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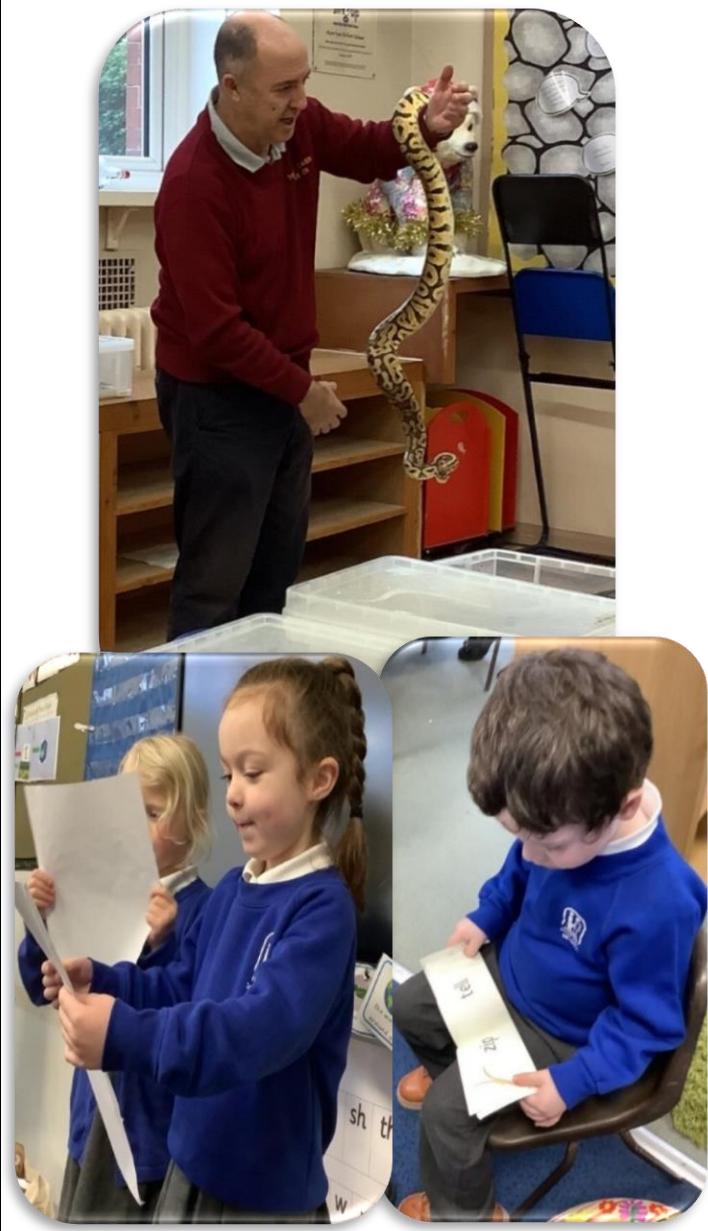
Early Years

The children in Reception have had an amazing time in their learning this half term. Please see below some highlights.

It's been a delightful experience delving into the story "Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish," which has sparked the children's curiosity about the world and its myriad animals. Their exploration took an exciting turn with a special visit centred on learning about snakes, igniting the children's curiosity with questions like "What do they feel like?", "What do they eat?", "Where do they live?", and "Are there girl and boy snakes?"

Our commitment to early reading is evident through our diverse selection of "windows and mirrors" books accessible throughout our setting, enhancing our children's phonics and reading skills with the help of Fred.

In our EYFS, children enjoy the freedom of self-initiated time, allowing them to pursue their interests within our thoughtfully designed environment. This initiative led to a heartwarming moment recently as children collaborated to compose a song about caring for our planet, which they proudly performed for their classmates.



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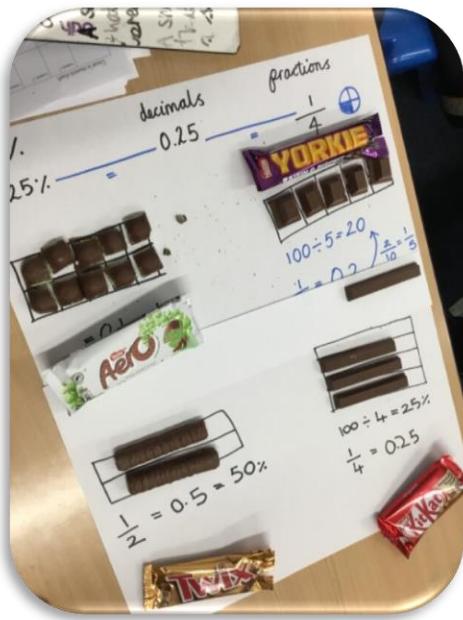
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Year 5

In Year 5, our Maths adventures led us to delve into the world of decimals with a hands-on approach that involved a delicious twist – chocolate! The recent practical lesson was a sweet introduction to understanding fractions and decimals, as the children broke chocolate into equal parts to visualise these concepts.



