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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

27th September 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,



I would love you to join us if you can on Monday morning at St. Mary's Church for our special Harvest Festival service with Reverend Rhodes and Bishop Peter. The children have been practising their songs and it would be so lovely to have a full church on Monday. Everyone is welcome.

Also, Madam Roux and Mrs Binney have some exciting news to share about the Church Times 2024 Green Church Award and their trip to London, yesterday. Find out more in next week's newsletter!!!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Burgess x

Dates for your diary



Monday 30th September -

Harvest Festival - St Mary's Church from 9.30 am - all families/friends welcome
(refreshments available from 9.00am)

Tuesday 1st October - Conisborough Castle - Y2 trip

INSET DAYS - school closed to children: Friday October 25th and Monday November 4th

Saturday 14th December -

Christmas celebration at St. Mary's Church - details to follow

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Harvest Festival

Our harvest donations this year will be going to the S6 Foodbank. If anyone would like to bring any donations, please can you bring these into your child's class by Monday 30th September.



Items urgently needed:

Tinned fruit, UHT milk, Tinned fish, Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, toothpaste, toilet roll), Tinned tomatoes.

Items they have plenty of: Pasta, Sugar (they no longer take any sugar)

Please join us for our Harvest Service on Monday 30th September at 9.30am at St Mary's Church. The service will be led by Rev. Dr. Canon Rhodes and Bishop Peter will also be joining us.

EXPLORING BAPTISMS

Year 1

Y1 had a fascinating week exploring Christianity, particularly baptisms.

We role-played a baptism and discussed how it differs from Islam.

We then sequenced a baptism.



Our **BOOK FAIR**

Raised a huge £775

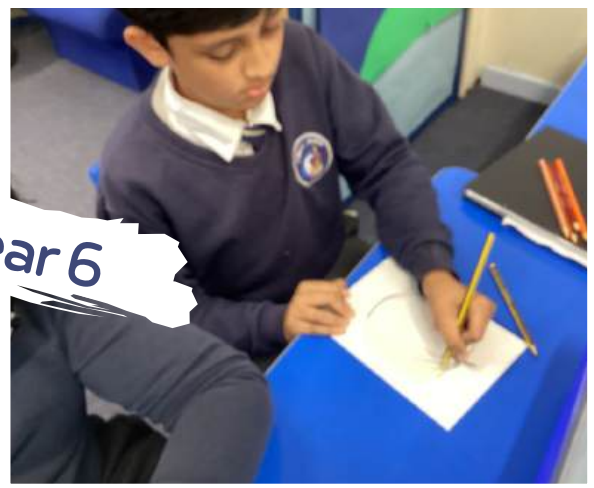
We have some exciting news about the Book fair! We raised a huge £775 and that's all down to you! We can't thank you enough for helping raise this money for the school. It will be going towards helping promote reading within our school and supporting children on their journey of learning to read.

THANK
.. YOU





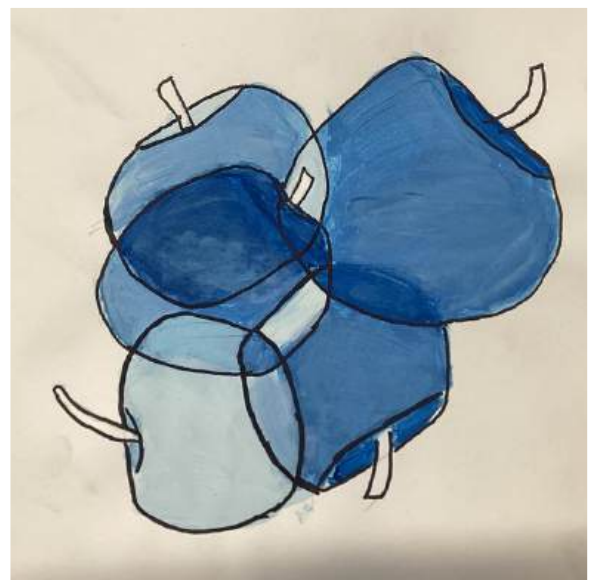
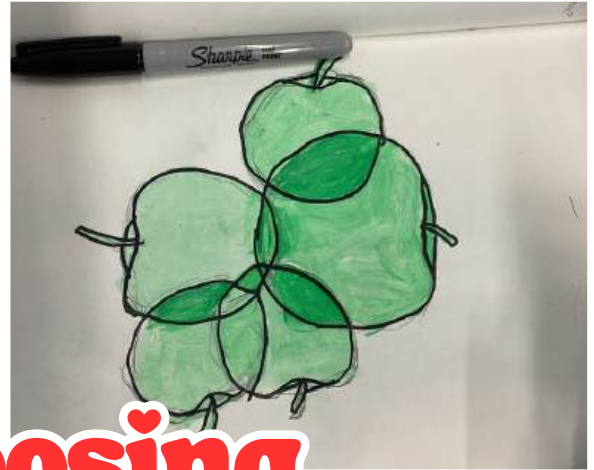
Year 6



Contouring and Superimposing

Y6 learned all about contouring and superimposing in their art lesson this week.

