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All Saints, Carshalton Newsletter

OCTOBER • 2026

Thank you so much for your generosity for our harvest celebrations. Sutton foodbank were so grateful to receive it all and we all know that it will be very well used.

A Wonderful Harvest and a Busy October!

It has been another wonderfully busy month at All Saints, with lots to celebrate and so many opportunities for our children to learn, grow and shine!

One of the highlights of October was our annual Harvest Festival at All Saints Church. It was lovely to come together as a school community to give thanks for all that we have. Our Year 5 children led the service beautifully, with other classes also playing their part in celebrating this special time of year. We are incredibly grateful to all our families who donated so generously to Sutton Foodbank. The team were delighted with the donations we delivered — there was so much that we needed to make two trips to get everything there! Thank you for helping us put our school vision into action by making a real difference in our local community.

We have also been busy welcoming prospective families on school tours, sharing what makes All Saints such a special place to learn. Our school photographs took place at the beginning of the month, and I am sure that you will enjoy looking back at these in years to come and comparing how much your children have grown, both in their learning and in themselves!

It has been wonderful to see families joining us for our SEND coffee morning, where they had the opportunity to meet our fabulous SEND team. We have also enjoyed a workshop for Year 3 with Sutton Schoolswork, while children in Years 3, 4 and 5 enthusiastically took part in a singing workshop led by Sutton Music Trust. There are always so many opportunities for our children to discover new interests, develop their confidence and enjoy learning together.

As we move through the school year, we have now finished reflecting on our value of Peace and have begun exploring Forgiveness. We will be thinking about what forgiveness means in our everyday lives, how we can put it into practice in our friendships and relationships, and how we can show understanding and kindness to others.

October is also Black History Month, and we have been celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black people, including the Windrush Generation and Paul Stephenson. As shared in the letter sent to families, our children have the opportunity to contribute to our "Honouring Our Community" display by celebrating an influential Black person, whether well known or someone making a difference in their own local community. We are looking forward to seeing the people our children choose to honour.

After such a full and exciting month, we are all looking forward to a well-deserved half-term break. I hope the children enjoy some time to relax, recharge and spend precious time with their families before we return in November for the second half of the autumn term. There will be lots to look forward to as we begin the exciting run-up to Christmas!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our All Saints family. I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things happening across our school.

Keep shining your lights brightly, All Saints!

Laurielle Jackson

NEXT MONTH – Some key dates for you

- Tuesday **3rd November** – Isle of Wight 2027 Parents Information Meeting 5pm
- Tuesday **10th November** – Year 6 Remembrance Day Assembly 9:10 am
- **18th – 20th November** – Year 5 High Ashurst Residential
- **18th and 20th November** – Nursery Parents' Evening Dates
- Tuesday **24th November** – Year 3 Year group Assembly 9:10 am
- **24th and 26th November** – Reception – Year 6 Parents' Evening Dates
- Friday **27th November** – INSET Day

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This term at a glance

KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 3rd November	All Saints Day Church Service for the Children – 9:30am
Tuesday 3rd November	Sports Event – Year 4 Cross Country
Tuesday 3rd November	Isle of Wight 2027 Meeting for Year 6 Parents 5pm
Wednesday 4th November	Sports Event – Year 5/6 Cross Country
Friday 6th November	School Tour for Prospective New Families – 9:15 am
Friday 6th November	Sports Event – Year 5 Boys Football
Tuesday 10th November	Year 6 Year Group Assembly – Remembrance Assembly – 9:10 am
W/C Monday 16th November	Scholastic Book Fair
18th – 20th November	Y5 High Ashurst Residential Visit
Wednesday 18th November	Nursery Parents' Evening 9:00-11:30am (With Miss Vick)
Friday 20th November	Nursery Parents' Evening 9:00-11:30am (With Miss Brown)
Tuesday 24th November	Year 3 Year Group Assembly to parents 9:10 am
Tuesday 24th November	Parents' Evening (Year 1-6) – 3:30-6:30 pm
Thursday 26th November	Parents' Evening (Year 1-6) – 3:30-6:30 pm
Friday 27th November	INSET DAY
Friday 11th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church – 6:00 pm
Thursday 17th December	Last Day of School for the Autumn term – Finish at 1:30pm
Friday 18th December	INSET DAY

PTA Events

KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM	
DATE	**WHAT'S HAPPENING**
Wednesday 21st October	PTA Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Hampers – All Day
Wednesday 18th November	Happy Bags Collection - PTA
Friday 4th December	PTA Non-Uniform Day for Tombola Raffle Prizes
Saturday 5th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 7th December	Christmas Pantomime Provided by the PTA
Monday 14th December (TBC)	PTA Christmas Discos
Date TBC	Reception Christmas Crafternoon Actvties

