

Royal Russell Junior School

# Newsletter

Spring Term

19th March 2021



Dear Parents and Friends,

The wider opening of the School at the beginning of last week felt like the beginning of a new term. Such was my excitement at being surrounded by our School family, I had missed some of the tell-tale signs of another important occasion, spring.

Despite some soggy weather, signs of new beginnings are all around us. Blossoms are out and trees are budding. Some colour is coming through daffodils, snow drops and the crocuses on site. I'm never happier than thinking about all of the exciting activities that lie ahead of our children in this term and the next.

You will be able to see from our newsletter this week that we have already begun to make the most of the improving weather and the outdoor learning and fun that our campus can offer. Even I have been persuaded to head out for running club (as long as the weather remains good).

I have not been the only person to be very excited to see our swimming pool reopen for our curriculum swimming lessons. Children across the Junior School have been reacquainting themselves with the warm waters and seeing how welcoming and smart the new facilities are. I am hopeful that parents will be able to see for themselves at some point in the near future.

### **Reminders**

With all of the joy of on-site learning and spring, it continues to be imperative that we all do what we can to keep each other safe and protect our time together as much as possible. Please stick to the drop off and pick up times that have been sent out. If you arrive early on site, please wait in your car until 8.15. If you need to drop your children earlier, please do contact Mrs Jones who will be happy to arrange breakfast club.

Please do use the hand sanitiser that is sited at entry points to the School. Your assistance with social distancing and mask wearing is very much appreciated.

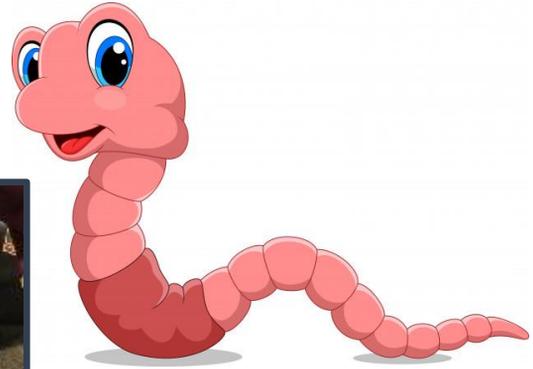
Should your child become unwell at home, please note that they should not attend school, particularly if they show any of the three main symptoms of Covid-19. In the best interests of our community, pupils who have been given Calpol should not attend school as this can mask underlying temperatures and illness.

With best wishes for a spring filled and safe weekend.

John Evans  
Headmaster, Junior School

# Wiggly Ducklings

The Nursery Ducklings have had a very 'wiggly' week, investigating worms.



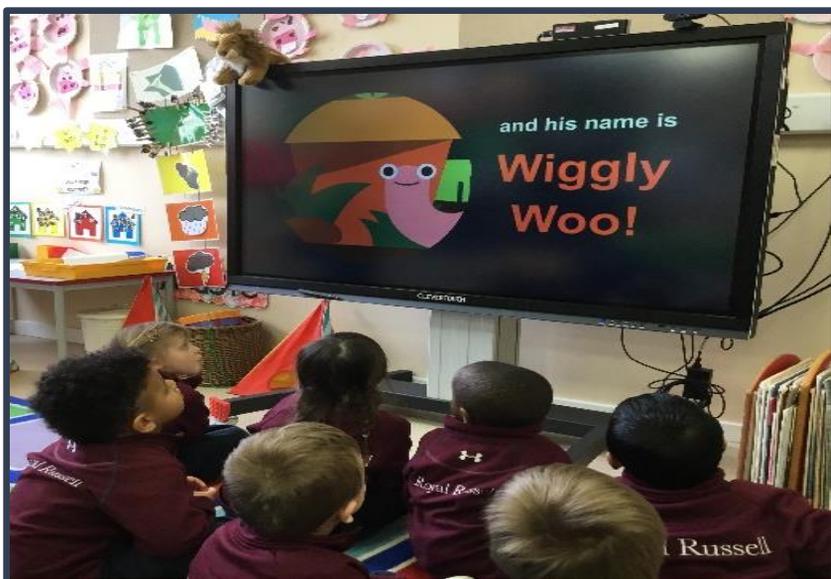
They sorted the worms from the shortest to the longest.



They used the worms to make repeating patterns.



