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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

21st March 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are still busy practising their Easter songs and would love it if you joined them at Walkley Church on the 24th March, from 9.00 a.m. All visitors are welcome, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends. Please join us - the singing is sounding amazing.

Also, another reminder about Friday 28th March, 2025 from 8.00 - 8.40 a.m. this is a note to any mums, nanas, aunties, special ladies - please join your child in the hall for a Mother's Day celebration of craft, games, books etc.. - Taylor Shaw will be making special biscuits for the morning for any special lady who comes into the hall too. Please join us if you can.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Burgess

Dates for your Diary



Monday 24th March - Easter Celebration - at St. Mary's Church - please join us from 9 for drinks.

Tuesday 25th March - Y1 Fab finish

Wednesday 26th March - Y5 and Y2 Fab Finish

Thursday 27th March - Y3 National Video Game trip

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Friday 28th March - break up for Easter; return to school for Monday 14th April

Friday 18th April/ Monday 21st April - school closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday

Monday 5th May - school closed for May Day bank holiday

Friday 23rd May - school breaks up for half term - return Monday 2nd June



Year 5



Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip

Y5 had a wonderful time at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Tuesday. In the morning, they learnt about some of the sculptures in the park and did some sketching, practising different techniques.

After lunch, they were able to create their own mini-sculpture park using a range of objects and materials.

The children were fantastic and contributed to some interesting conversations about the meaning of art.





Year 3

Passing and Dribbling Skills

This week, Year 3 practised their ball skills under the bright sunshine on the school's astroturf.

The children sharpened their passing, dribbling, and shooting techniques, enjoying the outdoor lesson while improving teamwork and coordination.

