



Royal Russell Junior School



Newsletter

Spring Term

1st April 2021



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have ended the term in fantastic style with egg and spoon races on the Paddock, Easter egg hunts in the Forest School and delicious hot cross buns as an Easter treat.

We are all excited about some time over the Easter break to reconnect with loved ones and spend some time recuperating after a very busy term, both on and off site. I hope that you and your family are able to enjoy venturing out from your homes and local areas and being able to see a bit more of spring in action.

Beyond the exciting view into a busy week provided by the newsletter, I would like to draw your attention to a few reminders:

- Colleagues will be enjoying some time away from School over the course of the next two weeks and will have limited access to email. If you need to contact the school for an urgent matter (including coronavirus related issues) please contact the School Reception (reception@royalrussell.co.uk) where a member of staff will be able to respond during the following hours:

Friday 2 April & Monday 5 April: Closed

Tuesday 6 to Friday 16 April (excluding weekends): Open from 8.30am - 4.30pm

Term begins on Tuesday 20 April and clubs, Prep & Tea and Crèche will be running from then.

- Drop off and pick up times remain unchanged, as do procedures for safety on site including social distancing and mask wearing.
- The Junior School Uniform Policy is attached. As we have wider opening of shops and better access to hairdressers, I hope that you will be able to prepare your children for the Summer term. Summer uniform is welcome. Please do read through the guidance carefully.

As the site becomes quiet again, I am reminded of how much joy we have shared with our return to on-site learning. I hope that you and your loved ones have a fun filled, safe and relaxing couple of weeks until we are back together.

With very best wishes.

John Evans
Headmaster, Junior School

Natural Easter Bunnies in Nursery

Nursery Ducklings have enjoyed making Easter bunnies at Forest School this week, using natural resources.



