



Royal Russell Junior School

Newsletter



Spring Term

26th March 2021



Dear Parents and Friends,

I would never confess to being green fingered, and a number of sad looking pot plants would agree. However, I have recently become rather excited by the germination of some seeds, a mix that is designed to attract butterflies and bees, and the rapid growth they have shown. I was pleased to see that my delight in this growth was shared by the children in our assembly on Monday. Not only is growth exciting, but the changes sustained by growth are also fascinating. Together we looked at the amazing transformation undertaken by young animals as they mature. If you want to be surprised, do search for a picture of a newly born giant panda. We finished our assembly by spending some time reflecting on what growth looked like for humans.

We all know what we need for physical growth, and this term's topic of 'healthyme' is important here, yet the additional factors required for our mental and emotional growth can, at times, be more obscured. Mrs Bannon's excellent assembly last week showed all of our children how our Russell Powers support our growth in learning and provide an excellent framework for progress. The factors for social interaction are evident in all aspects of our learning on site and the togetherness that we have shown, stimulating our growth as individuals and as a community.

I would like to thank our whole community for their proactive approach in looking after each other over the past few weeks. As we look to see growth for our children in all areas, safeguarding our time together in School continues to be of the utmost importance. Thank you for following the guidance that keeps us safe and staying aware of the likely symptoms of coronavirus.

Wishing you a relaxing and restorative weekend.

John Evans
Headmaster, Junior School

DoodleMaths Spring Challenge



Between the **1st of April and the 30th April**, Doodle will be running a Spring Challenge - the **DoodleMaths Challenge**.

The Challenge encourages children to use Doodle for a few minutes each day, helping them to **rebuild their confidence** and **get back on track** in their learning.

Best of all, those who take part can earn a free pin badge and certificate!

How to take part

From the 1st of April, visit parents.doodlemaths.com and press **Register** next to your child's name.

Then, encourage your child to **earn 450 stars** (or **350 stars** if they were born on or after 01/09/13) and **achieve a 7-day streak** in DoodleMaths.

Once they've reached their target, you'll be able to claim their reward by logging in to the Dashboard and pressing **Claim reward**.

Ms Sydney-Ford
Maths Leader

Writing Competition Winners

The Year 6 children have been busy reading over the many entries that we received from the writing competition. We were so impressed by the children's efforts and the job of judging became very difficult. We had to enlist the help of some of our teachers.

Every entry received a point for their House, and so **Durham**, **Canterbury**, **York** and **Exeter** each received **14**, **11**, **8** and **6** points respectively. Judgements were too close to make, and so the children decided to have a winner per year group, rather than for each phase so that we could celebrate even more of the work.

Each winner received 10 house points. Here are our winners for each year group, along with some of the comments from our Year 6 children. One of the Year 6 judges even commented, *"We could have given it to all of them!"*



Year 6:
Ciaran

"Unique."
"Creative ideas
and with
illustrations
too."



Year 5:
Amy

"Everything
about it was
right!" "The
ideas were
brilliant".



Year 4:
Ethan

"It really kept
you in suspense."



Year 3:
Mayan

"It was really
humorous."
"The humour
made it quite
different!"



Year 2:
Noah

"A really great
creation with a
great 'blurb' on
the back of his
book!"



Year 1:
Noeul

"Superb effort
with lovely
illustrations."



Reception:
Fateh Duleep

"A wonderful
story telling
voice."

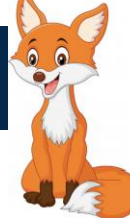


Nursery:
Beatrice

"Wonderful
story
telling."



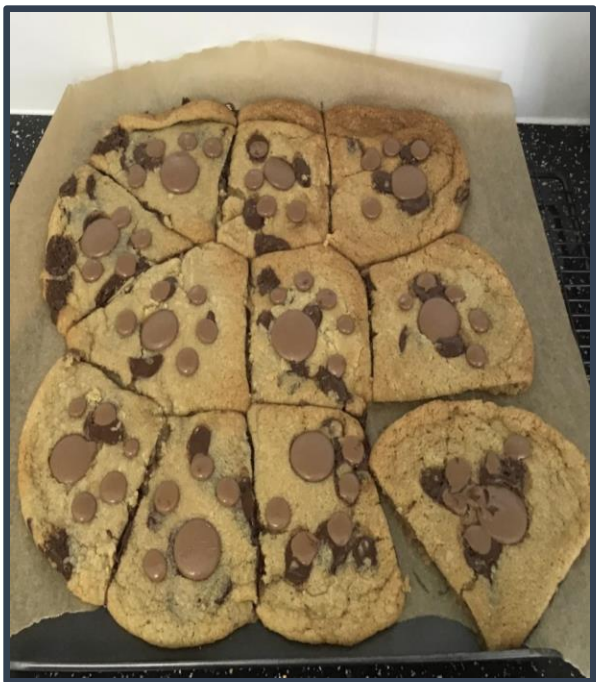
Squirrels and Foxes make Bear Prints



This week Reception Squirrels and Foxes were excited to bake some bear print biscuits to link with our bear theme.



