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MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## Remembrance Day



On Wednesday morning, the school gathered in their year group bubbles for an act of remembrance for Armistice Day. Socially distanced we were able to join together to mark this significant day in the freedom of our nation.

The choir opened with a beautiful rendition of In Flanders Fields, which you can watch a recorded version of [here](#). Reverend Kitto then lead a service and prayers, with some lovely readings from Mrs Shayler and Mr Close.

Mrs Shayler laid a wreath at our Tommy war memorial, with clay poppies scattered around it, as the Union Jack was lowered. Mr Hall played The Last Post on the cornet as we stood and reflected for two minutes before the flag was raised, the reveille played and we ended in prayer.

It was a solemn and poignant moment of gathering and remembrance, and was the first time we had gathered together since the initial lockdown earlier this year.

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## EXEAT

The next Exeat weekend will be on Friday 20 November. School will finish at 3.45pm. There will be no after school games, clubs, activities or after-school care.

Please do not arrive early for pick up, as it will cause congestion in the car parks as the children will not be there. Older siblings to liaise with GT about leaving with younger siblings timings. Boarders to be collected from boarding houses at 4.00pm.

### Martins Lane:

Years 3&4 - 3.30pm  
Year 5 - 3.45pm  
Year 6 - 4.00pm

### Sports Hall:

Year 8 - 3.30pm  
Year 7 - 3.45pm



# Notices

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs French. Their baby George was born over half term, at 7lb 14. Mother and baby are both doing well.

## CHILDREN IN NEED



Friday 13 November is Children in Need Day and we will be joining in with the rest of the country to raise money for good causes.

You can wear mufti clothes to school! Please bring a donation of £2 to go towards the charity.

## ODD SOCKS DAY



This year, we will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week (16-20 November) by having an Odd Socks Day on Monday 16 November. Pupils are asked to wear normal school uniform, with the addition of odd socks, or tights and socks etc. It is not expected to make a charitable donation, but if you so wish to then we will ensure that all donations go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

# Picture of the Week

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This week's Picture of the Week is this fun drawing by **Hunter K 6BVG**.



## EAL PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Jay N** for being selected as the EAL Pupil of the Week.

Jay shows an impressive level of independence both in class and when completing homework.

He has been absorbing so much new language and is now showing the confidence in using the language when speaking.

We look forward to hearing much more from Jay!





# BEBRAS COMPUTATIONAL THINKING CHALLENGE

During their Computing & ICT lessons over this week, Year 7 pupils have been taking part in the National Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge.

## What is the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge?

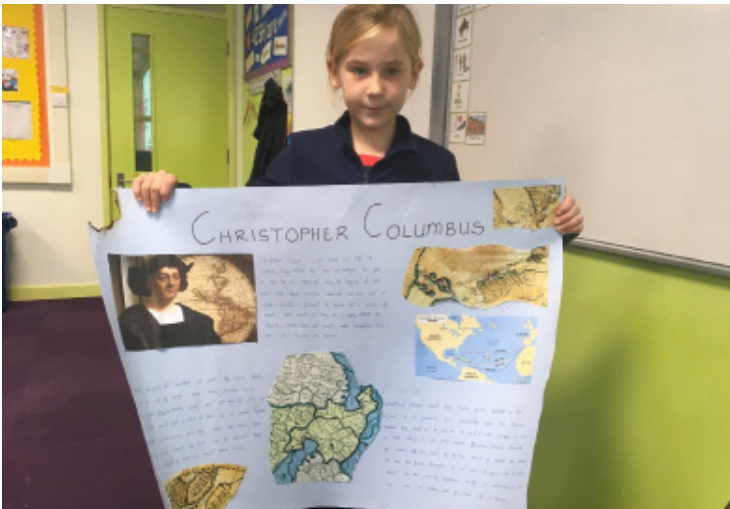
Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote informatics (Computer Science) and computational thinking among school pupils at all ages. The challenges are made up of a set of short problems called 'Bebras tasks' and are delivered online. The tasks are fun, engaging and based on problems that computer scientists often encounter and enjoy solving. The tasks are solved without prior knowledge, but instead require logical thinking.

Even though some of the challenges were pretty hard, our pupils thoroughly enjoyed having a go at solving them and we eagerly await the results, which should be with us before the end of term.



