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WELCOME BACK

We had a fabulous end to the term with a day packed full of fun and celebration. The day included festive dress, pantomime, Christmas dinner and parties!

I think the photo on the next page captures just part of what makes Polegate School so special- the staff. This was the last day of an exhausting term - we were on our knees yet you would never know it from their enthusiasm, energy and the smiles.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner. I would like to thank all staff for stepping in, serving and the kitchen for making such a delicious lunch. The Grinch also made an appearance- thankfully he followed the 3R's, which were modelled beautifully by all the children.



CRIME SCENE

Year 6 arrived back, after their Christmas break, to find the Metropolitan Police had set up a crime scene for them to investigate.

DIARY DATES

12th January
6MU class assembly

19th January
2D class assembly

25th January
Sports for
Champions visit

26th January
3L class assembly

2nd February
INSET Day

6th February
Parents Consultations

8th February
Parents Consultations

21st February
Year 2 Great Fire of
London Workshop

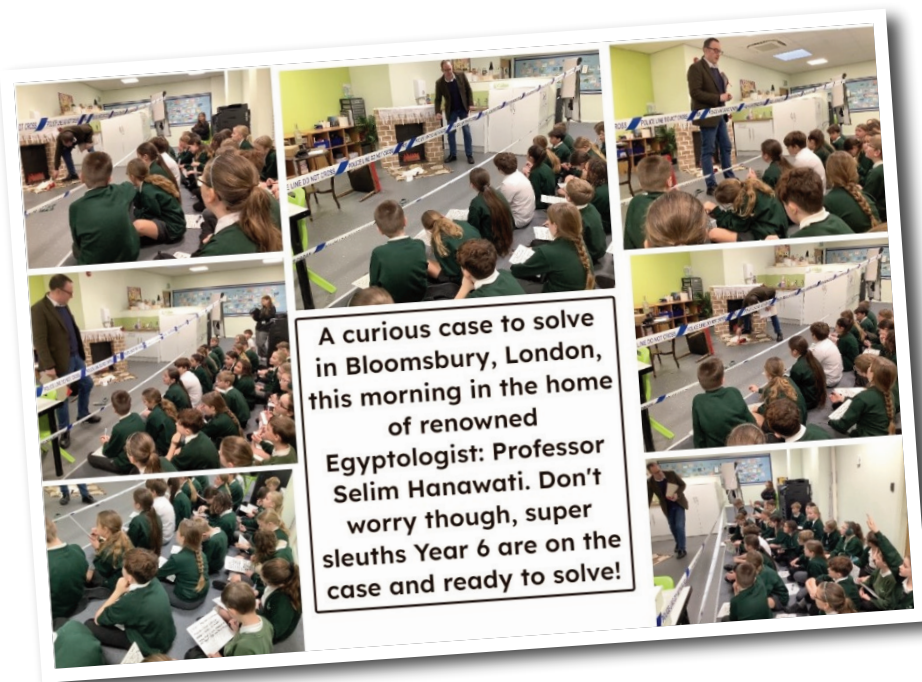
1st March
5K class assembly

8th March
3T class assembly

15th March
4S class assembly

22nd March
1S class assembly

15th April 2024
INSET Day



It was an unsolved case which they needed the children's help to puzzle out. Along with half-drunk wine, a suspicious parcel and a torn letter there was an amputated foot on a hearth rug! The children were well and truly hooked.

What could have happened and why was this mystery not solved? Why was there a chair that had been knocked over and what looked like to be a struggle? Who had left their coat and hat at the home? These were some of the many questions that the Detective Inspector was bombarded with!



EGYPTIAN HEADS

Can you spot your Pharaoh or Queen of Egypt among these beautiful collages?



