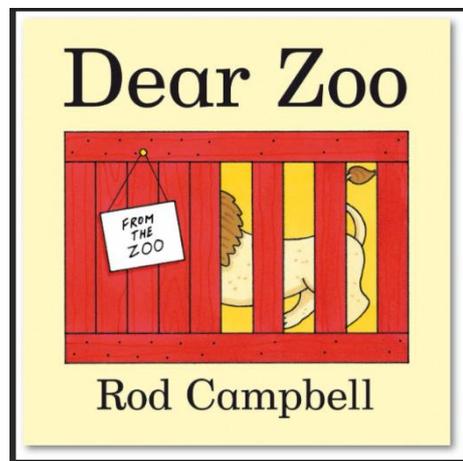




Weekly Learning Update 24 June 2022

Nursery

In Nursery, we have been working hard to retell the story of Dear Zoo. *Can your child remember any of the animals in the story?* The children have enjoyed using different animals to tell the story. Our caterpillars have now formed into chrysalises. The children are so excited to see them after the weekend!



Reception (King Class and Parks Class)

This week, we have continued to retell the story of Handa's surprise. In Maths, we have learnt about halving with the help of halving horse! We have also been practising accurate number formation using this episode of numberblocks <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000t2vb/numberblocks-series-5-now-you-see-us> *Perhaps your child could practise accurate number formation at home.* In RE we have started learning about the Christian ceremony of a Baptism and the importance of this whilst exploring the question 'Where do we Belong?'

Year 1 (Bell Class)

Bell Class have been working super hard this week as they have completed their assessments in reading and in maths. They did a great job and we are really proud of them.

In English this week, the children have begun writing their own story book based on 'The Gigantic Turnip'. The children will finish this off next week and will have an opportunity to share their story with the children in Reception. In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. The children have even eager to tell me the time throughout the week! *Try this at home over the weekend.* In Science, we went on a local walk of the area to identify deciduous and evergreen trees. The children were able to look closely at the leaves to help them.