Mathematics is a fundamental part of our daily lives, weaving its principles into various aspects of the world around us. Here are some interesting facts about how math applies in real life:

- Budgeting and Financial Planning:** Math is essential for managing finances, whether it's for household budgeting, savings, investments, or understanding interest rates. Basic arithmetic and percentages are crucial for making informed financial decisions.
- Cooking and Baking:** Recipes require measurements, portions, and timing, all of which involve math. Doubling a recipe or dividing it in half to serve a specific number of people requires arithmetic skills.
- Construction and Home Improvement:** Math plays a crucial role in designing and building structures. Geometry helps in calculating area and volume, ensuring that spaces are utilized efficiently, and materials are used optimally.
- Sports and Fitness:** Math is used to keep score, calculate averages, percentages, distances, and even to improve strategies in sports. In fitness, it helps in tracking progress, calculating calorie intake, and understanding nutrition labels.
- Travel and Navigation:** Understanding distances, time, speed, and fuel consumption involves mathematical calculations. Navigation, whether using a map or GPS, relies on coordinates and understanding geometric concepts.

DT

This term, in DT, Year 4 have planned a salad. The children first learned how to chop safely, using the bridge and claw grip. In recent lessons, they put all of their learning together to make their salads.

Hannah – "I really liked making salads. It was cool. My salad tasted really good. It had tomatoes, mayonnaise, lettuce, sweetcorn, and chicken."

Isaac – "I liked using cheese and meat on my salad. My salad tasted like heaven. I enjoyed this lesson, but I'm used to doing this because I make proper meals at home."



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STAR OF THE WEEK	
January 29 th to February 2 nd 2024	
Cedar	Davina
Ash	Clementine
Oak	Aaron
Beech	Star
Poplar	Joshua
Willow	Rodrigo
Holly	Isla
Elm	Leo
Sycamore	Penelope
Keller	Erin
Seacole	Ava
Barnardo	Agnes
Attenborough	Immy
Curie	Ben
Hawking	Sophia
Gandhi	Sammy
King	Alesha
Mandela	Jaxon
Pankhurst	Abel
Douglass	Damisi
Dickens	Fletcher

Nominations for being a 'confident' Learner

Cedar	Zahra
Ash	Marvelous
Oak	Connie
Beech	Eli
Poplar	Tom
Willow	Jago
Holly	Frank
Elm	Sonny
Sycamore	Emily
Keller	Thomas
Seacole	Izzy
Barnardo	Josh B
Attenborough	Freddie
Curie	Nuala
Hawking	Ife
Gandhi	Tanu
King	Cohen M
Mandela	Suri
Pankhurst	Sanaa
Douglass	Daisy
Dickens	Meavy

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STAR OF THE WEEK	
February 5 th to 9 th , 2024	
Cedar	Zachary
Ash	Miles
Oak	Sophia
Beech	Evan
Poplar	Ash
Willow	Arthur
Holly	Zachary
Elm	Freddie
Sycamore	Magnus
Keller	Arthur
Seacole	Isaac
Barnardo	Ellie
Attenborough	Torera
Curie	Eleanor
Hawking	Ife
Gandhi	Jess
King	Finn
Mandela	Anderson
Pankhurst	Jess
Douglass	Sophie
Dickens	Saheed

Nominations for being a 'optimistic' Learner

Cedar	Mustafa
Ash	Piran
Oak	Jaxon
Beech	Grayson
Poplar	Ezra
Willow	Lena
Holly	Anastasia
Elm	Caleb
Sycamore	Sam
Keller	Charlotte
Seacole	Felix
Barnardo	Maisie
Attenborough	Royal
Curie	Evie
Hawking	Harrison
Gandhi	Mahwa
King	Zephaniah
Mandela	Leon
Pankhurst	Sonny Quirk
Douglass	Lucy
Dickens	Orla



**Feb./March
2024**

HALF TERM 10th – 18th February	
Monday, 19th Non-Pupil Day	
Tuesday, 20th	Shrove Tuesday
	Parents' Consultations
Wednesday, 21st	
	Ash Wednesday
	Parents' Consultations
26th to 1st Careers Week	
Friday, 1st	Careers Day Mufti

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