INSET DAY

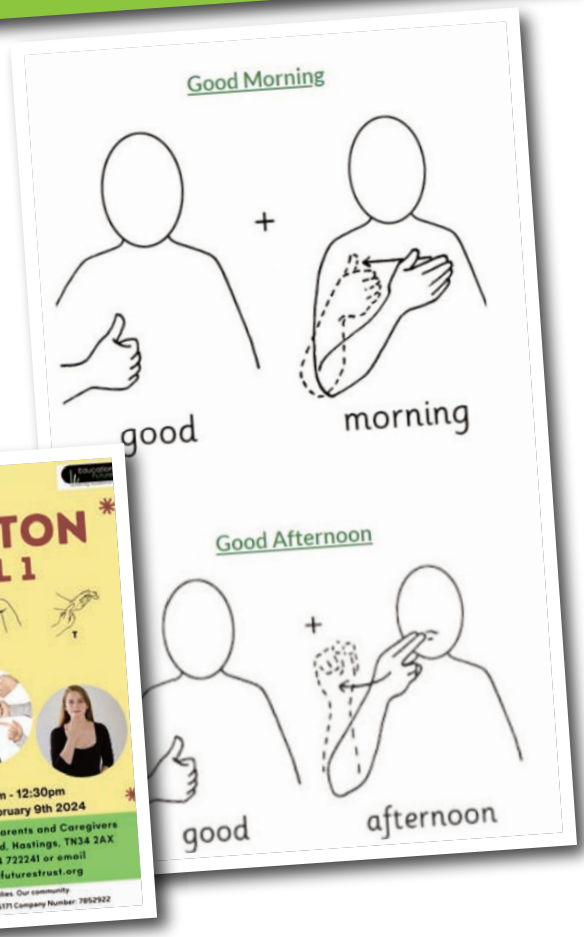
During a recent inset day teachers and support staff participated in Makaton training. The sessions were highly entertaining with lots of fun learning, practising and applying new skills.

I am sure many of you have watched Mr Tumble demonstrating excellent Makaton, but what is Makaton?

Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

We will soon be launching Makaton sign of the week. This will allow all staff and children to become familiar with signs used in school.

It is not unusual for our early years children to say good morning or afternoon using Makaton.



SPORTS STAR OF THE TERM FOR TERM 2

The winner of last term's Sports Star award is **Mason Wimalasema**.

Mason is a very humble sports star - he is dedicated, hard-working and super-talented but we don't always hear about the amazing things he has been doing in sport outside of school. By awarding him our 'Sports Star of the Term' accolade, we can celebrate some of his fantastic achievements which include;

- **Playing tennis for Great Britain against Belgium**
- **Finalist on Grade 1 and Grade 2 Tennis Nationals**
- **Tennis County Championship title for 10U and also the age group above - 11U**
- **Selected for the National Pathway Programme**
- **Ranked 4th Nationally for his age group in Tennis**
- **Swimming at Level 7 standard**
- **All Stars Football Player**

Well done Mason, you truly deserve this award for your commitment and dedication to sport. We wish you lots of luck for your promising future.



MORE SPORTING SUCCESS



Callum Harman played rugby at Twickenham Stadium on 30/12/23 in front of an audience of 70 000 representing Eastbourne RFC.

What an exciting opportunity - well done Callum!



LATEST ATTENDANCE FIGURES

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| RA = 96.2% | 2D = 97.6% | 4S = 96.5% |
| RB = 91.5% | 2K = 96.2% | 5D = 95% |
| RH = 94.6% | 3SD = 98.1% | 5M = 96.1% |
| 1F = 95.6% | 3L = 95.6% | 5K = 92.3% |
| 1G = 96.5% | 3T = 95.7% | 6M = 95.3% |
| 1S = 95% | 4H = 95.2% | 6MU = 94.6% |
| 2C = 96.6% | 4EH = 94.5% | 6W = 95.1% |

Diary Dates

**Friday
2nd February
2024
INSET DAY**



EAST SUSSEX CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

Six children's books have been shortlisted for the East Sussex Children's Book Award 2024. If your child is stuck for a good read these would be a great place to start to inspire them.

Children aged between 8 and 11 years old are being invited to read the newly published books before voting for their favourite in May. An awards ceremony to announce the winning author will be held in June.