Music Events

KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM	
DATE	**WHAT'S HAPPENING**
Wednesday 9th December	Winter Music Concert

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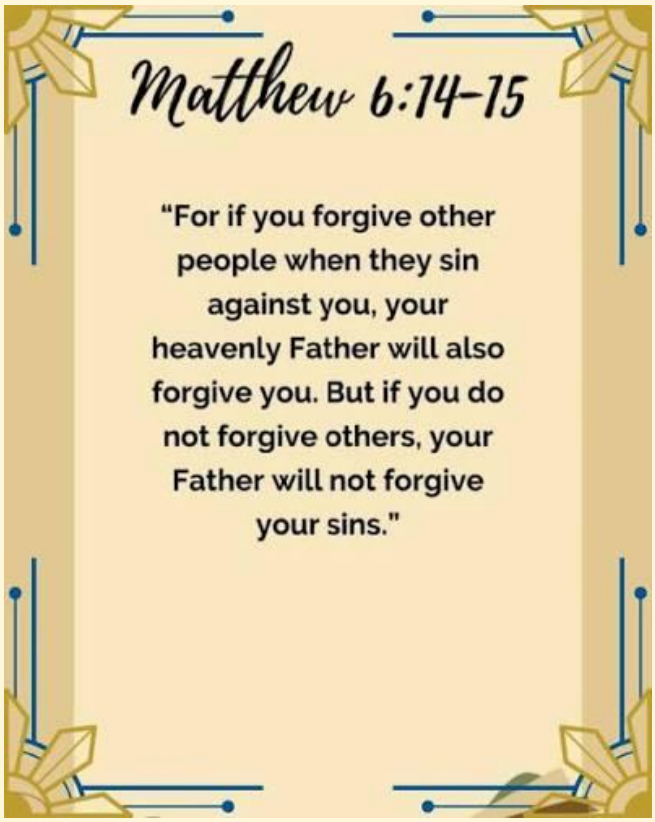
Prayer & reflection

A Prayer for October

Giving thanks and learning to forgive

Dear God,
Thank you for the beauty of autumn, for the harvest we celebrate, and for the food, friendship and love that we share.
Thank you for our wonderful school community and for all the families who have given so generously to help others. May the gifts we have shared bring comfort and hope to those who need them, and remind us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.
As we begin to explore our value of Forgiveness, help us to be patient with one another. Give us the courage to say sorry when we have made a mistake, the kindness to forgive others, and the wisdom to understand that everyone deserves another chance.
Help us to celebrate the differences that make each of us special, to listen to one another with open hearts, and to recognise the wonderful contributions people make to our communities and our world.
May we continue to shine with your light in everything we do. As we approach our half-term break, help us to find time to rest, enjoy our families and return feeling refreshed and ready for new adventures.
Lord, guide us to be thankful, forgiving and kind, so that together we can make a difference in your world.
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." *Ephesians 4:32*
Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - FORGIVENESS



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Safeguarding Reminder

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As part of our Safer Streets School Scheme, we know that there are fewer cars travelling along the roads around school. However, there are still some cars which do travel along the road for various reasons, and not all drivers are aware that the road is part of the Safer Streets scheme.

Please can we remind you to talk to your children about not running straight into the road when leaving school.

This is especially important as the weather is getting greyer and we are approaching autumn and winter, and the days are getting shorter!

Let's keep our children safe – both on and off the school site.

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Celebration time!

GOLDEN BOOK / MONTHLY CERTIFICATES

THIS MONTH'S WINNERS

Reception
Puffins – Max, Margot, Cheick-Lansane
Sparrows – Teo, Leo, Nana Hemaa
Year 1
Chaffinches – Elijah, Allegra, Florence
Woodpeckers – Ruby, Elias, Isla
Year 2
Skylarks – Julia, Isabella, Felix
Wrens – Joseph, Jude, Zac
Year 3
Hazel – Kairo, Lenny, Oscar
Rowan – Divna, Enzo, Lily, Elliot
Year 4
Oak – Maia, Jude, Hugo
Willow – Rose S, Patrick, Skye
Year 5
Ash – Margarita, Molly M, Jago
Beech – Alice M, Maria, Ebony-Rae
Year 6
Elm – Freddie, Trinity, Ben
Juniper – Leo, Chloe, Fatmanur

Celebrating our children!

Every week we choose a child from each class who has worked particularly hard and has shown our values and Building Learning Powers. They receive a special certificate, get to sit at the front of the school hall and receive wondrous applause for their contributions to school. Well don to everyone who has received a Golden Book Certificate this month! We are very proud of you for shining your lights.

