

# St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

## 4 May 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It would appear the sun has finally arrived and we can hopefully enjoy the summer ahead! The children have made a great start to the term as you can see from the photos and I have enjoyed seeing them engaged in a number of different learning experiences across the school.

I would like to say thank you to the school community for making me feel so welcome and there is a real sense of togetherness as we work together to make this school good and even better. On Wednesday, we outlined the plans going forward for the school and the handout is attached to the newsletter and will be on the school website.

The 'freshen up' day was fantastic and a big thank you to all those who gave up their Saturday and were able to come down and help. We managed to get a lot done and we plan to have another day after half term (date and plans to be confirmed) so don't put away the gardening tools and paintbrushes just yet!

King regards

Simon Hateley  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

7 May	Bank Holiday
14 May	Year 6 SAT's week
18 May	FOSW Disco
21 May—25 May	Year 6 residential trip
21 May	Year 5 Grid homework to parents from 3.30pm
28 May—1 June	Half term

### Inset Days

Monday 2 July 2018

## Year R Newts

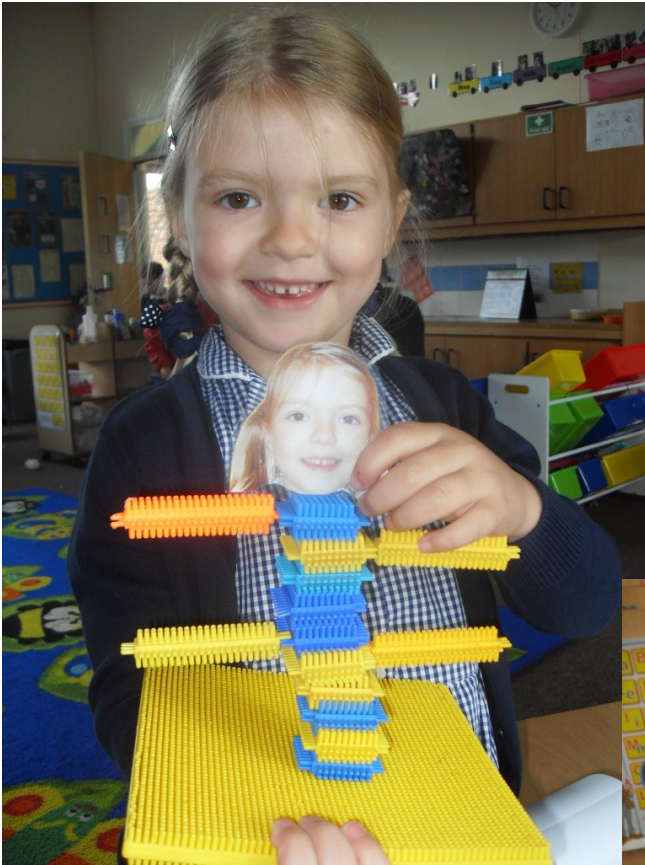
On a beautifully hot, sunny day, Newts class went to visit Woods Mill Nature Reserve. We all had a fantastic time exploring the woods, the pond and the habitats of the different minibeasts. The main highlights were obviously the coach journey and our picnic in the sunshine, but we also enjoyed so many activities too. We went pond dipping, went on a minibeast hunt, looked for natural objects and watched snail races. We even pretended we were snails by blindfolding ourselves and walking through the woods! We sat in the middle of the woods and closed our eyes and listened to the different birds and other noises around us.

Thank you to all of our wonderful helpers and the very calm and well behaved Newts children.





## Year R Tadpoles



Evie has made herself into a beautiful butterfly.

Noah has been writing stories all by himself!



Mason used the puppets to tell me a fantastic minibeast story.



## Year 1 Wrens

We launched our new topic 'How does your garden grow', with a spot of weeding the vegetables patches; children used small gardening tools to support their manual work! The children wrote instructions of how to plant cress seeds. We challenged ourselves to draw one another on each other's backs and then displayed our works of art in a walking gallery.

