



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 17th June 2022

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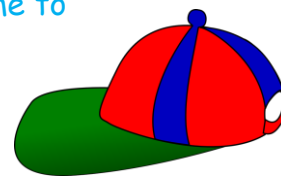
Summer Sun is out!



This may be a generalisation, but everyone seems much happier when the sun is shining and we have a bit of warm weather; I know I certainly prefer doing gate duty in the sunshine! As we are seeing an increase in temperature and the sun is more frequent, can I remind you that children must have a water bottle with them in school

each day as they are encouraged to drink plenty and given access to fresh water throughout the day. In addition, a sun hat for break/lunchtimes is recommended and we ask that children are applied with 'once a day' sun lotion on hot/sunny mornings before they come to school as we are unable to apply it on them in school.

Fingers crossed this lovely weather continues for the remainder of the term and into the summer holidays!



National Assessments

Greysbrooke, like all other schools across the country, have had a busy May & June in terms of assessment. You will be aware that Y6 took their SATS in May but so did Y2!

End of KS1 Assessments

Y2 had a full on week of being 'detectives' whilst tackling and answering lots of questions in Reading, Maths and SPAG. Their 'can do' attitude to the entire week was wonderfully mature. We are super proud of them all! Well done Y2!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Well done to all of the children who took part in last weeks' Phonic Screening Check. This is a test that all Y1 children across the country are required to take. During the Phonics Screening Check, children are asked to read (decode) 40 words. There is a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just relying on their memory of words they've read before.

We are not yet aware of the threshold, but early indications are that the pass rate will be very high!!! We all know how important being able to read is, as it enables children to unlock the rest of the curriculum and learn, so thanks to all parents and staff who have helped children daily with their reading and phonics. Keep up the great work!

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

This week, it's been Year 4's turn and they have taken part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It's carried out on laptop and so their homework practise on Times Tables Rockstars will have helped to prepare them greatly for this. Congratulations Y4, you're the first class at Greysbrooke to take part in this! You were super!

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Welcoming in the New Intake

This week, Greysbrooke opened its doors to the parents of our new Reception 2022-23 class. This gave them the opportunity to find out more about the school and what being in Reception is like. We were also joined by Shire Services (who provide the hot school dinner service), representatives from the before and after school clubs and our Chair of FROGS (Deb Swanwick-Baker). FROGS spend a lot of their own valuable time raising money for our children and school and we are very grateful to them. Please remember, you're welcome to join FROGS at any point of your child's journey through Greysbrooke, so if this is something you are interested in please do get in touch via email greysbrookefrogs@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming the new Reception 2022-23 children on Tuesday 28th June for their 'Play and Stay' sessions.

Y6 Residential

Year 6 have had the most amazing time away this week at Borreaton Park in Shrewsbury. They have experienced lots of new activities which have taken them out of their comfort zone and developed lots of skills along the way. They will share their highlights with us in the next Grapevine, but if you can't wait until then, please check out the Twitter feed: @greysbrookeATLP and you will see exactly what they got up to!



REMINDERS!

Twycross Zoo (Reception/KS1)

Payment is due today via ParentPay.

Music Tuition

Please remind your child to bring their keyboard/guitar into school on the following days:

KEYBOARD - TUESDAY

GUITAR - THURSDAY

POLITE NOTICE

Please be respectful of the local residents by not parking across their driveway. Thank you.

Medical/Dental Appointments

For Safeguarding purposes, please provide proof of your child's medical/dental appointment to place on their file. Thank you.

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Summer Reading Challenge Tea Party

Last Wednesday, a group of children were extremely excited to attend a 'tea-party' hosted by Shenstone Community Library. Mrs Hibberd took 36 children, all who had not only started the Summer Reading Challenge during the summer of 2021, but also had completed it!

For those of you who are unaware, our community library runs the Summer Reading Challenge every year and has been hugely successful in encouraging children to read during the long summer break. The challenge involves the children initially registering and then, over subsequent visits, selecting, reading and returning 6 books. The children are given an exciting little booklet, stickers and a medal upon completion. The Summer Reading Challenge will be running again this summer and children will be finding out all about it during an assembly in a week or two.

During our celebration tea-party, our ambassadors from Greysbrooke enjoyed playing library based games and of course eating cake! They were delighted to have been invited and very grateful to the library staff who work so hard to encourage reading. We do hope that many children take part in the scheme this summer in order to maintain reading stamina; and because it is fun!



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Science Themed Book Week



During the week beginning 4th July, Greysbrooke will be having a science themed book week. We will be looking at the exciting world of bugs and the role of the entomologist.

Did you know, dragonflies have been on earth for 300 million years and that a bee's wings beat 190 times a second, that's 11,400 times a minute?

By the end of the week our pupils will be 'hives of knowledge' (no pun intended) on this subject.

On Monday 4th we will be having a dress up day on the bug theme. Have fun making a simple costume...this might be a T shirt, head-dress, face painting, etc - please keep it simple.

On Tuesday 5th we will have a guest in school. Carrie visited some years ago and Year 5 and 6 might remember her. She has a fantastic collection of bugs and other creatures. The pupils will get the opportunity to observe and handle these animals. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of just £2.00 (which is now available to pay on ParentPay) to cover the cost of her visit.