SPECIAL AWARDS – PEACE AMBASSADORS

This month, we celebrated our first Value Ambassadors, which is always such a treat! First up we have our Peace Ambassadors and we are so proud of these children, who have shown that they can show peace themselves, work with others in a peaceful way and look for ways to create peace throughout their classrooms and the school. Well done to the following children who were awarded with their certificates and peace ambassador badges:

Reception Puffins: ***Isabelle Shires***
Reception Sparrows: ***Toby Howley***
Year 1 Chaffinches: ***Reid Murphy***
Year 1 Woodpeckers: ***Tudor Calina***
Year 2 Skylarks: ***Daisy Leggatt***
Year 2 Wrens: ***Evie Cassell***
Year 3 Hazel: ***Thea Odd***
Year 3 Rowan: ***Liya Lee Chee Ling***
Year 4 Oak: ***Ed Greer***
Year 4 Willow: ***Azariah Mambara***
Year 5 Ash: ***Hannah Wang***
Year 5 Beech: ***George Leggatt***
Year 6 Elm: ***Ameera Imran***
Year 6 Juniper: ***William Pain***

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School Council

We are delighted to announce the nomination of our new School Council members for this academic year!

Our new members are:

Skylarks:	Sophia & Henry	Wrens:	Phoebe& James
Hazel:	Sam & Eli	Rowan:	Logan & Joyce
Oak:	Dora & Sophie	Willow:	Dennison & Iga
Ash:	Molly & Frazer	Beech:	Ethan & Alice
Elm:	Beth C & Toby	Juniper:	Arlie & Theo

This is an amazing achievement and a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop their confidence, leadership and teamwork skills. Our School Council plays an important role in representing the voices of all the children, sharing ideas and helping to make our school an even better place to learn and grow. We are incredibly proud of our newly nominated members and look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make throughout the year. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Chosen Charities for This Year!

After some wonderful presentations by the children (and Mrs Nelson!), the children have voted and chosen our charities for this year! We are delighted to announce that our local charity is The Diamond for Disabled Riders and our national charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind. We are excited to support these two fantastic charities and the amazing work they do. Keep an eye out for future events and fundraising activities to help us raise money for these wonderful causes!

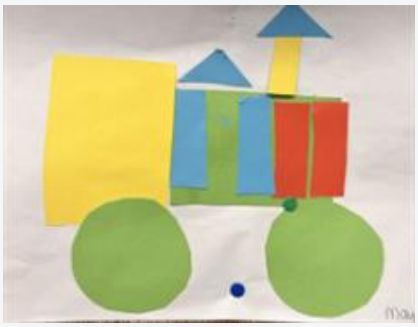
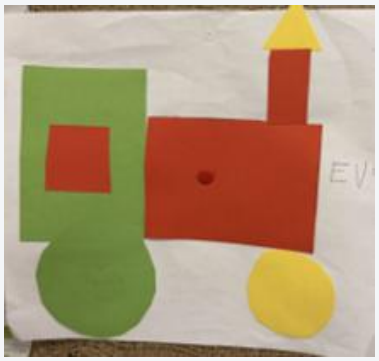
Reception

We have been learning all about harvest!

In Reception, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Harvest! The children took part in their very first assembly, where we discussed Harvest, shared what we are thankful for and sang some fantastic songs, including "Tractor, Tractor on the Farm" and "Going Down the Garden to Plant Some Seeds". The children made us incredibly proud by confidently sharing their beautiful Harvest artwork and bravely speaking in front of KS1.

We have also been exploring patterns, encouraging the children to create their own ABB and ABC patterns and develop their mathematical thinking.

It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence soar and to celebrate the fantastic progress they are making in their learning. We are so proud of how well they are settling into Reception and can't wait to see what they achieve next!

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Year 1

Wow! What a fantastic (and busy!) start to Year 1 it has been!

In Science, we have been learning all about the basic parts of the human body and our five senses. We had great fun drawing around our bodies with chalk and labelling the different body parts we could identify. We also enjoyed exploring our sense of taste by trying a variety of foods – the sour lemon was a big hit! We used our noses to guess different smells and even created our own hands to explore and describe our sense of touch.

In RE, we began learning about the Creation Story by welcoming Sutton School Works into school for an amazing workshop! We discovered what God created on each day and enjoyed retelling the story to one another.

In Art, we have been exploring colour mixing and learning how to combine primary colours to create secondary colours. We put our new knowledge to the test by creating our own colour wheels and using LEGO and Duplo to print some wonderful, colourful pictures.

Well done, Year 1, for such a fantastic start! We are so proud of all your enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work. What a brilliant start to the year!