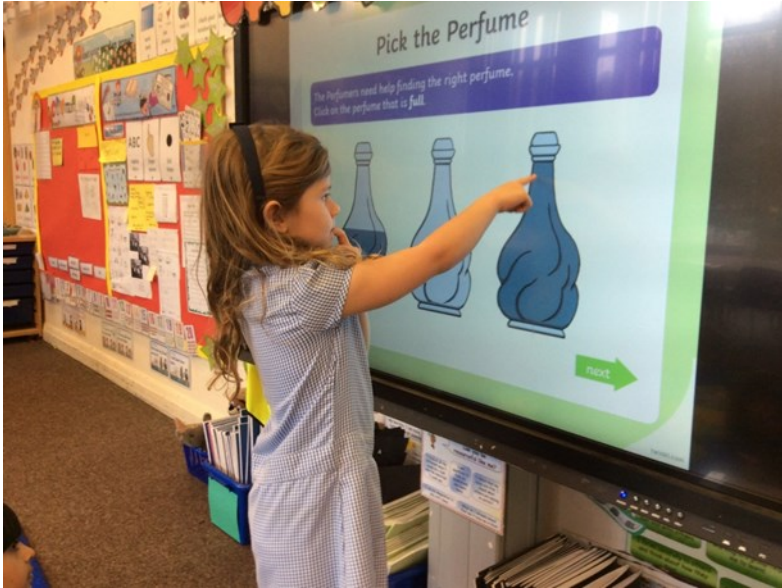
In English we have been studying poetry and to help us retain specific poems the children have been learning actions and drawing text maps to represent words in the poem and the performing to the class.





## Year 1 Robins

We have launched our new topic 'How does your garden grow.' We enjoyed weeding the flower beds ready for planting, painting flowers and planting cress seeds, which we have watched grow.



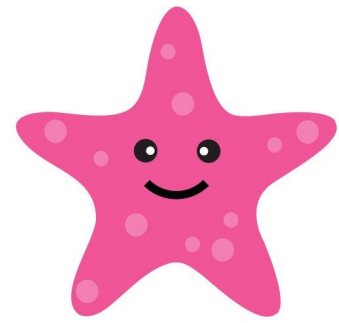
We have been learning about capacity in our maths lessons. Filling containers and describing the amount of water that is in them.





## Year 2 Squirrels

Our new topic in Squirrels class is Under the sea. To start our topic we used a range of art skills to create different sea creatures for the classroom. We also learnt how to make biscuits. We had to use what had learnt in maths about weighing to make sure we had the right amount of each ingredient. We had a great day.





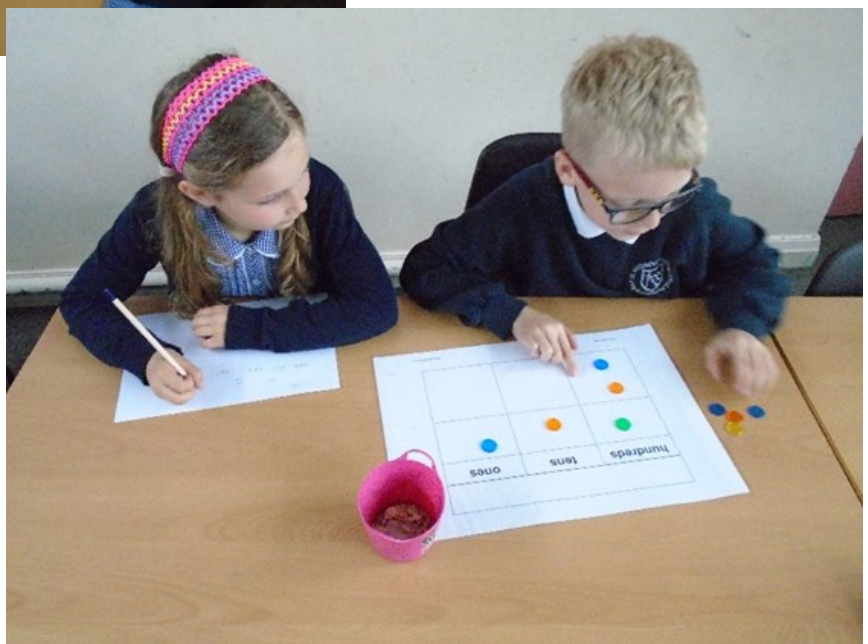
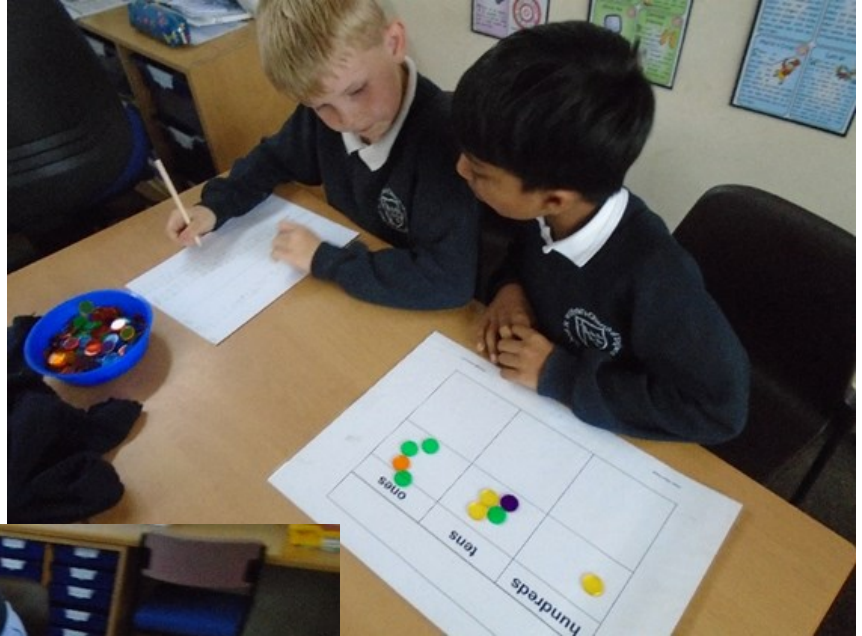
## Year 2 Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs class launched their new topic with an under the sea themed morning. We made under the water biscuits to eat and created sea creatures using different art techniques to decorate our classroom.



