

SAXON WAY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Saxon Way Families

We have reached the final day of term 3. It has been a very exciting term with many visitors and access to some great events across the school. Just this week we have had some children who performed brilliantly at the Mini-youth games, table tennis competition and some excellent Shakespearian actors, who performed with such confidence, both in the theatre in Chatham and on the stage in the school hall. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities to support Children's Mental Health Week. The highlight for me was seeing everyone dance away at the silent discos. Year 6 had an amazing time learning archery, and some of them were surprisingly very good at it.

We are continuing to plan exciting events across the curriculum for all children to take part in next term including the annual proud tradition of the Science Symposium and on Friday 3rd March we will celebrate Founders Day. Please also be prepared to celebrate World book day with us on Thursday 2nd March.

Free school meals vouchers will be issued to eligible families next week. They are being funded by Medway Local Authority for the half term period at a value of £15per child per week. They will be issued on Monday 13thFebruary. Please check your emails and your junk folders for notification, once they have been issued.

Saying goodbye is always hard to do but sometimes we must, to ensure people are following their dreams and their passions. This term we are bidding a fond farewell to Mr Wells who has accepted a position at a primary school closer to home and one that gives him a new challenge to his teaching progression. We also say goodbye to Ms Howell, who has been supporting in FS2 but is semi retiring to spend more time with her family. We wish them both the very best for the future.

Have a great half term break and we look forward to seeing you soon.

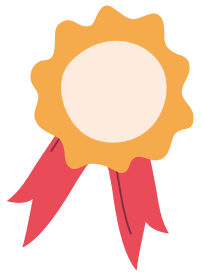
Thank you for being such amazing families.

Angela Sandow





Celebrations



A huge well done to the following children that have been celebrated in celebration assembly this term.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lexi	Jimmy	Zakhar	Osma	Lexie	Sean
Marceline	Lexi	Olivia	Sonny-Ted	Amelia	Emmie
Jack	Oluchi	Talula-Rose	Charlie	Lohla	Ella-Mai
Jasmine	Chloe	Ana	Alice	Elijah	Nicole
Arthur	Tillie	Jenson	Tommy	Madison	Emily
Ellie-May	Ralph	Piranavan	Shayla	Xian	Zeynep
Joni	Polly				
Isla	Chi Chi				
Aarvi	Afreen				
Ronnie					
Harleigh					
Lara					

Key Dates

Monday 20th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3rd March	Founders Day
Thursday 9th March	Fitzgerald Class Sharing Assembly*
Thursday 16th March	Williams Class Sharing Assembly*
Thursday 23rd March	Shakespeare Sharing Class Assembly*
Thursday 31st March	Darwin Class Sharing Assembly*
Friday 17th March	Year 2 Choral festival
Thursday 30th March	MYG Tag Rugby
Friday 31st March	End of term - Finish at 2pm

(*parents are invited to the sharing assemblies and they will each start at 2.40pm)



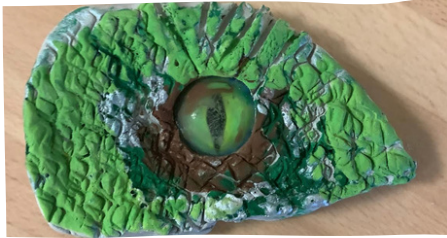
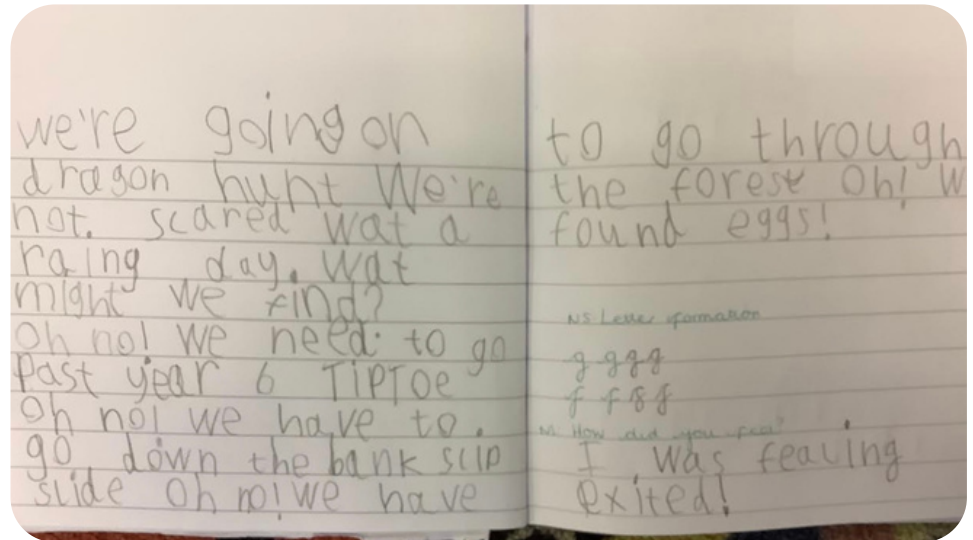