They created different shapes out of worms.



They had lots of fun singing worm inspired rhymes.



The children created their own 'Superworms'

These ones were made by Nancy, Ollie and Jacob.



**Nancy**



**Ollie**



**Jacob**



They studied the Duckling's very own Wormery.

and they even made their own wiggly jelly worms to EAT!



# Squirrels and Foxes Busy Week

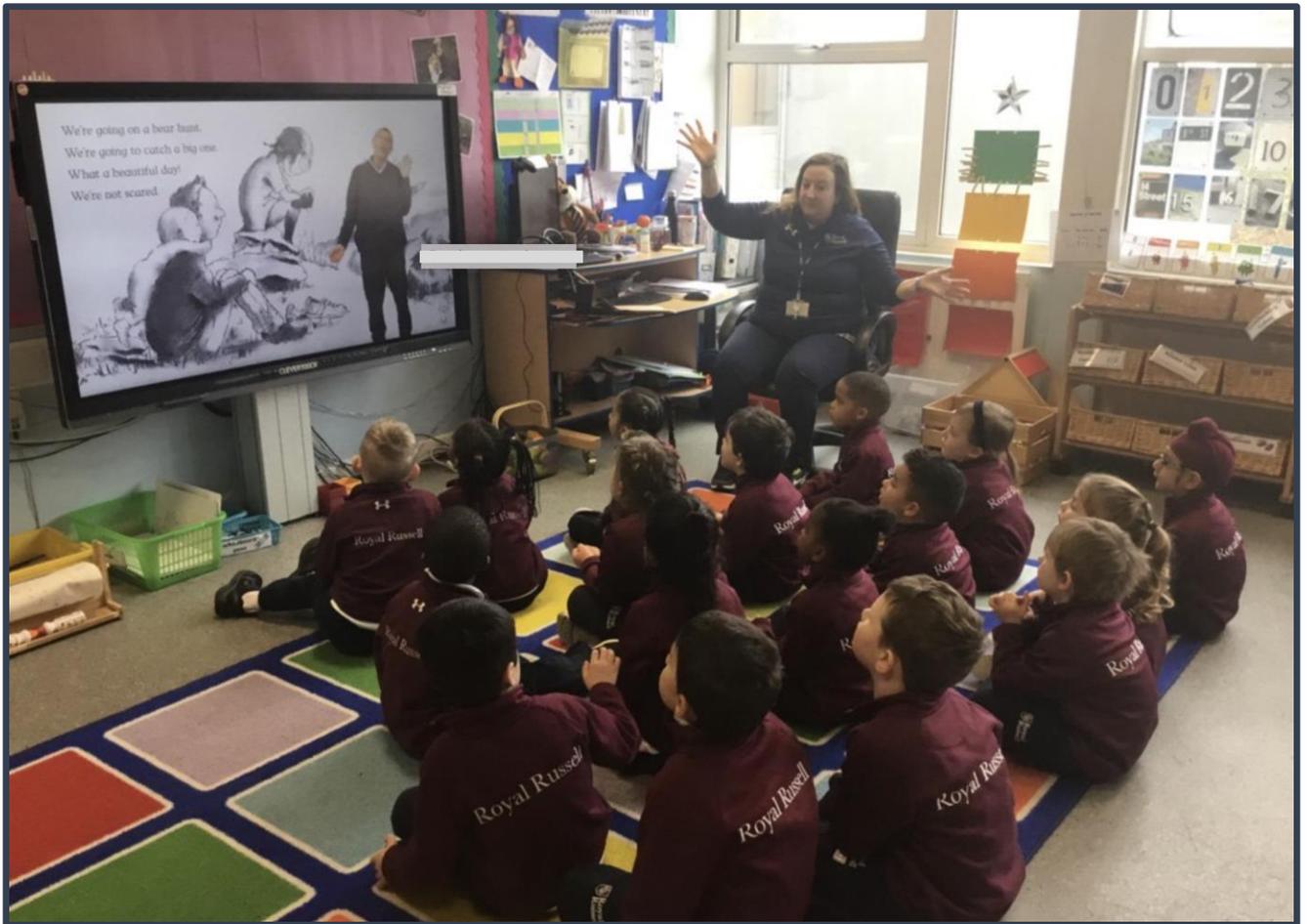


Reception Squirrels and Foxes have enjoyed reading *Michael Rosen's* fantastic book, '**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**' together in their classes this week.