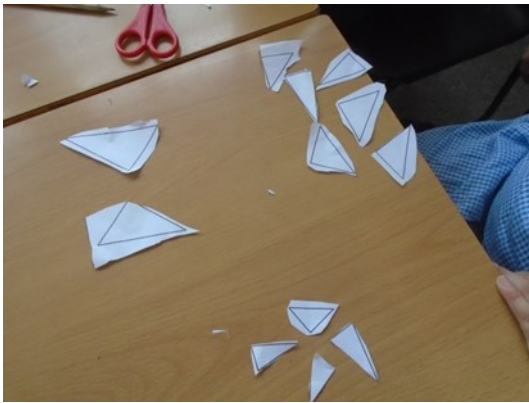
## Year 3 Rabbits

Year 3 have been revisiting place value and different representations of numbers. In pairs we explored the problem how many 3 digit numbers could we make with 9 counters. We discussed using a system to do this so we could be sure that we had found all the possible ways.





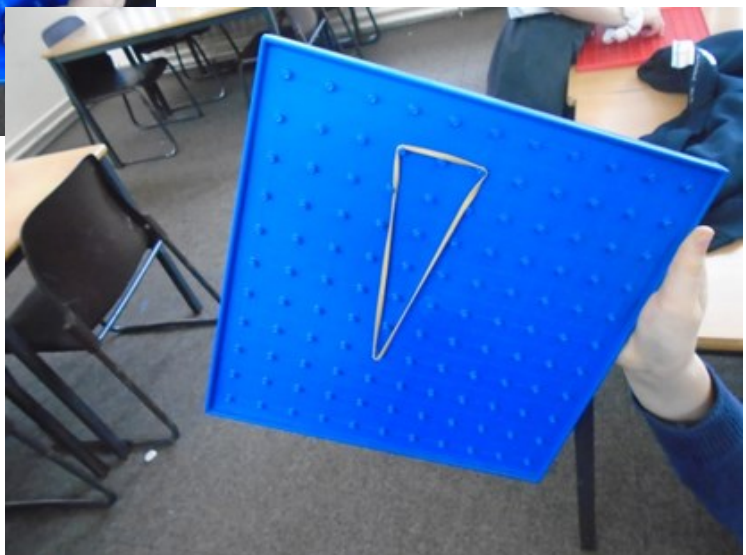
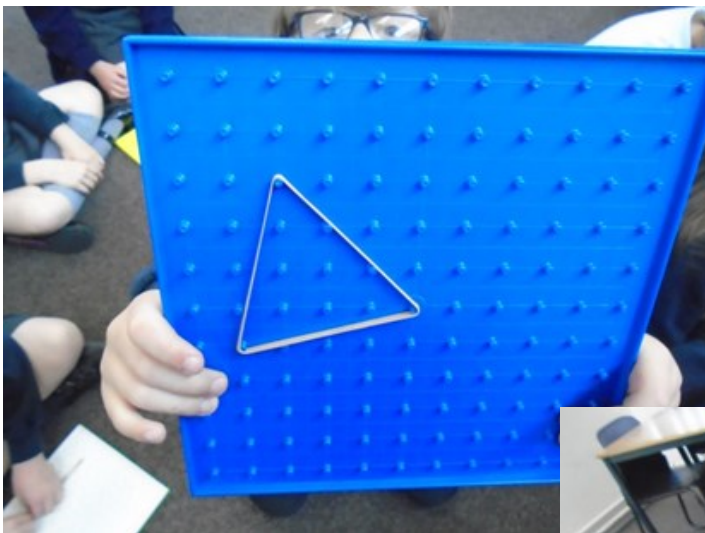
## Year 3 Hares