The Reception children worked collaboratively to weigh, mix and shape these delicious treats!



Nature comes in lots of different forms in Forest School, this week the children were shown how to make beautiful colourful butterflies 🦋 using two sticks, pipe cleaners and lots of multi coloured wool.

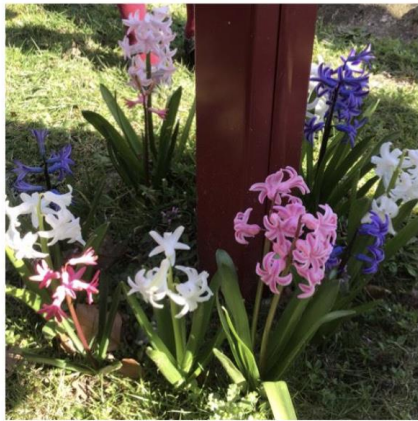


Year 1 Find the Difference

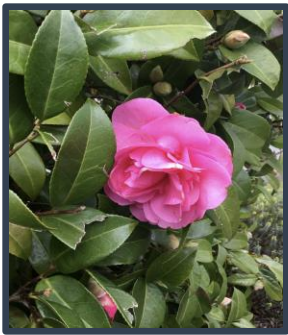
In Maths this week, the children have been learning about what '**finding the difference**' means. They have enjoyed lots of practical activities and partner work and have really challenged themselves. Well done Year 1.



In Science this week, the children in Year 1 enjoyed finding out about the signs of spring and the months that fall in this season. We then went for a lovely, sunny walk in the school grounds, hunting for the signs of spring in Royal Russell.



The children enjoyed ticking off their observations on their checklists.



Year 2 Make a Waterproof Coat

This week Year 2 have been learning about **Charles Macintosh** and how he discovered waterproof material.

The children carried out their very own experiment by testing various materials to see what would make the best waterproof coat for **'Harley'** the bear.

They had mixed opinions and narrowed it down to tin foil or plastic. In the end it was agreed that plastic would be better as the tin foil was impossible to straighten out once it had been scrunched up.



Charles Macintosh



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PIC•COLLAGE

The children had so much fun testing the different materials.

Year 3 Meditated for their Wellbeing

During **Wellbeing Wednesday** this week, Year 3 took part in some relaxing meditation together in the school hall.



The Year 4 Easter Story

Year 4 have been busy preparing for their Assembly about Easter, which has formed part of the RE curriculum this term. This has involved auditioning for parts and solos, preparing costumes, rehearsing and recording scenes.

The children were lucky to be able to visit the School Chapel last week and even record a few of the solos whilst there. The acoustics were beautiful! The final video edit is nearly finished and they are looking forward to sharing the story of Easter next week.

Mr Urie and Mrs Netherway are immensely proud of the whole year group for their hard work and participation. A big thank you to Mr Urie for all his hard work in editing all the different elements of our play into a wonderful video presentation for everyone to enjoy.





I really liked it when I did my solo because I felt so passionate about it and I could sing out and have fun. Although I did feel a bit nervous, it felt great. Singing makes me feel calm.

I found this really fun. I felt a bit nervous, but I am so happy and proud! Singing in the Chapel was great because I liked the sound and the echo of my voice.