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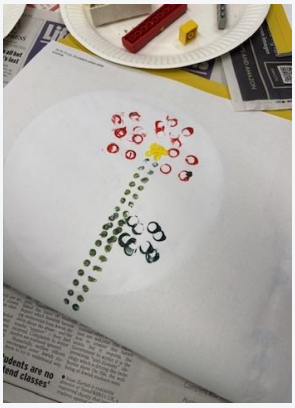

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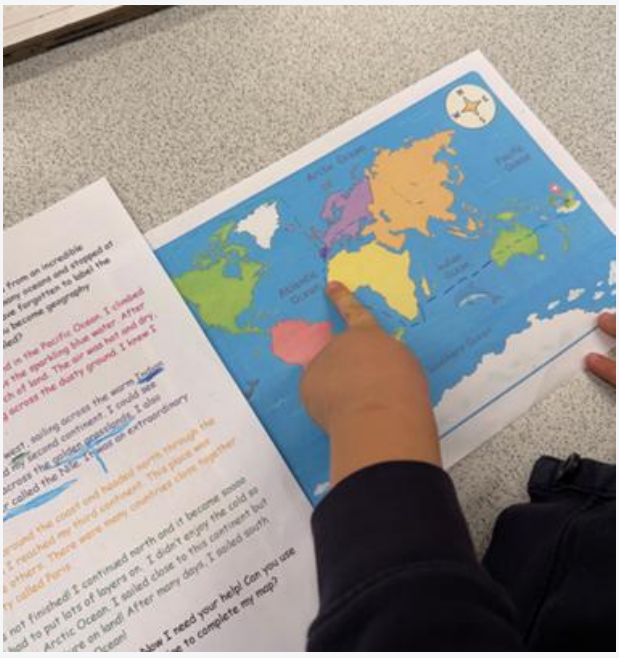
Year 2

We have been having fun with our computing learning!

In Computing, our programmers have been busy preparing to create algorithms using Bee-Bots! The children have designed their very own grids and practiced giving step-by-step instructions to navigate different routes.

We are excited to put these skills into action when we begin programming our Bee-Bots!



Our Year 2s became real-life geographers as they embarked on an exciting adventure around the world with Moana!

Using their fantastic geographical knowledge, the children helped Moana navigate her journey by identifying continents, oceans and compass directions.

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Year 3

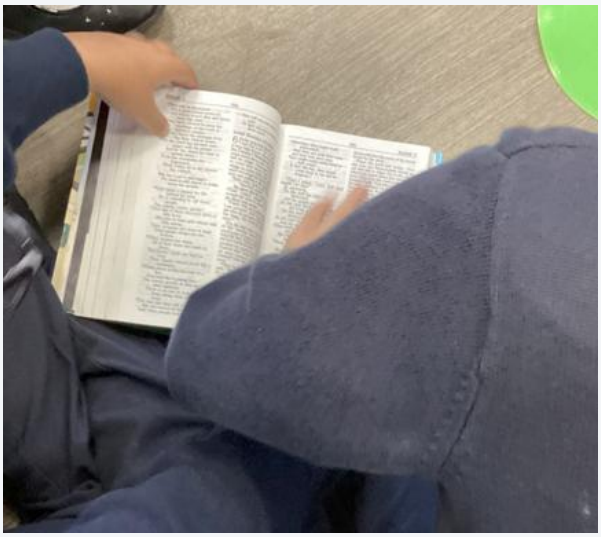
Our learning this month

WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS TO CHRISTIANS

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting workshop with Sutton Schools Work, where we became Bible Explorers! We learnt how to navigate the Bible, locate different books and, most importantly, discovered more about the Big Story of the Bible.

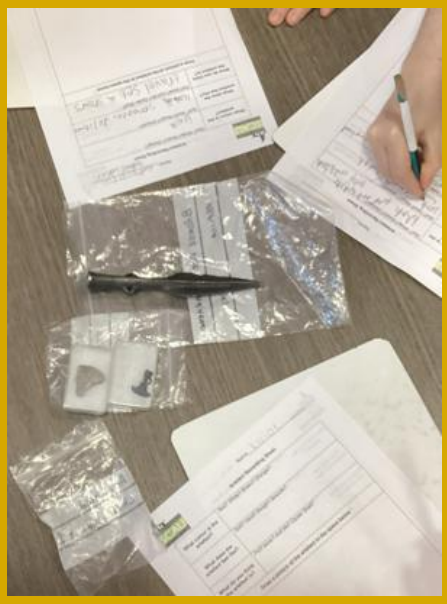
We also welcomed two special visitors who shared what the Bible means to them. We had lots of thoughtful and interesting questions, and we were excited to learn so many new things!

It was a wonderful opportunity to explore, ask questions and deepen our understanding of the Bible.