# AMAZING EXPLORER PROJECTS

Over the half term break, Year 4 were set a challenge to create a project on a chosen explorer. The array of presentations, iMovies, models and posters was staggering. A lot of work and research had clearly gone into each one. Every pupil presented their project and asked lots of interesting questions about their friends' projects. Well done, Year 4!





# VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE BATTLEFIELD OF HASTINGS

This week, 7BM were the first group to be able to experience a virtual site visit to the Battle of Hastings. This has been a first for the Millfield Prep History Department and has involved working with Mr Ingram, Head of History at Claverham Community College, whose school is only a few miles away from the battlefield. Over the past few months, the department have been designing an immersive experience for pupils to experience as they examine what happened on that fateful day in October 1066.

Alongside a selection of 30 photographs that have been taken over the summer, the History Department have designed the virtual tour of the battlefield with the route that school groups would take when visiting the site.

Starting from Battle Abbey, the pupils were taken across to the Norman starting position, took in the sweep of the field, the information boards which detail the events of the day and climbed up Senlac Hill to end the tour at Harold's Marble. We were very fortunate that Mr Close added his narration, guiding the class expertly across the battlefield, identifying key moments and decisions, places and people who shaped this monumental event. This gave pupils the chance to add extra details, make valuable links to events and highlight key moments by seeing the battlefield. We hope this gives pupils a real sense of history coming to life!

This virtual site visit will be given to all Year 7 pupils in their History lessons next week as they prepare for their Hastings assessment.



## POTTERY CLUB

Tuesday's Pottery Club members have made these beautiful birds in boxes!





# Year 7's Book Blogs

This week, 7RD have been practising writing in informal language. They looked at different language and grammatical techniques to use and then put them into action through writing blog posts reviewing their favourite books. Here are some excellent examples by Mimi, Asta and Henry - warning, there are spoilers!

## *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* Review by **Mimi W**

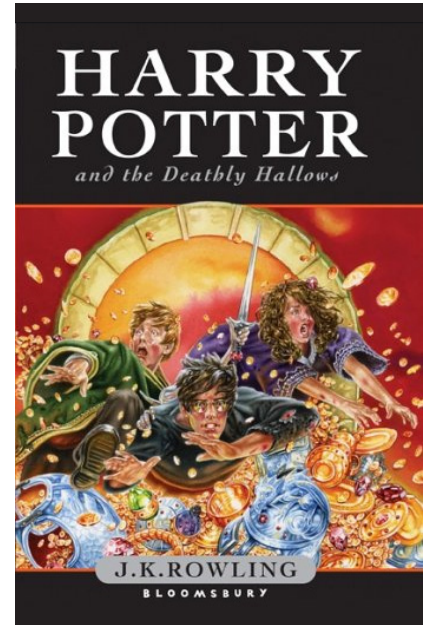
Welcome back! Unfortunately, we are coming to a close on our Harry Potter blogs. This is the final blog of the series, so enjoy.

Have you ever read a book you can't put down? Well, read on to find one that fits that bill. When reading this, I couldn't put it down. Every time you think one problem has been solved, another aspect is thrown in the mix. This book's a thriller, mystery and magical. Who would have thought it could all be combined in one book?!

**SPOILER ALERT!** After Voldemort takes over the ministry of magic, Harry, Ron and Hermione are forced to go into hiding. With Dumbledore gone, they are left with his clues to try and destroy Voldemort's horcruxes. But, little did they know, that Harry himself was one. What would Harry have to sacrifice? What would Ron have to sacrifice? What would Hermione have to sacrifice?

I can't describe how good this book is. Fantastic author, fantastic story, fantastic read.

Are you at a loss of what to read next? Come back next week to find out! Well, it's over and out on our Harry Potter blogs.



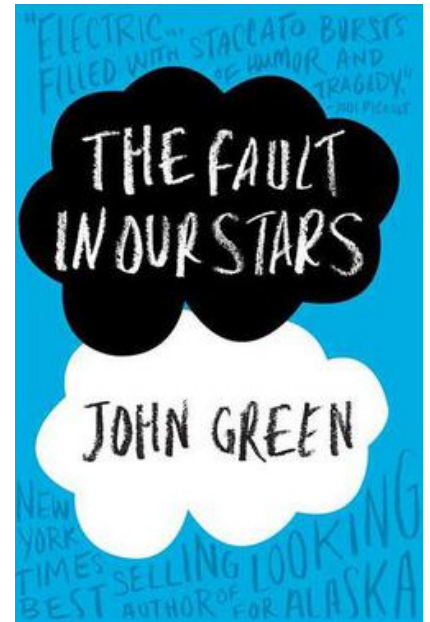
## *The Fault in Our Stars* Review by **Asta M**

Have you ever read a book so sad you cried until you were thirsty? Have you ever mourned over someone who isn't real? If you are looking for a book you can enjoy and get attached to *The Fault In Our Stars* (by John Green) is the best book to read. Even though it is the saddest book you will EVER read it will still give you a warm feeling inside. There are some massive spoilers to follow so be careful!

