immersed themselves in reading. By March, some children were able to show their understanding of mathematical concepts, such as adding and taking away, by using apparatus or drawing a calculation to find the answer. It also was so much fun learning about shape, space and measures and we used all sorts of equipment to help us learn.



Then in March the school closed to most of the children and we moved to home learning and using the learning platform. Very quickly families were uploading amazing pieces of work, showcasing what their children can do. Although we weren't together in school, we could still 'see' each other and the teachers could celebrate the wonderful work being done. Thank you to all parents and carers throughout this time of lockdown for your support and kind words of encouragement. You and your children have been doing a magnificent job.

Year 1 News

We have been so proud of the Year 1 children throughout the whole year. The hard work and friendly attitude that they have consistently shown has been a real joy to witness. This year has certainly been unexpected and unique but the children have continued to embody the Sutton 6 by being resilient, caring and aspirational. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children throughout the year. We wish everyone a very happy and healthy summer holiday.

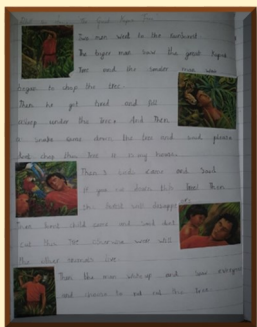
The Year 1 teachers thought about their favourite memories of this year:

Mr Jones: "I remember how interested everyone found learning about London. We read stories about the London landmarks and learnt about the great fire of London. Now we all know that Big Ben is the name of the bell and not the tower!"

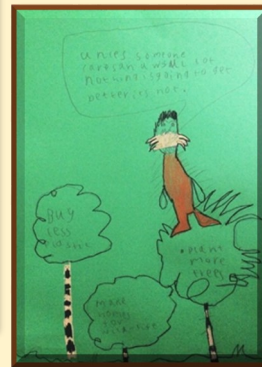
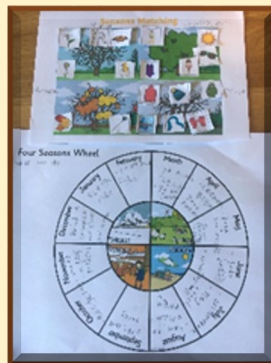
Mrs Newton: "My favourite memory is the lovely autumn walk we went on at the beginning of the year. It was wonderful being in nature, taking in the sights and sounds. We all got a bit muddy, spotted some squirrels and saw the different coloured leaves on the trees."

Mrs Ruqiyya: "My favourite memory is from careers week. The children were thoroughly engaged and in awe of the different careers they discovered and discussed. I particularly enjoyed hearing about the children's ambitions and long term plans."

Mrs Rose: "It is hard to pick as I have so many fond memories from this year! I really enjoyed the winter singing concert that we performed in December. It was great fun teaching the year 1 children some new songs as well as singing some familiar tunes. The children all sang with such enthusiasm and confidence."



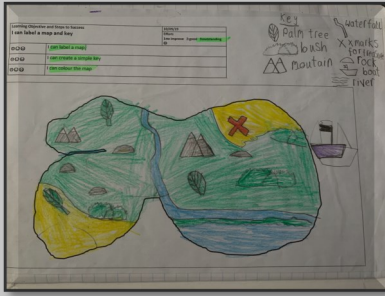
This week on the learning platform the children have been learning about deforestation. They have written some super pieces of writing as well as creating some very persuasive posters. It has been great to see the children thinking so carefully about this very important issue.



In class Year 1 have been looking at the seasons, particularly focusing on summer. We created these beach scenes using the collage technique. Look at how the sea meets the sky on our horizons. We thought about what we would like to do on the beach. Can you see anyone riding a shark? Or coconuts growing in the tree? Or an octopus swimming in the sea?



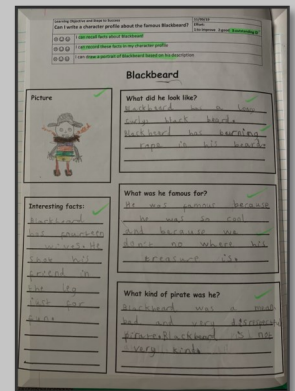
Year 2 News



This was such a fantastic year in Year 2! I'm so thrilled I had the pleasure of teaching such an enthusiastic bunch for my first year teaching key stage 1. Right from the beginning, I could feel their passion for learning and for being kind and caring little people.

The children absolutely loved every topic we did and it was fantastic to see them fully immerse themselves into each one. I know they especially loved the topic on pirates and we got to read some fantastic pirate stories, learn about *Blackbeard* and make pirate maps!

Mrs Miles



The effort that Year 2 children have put into this year has been outstanding! During Autumn and Spring term it was marvellous to watch the children progress and develop so well. During school closures the children have continued to impress with their incredible effort with home learning and using the platform, which was new to all of us. Our Year 2s have proven to be an incredibly resilient and adaptable group of children who are hungry to learn.