Year 3 Change Can Rock Exit Point

What an exciting day Year 3 have had to conclude our theme, 'Change Can Rock'! We began by exploring fascinating artefacts from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, helping us discover how life changed over time. It was also brilliant to see so many amazing costumes, bringing our learning to life. What a fantastic way to celebrate all the children's hard work, curiosity and enthusiasm throughout this topic!



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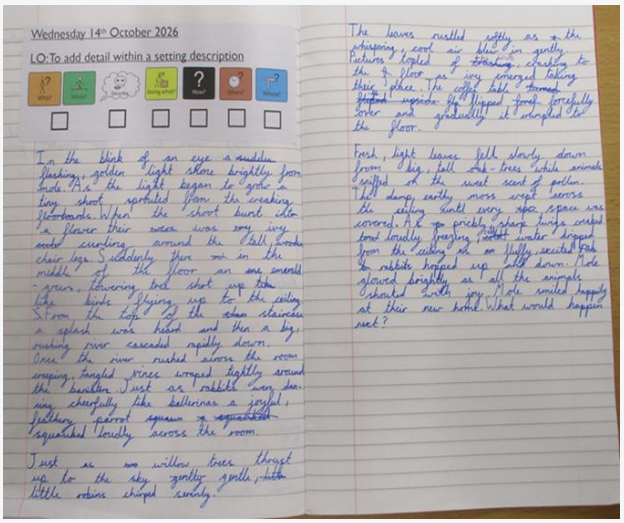
Year 4

We have been learning how to add detail within a setting description (English)

Year 4 have been enjoying our English text 'The Wild Wild Wood' by Anna Kemp and Natell Quek.


Wednesday 14th October 2026

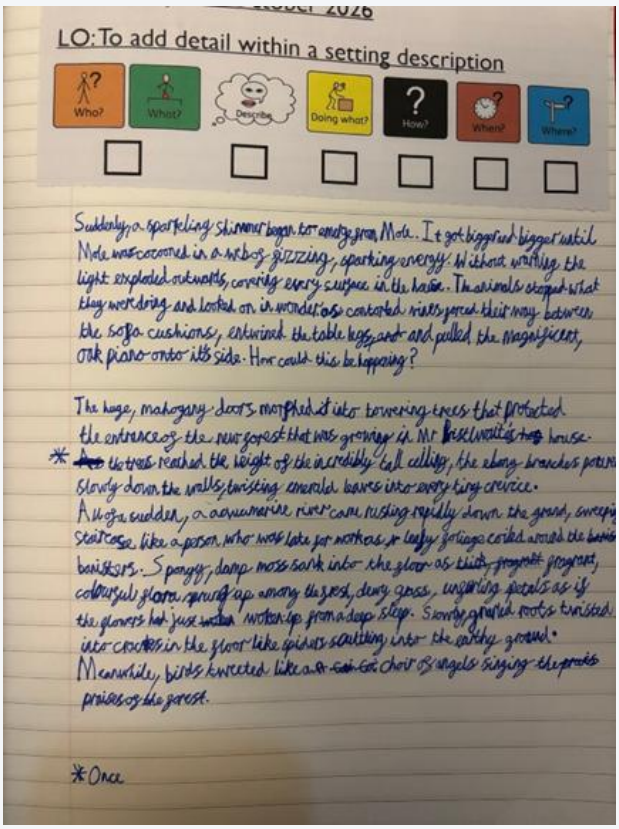
LO: To add detail within a setting description

In the blink of an eye a sudden flashing, golden light shone brightly from inside. As the light began to fade in tiny shoot sprouted from the cracking floorboards. When the short burst of flower their vines were very very small curling around the tall brown chair legs. Suddenly there was in the middle of the floor an awe smelling green, towering bud shot up the like birds flying up to the ceiling. From the top of the stem a splash was heard and then a big, rushing river cascaded rapidly down. Once the river rushed across the room creeping, tangled vines wrapped tightly around the bamboo. Just as rabbit was dancing cheerfully like ballerinas a joyful, fluttering parrot squeaked squeaked loudly across the room.

Just as the willow trees thrust up to the sky gently gentle, little robins chirped merrily.

The leaves rustled softly as the whispering, cool air blew in gently. Pictures toppled of the & floor as they emerged taking their place. The coffee table formed stopped flipped from forcefully faster and gradually it dropped to the floor.

Fresh, light leaves fell slowly down from big, tall oak trees while animals sniffed at the sweet scent of pollen. Soft damp, earthy moss crept across the ceiling until every spare space was covered. A few prickly, sharp twigs crashed loudly freezing cold water dropped from the ceiling as an fluffy excited rabbit rabbits hopped up and down. Mole played brightly as all the animals shouted with joy. Mole smiled happily at their new home. What would happen next?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Who? What? Describe Doing what? How? When? Where?