This was one of my favourite books and I don't usually read that much. This book has so many positive role models and messages. Most people would say this book gets you down in the dumps but it actually makes you feel better and appreciate what you have. I don't remember there being anything I didn't like. I don't think I would change anything about it.

Hazel Grace Lancaster is 16 years old and is a cancer patient. One day she meets and falls in love with Gus Waters. They both really understand each other and both share the same wit and love for books, especially Hazel's (*An Imperial Affliction* by Peter Van Houten). When Gus gets an invitation to meet the reclusive author, he and Hazel embark on the adventure of their brief lives. Everything is going well (yeah right). **SPOILER ALERT!!!!** Gus is diagnosed with cancer and you can guess what happens next. **DEATH!!!!**

This book is also a film, so if you are not big on reading you can go and cry your eyes out during the movie. This book has won two awards and is very well known: John Green is an incredible author and if you enjoy *The Fault In Our Stars* you should check out some of his other books. I would also recommend reading the books before watching the movies. Next week I will be reviewing another one of John Green's books, *Paper Towns*. I will see you all next week with more dramatic endings and spoiler alerts (you will be warned).



## *The Scorch Trials* review by **Henry C**

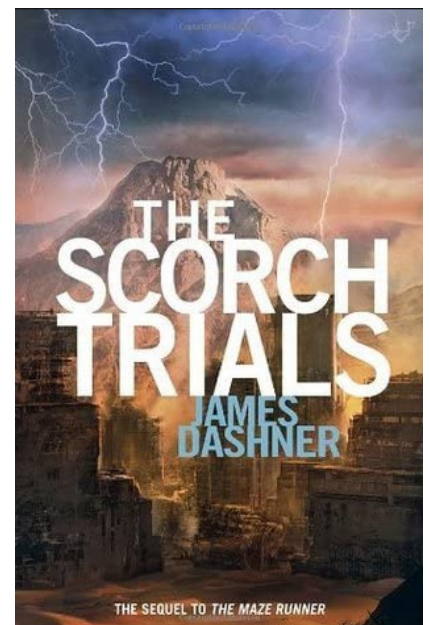
Hey, you, no not you the other guy, yeah you. Bored? Well you should read this! Hello everybody, my name is Henry and today I'm going to tell you about the second installation in James Dashner's *The Maze Runner* series, *The Scorch Trials*. **WARNING** Spoilers (duh).

My thoughts on the book, I loved it. It was thrilling, interesting and spooky. When I was reading it, I would stay up late and even though I was tired like hell, I still would read it. I will say it got confusing at some points but after a bit it'll get explained.

So, you wanna hear about the plot? Well you should read the book but here's an intro.

When most of the glade escaped from the maze and were supposedly saved by mysterious people, you thought that their troubles were all gone? Well, that wasn't anything compared to what is going to happen. They were given food and water by the mysterious people and had a nice sleep.

But in the morning, oh boy, you're on for a treat (read the book to find out what happened).





## POEM OF THE WEEK

*Quick, There is a Poem* by **Brychan J**

Crunch! There is a poem in a fallen twig  
See! There is a poem in that beam of light  
Oink! There is a poem in the nose of that pig  
Whoa! There is a poem in a winter's night.

How! There is a poem in the old noodle pot  
Yeah! There is a poem in a gold medal winner  
Will there be a poem in the bin? Maybe not  
Yum! There is a poem in gran's roast dinner.

Sparkle! There is a poem in the glint of an eye  
Where! There is a poem, and I think it's over there  
Aww! There is a poem in a baby's cry  
Write! The poem over there, don't stand and stare

What! There is a poem in all of Amazon's items  
Cool! There is a poem in the ship's bow  
Beautiful! There is a poem on the crest of the horizon  
Look! There is a poem, and you're reading it now.

## YEAR 6 MULTIS

A busy afternoon for Year 6.