Year 1

Curie and Kahlo



We have loved our topic this term has been DANGEROUS DRAGONS! We were watching the CCTV and we saw a dragon flying over our school! So, we decided that we had to investigate. We found some dragon eggs in the woodland walk.



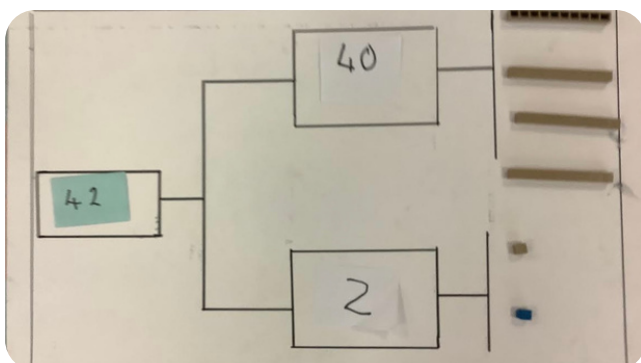
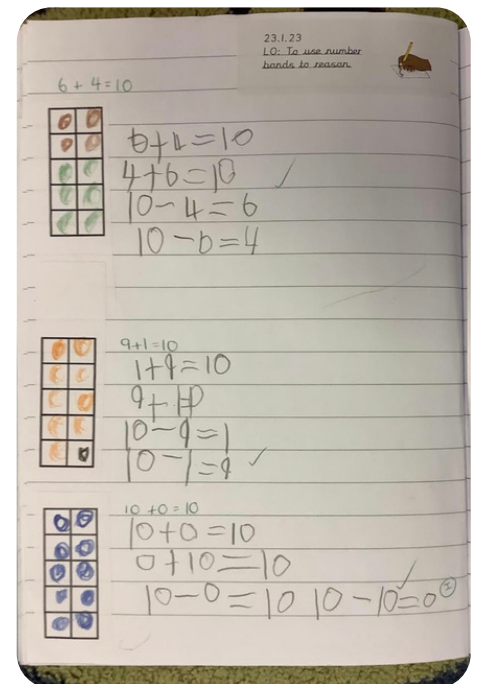
We creatively changed the words from 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!' to 'We're Going on a Dragon Hunt!'. To make it our own, we added actions and created a story map that we wrote in our books. In art, we used a variety of tools to make dragon eyes out of clay. We are very proud of our work.



We are also beginning to understand how 2-digit numbers are made from groups of tens and ones. We used a 'Part Whole Frame' to help us to learn this.



In maths we have been learning the pairs of number that make 10 and are beginning to use this solve subtraction calculations.





