

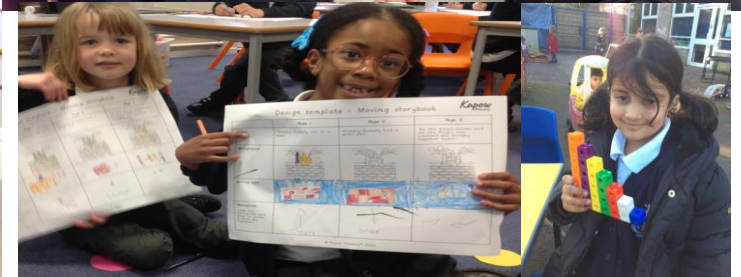
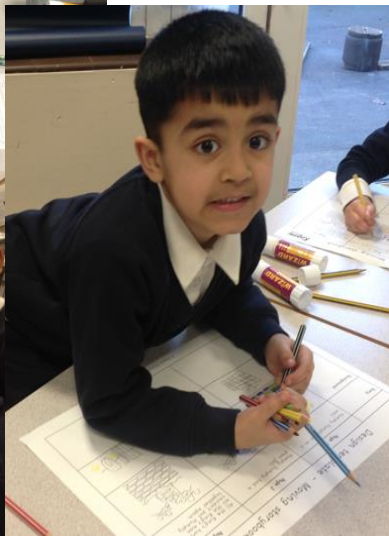
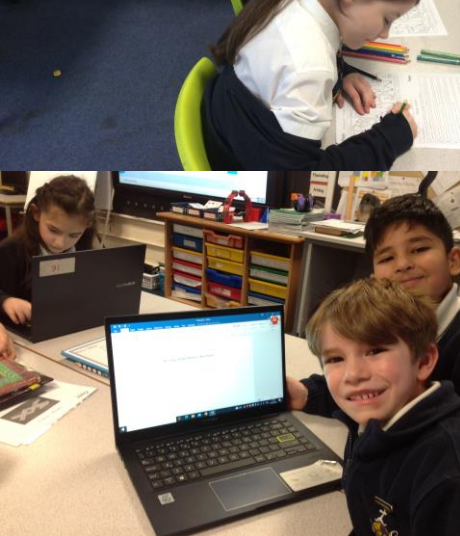
MOSELEY

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly news

January 2025



Message from Miss Young and Mrs. Perry -

Welcome to our 2nd news letter of the Spring term. Again, we have had a busy week – full of learning, activities and motivation to discover new things.

Thank you for all your encouragement and kind words following our recent Ofsted report – it really does reflect the hard work everyone puts into Moseley CE every day.

And... we have another busy week, with Maths workshops for Y4 and Y5 on Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9am in the hall – we are sure there will be lots of photos in next week's newsletter.

We also have the RSCPA visiting Y2, 3 and 4 on Wednesday – again more photo opportunities and learning fun 😊

On Friday, in our whole school celebration assembly, we are pleased to welcome a visitor from The Birmingham Hospice, who is coming to say a huge thank you for the money we raised in the December Rudolph Run – we can't wait to welcome them to our school. 😊

See below for important dates for this term –

29-01-25 – Y6 Maths Workshop – 9am - parents to go to the hall

30-01-25 – SEND Coffee morning – 9am - parents to go to the hall

28-01-25 – Y6 visit to the Buddhist Centre

w/b 03-02-25 – Children's Mental Health Week – activities during the week within classes

05-02-25 – Y1 trip to Black Country Museum – all day

06-02-25 – Animal Man visitor to YR – am

07-02-25 – Gladiator Visitor – to link to Mental Health Week

07-02-25 – Maths – Number Day - activities throughout the day for each class

11-02-25 – Dog's Trust visitor – YR-2 – pm

12-02-25 – YR visit to St. Mary's Church

11-02-25 – Safer Internet Day – activities for each class throughout the day

11-02-25 – Parent E-Safety Workshop – 2.30pm – parents to go to the hall

14-02-25 – End of Half Term Disco – linked to 'Wear it Red Day' to raise money for 'Midlands Air Ambulance' – details to follow