*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

Michael Rosen • Helen Oxenbury



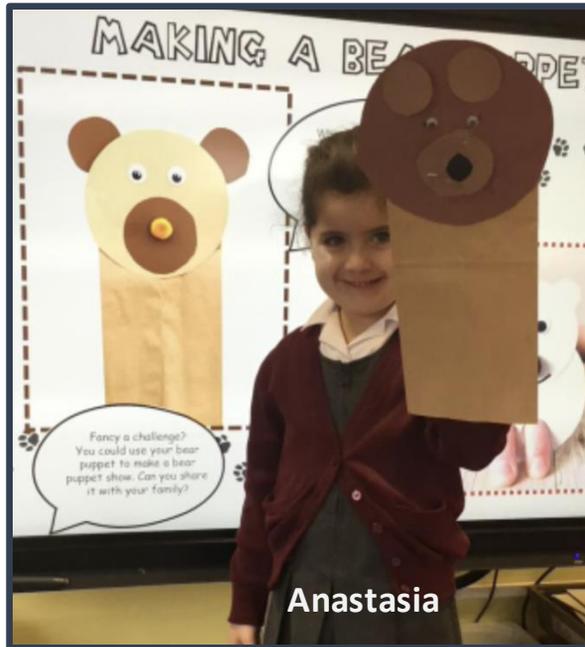
The children developed their own role play and challenged themselves by making story maps.



Inspired by *'Going on a Bear Hunt'*, the children had incredible fun making Bear Puppets in their Art and DT lesson.



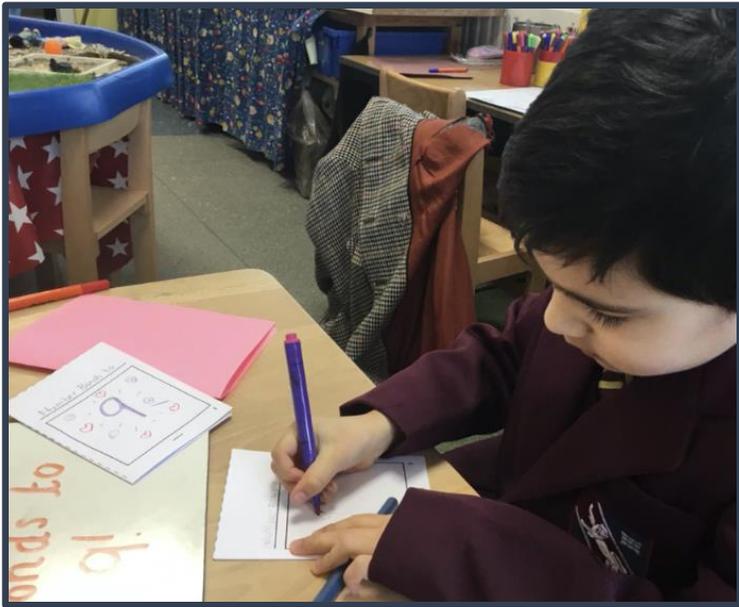
They have improved their cutting skills and used collage to create fun and unique puppets.



They had so much fun dancing and making bear noises with their puppets.



In Maths, the children have been exploring the **number 9**. They have made their own number books and investigated different ways to make 9.



The children had a super visit to the Library.



They browsed the books and enjoyed talking about their choices.



They had fun in the forest and found some bugs in the rain.

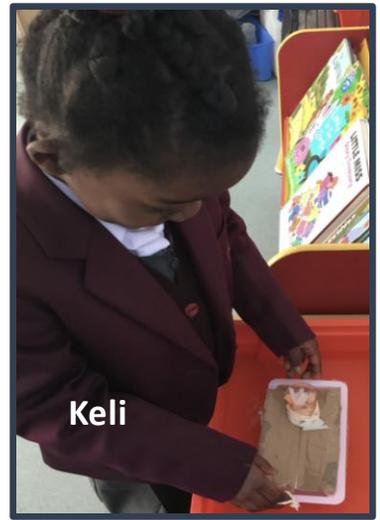


# Year 1 Float their Boats in Science

In Science this week, the children in Year 1 created their own boats.