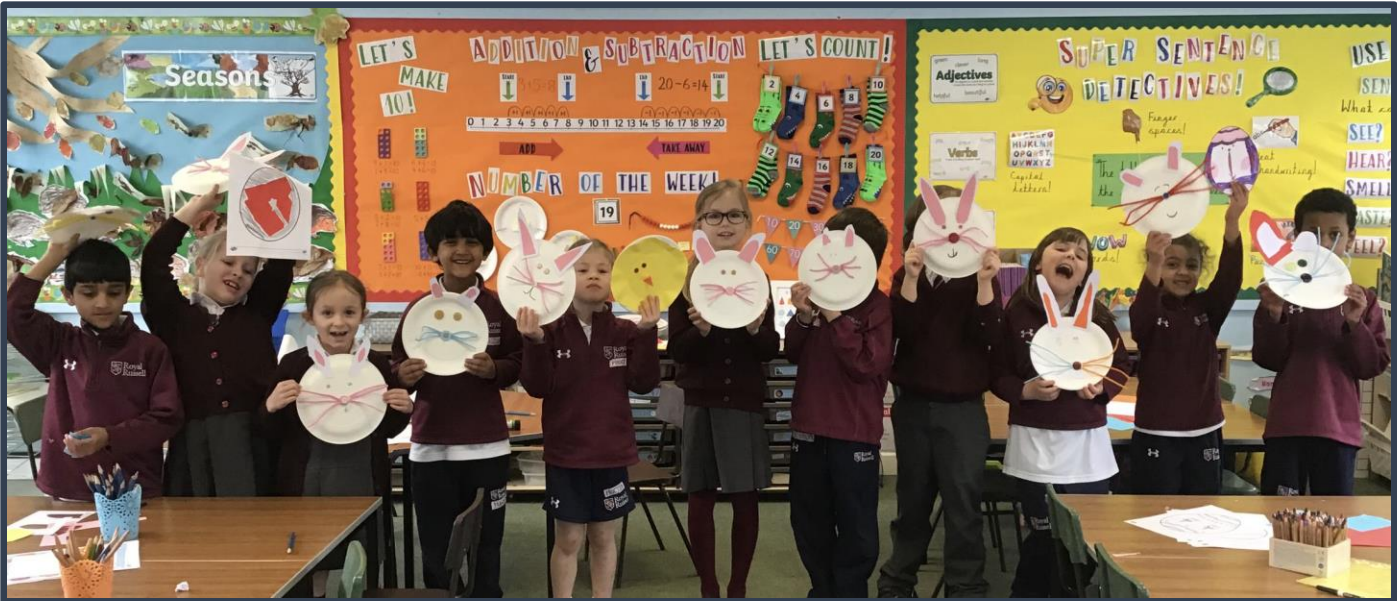
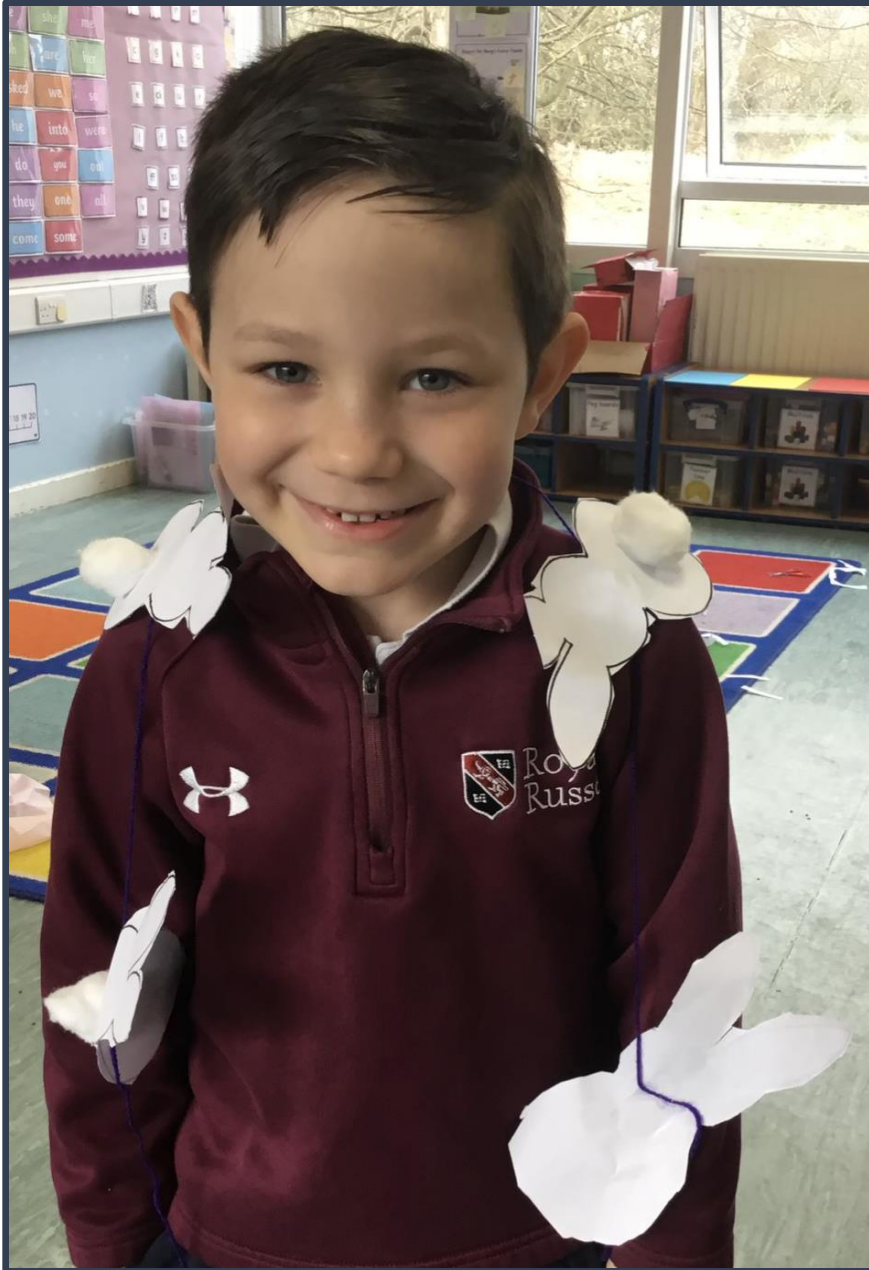
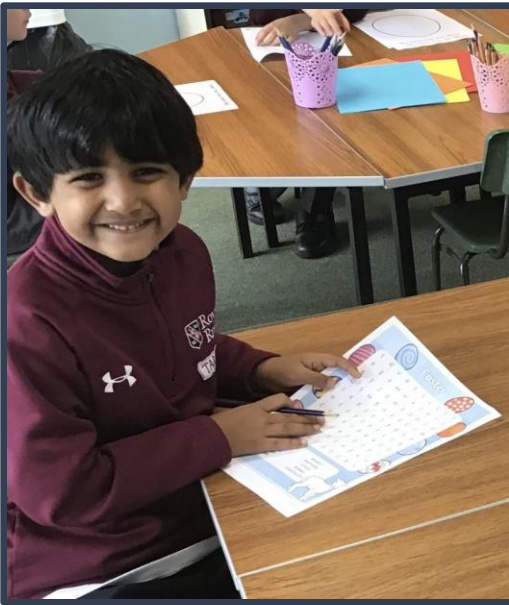
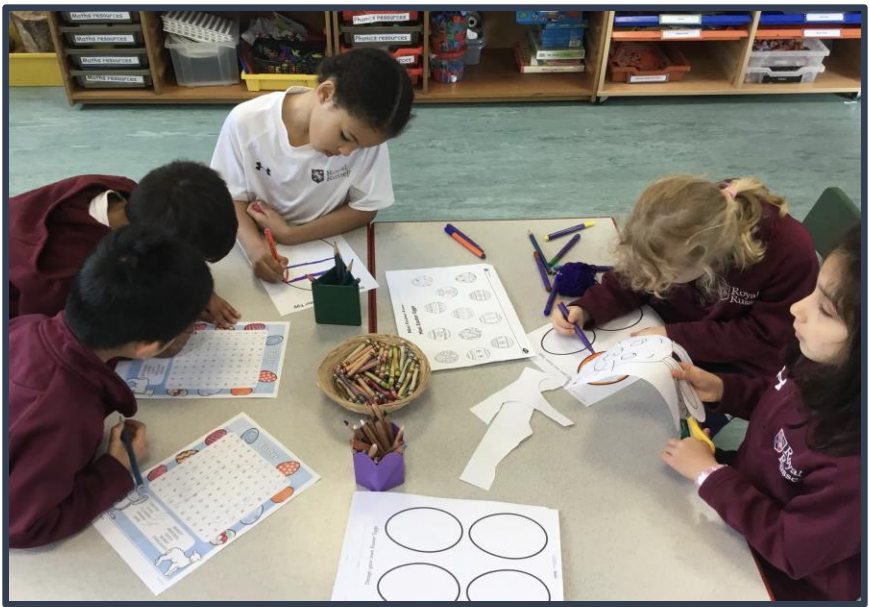
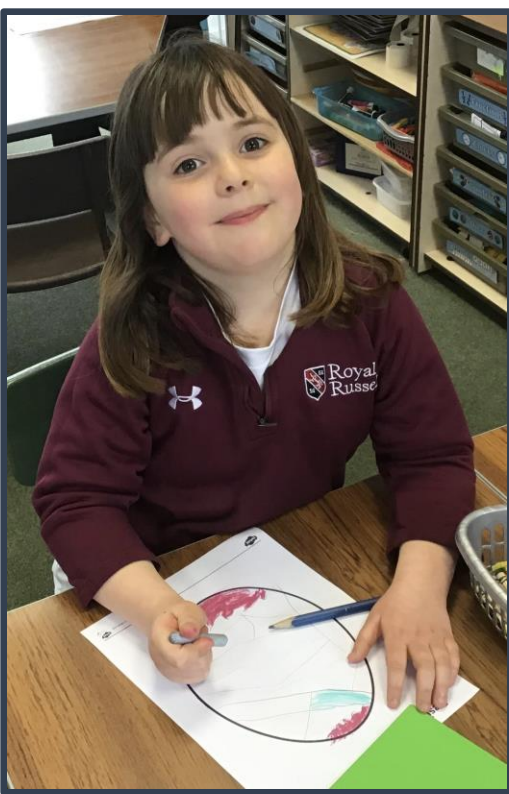
They also enjoyed putting buckets on their heads, just because!