YR News

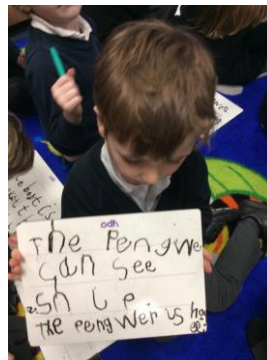
Ann Bancroft the Explorer

This week Reception learnt about Ann Bancroft, the Arctic explorer. We discussed what she might need to take into the Arctic with her, discussing the weather and conditions in the Arctic regions. We have also enjoyed being Arctic explorers and using the compass and map to navigate.



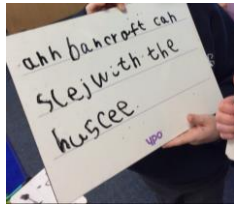
Antarctica Art

After reading 'Blue Penguin', we spent some time exploring the Antarctica. We learnt that the Antarctica is the world's largest desert and that there is a volcano in the Antarctica! We also discussed the weather. We watched some videos of the region and read a fabulous book 'Antarctica: A Continent of Wonder'. We then used paints and collage materials to make our own artwork.



Polar Inspired Writing

Each morning, for our early morning sentence work, we have been writing about the polar regions. The one on the right says, "Ann Bancroft can sledge with the husky." The one on the left says, "The penguin can see the ship. The penguin is happy." Absolutely amazing writing Reception!



One more and one less

This week, in Maths, we explored the concepts of 'one more' and 'one less' and had lots of fun making staircase patterns.



Project with the REP Theatre

We are absolutely delighted that Moseley C of E has been chosen by the REP Theatre to take part in a creative early years project this term. Each Tuesday morning, two practitioners from the theatre will come to lead creative storytelling sessions with Reception. We are very thankful that this is being funded through a grant received by the REP Theatre; we are delighted also, to be working alongside Norfolk House Nursery for this project. The children had their first session on Tuesday and LOVED it!



We are celebrating you!

This week we are celebrating Rufus for his positive enthusiasm for all areas of learning.



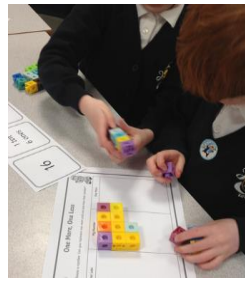
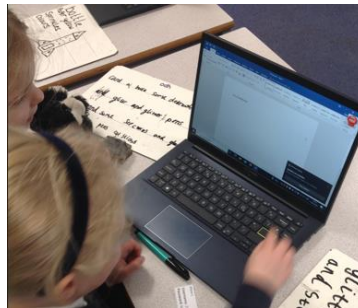
Year 1 News



This week during PE, the children have been enhancing their throwing and catching skills through a variety of games; in Science, they investigated water absorption using various materials.

In Maths, the children practised finding 1 more and 1 less, alongside exploring missing numbers on number lines.

In Writing, the children wrote poems about fireworks. They used exclamation marks to convey the loud noises and sheer thrill, while engaging their senses to describe the dazzling displays.



Our computing lesson involved a creative task where the children planned to make rockets using junk modelling materials; they made lists of the resources needed and proudly typed and saved them on the computers.