They selected their materials based on last week's experiment, in which they discovered which materials were waterproof and could float.

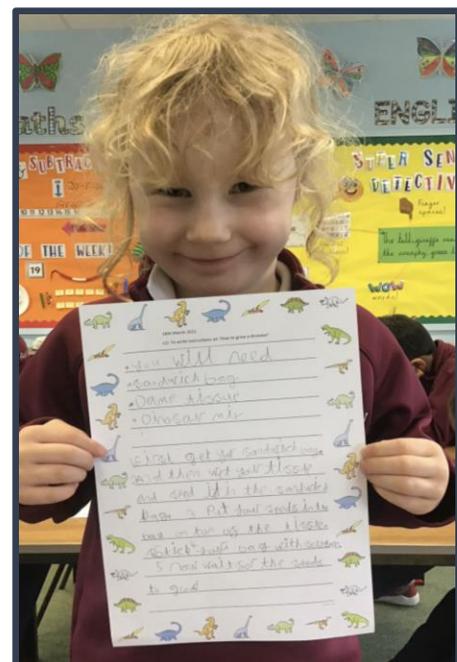
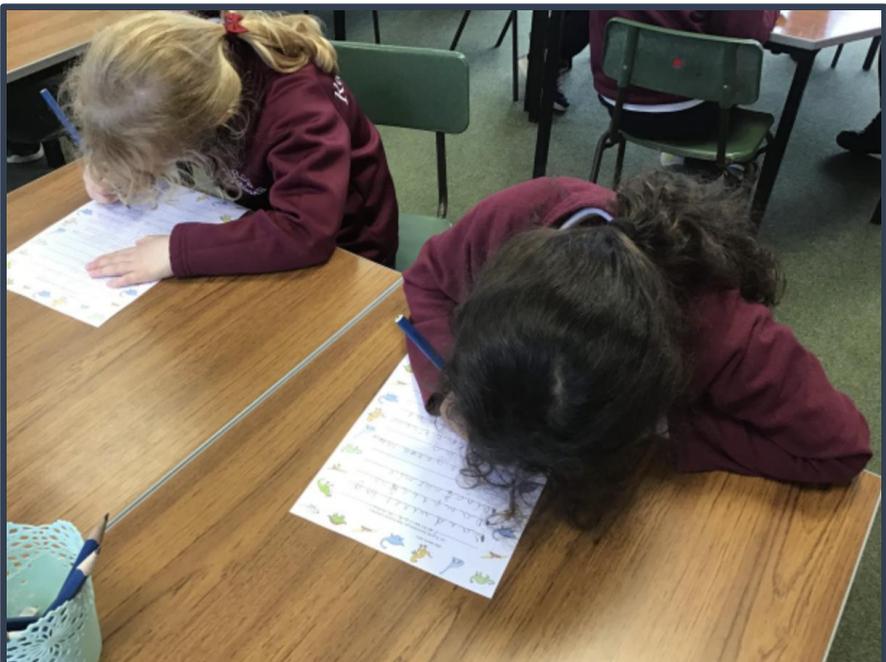
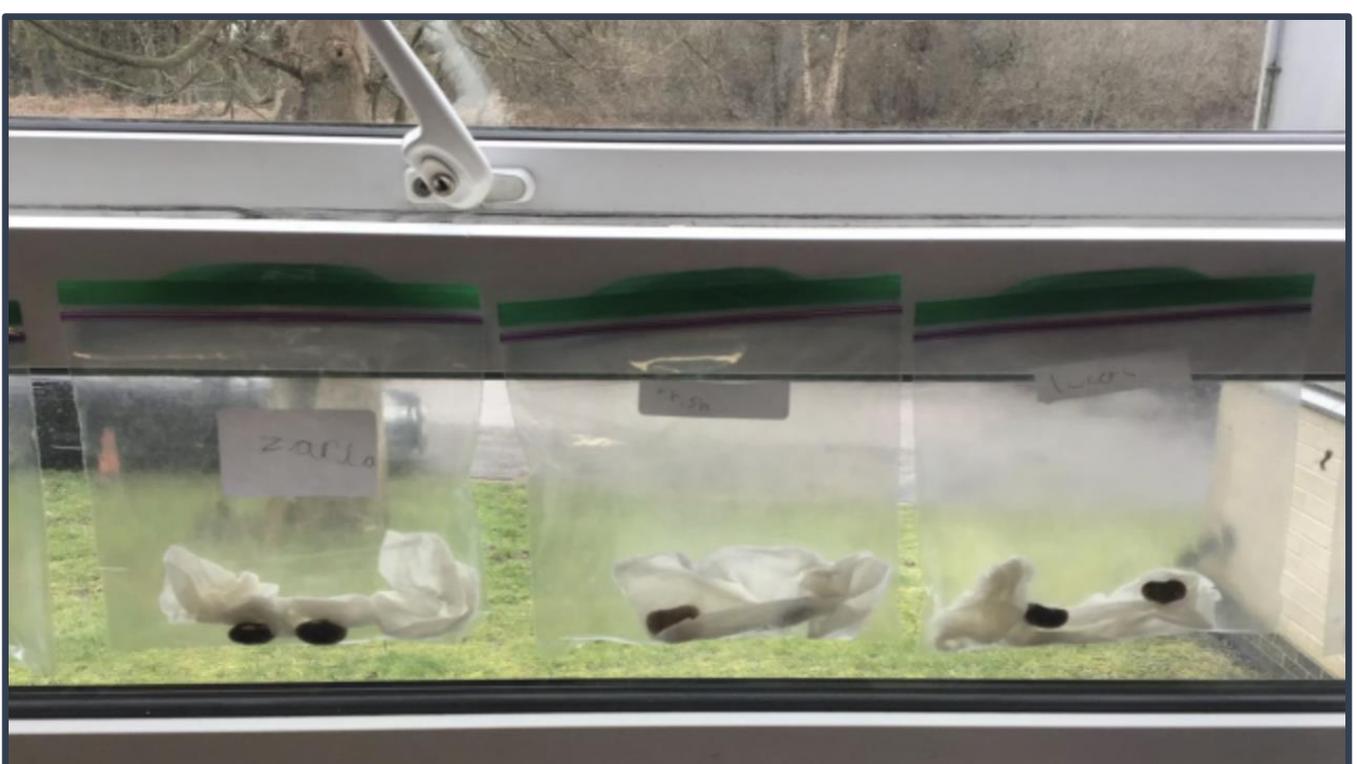
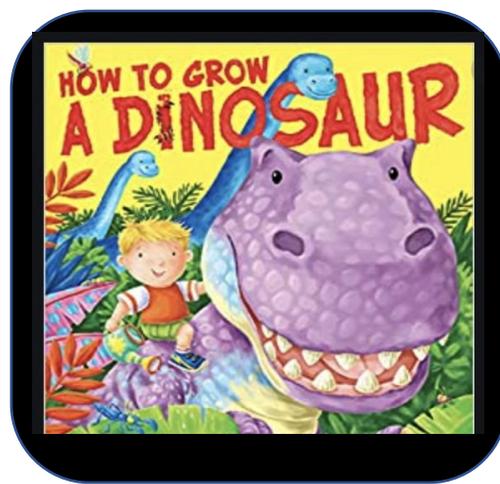