Year 1, Published Authors

In Year 1 this week, the children have completed their fantastic books which they have been planning over the past two weeks. We are super proud of their results and they will take them home to share with their families over the Easter holidays. Well done Year 1.





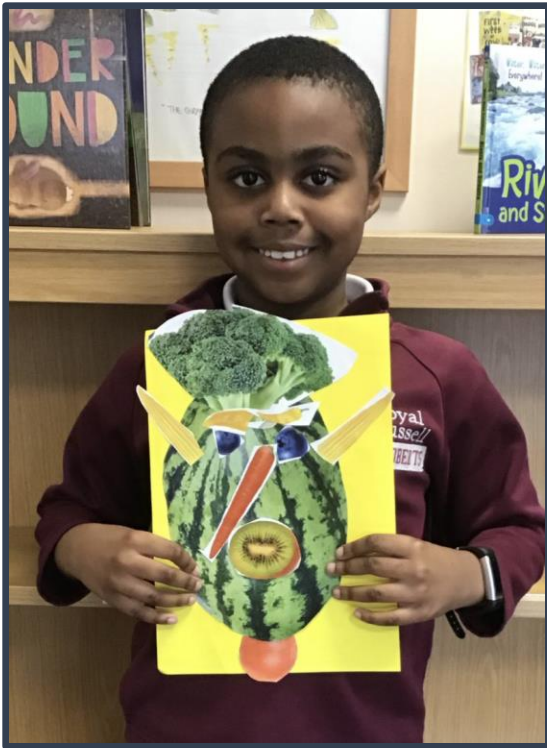
Year 2 Make 'Food Art'

This week in Art & DT, Year 2 have been learning about the humorous artist '**Giuseppe Arcimboldo**' for our theme of Fruit and Vegetables. We have used different fruit and vegetable images to create funny and colourful self-portraits, thinking about appropriate shapes for our features.

I cut up my corn pictures to make them look like my spikey fringe. I chose blueberries for my eyes as they are round.



Noah



Jonathan

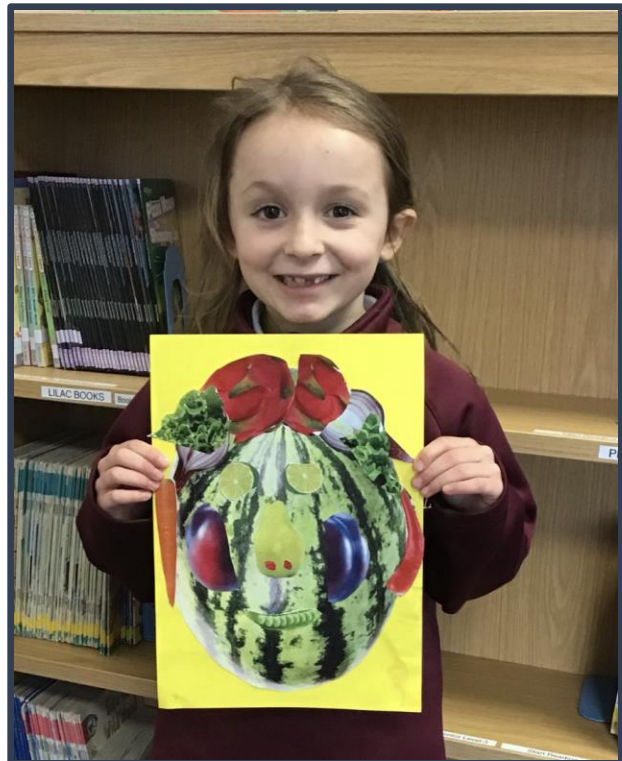


Lauren

I liked cutting and sticking down my shapes best. I made my glasses out of fruit and vegetables to make it look like me.