Today we were investigating triangles. First, we cut out different triangles and arranged them into three sections. Some of us sorted the shapes by size, whereas others looked at the type of triangle and grouped them that way.



After a discussion about how to sort the triangles by their different properties, we made them on geo boards. During this part of the lesson, we recapped key vocabulary including horizontal, vertical and right angle and even learned a new word – isosceles!



## Year 4 Otters

For our stunning start to our Mayans topic, Year 4 have been learning about how the Maya people discovered the cocoa bean. We then explored how chocolate was made and even made our own. It was delicious!



We have also been designing and making our own Mayan masks. We thought carefully about whether our mask would be for a battle or special celebration and used Papier-mâché to make the features. We are looking forward to painting them next week!





## Year 4 Kingfishers

Kingfishers have been learning about the rituals and festivals of the Maya people. They are making Mayan masks, similar to the ones worn by the priests.

Watch this space for the finished masks!





## Year 5 Badgers

In Badgers we have been using papier Mache to recreate the planets in our solar system. We had to use our colour mixing skills to make sure our models were accurate.

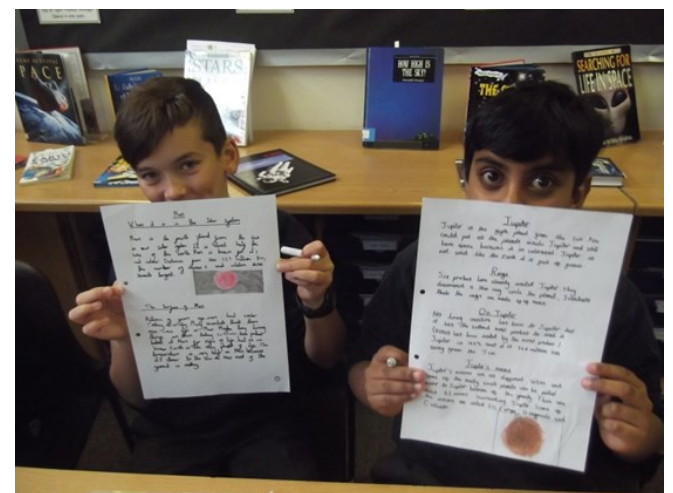
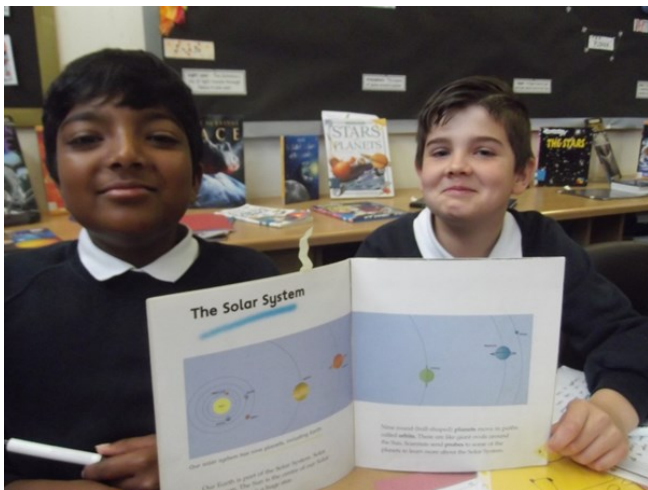
Can you guess what planets we have made here?