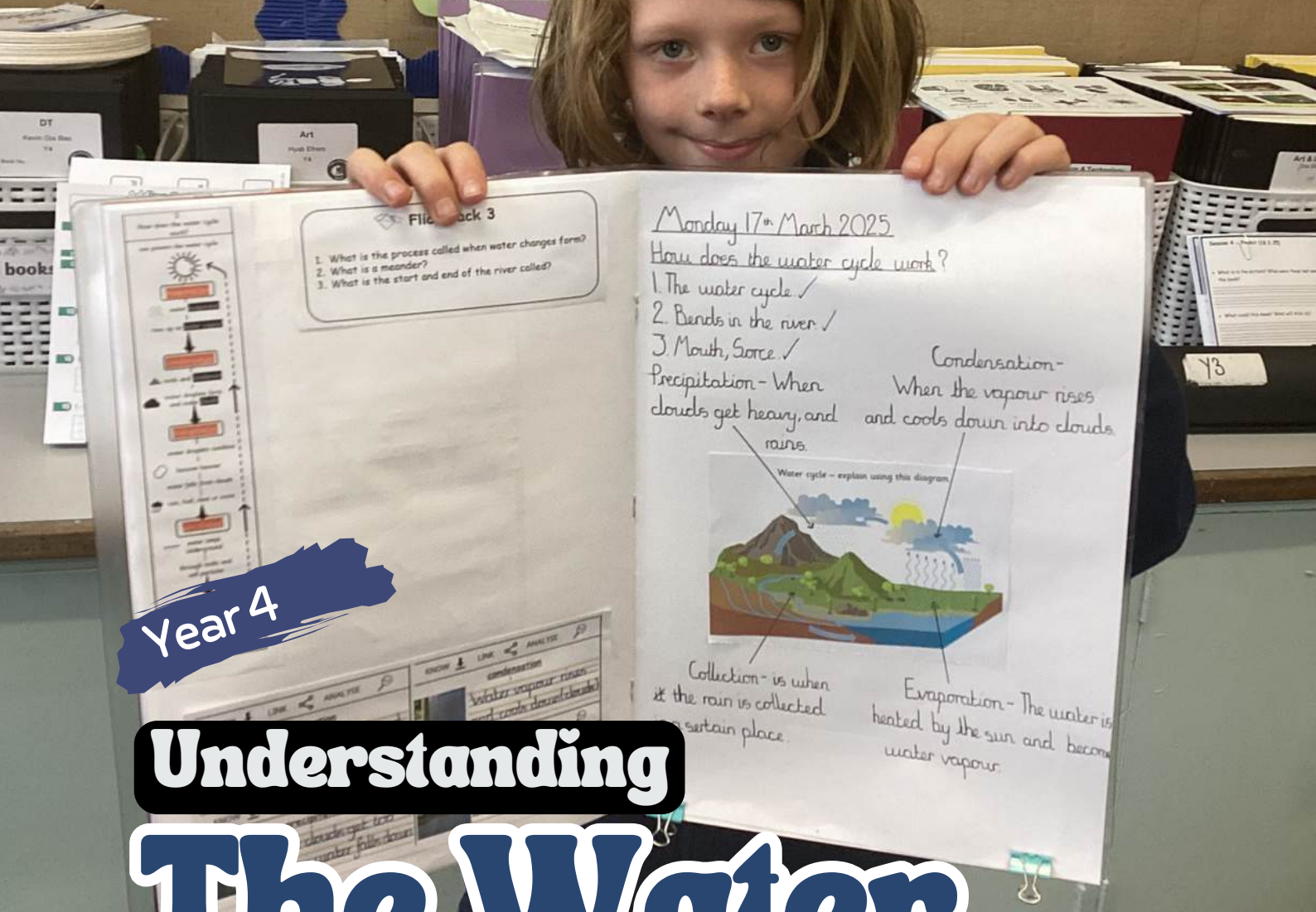


appropriately to create cohesion and avoid repetition.
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Use past and present tense correctly.

Write expanded noun phrases.

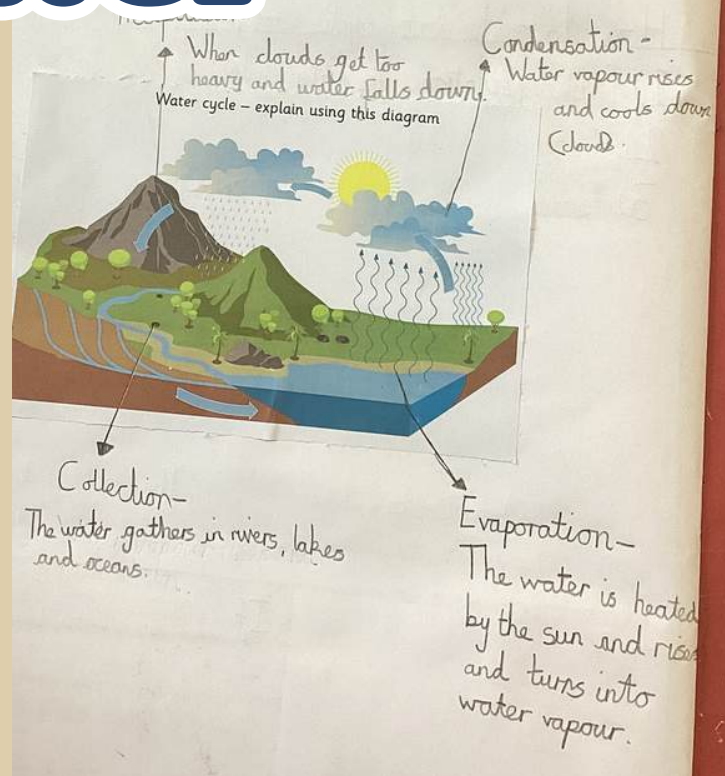


Year 4

Understanding The Water Cycle

Year 4 have been learning all about the water cycle in geography. They annotated a diagram and explained what happened in each part of the cycle.

They showed an excellent understanding of what they have learnt!



Year 2

PRECISE CUTTING USING THE FORK TECHNIQUE

This week in DT, year 2 practiced their chopping skills in preparation for making their overnight oats next week. We discussed how to use knives safely and adopted the fork secure technique when cutting fruit.

The children followed the safety instructions and did a great job with some precise cutting.

Well done year 2!





Year 6

It's been a busy few weeks in Year 6

We had a fantastic trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park where we enjoyed a workshop all about evolution and adaptation to link in with our science unit.

In science, we carried out an experiment to extract DNA from strawberries and in Maths we have looked at different volumes of shapes and used multilink to model how different shapes could have the same volume.