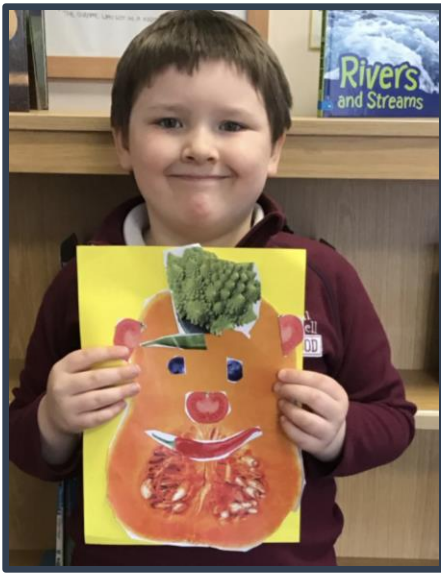
Giuseppe Arcimboldo



Dolcie



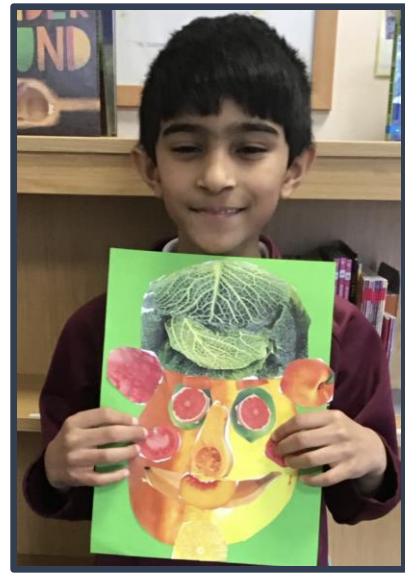
Darcey



Owain



Alex



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Sindy



Layla



Amelia



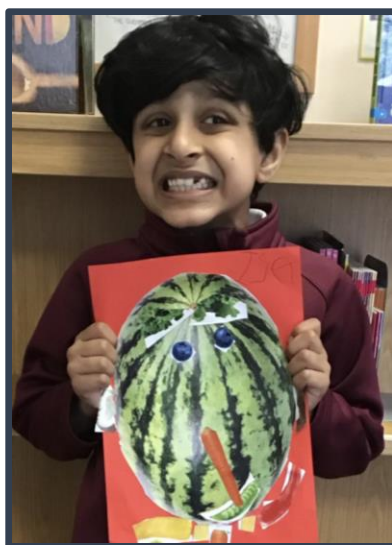
Alexander



Maya



William



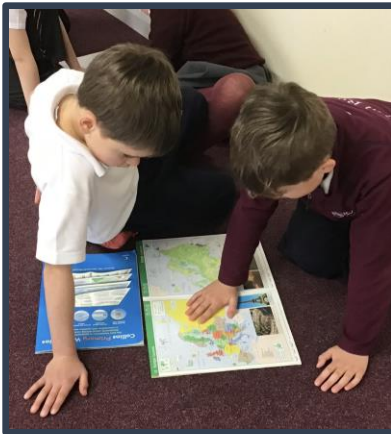
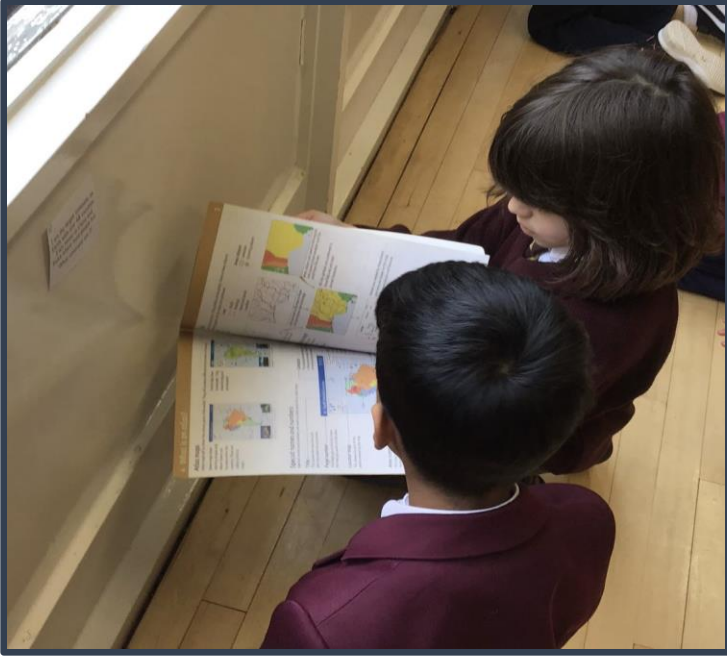
Isa



Jaden

Magical Mapping in Year 2

This term in Year 2, we have been learning how to use maps and atlases. Over the weeks we have become avid cartographers, using our skills to find locations around the UK, Europe and throughout the world.



To conclude our topic 'Magical Mapping' we took part in a riddle hunt in the hall. We had to read the clues and then use our atlases to work out which country, continent or ocean was being described.

The teachers were very impressed with our **curiosity** and **collaboration**.



A Bumper Week in Year 3

Everyone in Year 3 decorated an egg this week and they all received a chocolate egg from Royal Russell's parents' association the '**1853 society**'.

