



## Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

This week's learning highlights:

### News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

In English, Year 2 children have been putting their knowledge of The Great Fire of London to good use by looking at the features of non-chronological reports in order to then write their own. In addition to this, with the Year 1 Butterflies, the children enjoyed learning and singing songs about The Great Fire of London. They have been exploring how we use historical artefacts to discover knowledge about the past.

In maths, Year 2 children have been solving money problems so when they go shopping they know what they can and can't buy!

The Infants shared the story 'The Train Ride' this week and we immersed ourselves in all things train! The children hugely impressed us with their fantastic story maps as a way to retell the story and recall key parts. We have also used our bodies to create rhythmic percussions to imitate the sounds of a train on a track, have built trains using large blocks, connected carriages using addition in maths and made our own train track maps. Big thanks to our train experts George and Bertie for their expertise and knowledge which they shared with us.

### News from the Juniors

This week Year 3 and 4 have been thinking about the future and what it might look like. We started by studying the book 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers, the rich text and illustrations really got them thinking deeply. The children considered how we influence the future and that we have a choice with what we do with it. They thought of some great ideas of what the future may hold, from flying cars to houses in the sky, adventures into space and time travel. They have been considering what they want their futures to look like. In French, they learnt the names of the rooms in their houses. In Art, we explored proportions and scale when sketching with a focus on tools used for building.

KS2 pupils are enjoying our Stone Age topic. We are beginning to explore and compare what life was like in the Palaeolithic and the Mesolithic Age. Year 5 and 6 are excited about our new text: Stig of the Dump and have made predictions about what could happen in the story. For SATs, maths reasoning questions are the most challenging and for effective preparation Y6 pupils are getting plenty of opportunity to practise in our Booster sessions.

Our newsletter feature: Where's Dwayne? When Dwayne is not rocking with the stones - he spends time with his human friends. He spent last weekend with Jenson in Y3. Jenson has recorded what they got up to!



**VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week we explored the theme UNITY. We read the story 'Friendship is like a seesaw' and thought about how to be a good friend. We looked at the restorative approaches we use to help us take responsibility for our actions and learn from them. We continued our Value for Life: TRUTHFULNESS

Our 5 Core Values:



**★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★**




- Year R & 1: Willow for making a noticeable effort with your learning this week. Well done!
- Year 2: George for always showing an over and above attitude to his learning and for outstanding behaviour
- Years 3/4: Teddy for working hard and persevering with learning and practising his times table.
- Years 5/6: Junior for showing a real 'can-do' attitude this week - on tasks in class and completing his homework challenge.

**Message from the PFA**  
 Dates for the cake raffle  
 10<sup>th</sup> February  
 24<sup>th</sup> February  
 10<sup>th</sup> March  
 24<sup>th</sup> March

**REGULAR DATES**

- Monday:** 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service  
 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons
- Thursday:** Juniors are swimming this morning - please come to school in PE kit. Please make sure that your child brings their swimming kit: suitable swimwear (no bikinis please) and towel.  
 1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons
- Friday:** PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

**TERM DATES**

 2023 AUTUMN TERM	 2023 SPRING TERM	 2023 SUMMER TERM
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (Half term - Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (Half term - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Half term - Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)

## GREAT MASSINGHAM FOODBANK

Great Massingham Church are running a foodbank which is open every day. This is proving to be of real support to many local families during this time of unprecedented financial hardship. Please use this resource if you need to and please consider donating whatever you can by simply taking tinned or packet goods (including nappies, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste etc.) along to the Church. Many thanks.

Keep warm and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team

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