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Deddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

At Deddington, we create an inclusive, nurturing and caring community, empowering each other to **let our light shine**, through **INSPIRING** and supporting each other, **BELIEVING** in ourselves and others and **ACHIEVING** together.



Please ensure children arrive at school with everything they need for the day ahead. We continue to have many forgotten items brought to the office after 9am. A significant amount of time is spent delivering these items to children.

Please also ensure a hot meal has been ordered or children have a packed lunch. Some children continue to arrive with no food and have nothing ordered from the kitchen.

Thank you for your support.

F1

As always, F1 have had another busy term learning lots along the way. The children have really enjoyed their Forest School sessions with Miss Deacon, exploring making natural paint and using it to create a class collage of Elmer!!

As part of our topic we have been thinking about the animals that live in the forest and what their homes may look like, creating our own little versions of them!

The children's phonics learning has impressed us all and their application of these skills in their reading and writing continues to develop! The children have enjoyed using their imagination and writing skills in our Drawing Club sessions – even thinking about how they might turn Miss Sharland or Mr Evans into a different creature.

We are looking forward to next term with lots of fun learning planned and an exciting school trip!!!



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Year 1

To enhance our Art curriculum and 'Sculpture' topic, year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Compton Verney Art Gallery this term. When we arrived, we were met by our workshop leader, Bea. Bea took us on a walk around the grounds to explore and learn about each sculpture created by a range of artists.

"I liked the big wooden one. I like how the person that made it thought about their ideas." - Ruben

Later in the day, the sculptures we saw inspired us to create our own artwork in the studio, some collaborative, some independent.

"With the clay, I made a sculpture of the horse we saw." - Elle

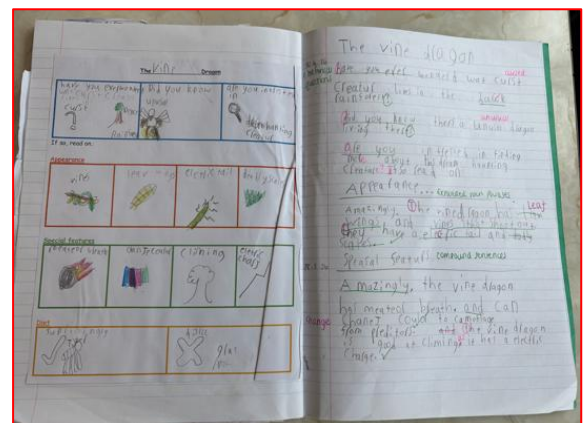
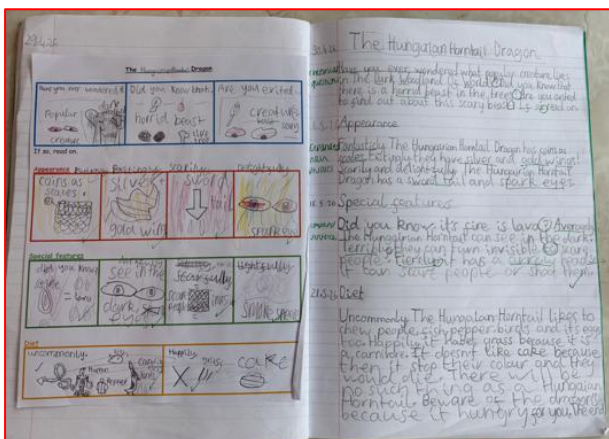
As well as being inspired by the sculptures, the weather was also a huge talking point! We experienced rain, sunshine, wind and even hail!

"My favourite part was when it hailed on us!" - Parsa.

It was a busy and exciting day full of new experiences and inspiration. We are looking forward to our science trip to a local Eco Farm next term.

Year 2

This term in Year 2, the children have been incredibly engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. In English, they have particularly enjoyed designing their own dragons as part of our work on non-chronological reports. Each child created a unique dragon, carefully choosing its appearance, habitat, diet and special features. This imaginative work supported them in developing detailed descriptions and writing interesting facts, resulting in some fantastic pieces of writing.



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In addition to this, we attended a multi-skills session at The Warriner. The sun shone for us as we participated in the wonderful range of activities that were put on for us. We had a great time!



Year 5

This term has been a busy one in year 5! In literacy, the children have particularly enjoyed exploring the story *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*, learning about Philippe Petit. Using this text, the children created fact files and diary entries, stepping into his perspective to produce emotive and creative writing.

In maths, the children have made the most of the sunshine by taking their learning outdoors. They enjoyed measuring angles using protractors and identifying the properties of 3D shapes in practical, hands-on activities.

Year 5 also took part in an engaging air pollution workshop, where they learned about air quality and investigated pollution levels around Deddington. They measured air quality in different locations and considered the factors that may have influenced their results.

In addition, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed participating in the bench ball festival, which was a new experience for many. The children threw themselves into the games with great enthusiasm, with several commenting that it was their favourite Year 5 event so far!



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Year 6



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Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this year and have finally completed SATS. Over the week we ate through 12 loaves of bread, 5 tubs of chocolate spread and drank 10 cartons of juice for breakfast club.

We shook off the sillies every day by dancing to the Macarena, Superman, Cha-Cha slide, cupid shuffle and Timewarp, watched by a mesmerised Year 1.

Their attitude to the tests was outstanding, showing just what an amazing group of young people they are.

Auditions for the school show were held and to finish the week off they went to the cinema! The Light in Banbury looked after us well in our own private screening of