They tested each boat in water for 30 seconds and were thrilled to observe that everybody's boat could float.

Year 1 read the story of 'How to grow a dinosaur' this week.

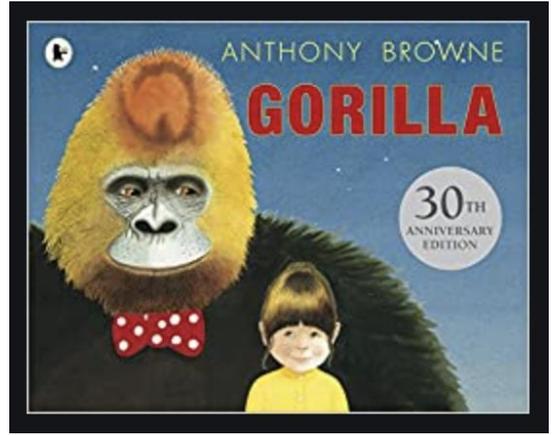
The children then planted their own. They wrote instructions on each step they completed.

Everyone is very excited to see what grows in Year 1!

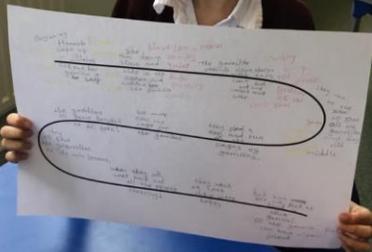


# Year 3's Gorilla Sequel

In English this week, Year 3 have been looking at the story '*Gorilla*' by *Anthony Browne*. The children are writing sequels to the story and thought of some very interesting ideas, from flying to the moon, to a gorilla visiting school.

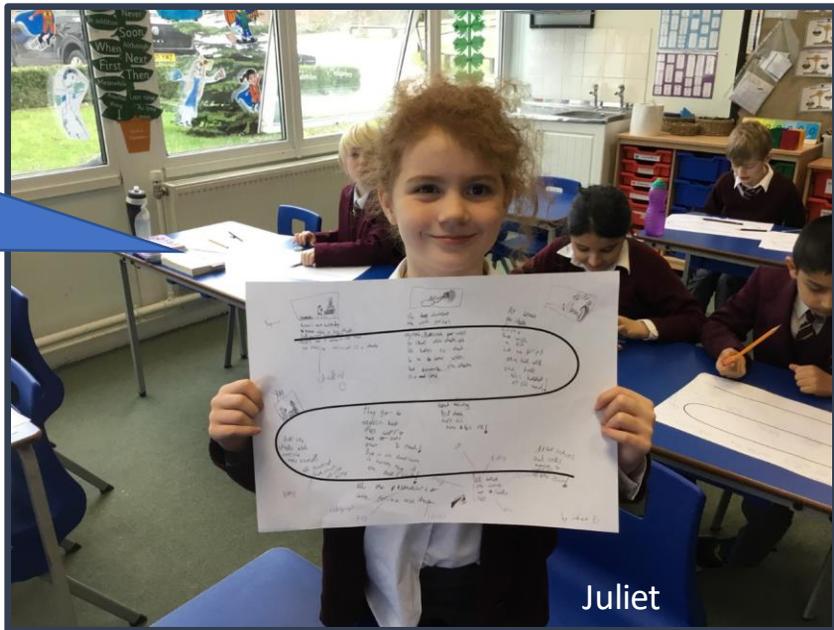


My sequel is about saving all the gorillas from the zoo.



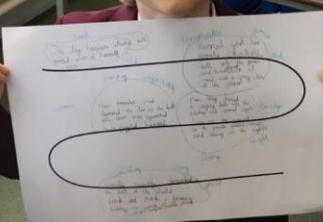
Emily

I have enjoyed this task because I love writing.



Juliet

I loved this lesson because there was lots of writing and speaking.



Alfie

# Year 5 re-enact 'Hamlet' in Drama

In Year 5 this week, the children have been looking at '*Hamlet*' as part of their Shakespeare topic in Drama.



They had to work together to identify the key themes within the play and took part in an activity called '*Hamlet Whoosh*' where they acted out the beginning parts of the story.

The children had lots of fun re-creating the play and there were some very interesting interpretations of the characters!



I didn't know a lot about Shakespeare until Mrs Parkin taught us about him. It has been really fun learning and understanding some of the Shakespearean language.



**Taymar**



I am really getting the hang of our Shakespeare topic and my favourite play so far is *'Hamlet'*.



**Khushbir**



I like *'Hamlet'* because it is quite a deep play and has an interesting story line.



I really like the story of *'Hamlet'* because it is fun and interesting.