Most of the year group had a hockey training session before their two multi-activity sessions. These included 5-a-side football, art, gymnastics and chess, Yahtzee and card games.

Plenty of excitement and strategy development. Some great team-work with card sharps and experienced Yahtzee players teaching novices.

Here are **Emi**, **Lily** and **Isla** making decisions about how to turn their Yahtzee dice rolls into the best score. Lots of thinking skills needed!



# Juniors' Kindness Awards

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Last week, the Kindness Awards went to the following pupils, who were awarded Miffy, Chota and Oreo.

Miffy – Great act of kindness shown by **Evsey O** and **Flynn E** in Year 4, who pushed all the chairs in the dining hall after finishing their lunch. The catering staff were most appreciative of this kind gesture.

Chota – **Toby W**, 5EAR, has been championing having a growth mindset this week by constantly telling everyone not to have a fixed mindset as soon as he hears something negative!

Oreo – **Finley B**, 5HCG, showed impressive resilience, determination and respect this week (both for teachers and peers). He got so much Maths and English work done, his teacher was amazed!

## Year 4 Craft Club

In Year 4 Arts and Craft club this week, pupils reflected on the importance of a poppy as a sign of remembrance. The children created these brilliant poppy pinwheels!





# Chaplain's Thought of the Week

On Wednesday, we remembered Armistice Day, giving thanks for the freedom we have as a nation and recognising the sacrifices made to secure this.

You may well be thinking 'But right now we are in lockdown!'. Yes, but we still have the freedom to come to school and have an education, to shop for essentials or meet up online.

At this time of lockdown, the 'front line' of the battle against the pandemic differs from the 'front line' of a military conflict. Many of you are on the front line in our nation's fight against Covid-19. Our front line may include some military personnel and wartime language and yet our front line is also a line of love, care and humility.

Our front line is about ensuring dedicated service to others, in our schools and parishes, hospitals and care homes, emergency services and construction work, shops and distribution services, refuse collections and transport systems, to name but a few. Our front line is humble service, love and care, despite great adversity and anxiety.

A front line of love, care and humility is something that we can all step up to whatever our age, our circumstances or our personal beliefs. Our front line will be greatly reinforced if we all reflect what the Bible refers to as the Fruit of the Spirit: 'Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. We can live out this 'fruit' whether we are in workplaces, in our families, shopping for essentials or meeting up online.

Over these weeks of lockdown, we still have freedom. Freedom, which others before us have made great sacrifices to secure. We have the freedom to be kind, freedom to encourage others, freedom to be polite and patient, freedom to speak, freedom to hope.

Let us all, of any faith or none, give thanks for our freedom and respond by sharing the 'fruit of the spirit' - together.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for every precious moment.*

*Help us to remember we have the freedom to be kind, to hope, to speak and be patient.*

*Help us each and every day remember that this fruit enriches our lives and those whom we share it with.*

*Amen*

**Wellbeing tip for the week:** Be kind to yourself. Remember it is not possible to save time - you either use it or waste it. So, if you are having a coffee - enjoy it. If you are sitting down to watch 'Strictly' or just chilling - enjoy it. If you are going for a walk - enjoy it. You don't always have to listen to your inner voice as it wrestles with the demands of the day or your 'to do' list for the week. You can be 'in the moment' and fully enjoy that moment. Other things will still be there, but you can help yourself to make each day beautiful, productive and enjoyable.

- Reverend Kitto

## Boarders' Table Tennis Competition

The Chestnut and Berewall boarders enjoyed playing table tennis competitions on Saturday, during their multi activities programme.