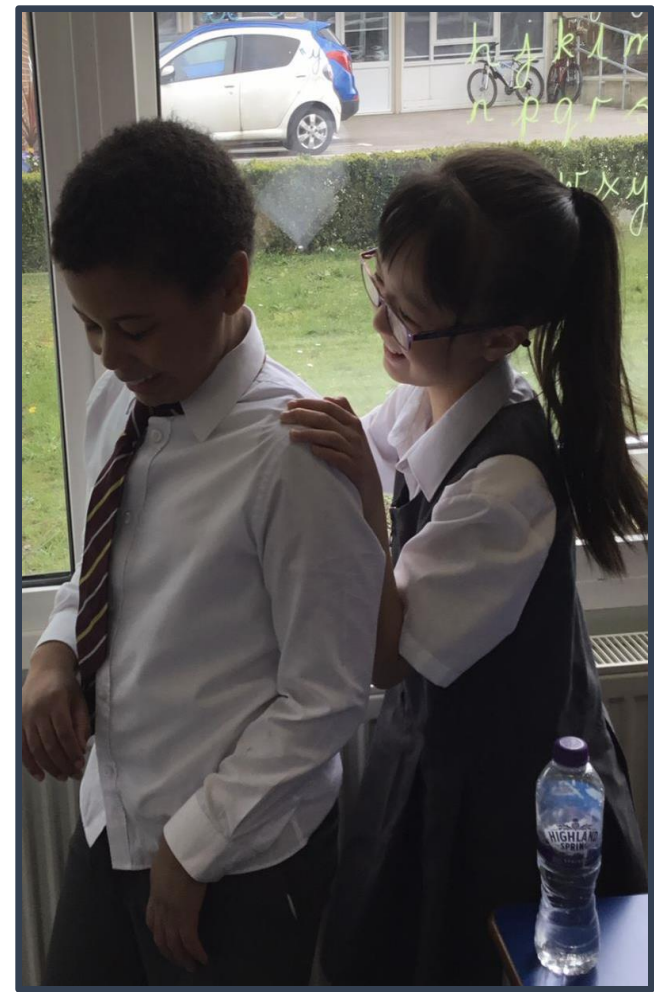
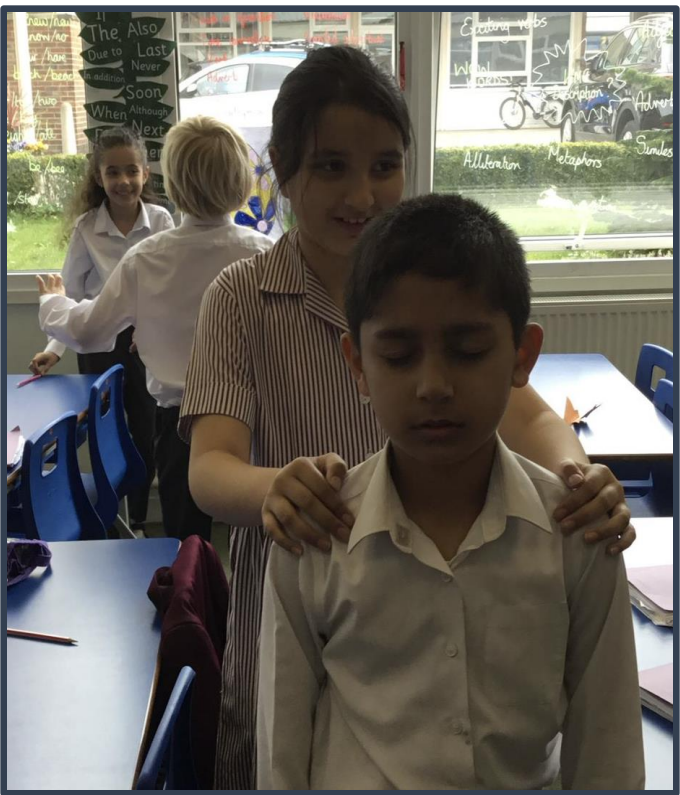
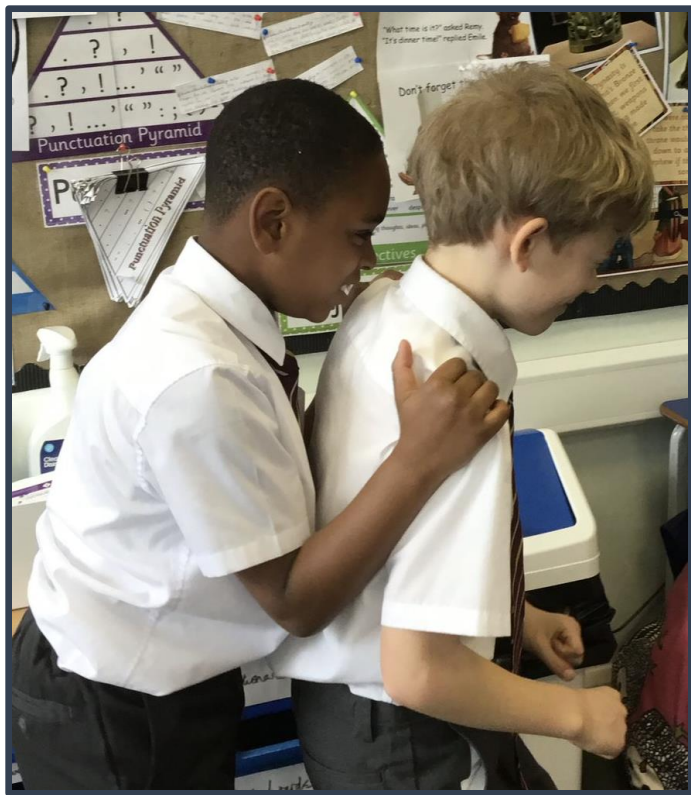


Year 3 worked in groups and designed the Great Wall of China. Later they made a list of all the things they required. This week they created and brought their designs to life. Most of our children are going to become architects and designers.