Suddenly, a sparkling shimmer began to emerge from Mole. It got bigger and bigger until Mole was cocooned in a whizz-bang-fizzing, sparking energy. Without warning, the light exploded outwards, covering every surface in the house. The animals stopped what they were doing and looked on in wonder as contorted vines forced their way between the sofa cushions, entwined the table legs and and pulled the magnificent, oak piano onto its side. How could this be happening?

The huge, mahogany doors morphed into towering trees that protected the entrance of the new forest that was growing in Mr Bristlewaite's house. * the trees reached the height of the incredibly tall ceiling, the ebony branches poured slowly down the walls, twisting emerald leaves into every tiny crevice.

All of a sudden, a cacophonic river came rushing rapidly down the grand, sweeping staircase, like a person who was late for work as a leafy foliage corked around the banisters. Spongy, damp moss sank into the floor as lush, fragrant, fragrant, colourful plants sprung up among the lush, dewy grass, sparkling petals as if the flowers had just woken up from a deep sleep. Slowly, gnarled roots twisted into cracks in the floor like spiders scuttling into the earthy ground.

Meanwhile, birds kwacked like a choir of angels singing the praises praises of the forest.

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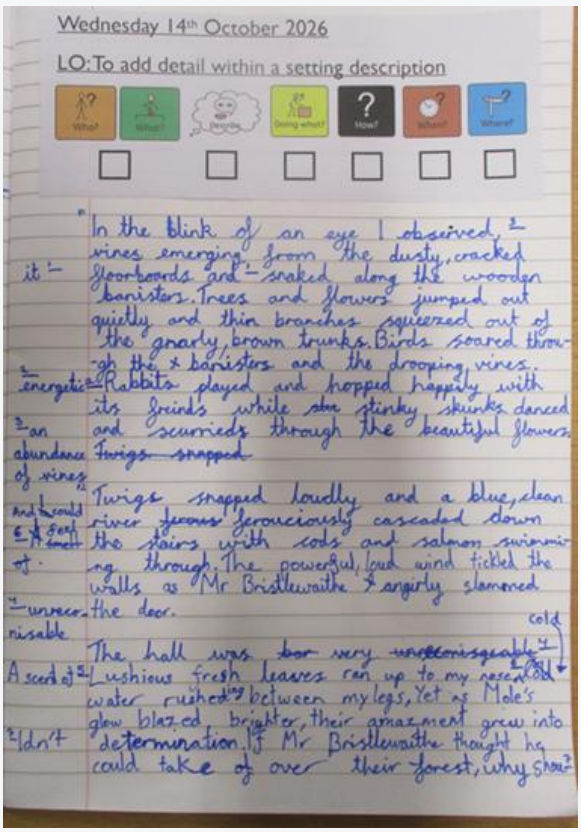
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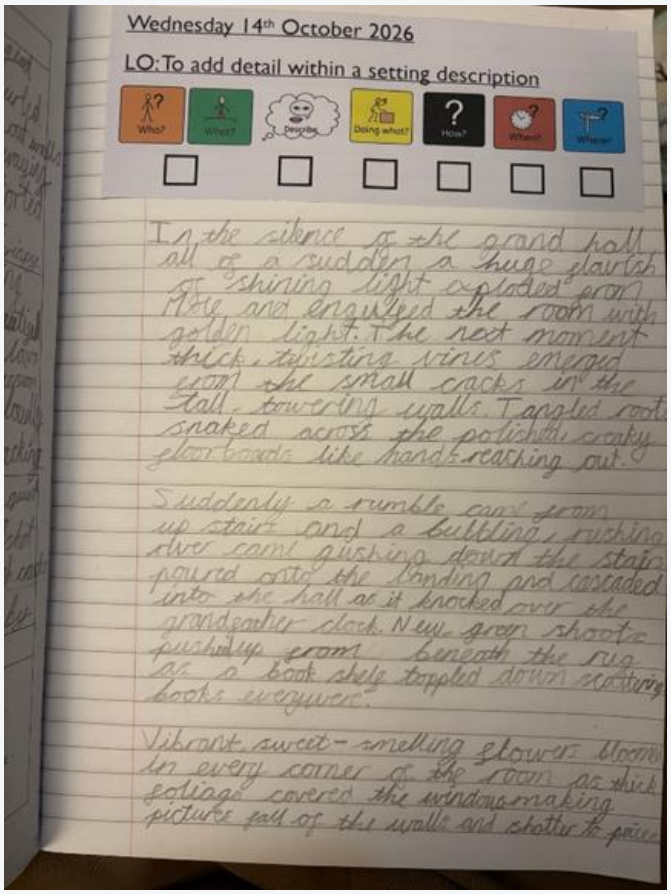
In the blink of an eye I observed, vines emerging from the dusty, cracked floorboards and snaked along the wooden banisters. Trees and flowers jumped out quietly and thin branches squeezed out of the gnarly brown trunks. Birds soared through the banisters and the drooping vines. Rabbits played and hopped happily with its friends while the stinky skunks danced and scurried through the beautiful flowers. Twigs snapped