My favourite moment of the year has to be our school trip to Windsor Castle. It was fantastic to see the children show the depth of their knowledge in castles, talking to me about battlements and motte and bailey castles as we walked around! They were also extremely mature and responsible throughout the day, again showing their wonderful attitude to school life.

I am extremely proud of all of you and I know you will continue to thrive as you move up in the school. Wonderful effort year 2!

Mr Lim



My favourite memory of the year with Year 2 has to be the Christmas concert! The children absolutely loved learning the songs in the run up to the event, and were always enthusiastic about practising each one in the mornings. It filled me with joy to see them on stage singing their little hearts out with their hand-decorated hats on the day of the concert. It was a wonderful way to end the first term!

Miss Jackson

Year 3 News

It has been a pleasure teaching the children in Year 3! Although it has been a strange experience with online and home learning, the children have risen to the challenge completing some excellent work these last few months. As we say our goodbyes, we reflect on some of our favourite memories from the year.

Our two trips to Baylab and to see the pantomime of Cinderella at the Hexagon were exciting. The children had the opportunity to take home bath bombs and lip balm that they made at Baylab, and at the pantomime two of them got to go up on stage and join in a song! The children have been enthusiastic singers – in our assemblies, in our Christmas production, for *Sign2sing* and for *Sport Relief*. We have loved learning about the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Greece and especially our DT projects of creating cat mummies, scarab beetle necklaces and marble mazes. Another memorable task was making fossils as we studied different rock types in science. The children enjoyed publishing two of their stories this year – adding colourful book covers, interesting ‘blurbs’ and even author profiles to their exciting tales of adventures in Egypt and myths about defeating a monster.

Cat mummies



Leonor with her marble maze



Making a mould and cast fossil



Scarab beetle necklace



Year 5 News



Normally, as the summer holiday rapidly approaches, the enjoyable task of summing up the highpoints of our time together would fall to the Head of Year. However, in this case it seems fitting that another teacher – who has had the great pleasure of working with this cohort of children for the last three years – should do the honours. I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday and hand you over to Mrs Gurr.

Mr Watson

As many of you know, I have been lucky enough to work with the current Year 5s for the last three years. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the children and their families over this time and I have been thoroughly impressed with all they have achieved over the last twelve months: in particular since we have had to work from home. It has been a difficult and challenging time for us all and I have missed all the children. However, they have managed the situation exceptionally well. I am extremely proud of how every single one of them has dealt with learning at home. It definitely wasn't how I thought our last term together would go.

It is amazing how three years can seem like such a long time but can go so quickly! I am lucky to have so many treasured memories, not just of my time with the children in 3G but in Otter and Eagle class too. In fact, there are too many to mention. However, there are a couple that really stand out for me.

As well as all the fantastic learning and progress the children have made in the last three years, one event that really stands out is the Christmas plays. In Year 3 we had so much fun learning the 'Uptown Funk' dance – I am pretty sure there are still a few of you that remember it now! In Year 4, they put their superb acting skills to use in 'Mr Humbug Sees the Light'. It was a wonderful event. The children learnt their lines extremely well and the performance was truly outstanding.

Over the last year the children of Eagle, Falcon and Buzzard have worked exceptionally hard but I also feel that we have had a lot of fun together. As a year group, they have a great sense of humour - making the classrooms a fun and exciting place to be. I have some really fond memories of the children making me laugh nearly on a daily basis but I also love the way the children are all really supportive of each other and genuinely care about each other and the adults around them. One other thing I have loved about moving with them to Year 5 is watching how they have continued to grow, mature and learn, making me sure they are ready for the challenges that lie ahead in Year 6. You are a happy, friendly year group and I can't believe our time together is up. You have been an absolute joy to teach and work with and I will thoroughly miss every single one of you.

Mrs Gurr



Year 6 end of year News

It has been fantastic to see so many of Year 6 return to school in the last few weeks. We have enjoyed teaching children and beginning to discuss their transitions to secondary school in the Autumn term.

To those continuing their home learning, we thank you for submitting your work and sharing what you have been up to at home – we have continued to be impressed by the high quality of work demonstrated by you all!

As we prepare to say our final goodbyes, it is unfortunate we have been unable to celebrate with our traditional leaver assembly. We are looking to organise Y6 leavers events in the Autumn term where we will hopefully be able to accommodate the cohort as a whole.



Looking back on the year, we have been fortunate to have many memorable moments. Our residential trip in October was a particular highlight. It was great to see children's confidence grow and many trying new experiences.



It has been great to see the art children have created this year, especially during the school closure period. Thank you for this amazing piece!

Please make sure you watch the Year 6 goodbye video on the learning platform and also a goodbye from Mrs Bruce too.

The Year 6 team will miss you all but know you will make a fantastic start in September in your new schools. We all wish you the best of luck. Thank you for being a brilliant Year 6!

The Year 6 Team