Year 2

Nightingale and Shackleton

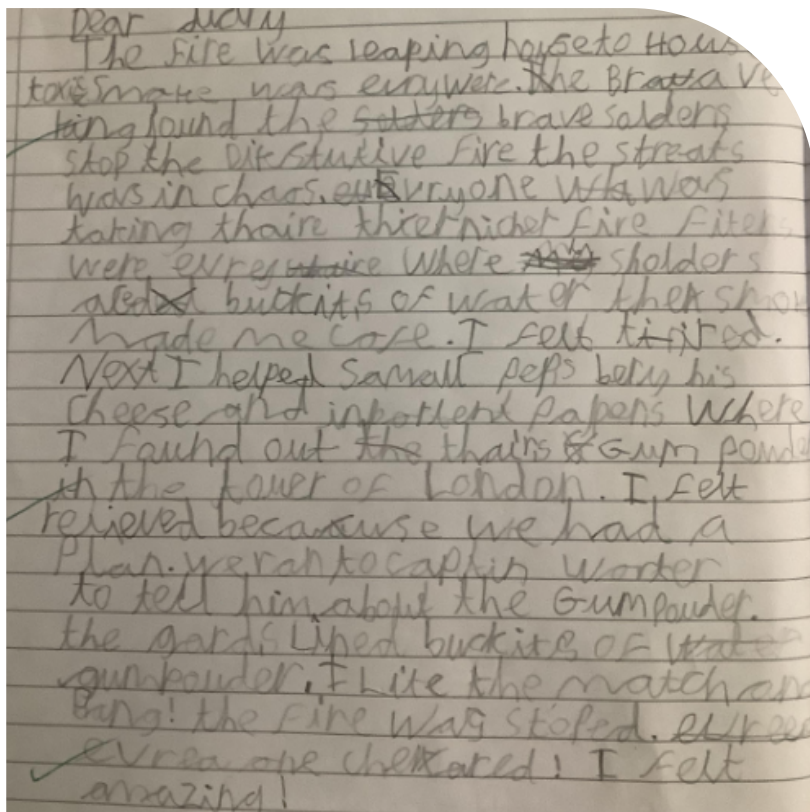


This term, Year 2 have worked incredibly hard. In English, we were learning all about what life was like in 1666, we read 'The Baker's Boy' and 'The Great Fire of London'. Then we wrote diary entries as if we were in 1666, detailing the events which happened daily. It was a very dangerous time.

In History, we researched the Great Fire of London, created a timeline of events and researched into some key individuals such as King Charles II and Samuel Pepys.

In Maths, we learnt how to divide and how to read and interpret data of graphs. We investigated 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

In art, we created our own silhouettes on the Great Fire, by using a range of materials to help create our final piece. We have loved our reading morning with our parents and have had so much fun with our learning this term





Year 3

Darwin and Pankhurst



Our topic this term was 'What lies beneath...'

This term we were reading two books. The first book was 'Stone Girl, Bone Girl'. It is a story about Mary Anning. It was a great story of a little girl who followed her dreams and became the world's best-known fossil-hunter. In English we were learning to describe characters using expanded noun phrases; used Headings, subheadings and paragraphs to present information.



Maths we were learning to use arrays and bar method models for multiplication and division. We were also learning to read time in five minute intervals. When we became more confident- read time to the minute.

In Science, we were learning about rocks, fossils and soils. The children have enjoyed learning about the different layers that make up the Earth. They were fascinated to find out how hot the inner core can be.

They also learned about how fossils are made as well as how the three main kinds of rocks are formed.

Our highlight of the term was a very special visitor who introduced the children to some real fossils which they were able to view and touch, including the arm of a T Rex. This really demonstrated the size of this prehistoric beast! The children had a chance to touch real fossils and replicas of dinosaur fossils. In Art, we were drawing rocks and designed our own rocks using clay.

We were delighted to see so many parents at our class assembly. The children were so proud to show you some of what they had been learning. Thank you for all of your continuing support.





Fitzgerald class have had a great term! We have been reading 'Survivors', a book of extortionary true tales, which has really caught the student's imaginations. This has allowed students to create some very innovative writing including their own newspaper articles! During number day, Year 4 took part in a challenge relay which allowed students to solve multi step problems in groups, this was a great success and students really enjoyed themselves. We have also learnt about the Chinese New Year, which allowed students to be really artistic, and create their own lanterns and fortune paper craft. This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week, and so far we have enjoyed our very own silent disco, with a selection of student's favourite songs to dance too. I would like to take this time to say a huge well done to all Year 4 students this term. They have been practicing their times tables tirelessly, and all of their efforts have really paid off as our results were above the Medway and national average. Thank you all for working so hard, and we look forward to a very exciting term 4!