Messages from Madame Roux:

Reminder: South Yorkshire Orienteers are organising an event at Bole Hills on Saturday 22nd March. No need to pre-enter, just turn up any time between 12.30-3 p.m.

Second-hand summer uniform sale on Thursday 27th March after school. All children should now be wearing PE uniform on their PE days: dark bottoms (leggings, jogging bottoms, shorts), plain white T-shirt (no logos/pictures other than school logo) and navy blue sweater. We have lots of uniform available so please ask Mme Roux if you need anything.

We will be holding our **first summer concert** in June and are looking for musicians! If your child plays an instrument at Grade 1 or above (or equivalent) and wishes to perform, please speak to Mme Roux. We would also like to hear from any musical parents/carers who might be interested in taking part.

Year 1

Fun with Science!

In Year 1, we've been having lots of fun with science! This week, we did some exciting experiments to learn more about our bodies.

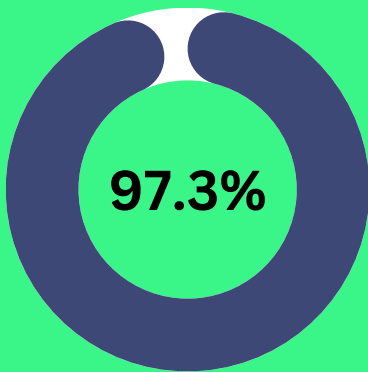
First, we compared our feet to see if the taller person always had larger feet. We looked carefully at each person's feet, measured them, and saw that sometimes the taller person did have bigger feet, but not always! It was a fun way to learn that everyone's body is different.

Next, we tested which parts of our skin are the most sensitive. We gently touched different parts of our bodies like our fingers, elbows, and cheeks and noticed how some places felt more ticklish or sensitive than others. We even used soft objects like feathers and cotton balls to see which part of our skin could feel the lightest touch!

It was a super fun day of learning, and we can't wait to try more experiments in class! Stay tuned for more science adventures from Year 1!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

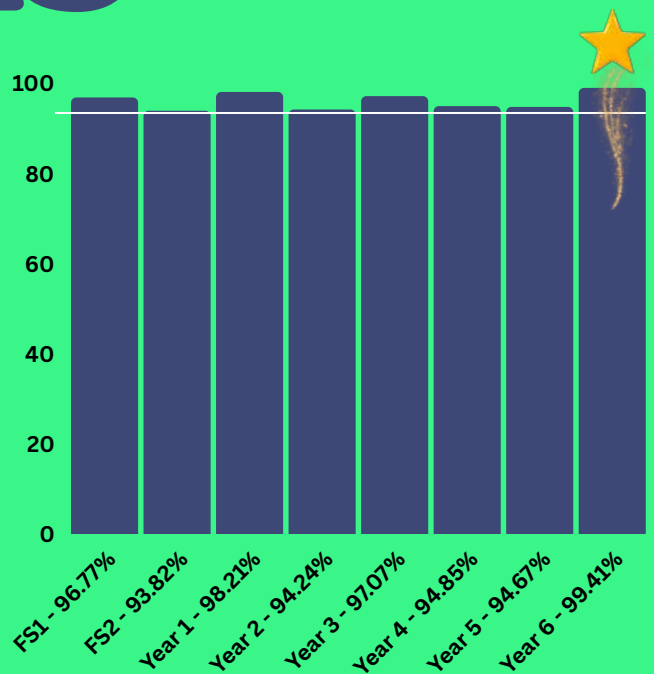


Our whole school attendance for the week (12.03.25 - 19.03.25) is 96.1%

All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Y6 are class winners with an amazing 99.41%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Y6





Year 6

Schools' Climate Education Conference

A delegation of Y6 children attended the Schools' Climate Education South Yorkshire conference at New York Stadium on Thursday. It was a jam-packed day with poetry and drama performances, talks and workshops. The children created zines about the environment, designed a nature-friendly park and recorded messages for local MP Abtislam Mohamed.

Many thanks to Laila and Connie for providing decorated patches for the banner, and to Juliette for writing a poem for the event.

