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MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you all had a great half term holiday, despite the wet and windy weather. The children have been keen to share with me all of your family adventures, holidays and people you met during the holiday. They have certainly had a busy break but are definitely ready for the next half term.

It is lovely to have the lighter mornings, later sunsets and to see all of the daffodils and snowdrops filling our school with colour. In assembly this week, we talked about the determination of the snow drop to keep on going no matter what the weather. Pre-Prep will continue to explore the outdoors, even in wet and windy weather, so please remember to keep bringing in your coats! Who knows, it might even snow next?

I am sure you are as excited as me to see what the children will learn this half term. I can't wait to hear their questions as they challenge their learning and share with them all their successes and achievements. I know they will all continue to try their hardest and be brilliant!

Best wishes,
Mr Jory



OPEN DAY
SATURDAY
5 MARCH



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#DISCOVER BRILLIANCE



KEY DATES

Thursday 3 March

World Book Day -
Dress up as any book
character!

Friday 4 March

Year 2 Open Afternoon
(2pm)

Thursday 10 March

Year 1 Open Afternoon
(2pm)

READING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

The Tadpoles have had a busy start to the new half term and we welcomed our new friend **Teddy**, who enjoyed making funny fruit faces for snack time! We have also been talking about our pets and looking at photos and trying to describe what we see in order to paint them. We have also had lots of fun reading 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' and dancing out the story. The new building blocks have been an exciting addition as well to the Pre-School astro and the children independently created an obstacle path with them. By using amazing turn taking, problem solving and caring for each other, we were so proud of what they built!



FROGS

PRE-PREP CHEFS

The Frogs have had a super busy and exciting week. **Tommy** and **Livi** brought in some sourdough to share with their friends after having a bread making lesson with a baker. This inspired us to make our own bread rolls. The children were tasked to make their own tea and fill their roll with their favourite filling! They also made healthy rice cake faces for their snack on Tuesday.



SAVING MR MEN AND LITTLE MISS CHARACTERS

The Frogs returned from assembly to find some of the Mr Men and Little Miss characters were trapped, frozen in ice! How were we going to free them? The children thought of different ways to melt the ice: pouring boiling water over the top, place it in a sunny spot, or smashing it! The children were also asked, what do we put on the roads when it's icy? **Ottile** and **Tommy** knew it was salt and grit. We then tested the children's ideas. The boiling water freed Mr Bump straight away. Smashing the ice was next and safety goggles were definitely needed to free Mr Silly! However, it took a little while longer for the sun, salt, radiator and cold water to melt the other ice blocks. By the end of the day all the Mr Men and Little Miss were free, thank goodness for that! Well done Frogs for coming up with some fantastic ideas.



Also, you can see below a photo of the Frogs' marvelous Mr Men and Little Miss paintings on display. What a busy week you have had Frogs!