All the shortlisted books are available to borrow for free from East Sussex libraries, and families and primary schools across the county are being encouraged to take part.

As a school we are taking part and our avid readers have been invited to join Mrs Jones on a Thursday lunchtime at our Book Club.

Shortlisted Books & Authors

The shortlisted books, which include fantasy, adventure and mystery, are:



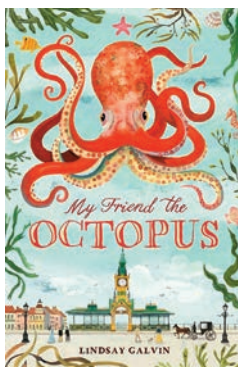
Onyeka and the academy of the sun by T lá Okogwu



Alex Neptune, dragon thief by David Owen



Stink! worst fairy ever by Jenny McLachlan



My friend the octopus by Lindsay Galvin



All the way down by Stewart Foster



The Elemental Detectives by Patrice Lawrence

For more information on each book and details of how to register and vote, visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/ESCBA

STUNNING STARTS

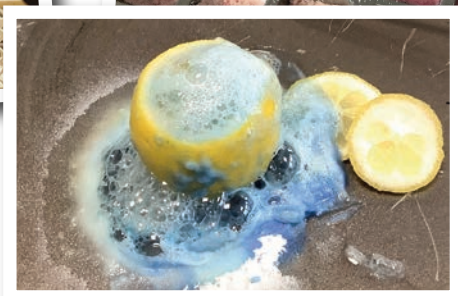
For our Stunning Start we designed our very own portals to take us on a journey to different lands and worlds.

Can you see where we travelled to?



YEAR 3 STUNNING START

Year 3 had a Scientific Stunning Start, immersing themselves in their new topic 'Inventors'. During a carousel of each classroom, the children got to investigate and complete 2 science investigations, which blew their socks off and wowed them.



MATHS AT HOME

To help you child at home, you could try some of these tips:

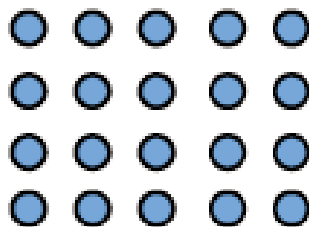
To help your child with maths at home, you could try some of these top tips:

- Play a board game with a sand timer or a timer on a phone. Get your child used to how long 30 seconds or a minute is.
- Organise toys or objects into arrays to practise times tables.
E.g. 2 rows of 4. $2 \times 4 = 8$



TOP TIPS

Representations and strategies: arrays



$$\begin{aligned}20 &= 5 \times 4 \\20 &= 4 \times 5 \\4 \times 5 &= 20 \\5 \times 4 &= 20 \\20 \div 4 &= 5 \\5 &= 20 \div 4\end{aligned}$$



Arrays are rows and columns of counters, objects or symbols that can be used to show multiplication and division. They can also be used to show how repeated addition can be used to multiply, e.g. both $5 + 5 + 5 + 5$ and $4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4$ equal 20.

KS1 challenge



Using each of these coins as many times as you like, how many ways can you make each of these totals?

- 40 p
- 15 p
- 20 p

KS2 challenge

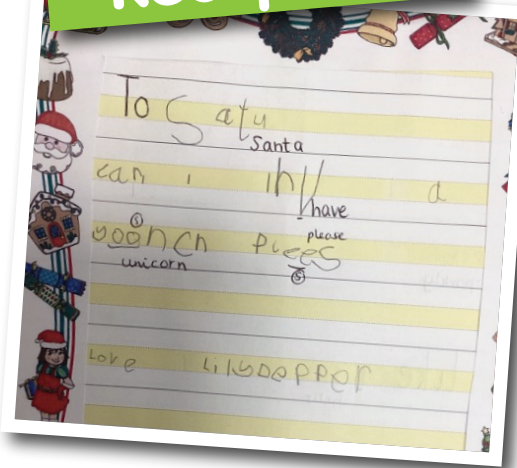


Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p.