**Mina**

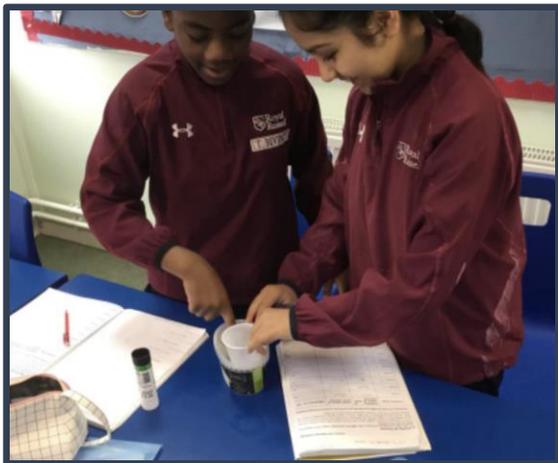


**Ava**

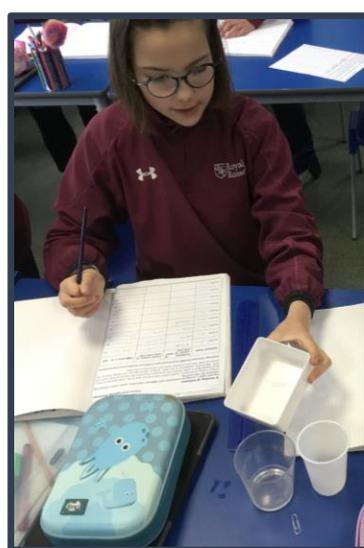
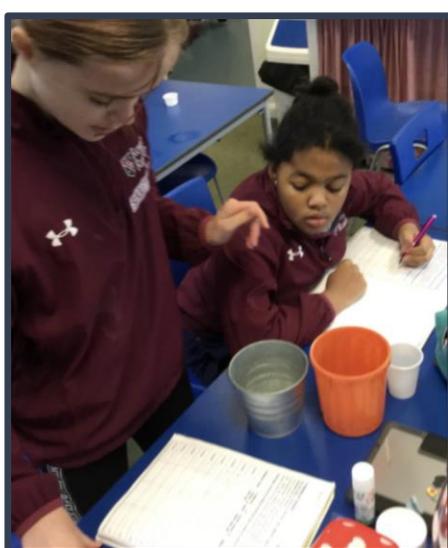
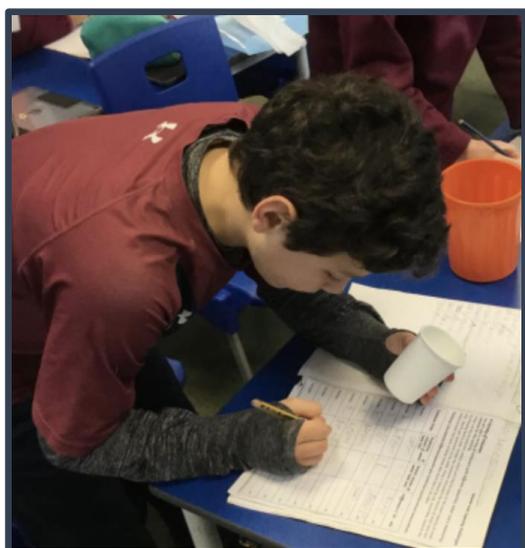
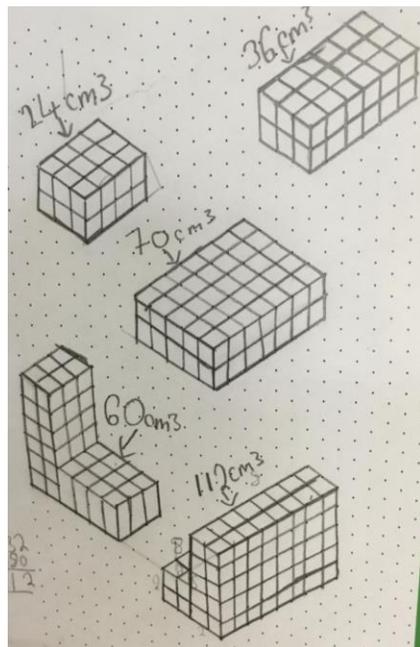


# Year 6 explore topic of Volume

In Maths this week, Year 6 have been exploring the topic of **volume**. They have been estimating and measuring the volume of containers.