Look at their incredible art work.



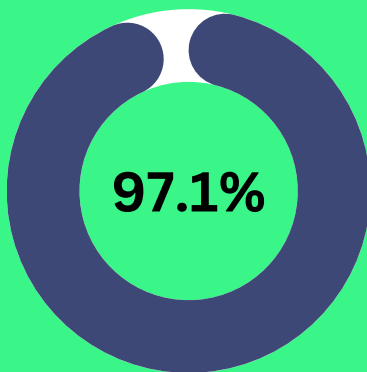
Year 3

Treak Cliff Cavern

This week, Y3 went on a trip to Treak Cliff Cavern. It was filled with Blue John stone as well as hundreds of stalactites and stalagmites in the cavern itself. Situated deep in the countryside, the class learned about the history of the area and were able to polish and take home some Blue John stone.



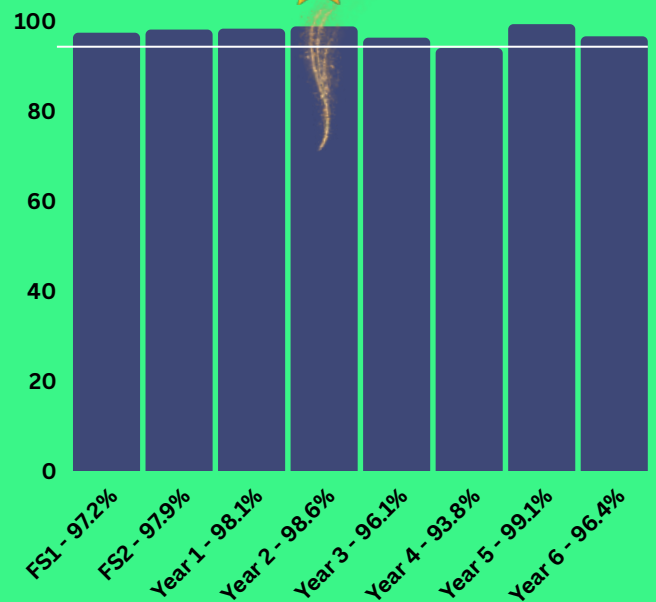
ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school reporting attendance for the week (18th - 25th Sept) is 97.1%. With the exception of Year 4, every class got above 96% and get an extra 10 minute break.

Year 2 are our class winners with an amazing 98.6%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra 10 minute attendance treat... **WOW! WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE YEAR 2



All about me...

Nursery & Reception

As part of our topic, 'All About Me' the children in Nursery have been working in the doctor's role play and small world area.



Looking after others...

The children in Reception have enjoyed using our role play area this week. They have used the syringes and stethoscopes to help look after one another.



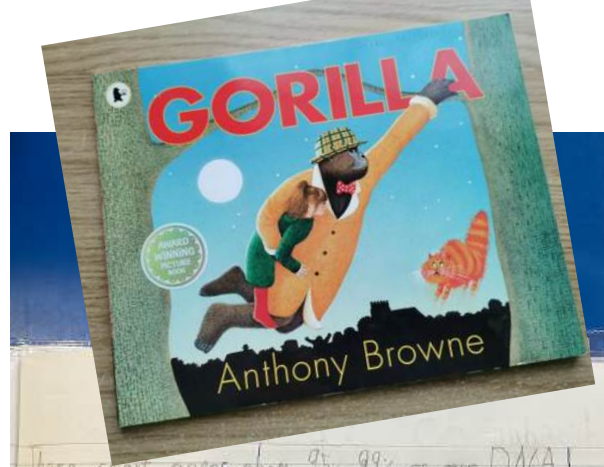
GORILLA

BY ANTHONY BROWNE

Year 4 have been reading Gorilla by Anthony Browne as part of their literacy learning.

In groups, the children worked together to research gorillas.

They were able to use their interesting facts to create some fantastic writing!

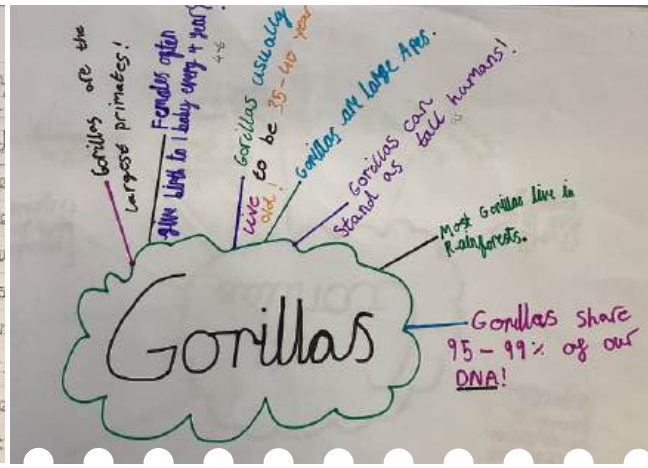


These smart apes share 95-99% of our DNA!
 Most majestic silverbacks live in the rainforest.
 These massive apes usually live to 35-40 years old.
 The gentle females give birth to 1 baby every 4-6 years.
 These fierce creatures are the largest primates. ✓
 Monday 2nd September 2024

gorilla giants
 graceful primates
 amazing apes
 careful creatures
 spectacular silverbacks
 these magnificent mammals are
 usually peaceful
 the spectacular silverbacks will
 be quick to show signs of aggression
 in the family
 gorilla giants live in Africa
 these loyal leaders are the heart of
 the group
 amazing apes share 95% of human DNA