Twigs snapped loudly and a blue, clear river ferociously cascaded down the stairs with cods and salmon swimming through. The powerful, loud wind tickled the walls as Mr Bristlewaite angrily slammed the door.

The hall was very cold

Lushious fresh leaves ran up to my nose as water rushed between my legs. Yet as Mole's glow blazed brighter, their amazement grew into determination. If Mr Bristlewaithe thought he could take of over their forest, why shou



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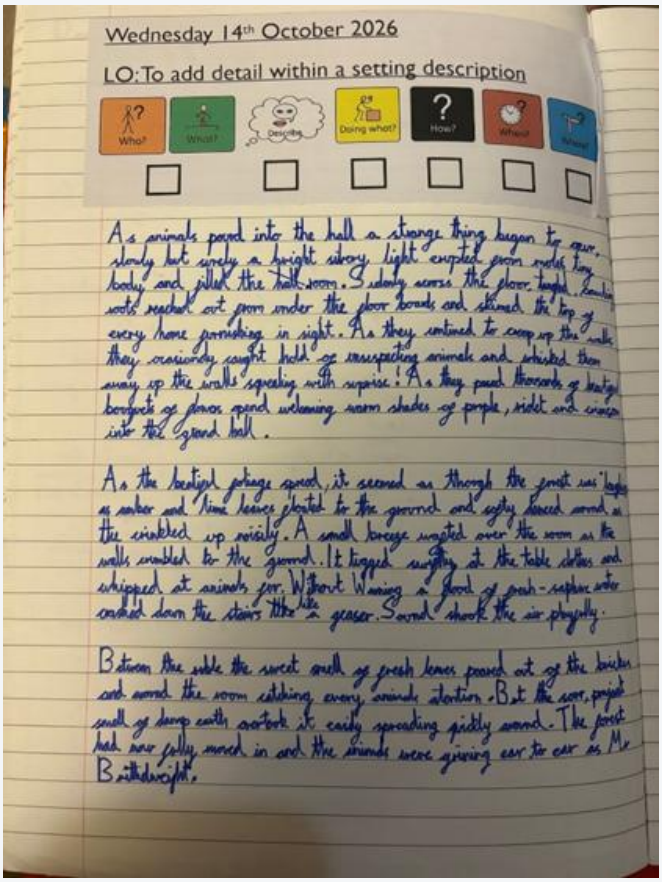
Who? What? Describe Doing what? How? When? Where?

In the silence of the grand hall all of a sudden a huge flourish of shining light exploded from Mr B and engulfed the room with golden light. The next moment thick, twisting vines emerged from the small cracks in the tall, towering walls. Tangled roots snaked across the polished creaky floor boards like hands reaching out.

Suddenly a rumble came from up stairs and a bubbling, rushing river came gushing down the stairs poured onto the landing and cascaded into the hall as it knocked over the grandfather clock. New green shoots pushed up from beneath the rug as a book shelf toppled down scattering books everywhere.

Vibrant sweet-smelling flowers bloomed in every corner of the room as thick foliage covered the windows making pictures fall of the walls and shatter to pieces



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As animals paced into the hall a strange thing began to occur. Slowly but surely a bright silvery light emitted from each furry body and filled the hall room. Slowly across the floor tangled roots reached out from under the floor boards and claimed the top of every home furnishing in sight. As they continued to creep up the walls they ominously caught hold of unsuspecting animals and whisked them away up the walls squealing with surprise! As they paced thousands of beautiful bouquets of flowers spread welcoming warm shades of purple, violet and cream into the grand hall.

As the tranquil foliage spread, it seemed as though the forest was larger as amber and lime leaves planted to the ground and softly danced around as the rumbled up noisily. A small breeze swirled over the room as the walls crumbled to the ground. It tugged naughty at the table clothes and whipped at animals fur. Without Warning a flood of fresh-sapphire water cascaded down the stairs like a geyser. Sound shook the air ghostly.

Between the table the sweet smell of fresh leaves poured out of the bushes and around the room catching every animals attention. But the most poignant smell of damp earth overtook it easily spreading quickly around. The forest had now fully moved in and the animals were giving ear to ear as Mr Bristlewaithe.