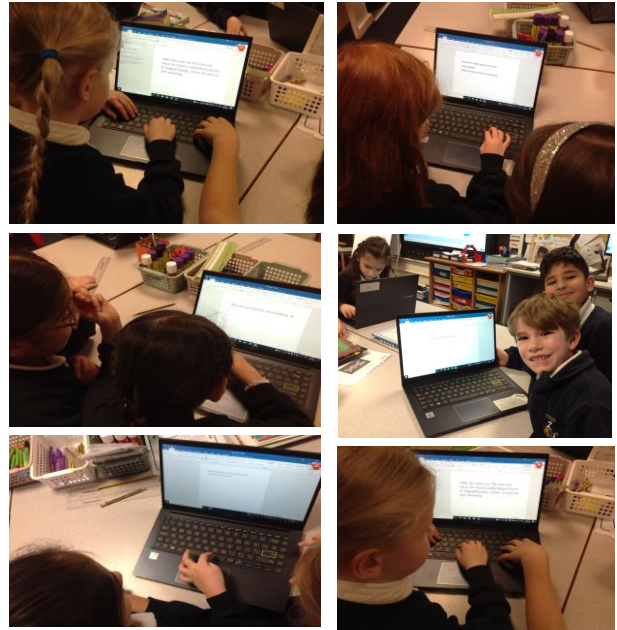
Lastly, we want to celebrate **Mufaddal** for showing determination and pride in his work.

Our Writers of the Week are **Haytham** and **Jemima** for their fantastic words and sentences during our morning writing tasks!

Y2 News

Computing

This week, our focus was - 'How do we communicate with a computer?' We enjoyed exploring keys on a computer keyboard, we typed capital letters using **shift** and identified that the keyboard is an important input device. We enjoyed developing our touch typing skills and typed sentence about ourselves. It was great fun!!



Maths

We have been working with money: We recognised and used symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p) and we combined amounts to make a particular value. We solved simple problems in a practical context, involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.



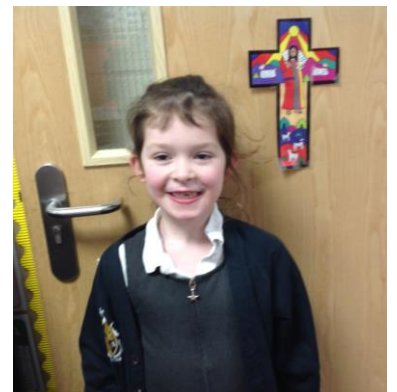
Science

In Science, we found out and described how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We identified the parts of a tree to understand that trees are also plants. We explored a range of deciduous and evergreen trees in our forest school and enjoyed learning about the local trees.



English:

Writing adventure stories was fun! We planned our stories, including exciting characters, a setting and a clear beginning, middle and ending. This week, we used our plan to write the final draft of the story.



Writer of the Week: Raima

Star of the week is: Bella

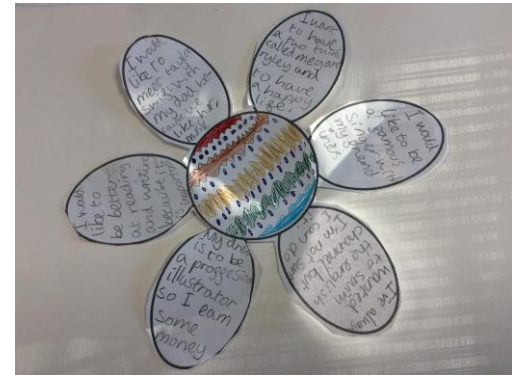
Year 3 News

This week, in Computing, we recapped why emails are used, and how they are used to send information around the world. We have been looking at what emails are and how we send them. We learnt how to log in and log out of our email account. We spent time writing the email and sending it off to the teacher.

In Jigsaw, we discussed our dreams and ambitions. We used a flower template because it represents a plant growing from a tiny seed, so we can imagine that our dreams and goals are seeds that we can plant now and watch them grow in the future.

In Science, we looked at grouping different rocks in different ways, e.g. hard rock/soft rock, has crystals/does not, or has layers/does not have layers. We also looked at where the rocks can be found and what they are used for.

In PE, we carried on with dance, we looked at three different waves and associated them with dance moves to represent them.



This week, in Year 3, we are celebrating Ines for being a great team player!