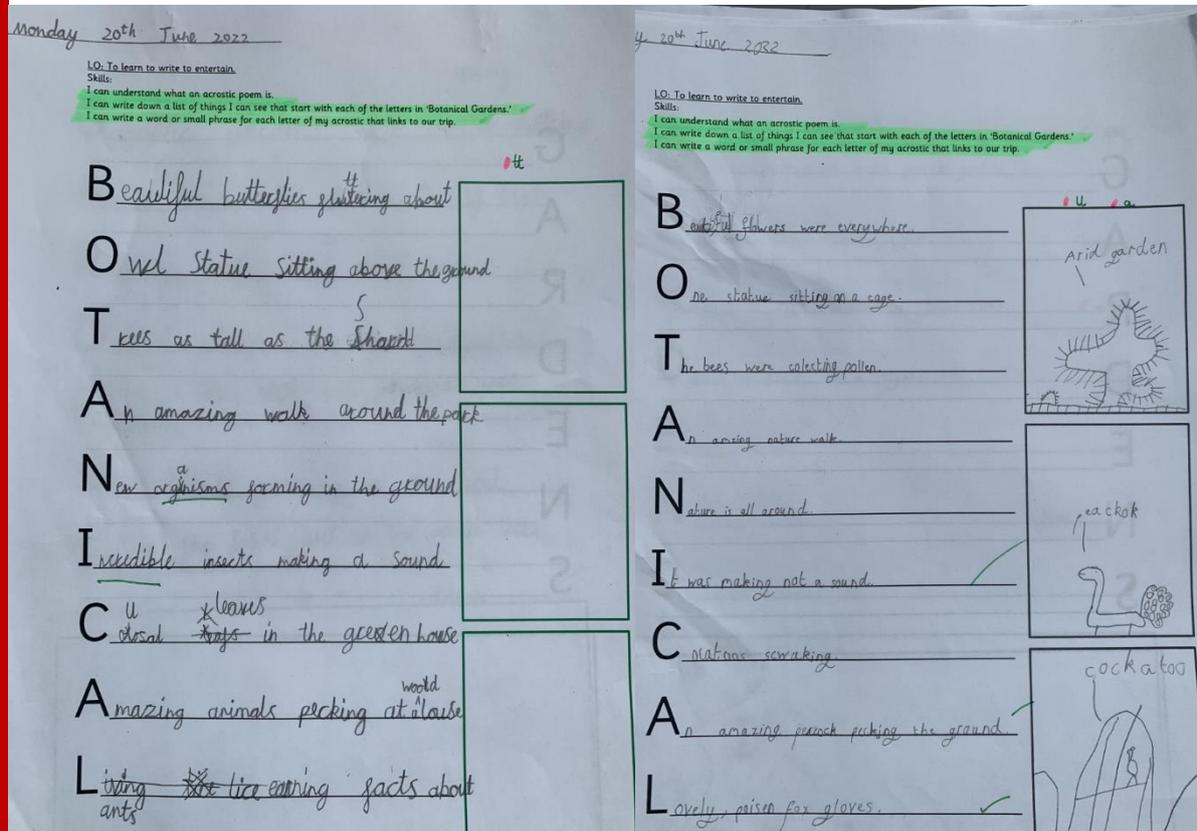


Well done Bell Class for a fantastic week!

Year 2 (Braille Class)

We have had another super week!

In English, we created our own acrostic poems linked to our trip to the Botanical Gardens last week. We also carried on writing our own versions of 'Jim and the Beanstalk.'



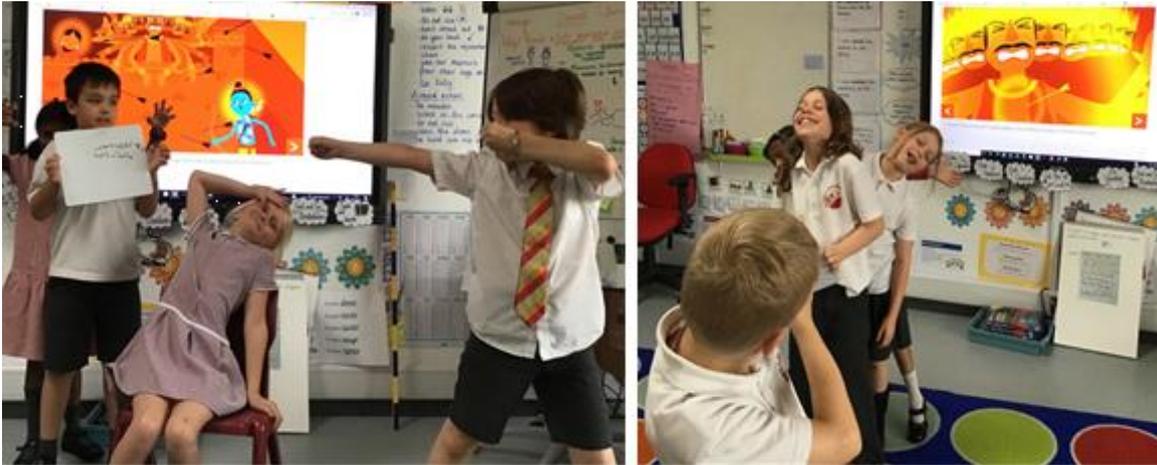
In maths, we have carried on learning about fractions and have been identifying fractions of shapes and amounts. In science, we have been learning about the importance of exercise to staying healthy and what exercise does to our bodies. We had lots of fun exercising in different ways and explaining the changes that were happening to our bodies. When sitting, our heart rate was normal, we felt comfortable and we could breathe easily. After sprinting, we felt breathless, hot, sweaty and very, very tired.



Year 3 (Berners-Lee Class)

We have had another fantastic week in year 3! This week, the pupils have worked incredibly hard completing their assessments and I am super proud of all they have achieved this year and the pupils should be really proud of their achievements too!