- loyal friend friend
- beautiful King
- colossal ape
- magnificent mammal
- powerful giant

these hairy giants are very, very strong!
 The majestic apes live in family groups.
 The loyal friends comb each others hair.
 These little hairy babies walk between 3-6 months.
 The kind creatures are herbivores.
 These powerful giants can bend iron bars.

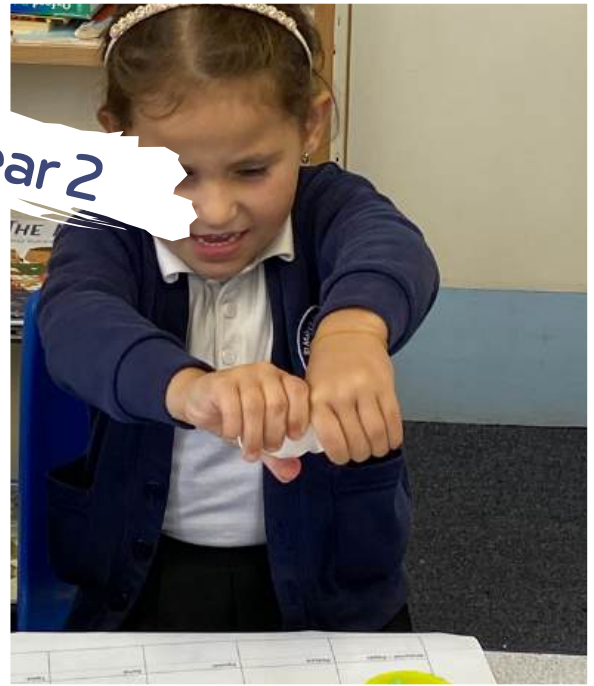


Fredenreich Hundertwasser

Year 5

In Art, Y5 have been studying the art of Fredenreich Hundertwasser. They made their own viewfinders and used these to choose a part of his piece to study more closely. They all did a fantastic job of mimicking the organic lines and spirals seen in his work. Well done, Y5!



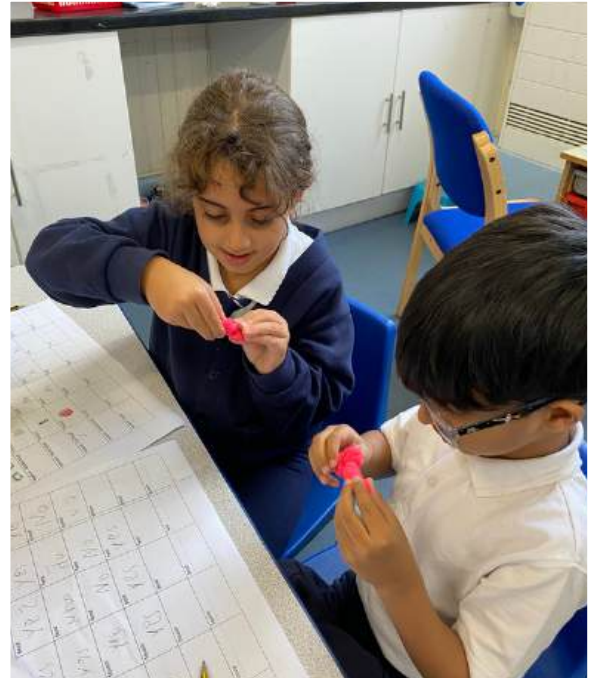


Experimenting with materials...

This week in Science we explored what happens when we squash, bend, twist or stretch a material.

We tested a foil tray, elastic bands, bubble wrap, a plastic bottle, play dough, a wooden stick and paper.

We are going to discuss our results next week.



It's Confirmed. Our

HISTORY

Experience Day
is now the Thursday 17th October

Our History Experience Day is now confirmed,
so get your costumes ready!... Thursday 17th October!

DON'T
FORGET

Each class will have a history focus and we would love your children to dress up as someone from this time period. This will make it more memorable and enjoyable for us all. **Staff will all be dressing up too!**

This is what you are learning about on your 'History Day':



Y1 - Fossils and a lady called, Mary Anning



Y3 - The Stone Age



Y5 - The Egyptians



Y2 - Castles



Y4 - The Vikings



Y6 - The Victorians