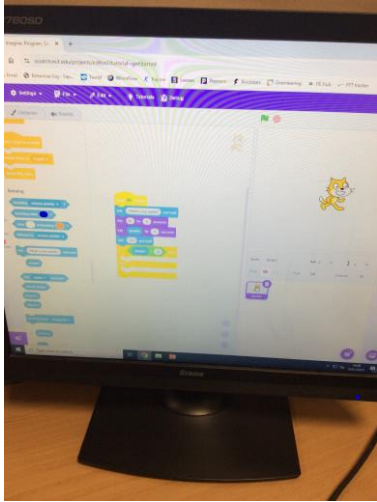
Writers of the week: 🤗

This week, our writers of the week are:

Jovan & Chloe

For working really hard in their persuasive text.

Year 4 News



In Computing, this week, we were learning about variables in Scratch. We played a game where the variable would change each time. We then looked inside the game to see how it worked, before attempting to make our own.



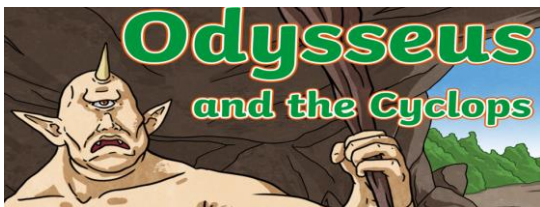
In D&T, this week, we were learning about design criteria. We thought about what our design criteria would need to be, to make our mindfulness timers. We then used STEM sentences to make sure that our criteria was specific.



Theseus and the Minotaur

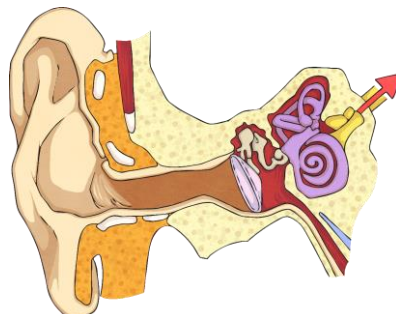


In English, we were generating ideas for, planning and beginning our drafts for our own Myth stories. We thought about the Myths we had read, and we came up with some ideas for our own.



Katie, is our star this week. She has worked very hard in maths and made some great progress through never giving up!

In Science, we learned all about our ears and how we hear things. We looked at the parts of the ear and how each one works.



Writers of the week:



This week our writers of the week are:

Imaan & Rosie

- for writing some great character descriptions.

'I enjoyed learning about our ears this week. I did not know that there were bones in them!' – Amelia.

Year 5 News

The children have begun creating their pop-up books in Design Technology and have successfully completed their final drafts of their biographies in English. We love their creativity and dedication to their work.



The children recently engaged in an exciting field trip to the local area, as part of our Geography lesson. This visit allowed the children to explore how the land has been utilised, enhancing their understanding of local geography and environmental changes.

Thomas has recently earned his Silver Blue Peter Badge, a remarkable achievement that reflects his dedication and outstanding work.



Alistair has earned his awards for outstanding performance. His dedication and hard work have truly set a high standard.



Shining Star!

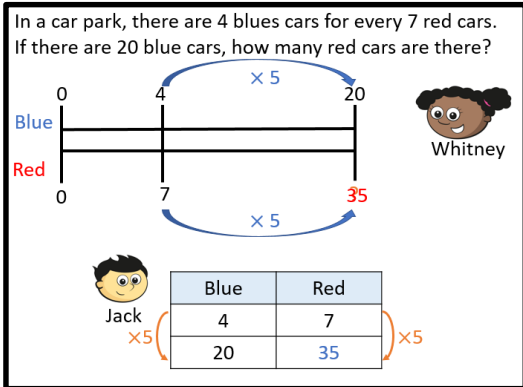
Our Shining Star this week is Tyai, for her incredible kindness towards others.

Writers of the week!

This week, we are celebrating Eva and Pippa for their work on proof-reading for errors.

Year 6 News

In Maths, this week, we have been applying our learning in ratio to solving problems with proportions and scales.



Our new topic, in Science, is light; we experimented with shadows. We discovered that if we moved the light source (torch) closer to the object, the shadow became larger.