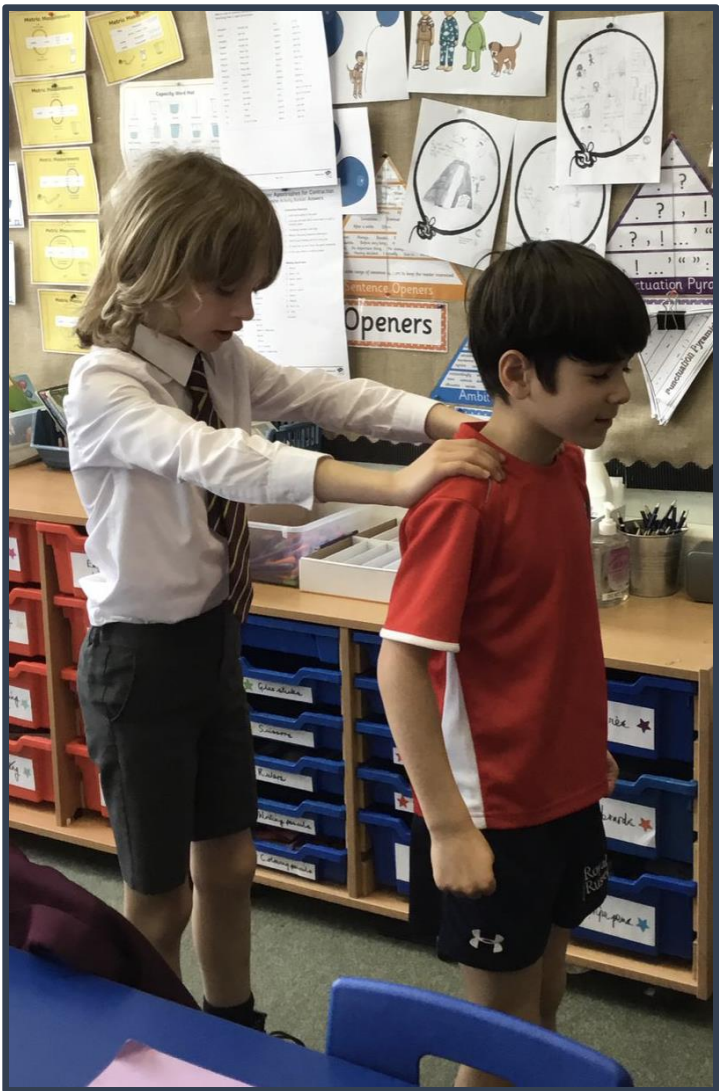


In English, the children had to “paint” a picture for someone else and guide them around a forest using descriptive words and phrases.



Everyone enjoyed the interactive lesson.

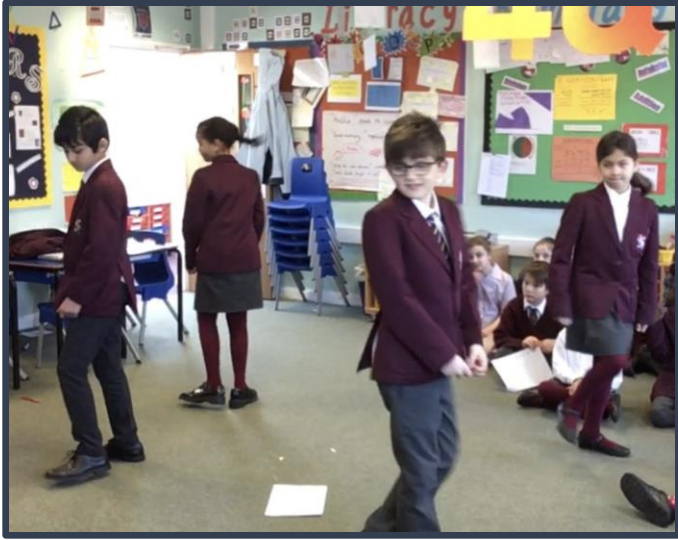
They put their faith in one another, whilst being guided with their eyes closed.



Tudor Dancing in Year 4

Year 4 were really excited to learn, rehearse and perform a Tudor dance, as part of their History lessons.

They then went on to write their own 8 bar dances in groups, which they rehearsed and performed to everyone.



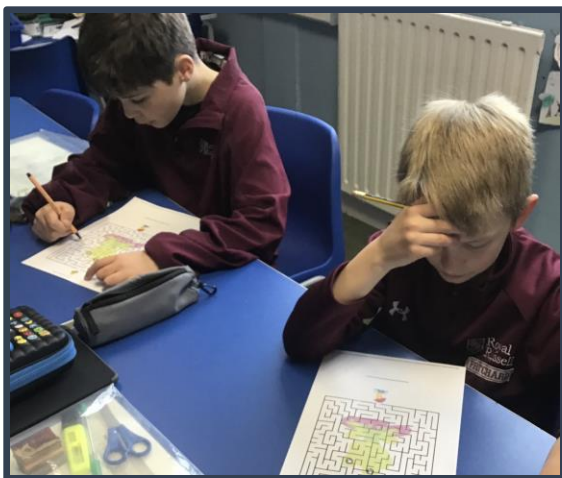
Great fun was had by all and the best bit was the graceful bow at the end.



Year 5 Have an Eggs-plosive Week

In year 5, we have had an 'egg-citing', Easter themed week. In maths, we revised our skills to create symmetrical Easter eggs, plot co-ordinates to make bunny and chick pictures and used mental maths skills to solve jokes. We had an Easter themed morning on Thursday where we made Easter arts and crafts, carried out a treasure hunt and the finale was a fantastic house Easter egg race.