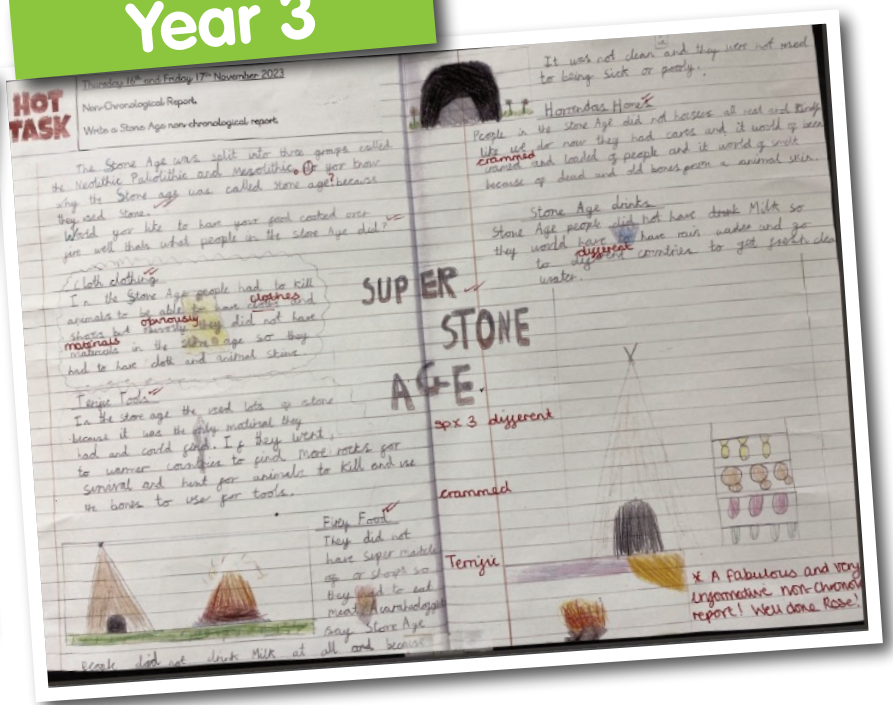
Using two coins, what is the biggest amount you can make? What is the smallest?

Using just three different coins, how many of the numbers between 1p- 50p can you make?