Emily

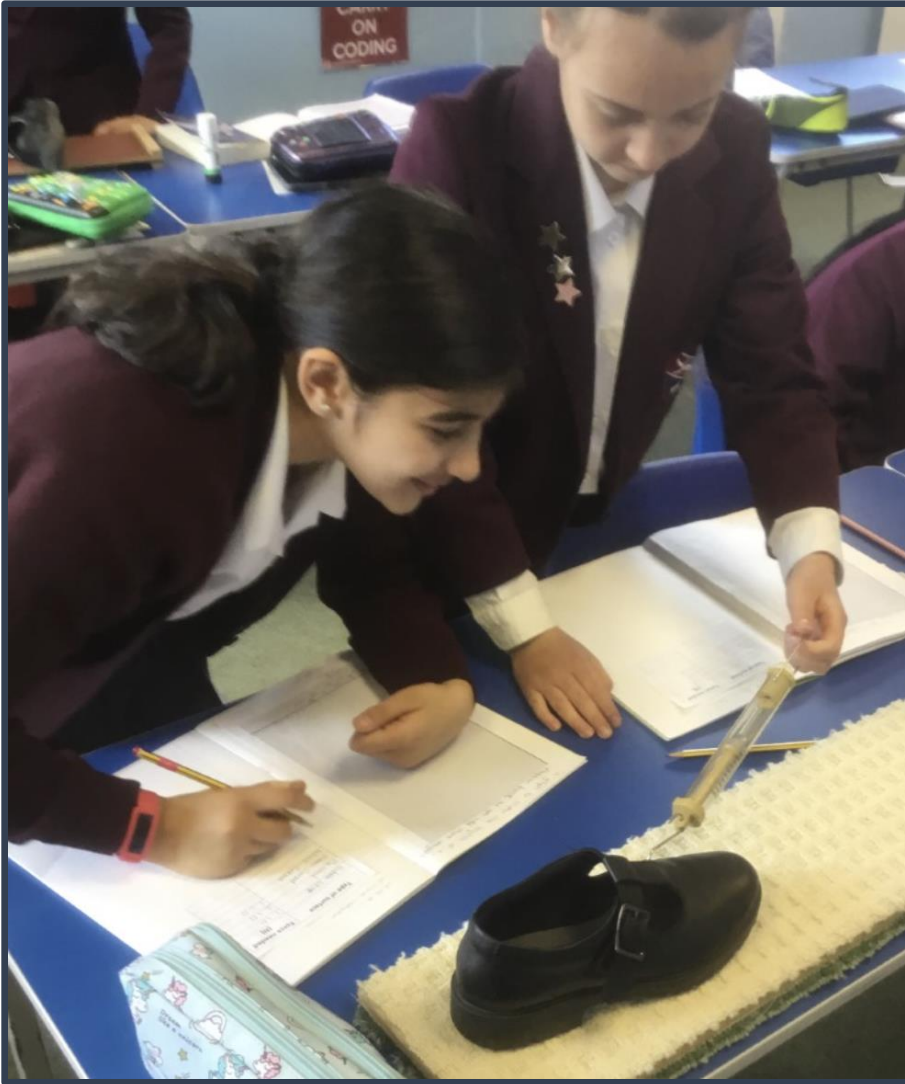


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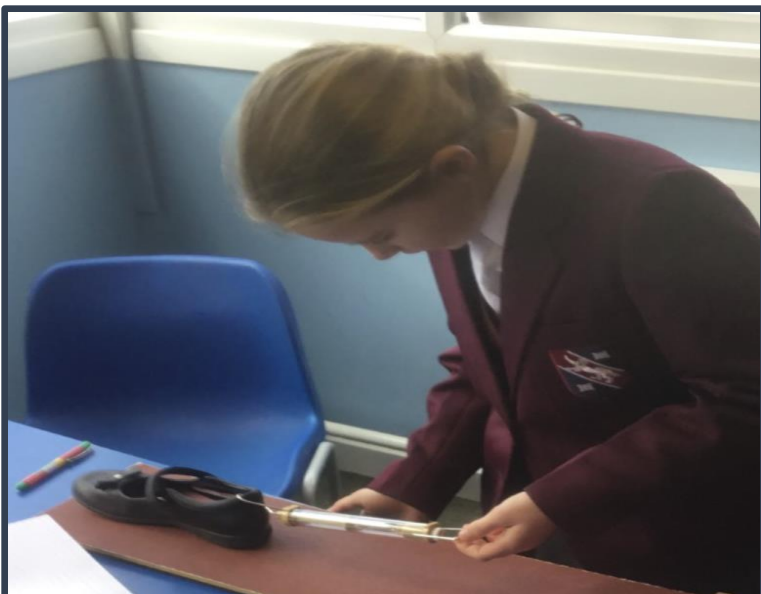
Science Causes Friction for Year 5

In Science this week, Year 5 have been undergoing tests to see which type of surfaces had the most friction.

The children learned that friction is the force between two surfaces that are sliding, or trying to slide, across each other. Friction always works in the direction opposite to the direction in which the object is moving or trying to move. Friction also always slows a moving object down.