Brunel

Brunel are really proud that year 4 have beaten the average results across the country for our Times tables practice! We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about all of the different survival stories and creating our very own newspaper reports. Number day was great fun and we joined together as a year group to complete a pirate maths relay!

Mental health week has been a great success, we have taken part in a silent disco, created our own poems, and really made sure we have been aware of our thoughts and feelings and those of others around us. Well done to Zachary who received his very own violin through the School Arts fund!

We look forward to term 4 where we will be learning all about the digestive system!





Year 5

Mercury and Shakespeare



"This term year 5 have been learning about North America. We have been researching the United States of America where our reading text was based: 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' and located all 50 States. We researched Mexico the incredible landscape, the gorgeous food and the Mexican artist Frieda Kahlo.

We have had a visit from a World Champion Kickboxer who taught us about staying healthy and committing to a hobby and achieving your goals.



We had a virtual visit from an incredibly famous author visit by Abi Elphinstone, who has really inspired us to be writers.

Shakespeare re imagined some of Abi's book sleeves as publishers release different versions from time to time, they were really pleased with their new versions.





Year 6

Hawking and Williams



It has been another busy term in year 6, with much of it revolving around this term's text, 'The Hunger Games'.

We have been using the text to understand different types of relationships in PSHE, especially understanding what makes a positive relationship, and how to foster and maintain friendships.

In DT the children have been designing and creating their own tribute costume, using a range of materials which they will parade in their very own 'opening ceremony' upon completion.

"I liked how we were sorted into Districts like in the book, and we have had to research the District we are from so that we could make the costume."- Lewis.

In computing, year 6 learned coding, using Scratch Jr., and created their very own working Hunger Games themed games. Some children enjoyed this so much that they chose to stay and use their lunchtimes to develop their games and their coding knowledge even further.

"I liked our computing as I got to express how much I learned about coding- I even created a multiplayer game with hidden doors"- Kyler.

Maths has been focused on understanding fractions, decimals and percentages, and these skills were put to the test during some of the activities for NSPCC Number Day.

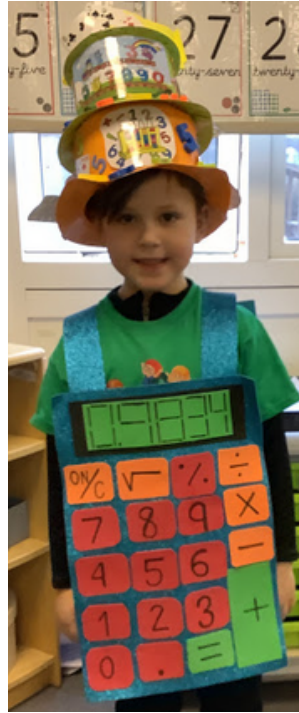
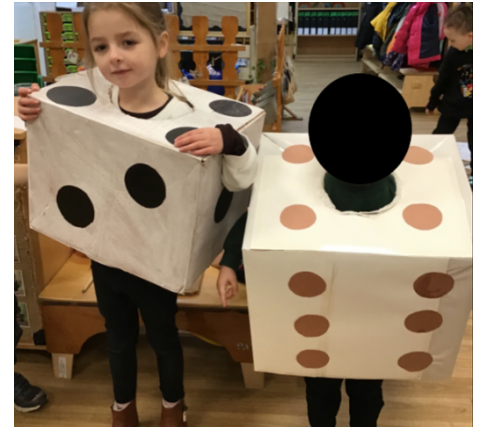
"I have learned lots about how to add and multiply fractions and how to find common multiples."- Archie.

Additionally, as a reward for reaching this term's TrackIt Lights target, Joes Bows came in to Saxon Way to teach the children the skill of archery- just like Katniss Everdeen!



Number Day

All pupils enjoyed a day full of numbers this term! The pupils 'dressed up for digits' and took part in active maths problem solving throughout the day. Year 4 took part in a maths relay with Mrs Ironmonger and they all worked well in teams to problem solve together.



Mini Youth Games

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who attended the Table Tennis Mini Youth Games tournament. They worked incredibly hard and they were so proud to represent the school.