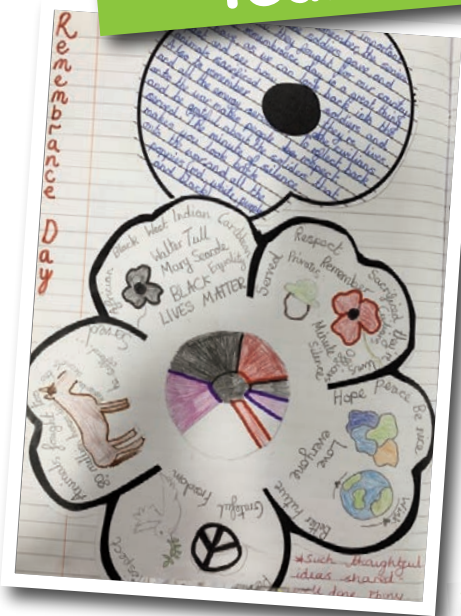
Reception



Year 3

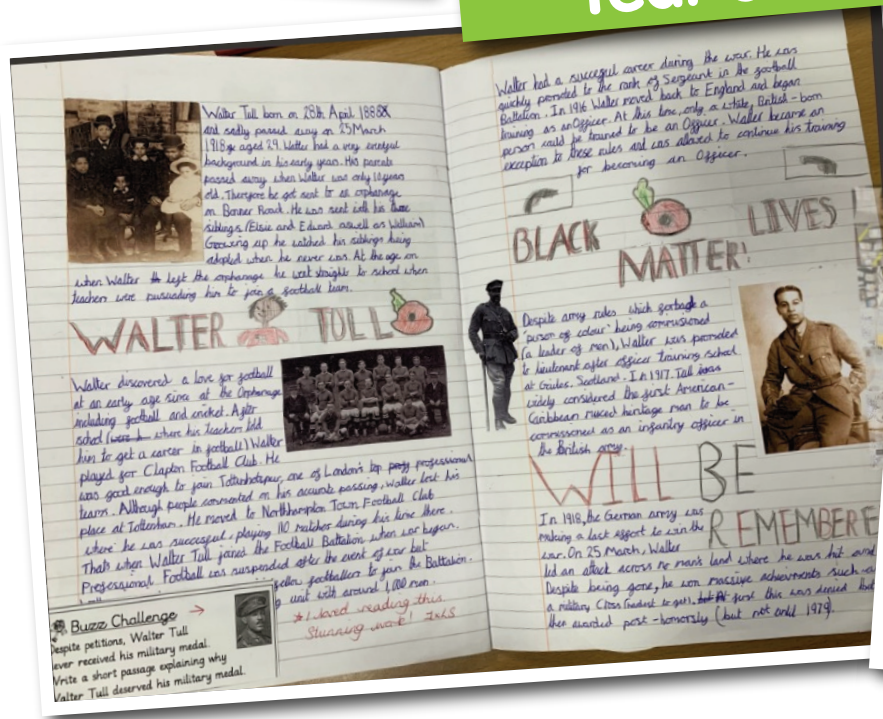


Year 6

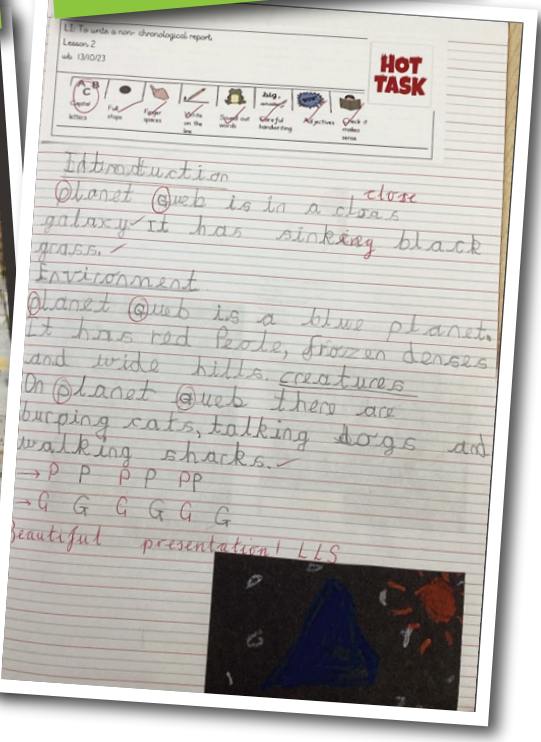


AMAZING WRITING

Year 6



Year 1



YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

Now in its sixth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK.

Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Registration and submission is open until 27 March 2024, find out more and get involved.

This could be a great way to get creative at home and to encourage your young artist to make an original artwork of their own.

There is no theme to the exhibition, and they accept artworks in any medium at all, so your young artist has the opportunity to create a piece of work that truly expresses their own creative choice.

I know first-hand how talented our Polegate pupils are so would encourage everyone to enter.



Find out more at:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Diary Dates

Monday
15th April
2024
INSET DAY

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Feedback

We'd love to hear your feedback and any new ideas you have. Please send us your thoughts via the contact us page on the school website:

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BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY ONLINE

Tiny actions can have a huge impact. Here are our suggestions for making someone smile online!

VIDEO CALL A RELATIVE

SHARE UPBEAT PLAYLISTS

SHARE A FUNNY POST

SHARE THROWBACK PHOTOS

BE KIND IN THE COMMENTS

PLAY GAMES WITH MATES

SEND A KIND MESSAGE

SEND HAPPY VOICE NOTES

Share GOOD NEWS

Share posts FROM YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITIES

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