In Computing, we have started our 'Big Data' topic. We began by investigating QR codes by scanning codes around school that led us to the next location.



This week, our shining star is Poppy. For her ability to work collaboratively with peers.



Our writers of the week are Scarlett and Katie, for accurate detail in their reports about reducing our carbon footprint at Moseley C of E.



Who do our 'Super Shout Out's' go to this week? ...



We are super proud of Ivy, in Year 2 – she has gone above and beyond, in her own time – thinking of other children who are less fortunate than herself – well done Ivy – Keep working hard 😊

Ivy had her own toy sale and raised £83 for Manisha UK, a charity that supports schools and children's education in Nepal.



Also – here is a photo from last week's 'Shout Out' to Theo, in Year 2, for his skills in football and for being selected as 'Player of the Match.'

Super achievements from Year 2 – keep going 😊



Please send us any 'shout outs' of children you would like mentioned for their out of school achievements – please include a photo if possible and a brief description of what they have done 😊
We can't wait to celebrate your successes

MATHS WorkShop FOR PARENTS

This week, both Year 4 and Year 5 have their dedicated maths workshops. These workshops aim to enhance our students' understanding of key mathematical concepts and promote a collaborative learning environment.

Year 6's workshop will be on Wednesday 29th January.

****Important reminders for Health and Safety in School****



A polite reminder that we are a **NUT FREE** school – this is due to some children who have **severe** allergic reactions if they come into contact with nuts, a surface that has had nuts on, or a child who may have eaten nuts.

This means sandwiches with Nutella spread cannot be given in packed lunches. Also - no biscuits or chocolate bars with praline, chocolate and hazelnut mousse or snacks with nuts – eg. Kinder Bueno or supermarket own brand versions. This is so all our children are safe while at school – thank you for your support with this.

****It is important to note that if the lunchtime supervisors or teachers see one of these products in a packed lunch, it will have to be taken away and given to the parent at the end of the day.**

More Health and Safety reminders ...

Choking hazard from grapes



Please can you remember...if you are sending grapes into school for your child's snack or lunch, PLEASE CUT ALL GRAPES IN HALF.

This is to minimize the risk of choking!

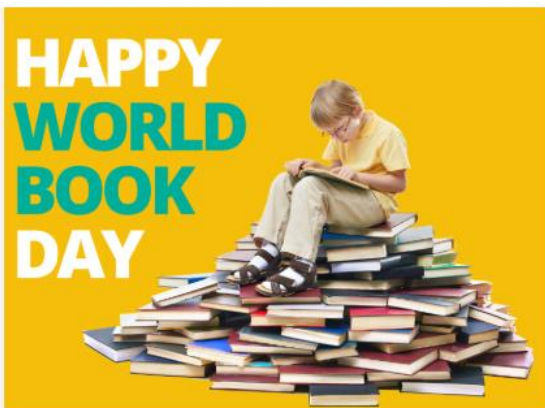
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Also...



Please can you remember to check all uniform for clear names – we have a few cardigans and jumpers that have the names of children who have now left our school – please ensure names are up to date, and labelled clearly, so items can be returned quickly.

Now... news about an upcoming event ...



Information about **World Book Day**, for those of us who are trying to organise diaries and busy lives!

World Book Day, this year, will be celebrated nationally on the first Thursday of March – Thursday 6th March 2025.

As a school, Moseley CE will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 7th March – as we did last year.

This works really well, as we can take the day to celebrate all things linked to books and reading.

We are very excited, as our PTA Chair – Gemma – has worked really hard to secure an author to come to our school for the day on Weds 5th March. The lady is a local author called Cat Weatherill - more details about her books are on the following page, and, if you would like to pre order any of her books, she will happily sign them for you.

On that point, we are going to have a different set up for the day.

THIS YEAR, WE WILL NOT BE DRESSING UP AS FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS!

INSTEAD, **WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DESIGN AND/OR DECORATE A SPOON BOOK CHARACTER**– yes a spoon!