As it was April Fools Day as well, we started the day with an impossible maze and wordsearch!

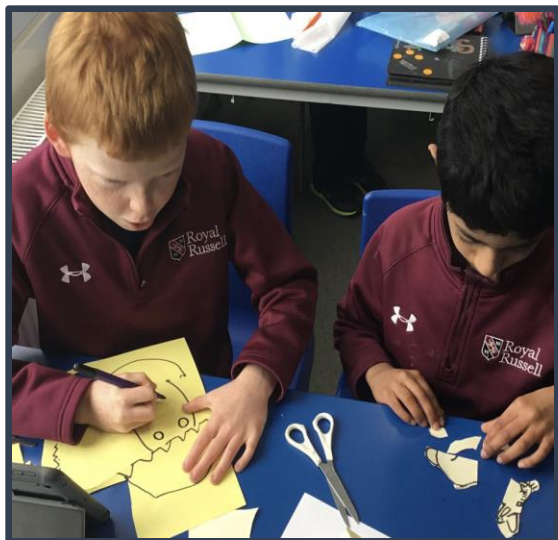
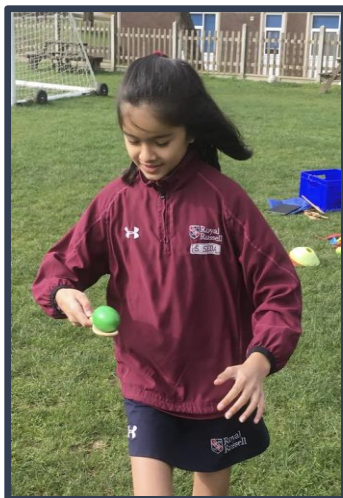
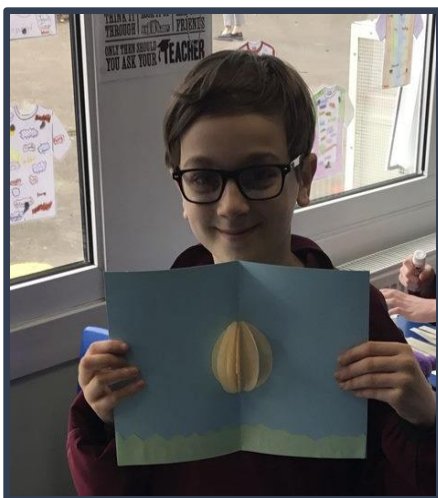




Year 6 Get Craftastic

In Year 6 this week, the children have enjoyed making some elaborate Easter crafts creating themed items such as rabbits, daffodils and egg baskets.

On Thursday morning, everyone had fun with the House Easter Races.



House Easter Egg Races

**Lower Juniors
Winners**

YORK

A very close second

CANTERBURY

**Upper Juniors
Winner**

CANTERBURY

A very close second

YORK

And hot on their heels

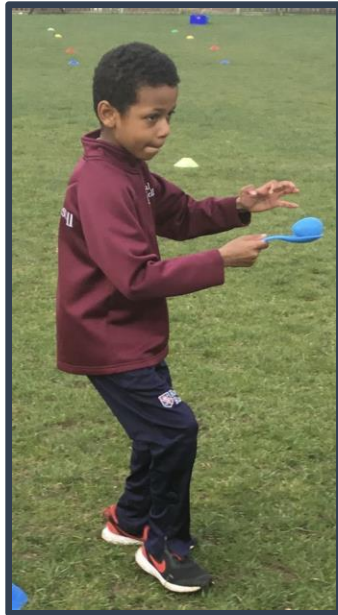
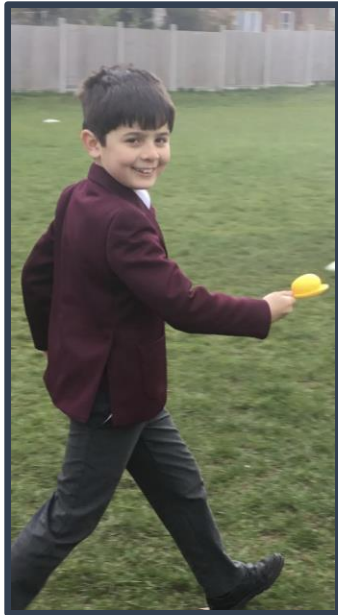
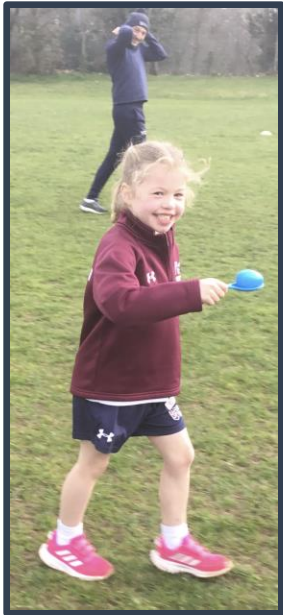
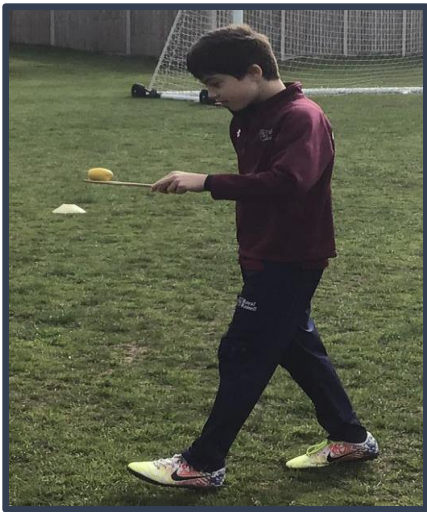
DURHAM and **EXETER**

The children had 'eggcellent' fun taking part in the **House Easter Egg Races**, from steady hands to weaving in and out of the cones and walking forwards and backwards the pupils rose to the challenges. The cheering, happy giggles and excitement was just wonderful to hear!











