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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 2 February 2024

Nursery

In nursery this week we have been learning about Chinese new year. We have tried to copy some Chinese letters and numbers. We have been busy working on quantities, using water and rice, which we had fun colouring ourselves. We used different sized containers, talking about more and less.



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class

Matthew W., for showing resilience when solving a maths problem.

Y1, Donaldson Class:

Emily, for always showing respect both to her friends and her teachers. Emily is always so kind and helpful, she's a star! ★

Y2, McKee Class:

Arnav, for such outstanding progress. He has 'blown us away!'
Reggie, for showing such maturity towards his learning and with his friends.

Y3, Nichols Class:

Idris, for being extremely kind and helpful to other children and adults.
Rafael, for being the most improved mathematician in our arithmetic practice test.

Y4, Zephaniah Class

Jaylan, for showing great resilience and perseverance in maths and handwriting this week.

Y5, Leonard Class:

Leo, for always striving to do your very best and having high aspirations for yourself.

Y6, Jackson Class:

Jessica, for your ability to work collaboratively. Also for your hard work and your drive to improve in maths.

Breakfast and After School Club:

Aarav, for always showing respect to his fellow students and staff.



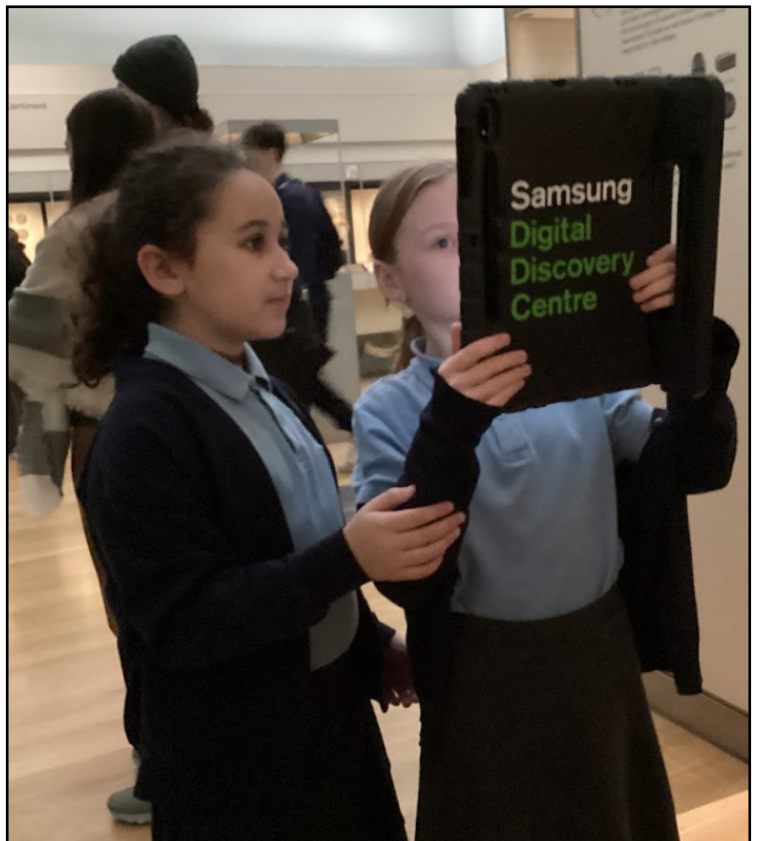
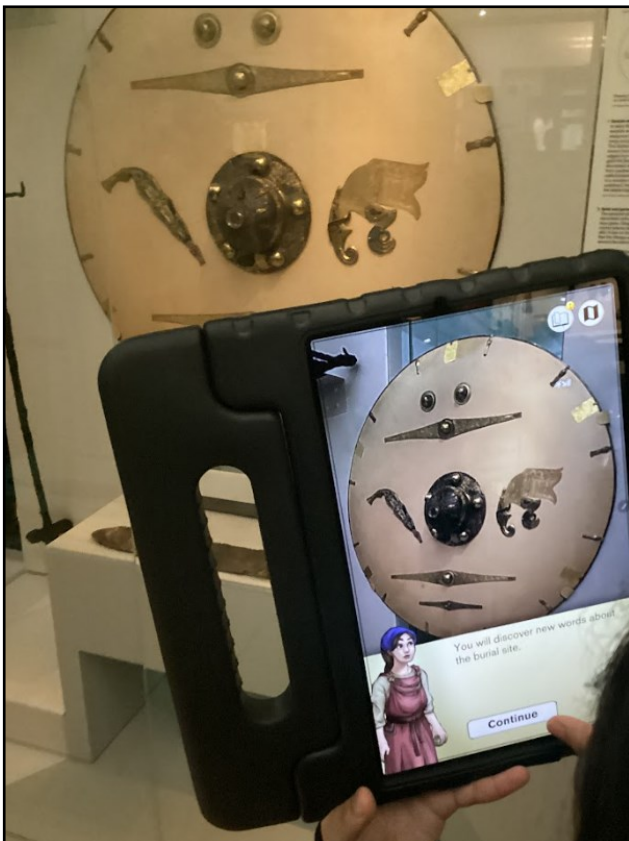
Year 1

