



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Look for the best in the worst.

When Thomas Carlyle completed his manuscript on the French Revolution, he asked his neighbour John Stuart Mill to read it. Later, Mill came to Carlyle's house, shaken and pale. His maid had inadvertently used it to light the fire! Carlyle despaired. Two years work had gone up in flames! Writing it initially was daunting enough... rewriting it seemed unthinkable. Then, one day, watching a stonemason build a wall, he observed that it was going up one brick at a time. Inspired, he thought 'I'll write a page today and one tomorrow. One at a time - that's all I'll think about.' It was slow, sometimes boring work, but he persevered and the result outshone the original manuscript.

When a wave hits, we can allow it to swamp us, or ride it to an even better future! Let us so do!

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DATES FOR YOUR
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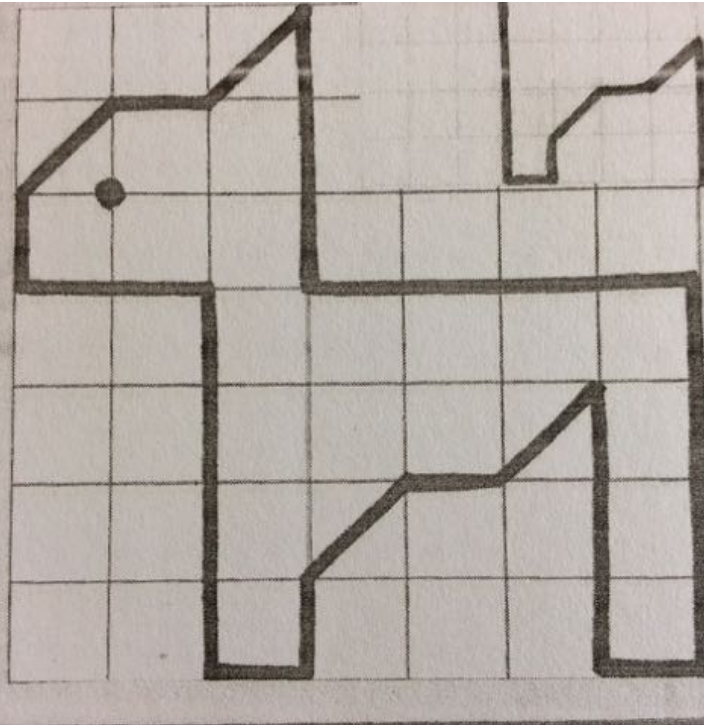
Saturday 17 October - Sunday 1 November Half Term

Wednesday 11 November - Remembrance Day (commemorations and roll of honour at school, but without guests this year.)

Tuesday 17 November - Nasal 'Flu Immunisations (for pupils in Reception to Year 6, whose parents signed up).



Tessellation.



Tessellation as used in Ancient Rome and Islamic art initiated an excellent opportunity for our Year Three pupils to engage in a cross-curricular challenge. An ongoing practical mathematical challenge linking to history, art and even DIY as we explored the flooring tiles and wall tiles found in our own houses.

Always confident and always prepared to have a go, our Year Three pupils dismissed the basics, opting to avoid mundane rectangle and square tessellation! Jumping straight in, cats and dog stencils created and joining points found. 100% focus and true to the art of tessellation, no gaps and amazing pattern work.

A terrific time was had by all.

Miss Clifton





Study of Japan.



In Year 5 we have been reading a class book called 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We have discovered that Kensuke is from Japan, so we decided to study Japan for our Humanities topic. We have been trying to find out as much as we can about the country and compare it to our own country. During our research we have compared things such as famous landmarks, famous people, food and the like. Did you know, Japan is not just one land mass, but is comprised of several different islands? Tokyo (the capital) is located on the main island of Honshu. Mount Fuji (the highest mountain in Japan) is 12,388 feet (3,776 metres) at its tallest point. We are thoroughly enjoying finding out so many things about such a fascinating country and culture.

Mrs Solomon

Built in 1586 by famous Japanese warrior and politician Toyotomi Hideyoshi, Osaka castle (Osaka-jo) is one of the most famous castles in Japan.



Toys from the Past.



We have been really enjoying our Toys From The Past topic with some fantastic toys brought in from home lent by some very trusting parents. Our Show and Tell session is a brilliant way for the children to develop speaking confidence, turn taking and listening skills. The concept of the past and time is quite difficult for this age group as is their ability to conceptualise larger numbers. It has been lovely to hear the children talk about how their Mummies and Daddies played with the toys and the materials they were made out of. Some of the time vocabulary we have used have included the words: modern, past, new, today, past, present, future, old, older, oldest, Victorian, 20th Century, 21st Century, traditional. clockwork, electric, simple, plastic, toy makers, factories and skills. As part of our topic we also made cup and ball toys which are traditional toys that can be found all over the world in various forms.



In Literacy we have enjoyed identifying the vowel sound/letter family and retelling the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. - Mrs Loader



Sports Gallery.



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World Space Week.



Celebrating World Space Week, Nursery children have been studying space exploration and "Aliens Love Underpants", by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort. And...guess who they spotted sneaking into the Nursery garden while they were hanging up underpants? It seems the story is true!



Book Worms.



Year 3 pupils taking responsibility for sorting and restocking their class library.



Nursery News.



We have been celebrating World Space Week in Nursery. We launched the week with a variety of creative activities such as making rockets using 2D shapes, making space ships with 2D shapes to hang up around the setting and we built rockets using the construction blocks which we landed on our international space station. For these creative activities we focussed on shapes. We have also been doing lots of number work around this theme. One of our favourite activities has been a rocket board game, we had to count all the cards we had collected and compare the lengths of our vapour trails. "Aliens Love Underpants" has been one of our favourite books to read and it inspired us to hang all our spare pants on the washing line as an alien trap. We needed to keep going back and counting them to check if any were missing!

Mrs Vorster





Reception Gallery.





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Confidence and Creativity.

Reception: Izaak for showing confidence when reading.

Year One: Lexi for creative artwork.

Year Two: James for confidently creating a new planet, artistically.

Year Three: Caitlin and Chloe for excellence in mathematical creativity whilst tessellating.

Year Four: Ruby for confident music and art.

Year Five: Jude for his confident writing of a biography about an astronaut.

Year Six: Phillip for some creative writing in English.

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