The children weren't the only ones having fun with the Easter Races!



PE

The children have all enjoyed their physical activities this week, especially when they could take advantage of the beautiful sunshine and outdoor fresh air with their class.



House Sport

These children enjoyed competing in House Sport this week.





REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE



EARTH
WEEK

SAVE the PLANET

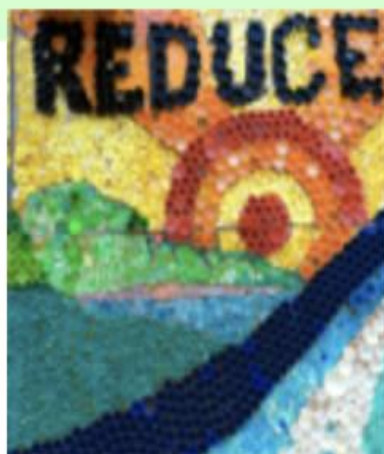
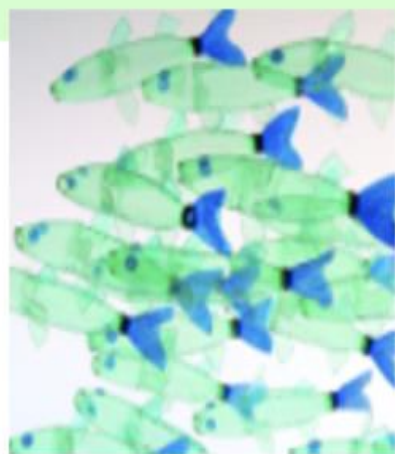
ART CHALLENGE

To celebrate **Earth Week** we are holding a new sculpture competition based on the theme 'Save The Planet'. Help to fight against waste, pollution and landfill by creating a 3D sculpture. Transform materials of your choice e.g plastic, cardboard, paper into an amazing 3D Art work. You can make anything you choose – unleash your power of creativity!

Your work could have a powerful message about saving our planet.

What could you make from a plastic bottle? What could you create with a cardboard tube?

See the examples below for inspiration.



The deadline for entries: **Friday 23rd April 2021**

All entries will receive points for their house
and their work proudly displayed in our exhibition.

ONLY USE CLEAN, SAFE MATERIALS!

5-14 March

British
Science
Week
2021

Poster Competition 2021

[Online Entry Form](#)

Here is information taken from britishscienceweek.org:

Why take part?

The British Science Association are Artsmark supporters and believe children should have a well-connected and well-rounded school experience by learning science in context. The poster competition can be a great way to do this!

Last year, we had entries from almost 350 schools, organisations and individuals.

How to enter?

It's super simple...

1. Once the masterpiece has been completed, upload it via the [online entry form](#). Remember to include the key information we have asked for above, including first name, age, category, an email address and postcode location.
2. Complete the short online entry form by **6 pm on Friday 30 April 2021** – unfortunately, we can't accept entries after the closing time.

How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Members of the British Science Association will shortlist entries, and a panel of judges will select a winner in each category. The two runners up in each category will be uploaded to our Facebook page and the public will decide on a fifth 'popular vote' winner.

What are the prizes?!

We have an assortment of fantastic prizes to be won this year! Depending on the age category, prizes include:

- Books about inspirational figures
- Primary science lab set
- Circuit explorer rocket
- GeoSafari vega 360 telescope
- GeoSafari motorised solar system
- Super magnet lab kit
- GeoSafari Jr talking telescope
- Nancy B's science club microscope and activity journal
- GeoSafari Jr talking wildlife camera
- Adventure books
- Plantlet culture kits
- 6-month Okido magazine subscriptions
- Giant colouring posters
- Special interest books
- Student creativity packs

Prizes may vary by age category and by availability and we reserve the right to make changes to the prizes. Any prize awarded will be split across the team should a poster be submitted by a team.

But wait, there's more! We will also be giving prize bundles to the winners' schools which include:

- Creativity and Culture: Art Projects for Primary Schools
- AD Magazine for Secondary schools
- Working Scientifically booklet
- Assessment booklet
- Class set of career cards
- Science resource packs

After School Club Fun

Year 6 **Outdoor Gymnastics Club**



Fun in the Forest Club has been such a huge success and a joy for the children in this club.



DoodleMaths Spring Challenge



Between the **1st of April** and the **30th April**, Doodle will be running a Spring Challenge - the DoodleMaths Challenge.

The Challenge encourages children to use Doodle for a few minutes each day, helping them to **rebuild their confidence** and **get back on track** in their learning.

Best of all, those who take part can earn a free pin badge and certificate!

How to take part

From the **1st of April**, visit parents.doodlemaths.com and press **Register** next to your child's name.

Then, encourage your child to **earn 450 stars** (or **350 stars** if they were born on or after 01/09/13) and **achieve a 7-day streak** in DoodleMaths.

Once they've reached their target, you'll be able to claim their reward by logging in to the Dashboard and pressing **Claim reward**.

Ms Sydney-Ford
Maths Leader

We wish you a Happy Easter