We are really looking forward to this event and feel sure that it will be a memorable experience.



Important Dates



Friday 17th June: Twycross Zoo payment due

Wednesday 22nd June: FROGS Superslide

Tuesday 28th June: Y6 Transition Day - King Edwards & The Friary

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Wednesday 29th June: Reception/KS1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 30th June: FROGS Superslide Reserve Day

Thursday 30th June: Transition Evening for Y6 parents at King Edwards & The Friary

Friday 1st July: INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th July: Last Keyboard lesson for the term

Wednesday 6th July: Rocksteady Concert for parents of Rocksteady children (2.30pm - Hall)

Thursday 7th July: Last Guitar lesson for the term

Friday 8th July: Last swimming session (Y4/Y6)

Tuesday 12th July: Sports Day - Rec/KS1 (am); KS2 (pm) - more info to follow

Monday 18th July: Reserve Sports Day - Rec/KS1 (am); KS2 (pm)

Thursday 21st July: School Closes for the Summer holiday

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Learning Update

Reception



We have been learning about people who help us. We had the best time when the firefighters came in their fire engine to visit the school. We tried on their uniforms, sat in the fire engine and held the water hose. It was such great fun!



We have made a lovely display of the topic. We made these great firefighter pictures using our hands and we collaged flames for the firefighters to put out!



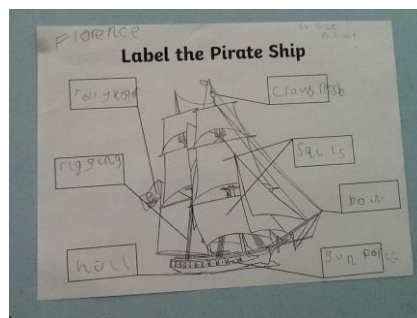
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We have also completed a 'Pirate' topic. We buried gems in the sand and had to find them and count how many there were. We used 2d shapes to make parrots and also dressed some pirates.



We made treasure maps and hid the treasure with 'X' marks the spot.



We had afternoon tea with 'The Queen' and really enjoyed eating scones with jam and cream and chocolate muffins!

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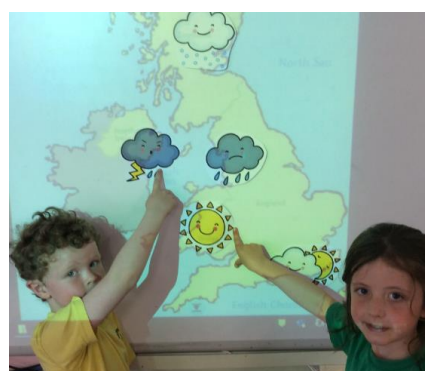
Learning Update

Year 1

Year 1 had a brilliant morning in the library with author and illustrator Petr Horacek. His quick illustrations were amazing and you could hear a pin drop whilst he told his wonderful and witty stories.



Our Geography topic was all about seasonal weather. We found out about the difference between climate and weather and how they can impact our everyday lives. We watched weather forecasts and found out what the different symbols mean. We then created our own weather forecast and presented it to the rest of the class.

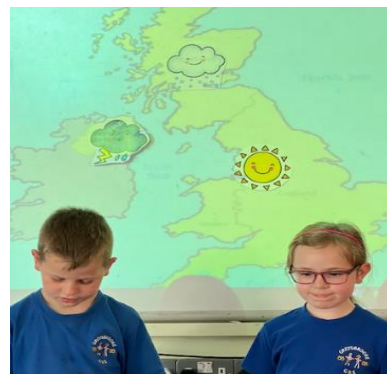




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We had a great day for the Queen's Jubilee in our red, white and blue clothes. We decorated biscuits, found out a little about the Queen and joined the whole school on the field for a concert from the Young Voices choir.



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Learning Update

Year 2

We had a lovely day celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, we dressed in red, white and blue and created a collaborative class poster. We decorated biscuits and made crowns and enjoyed an afternoon tea on the field with the whole school.



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In the lead up to the Jubilee, Mrs Wharton borrowed some original artefacts from the time of the Coronation from Dr Hedges. We looked at these during our literacy lesson when we wrote a report on Queen Elizabeth II.



Last half term our DT topic was Textiles, we made fabric purses. We designed the purses with African fabrics and colours in mind, used a template to cut the felt out and used running stitch to join the sides of the purses. We are really proud of how they turned out (we did have to use a little bit of time this half term to finish off!)

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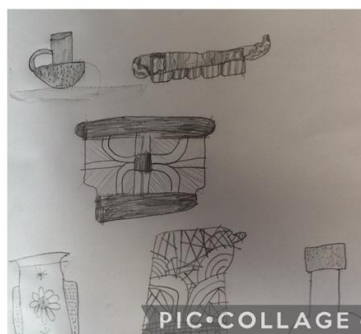
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Our new topic for Art is Clay Pots and Collage! Last week we looked at lots of different styles and types of pots and had a go at sketching them, here are some of the results. We can't wait to get our hands dirty with some clay!



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