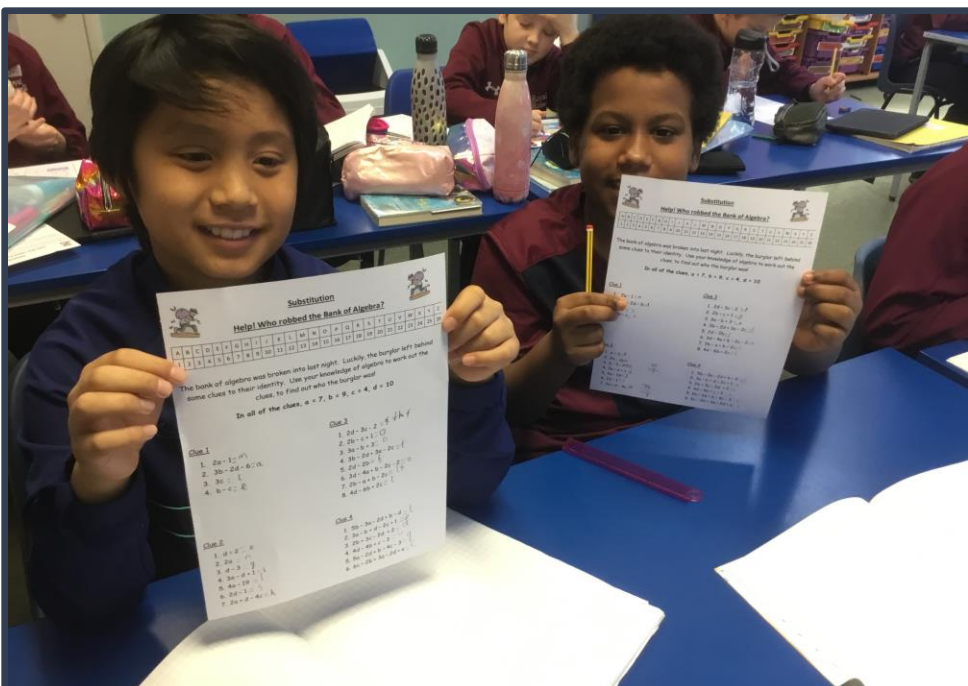
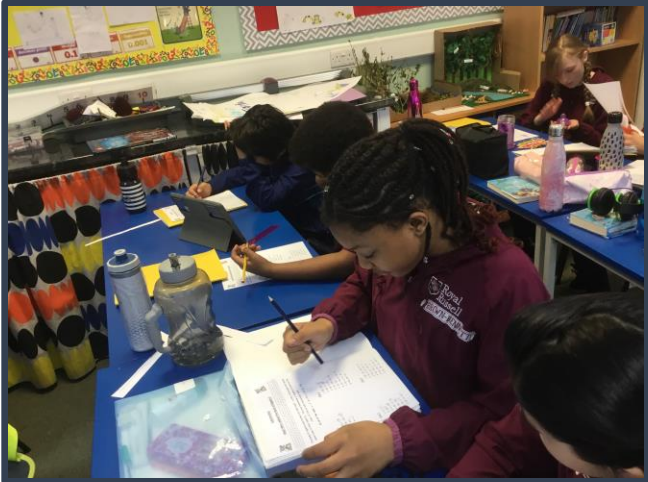


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coefficient
of friction



Year 6 Become 'Algebra Aces'

In Maths this week, Year 6 have been working on **Algebra** and learning how to write formulae, substitute numbers into expressions and even multiplying out brackets.



They have worked very hard and are now all **'Algebra Aces!'**

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Substitution Matching Activity

$a = 5, b = 2, c = 3$

Discussed with Mrs King ★

$2a + b =$	11	$a + c =$	10	$c^2 =$	12
$4c - a =$	13	$b + c =$	9	$4ab =$	3
$3b + a =$	5	$a - b =$	1	$bc =$	16
$a^2 =$	6	$3a + 2c =$	25	$abc =$	4
$b^2 + 2a =$	30	$c - b =$	40	$4 - b =$	20
$5c - b =$	21	$4c + 3 =$	2	$9 - a =$	15
$a + b + c =$	7	$8b =$	8	$4a =$	14

Try this one

www.teachingmaths.net

Accurate substitution Avni.



Avni

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George

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Maisey

They also managed to make Algebra look fun and colourful.

PE

Year 6 enjoyed learning some new rugby skills this week in their PE lesson.

The focus was on passing, particularly the rule where you have to pass backwards.



They remembered the passing technique using the rhyme '**pocket to rocket**'.



These children in Year 2 had lots of fun in their Games lesson this week, playing hockey, football and basketball.