# Boarding Life

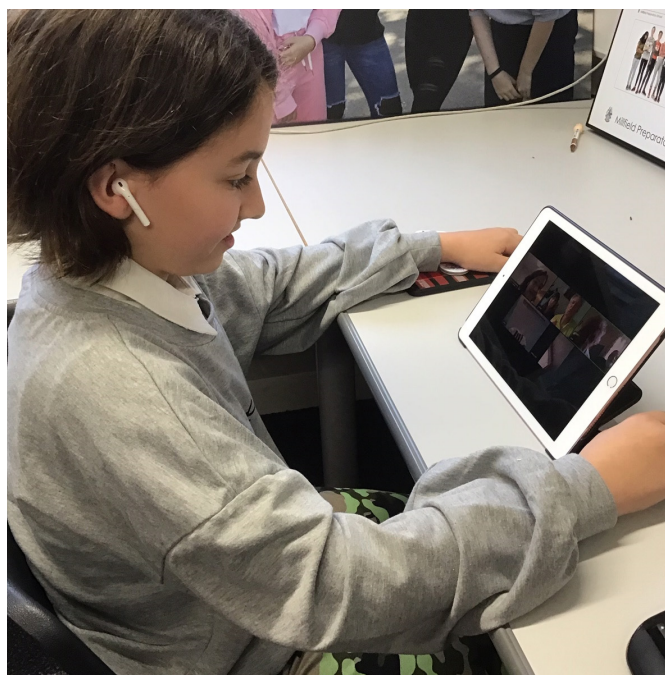
## CHESTNUT @MPS\_CHESTNUT

This week, the boys made their own snacks for Chestnut Movie Night. As we have been unable to visit the local cinemas due to lockdown, we brought the movie experience to Chestnut. The boys meticulously followed the recipe, and with the help of our awesome Evening Helpers, they all managed to create culinary masterpieces! The popcorn machine also made a very welcome appearance! They all then settled to enjoy the film.



## CHAMPION @CHAMPIONMPS

The weeks are always busy here at Millfield Prep but this week at Champion we have managed to squeeze in a huge number of activities! We have said hello to our remote learners **Yashika** and **Dora**. On Saturday, **Isabella** helped to celebrate her Grandpa's 90th birthday in a family Zoom call. Later on we all headed out for a short night walk, while the girls had no idea the Millfield catering van was waiting for them at Hollies offering hot dogs, toffee apples and even candy floss! They were very excited! The evening drew to a close with toasted marshmallows in the Champion garden.





# Boarding Life

## HOLLIES

@MPS\_HOLLIES

The much anticipated Head of House award was a highlight this week. The Hollies staff were very impressed with all the girls who nominated themselves for this position and we commend them all on the standard of their written applications and interviews, and hope that they have gained some valuable experience from the process. After a tight pupil ballot, **Matilda** and **Sylvie** were successful and we congratulate them and look forward to working with them. The weekend was very busy, with pumpkin carving, toasted marshmallows, glow sticks and a visit from the catering van which served up hot dogs and candy floss. Bake Off continued on Sunday with a delicious "Cookie Monster Surprise" from **Louise, Olivia, Emily** and **Katherine**, and more creativity at the beginning of this week as watercolour poppies were designed by the girls to decorate the house in respect of Remembrance Day.



## BEREWALL

@BEREWALLHOUSE

On Saturday, to replace the usual fireworks display the boys were treated to marshmallows around the fire pit and a kind delivery from our catering department of hot dogs, toffee apples and candy floss. The boys were also given the opportunity to participate in some fun games. First game was the After Eight Eating competition - starting with the chocolate on their forehead and with no hands, the first to eat their After Eight was the winner. Second game was quickest to eat a strawberry lace - again no hands! Then a crazy ten minutes of stamping on balloons but the finale was a pairs raw egg throwing competition. Lots of fun and smiles were had by all and the night finished off with a movie.





# SPORTING NEWS

## EQUESTRIAN

Well done to **Emily G** for accumulating five wins at the Pony Masters over the weekend - two firsts in the 95cm 128 Springboard qualifiers and in the 128 10 & Under qualifier on Dusty. On Spirit she also won the 138 10 & Under Qualifier and the 138 10 & Under Championship.



## RIDERS OF THE WEEK

Our Riders of the Week this week are **Frankie C, Agatha S, Myla C** and **Isla S**, who all jumped fantastically in their lessons on Wednesday! Well done, girls!



All the arena eventing training has paid off for **Mimi W**, placing first in the last two competitions - well done, Mimi!





# SPORTING NEWS

## TENNIS

Seventeen Year 3 players competed in a fun Mini Red Team Tennis Tournament in the Sports Hall on Saturday morning. The Blue Team narrowly beat the Red Team by 1 point and **Micah G** showed great sportsmanship (and was awarded a water bottle for this) by making a point of running up to his opponent to congratulate him, even though Micah lost the match 10-9, having been in the lead right up until the final point. Everyone played really well and had lots of fun competing.