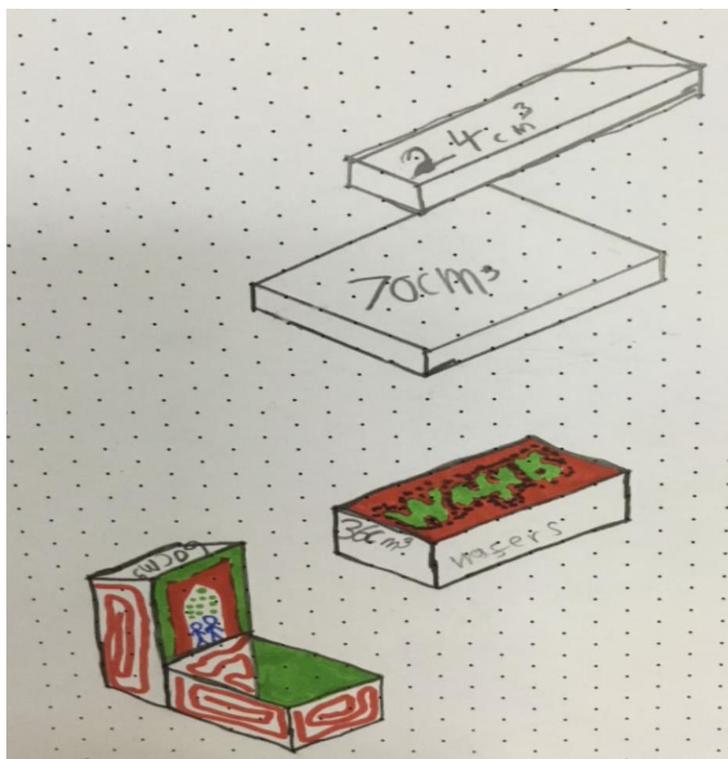


The children have also been using and applying formula to calculate areas of cubes, cuboids and triangular prisms.



They have been investigating volume by drawing accurate 3D shapes to solve problems and applying their knowledge of volume to complete tarsia puzzles.

There was even time to play some fun and educational Kahoot quizzes!



# The World's Worst Opera Singer

Year 6 have been exploring Opera and Music Theatre, this term. They have learnt about contrasting libretti and the musical terms and elements of these wonderful musical genres. Most recently, as a little humorous aside to their studies, Year 6 learnt about *Madame Florence Foster Jenkins*, infamously known as the World's Worst Opera Singer. Year 6 undertook a lively debate, as to why Madam Jenkins nevertheless enjoyed a long and highly successful operatic career.

*The Learning Objective was to investigate Florence Foster Jenkins and discuss the statement:*

*How did Florence Foster Jenkins – famed for being the world's worst opera singer, become so incredibly successful?*

*What **Royal Russell Powers** might Florence have implemented in achieving her musical dreams and stardom?*



Here are some of their thoughts, to the proposed debating question.

Try your hardest  
and you will  
succeed.



**Gautham and Gio**

Madame Jenkins  
persisted with her  
dreams of becoming an  
Opera Singer, despite  
what other people  
thought of her.



**Sachi**

*Florence Foster Jenkins*  
had to use **risk taking**,  
**persistence**, and  
**resilience** to be such a  
successful singer.



**Jade**

I have really enjoyed learning  
about *Florence Foster Jenkins*. She  
was very 'original'. She was also  
very kind; we learnt that she gave  
some of the concert money that  
she earned to charities.



**Mehreen**

# PE



Some of Year 6 pupils enjoyed some orienteering around our fantastic site during their Health Related Fitness session this week.



## Drum Kit Donation

The Junior School Music Department was absolutely thrilled to receive a very generous donation of a drum kit from one of our parents, this week.



Here is William playing this fabulous instrument, with Mr Barnett (our visiting Drum Teacher).

**Our heartfelt thanks to Mr East, for his very kind donation.**



# 'Our World' Photography Competition Winners



## 'Our World' - Year 1 & 2 Runners-Up!



JAIDEN 1E



WILLIAM 1I



## WINNER!



ALEXIS 1E



## 'Our World' - Year 3 & 4 Runners-Up!



MOLLY 3R



HENRY 4NC



## WINNER!



ETHAN 4NC



## 'Our World' - Year 5 & 6- Runners-Up!



RUBIE 5P



YASMIN 6T



## WINNER!



FREDERICK 6KE



# After School Club Fun

In place of Trampoline Club, Year 3 and 4 children have joined **'Fun in the Forest Club'** which offers the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with their friends. What a wonderful sight to see.



This week in **Art and Craft Club**, Year 1 and 2 children used masking tape to mask out a pattern. They then painted or sponged an effect in the designated areas. Once the paint had dried, they peeled off the masking tape to create a lovely colourful picture.



**FREE TENNIS LESSONS** for the whole family between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April as part of our “**Welcome back to Tennis week**”. There are 300 places available across all of our sites for both children and adults of all standards. Please see below or use this [LINK](#)  
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