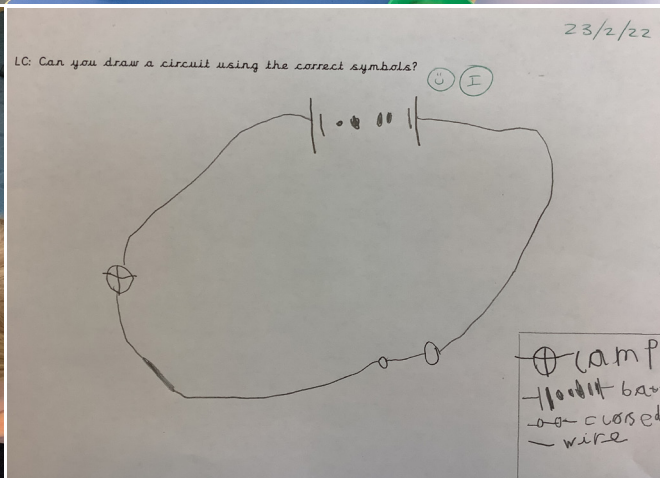
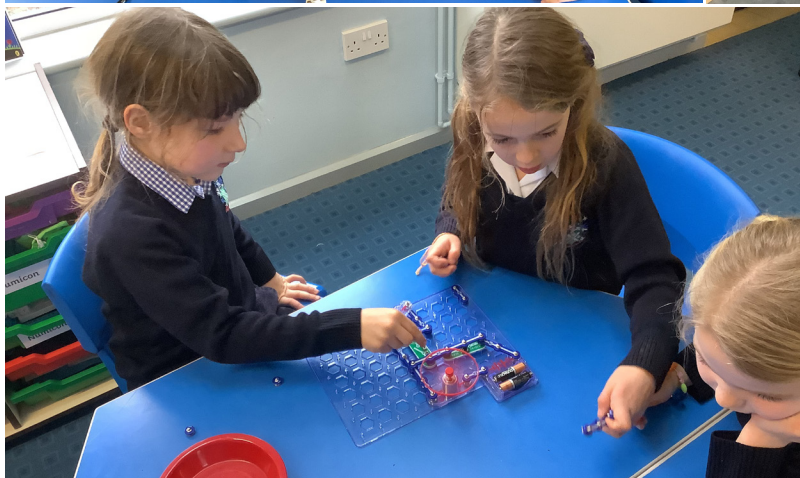
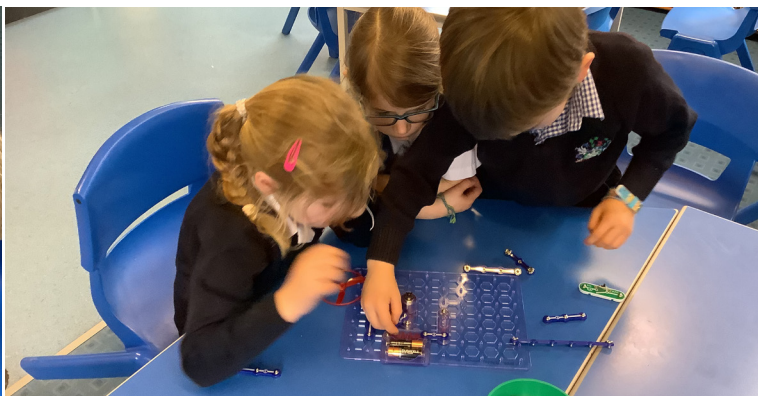
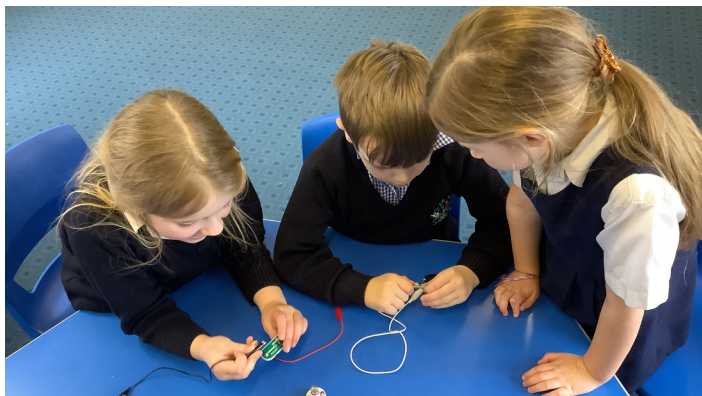
THE LITTLE RED HEN

Reception have been looking at the book 'The Little Red Hen' this week. We have created a small world for the children to re-tell the story and looked at the sequencing of the story to see if we could remember it without the aid of the book. We then went on to do some focused writing and each pupil created their own little red hen. The children also did a fantastic collaborative piece of artwork of a wheat field to use as the background to our new display board. Great work Reception!



SCIENCE FUN

We have had great fun this week experimenting with electrical circuits! The children were given a range of equipment and set the challenge of making a bulb light up. Once this had been mastered, they then attempted to make a flying saucer! Afterwards, the children learnt the scientific symbols and tried drawing the circuits they had made. In English, the children have been using their imagination inspired by the story 'Not a Stick'. One of the many idea's was "It is not a stick. It is a sparkly, pink fairy wand."