This Saturday, we have a Mini Red Tournament for all Year 3 pupils in the Sports Hall from 10.30-11.30am followed by a Mini Orange Tournament for Year 4 pupils outside on the triple courts from 1.15-3.00pm.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Some more of our runners in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 completed time trails around our cross country course on Tuesday. The races started early to allow them to also get to their clubs, as nobody wanted to miss out on anything! Their times are getting faster, which shows that all their sports are really helping. Huge thanks to Miss Johnson and Miss Luxon for all their timing and recording help.







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## PRE-SCHOOL

### STICK MAN AND NECKLACE MAKING

The Pre-School children had a wonderful time at Forest School. The autumn trees looked spectacular and the children loved kicking the fallen leaves and throwing them in the air. **Tommy** found a stick that looked like Stick Man, which inspired all the children to make their own Stick Man. Everyone used their Stick Man to act out the story. A great morning was had by all!

A new sound, a new challenge. This week, the Frogs are learning the sound 'N' and the Frogs made necklaces. They had to snip straws into small pieces and then use a needle and wool to thread the pieces to make their necklace. This was a tricky challenge as the paper straws were quite stiff and they had to persevere. It was worth it in the end, as their necklaces look amazing! Well done Frogs!



## DIARY



### FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Children in Need Day  
Children to wear Mufti and donate £2.

### MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Odd Socks Day  
To raise awareness of anti-bullying all pupils are invited to wear odd socks.

### WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Beep Beep Day - Road Safety Awareness

### FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Exeat weekend  
End of school 3:15pm  
No clubs, creche or late club

## RIDING CLUB

A couple of weeks ago Tuesday's Riding Group had a lesson in how to draw a horse's head.

They learnt how to use shapes to construct the head and then draw around these shapes. They added the features of their horse and named them.

We had some wonderful names, Spirit, Rosamund but my favourite had to be Chickalinda!





## EXPLORERS WEEK

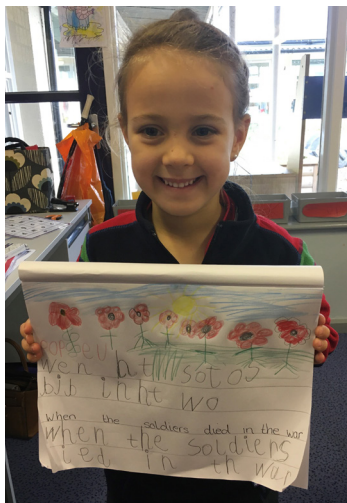
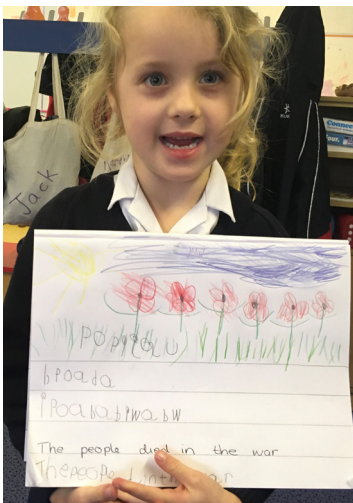
To finish off their Explorers Week in style, Year 2 went to the forest and learnt some map reading skills. The children had to describe to their partner where they needed to travel to complete a given route. They had a map key race, which involved matching the symbols with the correct words. Finally, they had to read the key to work out what the different symbols were and then make a face using the correct equipment. Everyone had a tremendous time completing these activities and learnt some valuable skills in the process.



### RECEPTION

## ARMISTICE DAY

This week Reception class have been learning about Armistice Day. The children have had lots of discussion and reflection time to think about why we wear poppies. They have written independently about why they think we celebrate this special day.



## GUY FAWKES NIGHT

The children in Year 1 have been learning about 5 November.

They found out about Guy Fawkes and made these amazing 2D rocket firework pictures. Having looked at 3D shapes in Maths, the children noticed that the rocket was made from a cylinder. Well spotted, Year 1!

In Forest School, the Year 1 children were set a measurement challenge. They had to find a stick the same length as their arm and the same width as their wrist. Then they used masking tape to attach a sparkler to the end of their stick. The children loved watching them sparkle!

Spending time with animals can be so beneficial for our mental health and the children in Year 1 love spending time with Heligan and Frankie, their class guinea pigs.



### TADPOLES

## POPPY PAINTING

The Tadpoles were interested in why Harry was wearing a poppy, so we had a talk and watched a short animation about Remembrance Day. Afterwards, the children initiated creating an amazing piece of art for the Pre-School wall. They listened so well and really thought about why they were painting the poppies, to help us remember every time we look at it.