Year 1 have continued their learning of number bonds this week. They have been enjoying the 'Mastering Number' programme, and have been using 'Rekenreks' (a type of counting frame or abacus) to help them find some of their answers.



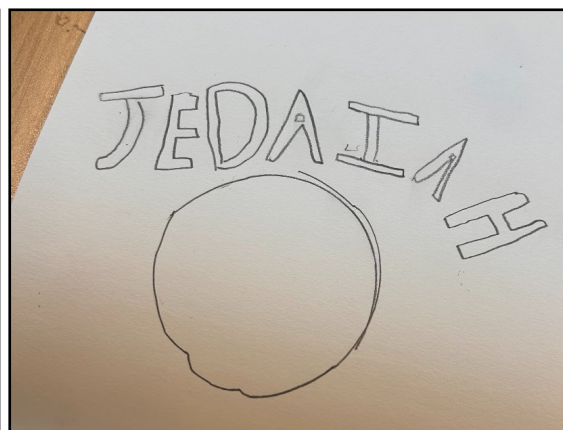
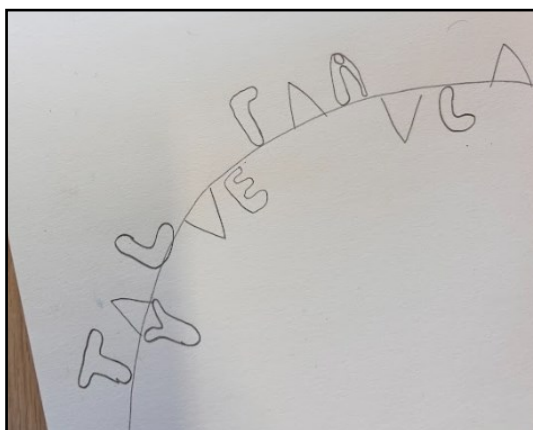
Year 5

Last week we went on a trip to The British Museum, as part of our Vikings topic. We looked at some of the stunning objects from the Sutton Hoo Ship Burial. We also used resources from the museum's Digital Discovery Centre to find out more information and to record what we found out. We had a brilliant day!



Year 6 Art

As part of our day looking at the Holocaust, as part of our WW2 topic, we learned about the Bauhaus movement and had a go at writing our names in a similar style.



Year 5

Our science topic this half term is 'Properties of Materials.' We have been investigating viscosity (thickness) of liquids. We dropped a marble into different liquids and timed how long it took for the marble to reach the bottom. The longer it took for the marble to reach the bottom, the higher the viscosity of the liquid.

We have also been learning about dissolving materials. Out of sugar, salt, coffee, sand, rice and flour, we predicted which would dissolve and which wouldn't. We learnt that solids that dissolve are called soluble and solids that do not are called insoluble.



Nutty Scientists Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Nutty Scientists coffee morning this week. It was great to see so many of you there—we managed to fill the hall!

Nutty Scientists will be starting up a science club after half term, for children of all ages. Please look out for more information and details about how you can sign your child up to attend the club.

There is also a possibility that they may run a holiday camp in the future, but we want to see how the after school club works first.