We have been inspired by the beautiful illustrations to write our own setting descriptions, describing how Mr Bristlewaithe's house becomes a wood! We have been learning how to use similes, expanded noun phrases and commas to add detail within a setting description.

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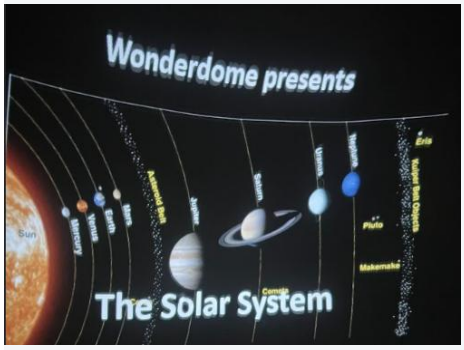
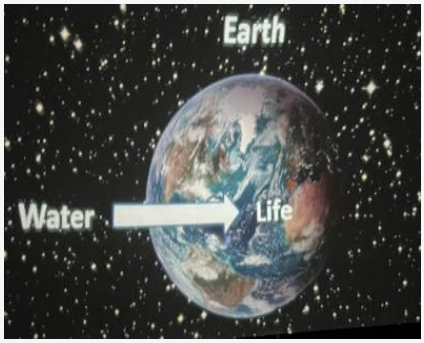
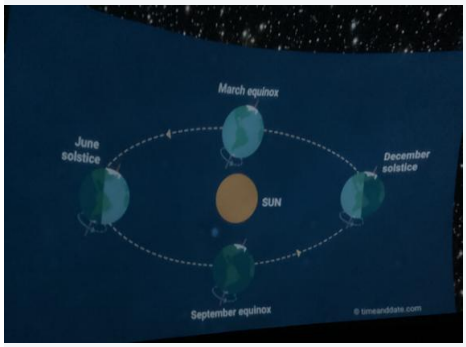
Year 5

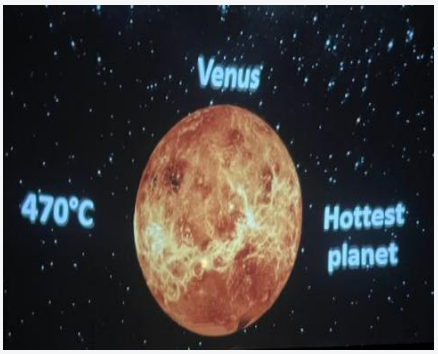
The Wonderdome!

Year 5 have been incredibly enthusiastic about our 'To Boldly Go' theme this half-term and have particularly enjoyed Science, learning about our Solar System. We were fortunate enough to have an incredible visit from the Wonderdome, where we got to immerse in a 360-degree journey through the solar system. The vivid, crystal-clear visuals made it feels as though we were actually on the planets and the children asked some fantastic questions at the end. It was truly and unforgettable, out-of-this- world adventure!









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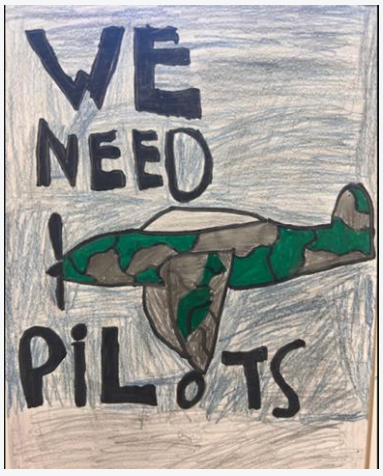
Year 6

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?

Year 6 have had a brilliant half term exploring our theme: 'Together We Stand'.

This started with our entry point where the children created war and peace artwork, showing the contrast between these two concepts. They also created some WW2 propaganda posters.



They also had a fantastic day at the Imperial War Museum recently. They were able to explore a range of the exhibits including the WW2 section. This allowed them to consolidate their understanding of our topic and also explore some real life artefacts.

'For each one of us to shine with God's light, believing we can make a difference in His world' • Matthew 5:16

Dates & contacts

TERM DATES

KEY DATES	AUTUMN TERM 2026	SPRING TERM 2027	SUMMER TERM 2027
INSET DAY	Wed 2nd September	Mon 4th January	
First day of term	Thurs 3rd September	Tues 5th January	Monday 12th April
INSET DAY		Fri 12th February (MAT)	**Bank Holiday – Mon 3rd May**
HALF TERM	**Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct**	**Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb**	**Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June**
INSET DAY	Friday 27th November		
Last day of term –*finish at 1:30pm*	Thursday 17th December	Thursday 25th March	Wednesday 21st July
INSET DAY	Friday 18th December		Thursday 22nd July

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