EYFS

LEARNING ABOUT PATIENCE

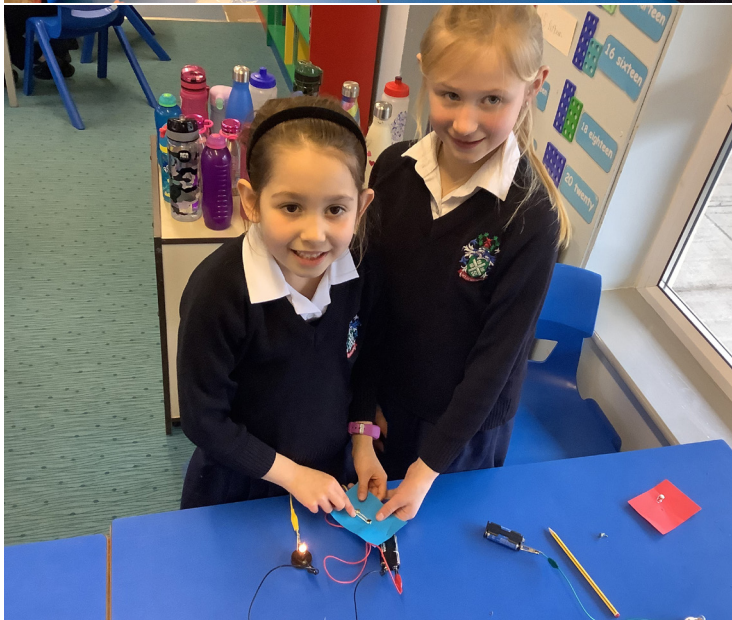
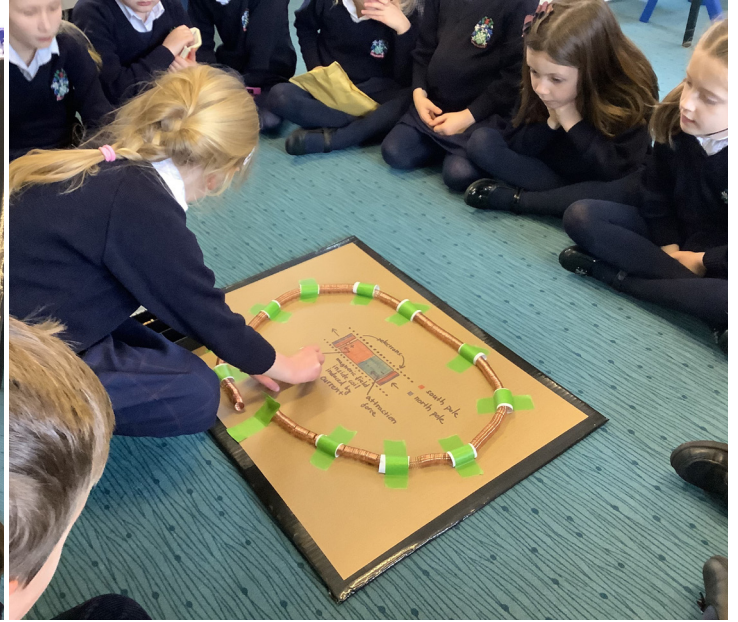
In our EYFS assembly we read a book called 'I'll wait, Mr Panda'. It was a book about being patient. The children had to wait very patiently whilst we read the story and then at the end, it revealed that the panda had made a giant doughnut. The penguin had waited very patiently throughout the whole story, so it got to eat the donut. The other animals in the story hadn't been very patient so they missed out. Because all of the children had been so patient throughout the story, they got to share a giant doughnut at the end of the assembly. We even saved a bit for Mr Jory who was also very patient whilst waiting for the children to explain the story to him.



YEAR 2

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS

This week Year 2 have been creating electric circuits. They were given the tools they needed but no instructions, apart from to make the bulb light up! There was some excellent problem solving and discussions going on. Once they had managed to light up the bulb, they had to work with their partner to create a switch for their light. It was a tough challenge but once they had worked together and shared ideas, their faces lit up - just like the light bulbs! Great work Year 2.



MINIS NEWS



VALENTINE'S DAY

The Minis enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day in Forest School. The flower shop was busy with the Minis making bouquets of flowers, while many love-themed cupcakes were made in our mud kitchen. The Minis also set to work by putting on their gardening gloves and planting bulbs in the forest. We also loved hearing our resident woodpecker whilst we ate our delicious Valentine muffins. We practised tapping on the tree trunks, just like our woodpecker. Happy Valentine's Day Minis!