During their Health Related Fitness orienteering session, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed exploring the school site, taking in the fresh air and simply having lots of fun!

After School Club Fun

At **Puzzle Club** the members from Reception classes were encouraged to use their **collaborative** skills while having great fun completing their puzzles.

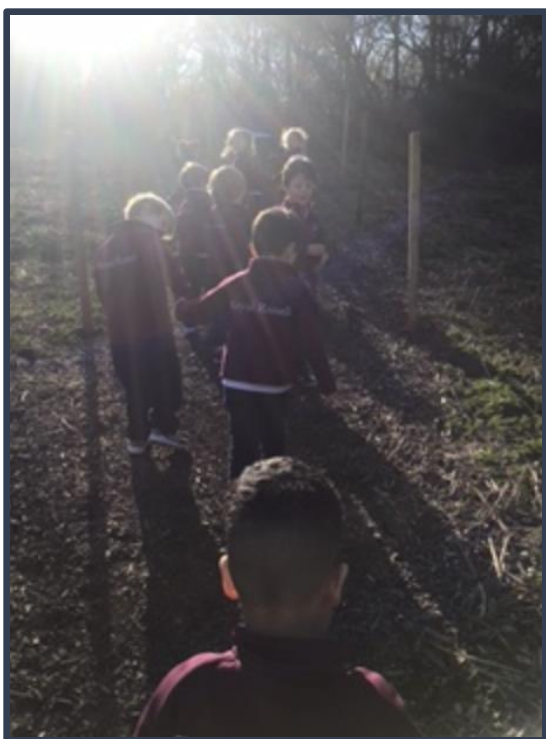


At **Art and Colouring Club** the children are learning to draw new things using a step-by-step guide. They are learning to colour in new ways, using different mediums. During the club, they have time to relax and chat with their friends. They are creative.





In **Great Outdoors Club** this week, the children went on a nature treasure hunt. They found daisies, pine cones, pebbles and lots of other interesting treasure.



After they had collected their treasure, they decided which was their favourite piece and described it to their friends.

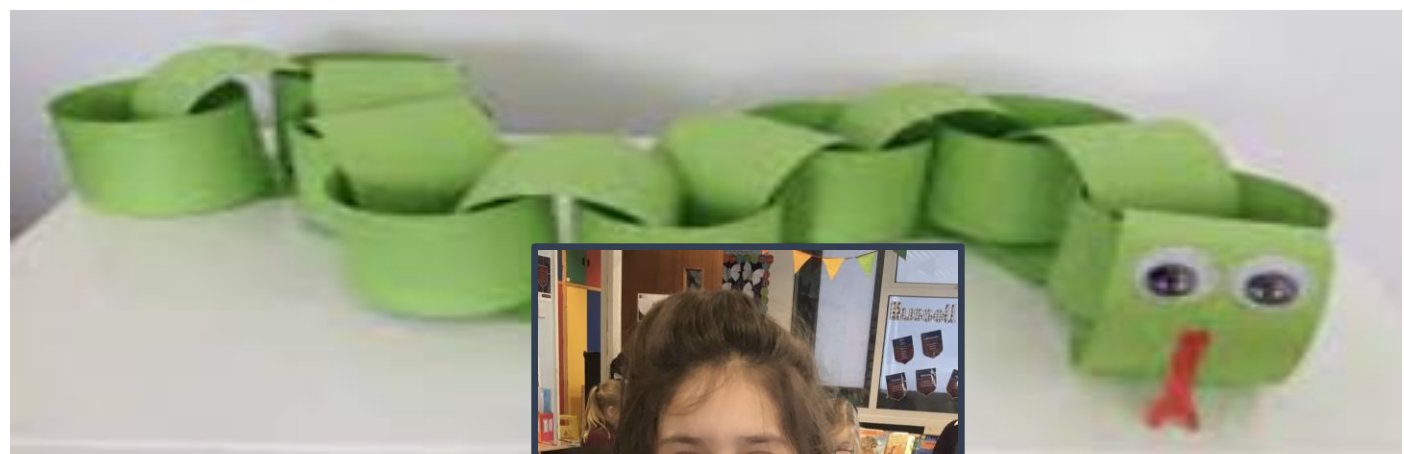


This week in **Art and Craft Club** the children made paper chain animals. Their creations were fabulous and we had some great **collaboration** with the children working together to make a very long snake!



Paper chain animals





FREE TENNIS LESSONS for the whole family between Monday 29th March and Saturday 3rd 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](http://MDLCOACHING/MDLCOACHING(lta.org.uk))

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