This could be a large, cooking, wooden or metal spoon, it could be a medium sized plastic spoon – it is an optional activity, but we know we are going to get some fantastic ideas from you all. See photos below for ideas from other schools -



If you don't have a spare spoon – or you don't want to dress up a spoon, you could do a detailed design on a piece of paper – we will have copies of the blank spoon in each class for children to take if they want.

The design can be labelled with the materials you would use and what each part is and why

Bring the book linked to your spoon character / design so that you can talk to your friends in class about why you chose the character you did.

We can't wait to see your 'Super Spoon' ideas! 😊

Pupil voice – Children’s views about our Y6 lunchtime clubs

Amare – Y2 – I love doing freestyle dance moves

Nola – Year 1 – I like listening to songs I haven’t heard before

Bella – Year 2 – I like making up songs in the Musical Theatre Club

Abigail – Year 2 – I really enjoy the Musical Theatre Club

Ivy – Year 1 – I love playing with the Y6 girls at lunchtime – we always have fun

Emily T – Year 1 – I like learning new songs to sing.



Maths award winners

The most coins earned this week!



Numbots of the week!

Year R – Henry

Year 1 – Emily

Year 2 – Joe



Rockstars of the week!

Year 3 – Henry

Year 4 – Noah P

Year 5 – Ife

Year 6 – Arisha

Well done on earning so many coins this week everyone! Well done! – Mr Boulton

Please read below for information about a half term holiday club –



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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Colmore Junior School, Colmore Road, B14 6AJ
Standard day 9am-4pm- £20
Half day (4 year olds)- 9am-1pm-£12.50

Tax Free payments and Childcare vouchers accepted.

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Pre
Edu

Remember the Young Artist information that was sent in last week's newsletter – entries can be sent from now until the 6th March.



RA

Young Artists' Summer Show

2025

Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions
6 January – 5 March 2025

Find out more and enter
royac/youngartists
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Royal Academy of Arts

Made possible by Robin Hambro

Following on from our 'Parking Safely' information and flyers, we have noticed cars are still parking over driveways around school – please be courteous to residents on roads around school and don't block driveways.

Also, please read the flyer below – 'idling' cars, with engines running while waiting for the school gates to open, can make the air unpleasant and dangerous to breathe – please think about people who are walking on the pavements around school – for our school community, but also for other pedestrians as well.



Please read the information leaflets below – be mindful of where you park and be observant of driveways and keeping paths clear - try to walk if at all possible -

The Green Cross Code

- First find a safe place to cross then **stop**.
- Stand on the pavement behind the kerb.
- **Look** all around for traffic and **listen**.
- If traffic is coming, let it pass and look all around again.
- When there is no traffic near, walk straight across the road.
- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.

Make sure your child can be seen
Fluorescent materials are good for daytime
Reflective materials are good in the dark
Always wear something bright



Driving to school

If you have to drive your child on the school journey, here's how you can help:



Make sure all passengers are secured appropriately

- Keep the school yellow zig zags clear of traffic, please don't stop, drop or park here.

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

- Please don't park on single or double yellow lines.
- Parking considerately, avoid double parking, pavement parking, parking across dropped kerbs, near junctions and on corners.
- Be considerate to local residents by keeping their driveways clear.
- Avoid idling your engine as it pollutes the air we breathe.



Always get out onto the pavement

Please see below for an advert for a local Beavers group -



St Dunstan's Beavers

The St Dunstan's Beaver Colony is looking for new Girls and Boys to join our group. Beavers is a great opportunity to try have fun, adventures, make new friends and be part of our Kings Heath community.

Girls and Boys can start from age 6, if you are interested please email info@148birmingham.org.uk

Fun Activities:

- ✓ Games
- ✓ Camps
- ✓ Making Friends
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Adventure

Tuesday

6pm - 7pm
Meeting place
Bishop Challoner school
Institute Road, Kings Heath

Cubs: Wednesday
Scouts: Monday

info@148birmingham.org.uk



Ages
6-8