## Year 5 Foxes

In year 5 we are looking into space at the stars, planets, 'to infinity and beyond', Its amazing!





## Year 6 Kestrels

Kestrels have been using role play in English to help them understand a character's motives. They formed a conscience alley to help them advise a character in making a decision.



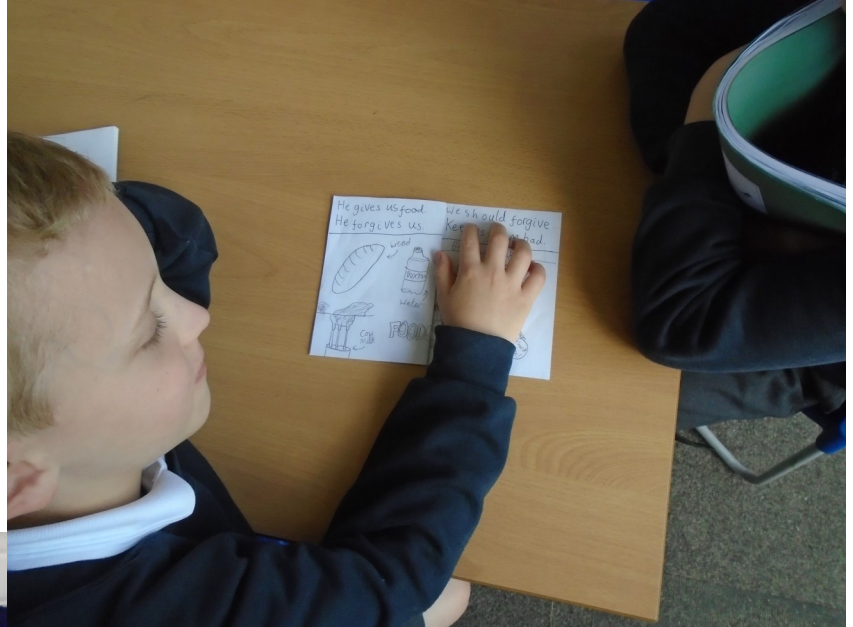
The children in Kestrels class greeted the sports personal challenge with great enthusiasm. They set up a score to beat in a 1-minute star jump activity.





## Year 6 Hawks

In RE, we have been trying to answer our 'Big Question': What Kind of King is Jesus? We looked in detail at the Lord's Prayer and discussed its meaning. We then created picture books, aimed at Y1 children, that demonstrated our understanding. We had a great time sharing them with our Reading Buddies!







# SPORTS NEWS



## Y5/6 Football Festival

Last week, twenty year five and six girls took part in a football festival at Oathall Community College.

The girls all thoroughly enjoyed the morning which involved a number of activities designed to develop and extend their skills as well as some friendly matches.

All of the children showed a fantastic attitude in wanting to learn. They also showed great teamwork and applied the skills they had learnt within the friendly matches.

The members of the squad for this tournament were: Maya, Erin W, Lily, Lilah, Eva, Siobhan, Emma, Emily, Poppy, Emily, Hanna-May, Tallulah, Ella, Megan, Lottie, Kirsten, Lucy, Erin, Jess and Ella.







# SPORTS NEWS



## Year 2 Badminton Festival

Last week some year two children attended a badminton festival at the Triangle Leisure Centre in Burgess Hill. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning which involved a number of activities designed to develop and extend their skills.

It was a brilliant opportunity for some of the children to experience playing badminton for the first time. All the children had an enjoyable morning and showed great determination, teamwork and resilience. The members of the squad for this tournament were: Jamie, Justin, Zoe, Jack, Alexandra and Oscar.





# SPORTS NEWS



## Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival

Last week, some of our year five and six children took part in a tag rugby festival at Downlands Community College.

Despite the wind and rain, all of the children enjoyed the skills activities that they took part in and the friendly games they played after.

All of the children showed a fantastic attitude in wanting to learn. They also showed great teamwork and applied the skills they had learnt within the friendly matches.

It was brilliant to see children that may have little experience of playing rugby being so eager and enthusiastic to learn new skills and apply them when playing games. Their effort and determination clearly paid off as the children went on to win all of their friendly matches.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that were able to transport the children to this event when the time and venue were changed at such short notice.

The members of the squad for this tournament were:  
George, Aiden, Jess, Ella, Peter, Leo, Max and Ollie.