CBeebies Little Learners App

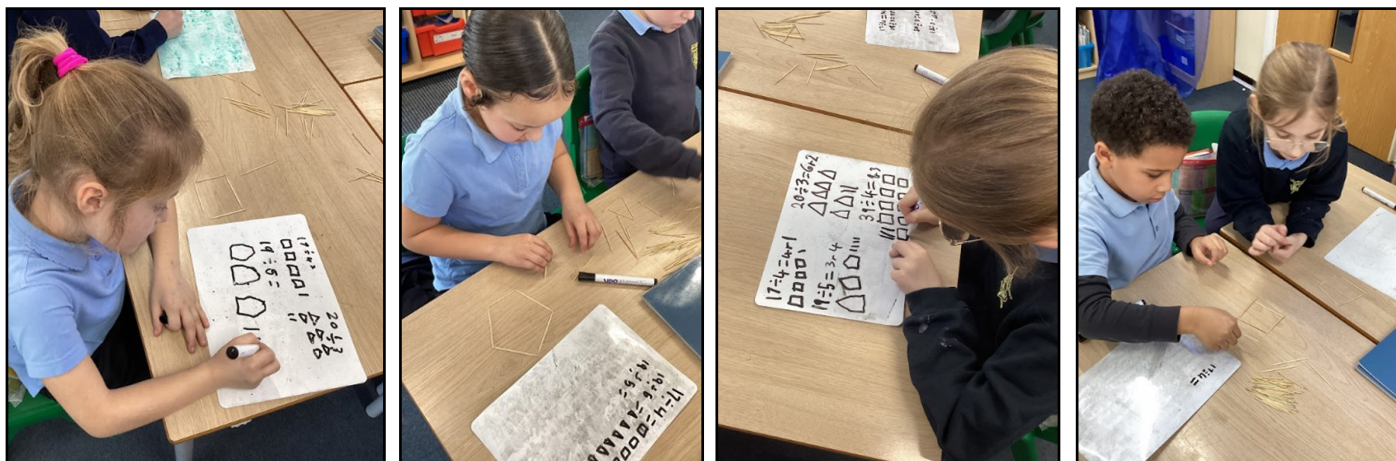
The BBC have just launched a new app for younger children, pre-school and Early years. The app has lots of games, videos and activities which help children learn basic skills. It is completely free, and free of adverts. You can find out more on the CBeebies website:

[CBeebies Little Learners app: Download our top free educational learning app for 2-4-year-olds - CBeebies - BBC](#)



Year 3

In Maths, the children were able to divide a two digit number by a single digit number and find the remainder. They were able to explore this using tooth picks and to draw what the shapes they made to help them.



Breakfast and After School Club

This week in after school club we have been painting, in the style of a selection of famous artists.

To sign up for Breakfast and After School Club please see the information on our website:

[Fairchildes Academy Community Trust - Breakfast and After School Club \(factrust.org\)](https://www.fairchildesacademycommunitytrust.org.uk/after-school-club)

or talk to Mrs Bennett, in the school office.



Dates for your diary:

8 Feb: Y4 Class Assembly
9 Feb: last day of half term
10 to 18 Feb: Half term break
19 Feb: Children return to school
27 Feb: Reception height and weight measurement
29 Feb: Y3 Class Assembly
w/b 4 Mar: Book fair in school
5 Mar: Infant (Y2) Choir Festival at Fairfield Halls
7 Mar: World Book Day
7 Mar: Y5 Class Assembly
8 Mar: Y3 trip to Hampton Court Palace
14 Mar: Y1 Class Assembly
20 and 21 Mar: Parent/Carer Meetings (*details to follow*)
21 Mar: Reception Class Assembly
28 Mar: Nursey Class Assembly
Thursday 28 March: Last day of term
29 Mar to 14 Apr: Easter Holiday
15 April: Children return to school

Attendance this week

Congratulations to Nichols Class for the best attendance this week with 98.98%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y3, Nichols	98.98	4
Y1, Donaldson	96.67	5
Y5, Leonard	96.47	3
Y6, Jackson	96.43	3
Y2, McKee	87.27	4
YR, Murphy	80	3
Y4, Zephaniah	76.52	3



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