In RE, the pupils learnt the story of Rama and Sita and learnt why this story links to Diwali and the message behind the story. The pupils created a freeze-frame to show the different parts of the story.

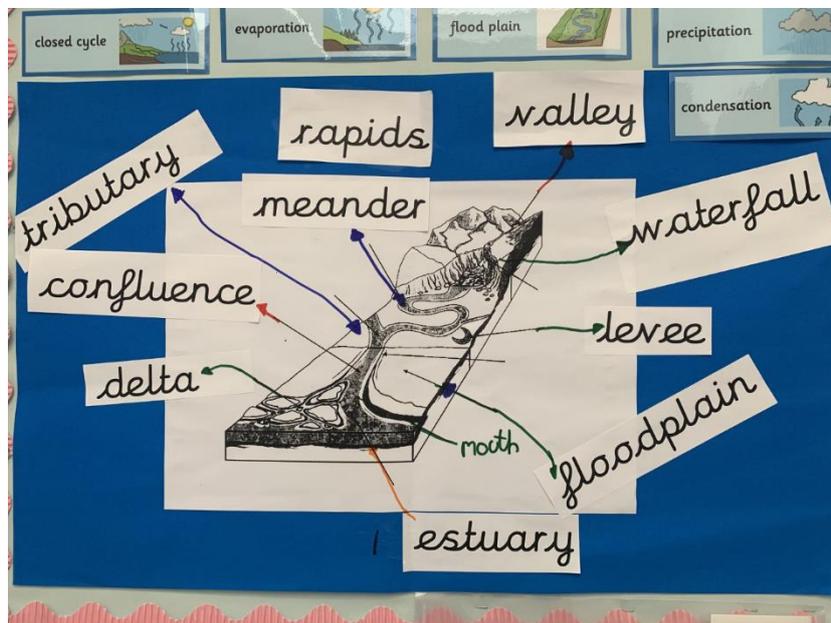


In Art, we had lots of fun creating drip paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock!



Year 4 (Hopper Class)

Hopper Class have had a busy and successful week! This week we have completed our final set of assessments for the year and I was very proud with the effort and attitude shown towards them. During our English lessons this week, we have planned and written our own narrative poem with some very entertaining storylines. Humanities saw us develop our understanding of the different features of a river and explaining the characteristics of these features. I am immensely proud of the way in which every child in Hopper Class has behaved and been so kind and loving this week, exemplifying the values we hold as a school. Well done Hopper Class!



Year 5 (Jackson Class)

I have been so proud of the children's growth this week with their maths and English assessments and it has been wonderful to celebrate their achievements together. On Tuesday, we held a class debate during our History lesson about which Anglo-Saxon king was the most successful against the Vikings – King Alfred the Great or King Athelstan. The children gathered their own arguments using research and then discussed, debated and questioned one another's ideas.



Year 6 (Gutenberg Class)

This week, the children have continued to show a fantastic attitude to their learning going from strength to strength. It has been a pleasure to take the class to their swimming lessons each afternoon. Each child has made good progress and given their best efforts during their 60-minute session.

The class have deepened their understanding of World War Two, focussing on the plight of Jewish people, which links well to their understanding of Judaism in R.E. The class then studied the efforts on the Home Front and were particularly fascinated by the importance of code breaking. Each child was given their own code making device, using it to create and decipher codes with their partners.



Other News

Big congratulations again to the boys' football team who were undefeated in the league! You did yourselves and the school proud!





Online Safety

At St Gabriel's we are committed to ensuring that children are able to be safe and responsible online citizens. We want to continue to work in partnership with families from our community. The school will share a weekly online safety update with helpful advice and guidance from a variety of nationally recognised sources. In the next academic year, the school will be hosting workshops to provide practical advice and a forum for parents and the school to work collaboratively.

This week's helpful website is about a setting up **google safe search** for your devices at home. [Click this link](#) for more information about the google safe search.



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