



Year 5 Go Greek!

The week before half term, Year 5 had a fabulous day consolidating the knowledge they had learnt in their most recent history topic. We welcomed a gentleman from 'Portals of the Past' to lead a Greek themed curriculum enrichment day. The children came in dressed for the occasion, with lots of effort having been put in to source or create their costumes. Thank you to the Yr5 parents for their support with this.

In the morning the children acted out aspects of Greek history using drama, they played a Greek game with counters, then tried to solve a Greek puzzle designed by Archimedes.

Later in the day, there was some food tasting with olives, flatbread, feta, houmous, tzatziki and

breadsticks which all looked delicious. The afternoon saw the children exploring weapons and armour before finishing the day with a mini Olympic Games. A super day was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.



Sounds Write phonics programme

At St Edmunds, the linguistic phonics programme we use to develop the children's reading and writing is called Sounds Write. We encourage all parents to access the free Sounds Write online information courses which outline the main concepts of Sounds Write and how children can be supported at home. This information will aid parents to support their child to blend and segment sounds in words, to build, read and write words and learn how to help them when they make a mistake. It also gives an insight into the approaches and techniques that are used in school. The two parts of the course are accessible via the following two links.

Part one:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

Part two:

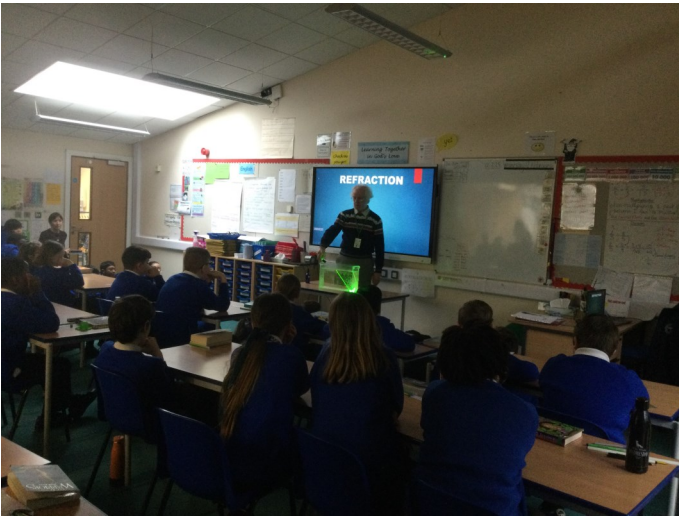
<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write-part-2/>



Diary Dates

Tue 4th Mar	Diocesan Ignite Youth team leading Lent themed workshops for all year groups
Tue 4th Mar	Pancakes and Prayers Party in the Crypt 16:30 -18:00
Wed 5th Mar	Ash Wednesday
Thur 6th Mar	World Book Day (inc the Book character fruit/veg creation activity)
Thur 6th, Fri 7th & Mon 10th Mar	Book Fair in the school hall 3:15-3:45pm
Wed 12th Mar	4H attending the Parish Mass at 10am
Wed 19th Mar	4C attending the Parish Mass at 10am
Wed 19th Mar	Yr 5 Science morning
Fri 21st Mar	Annie and Sue from OM Health & Wellbeing in school
Mon 24th Mar	EY and KS1 Animal Experience
Thur 27th Mar	Rocksteady gig at 9am
Fri 28th Mar	Year 3 leading Stations of the Cross in school

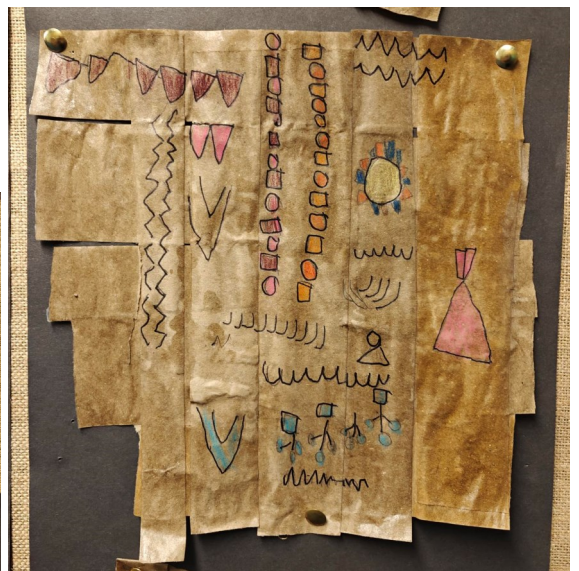
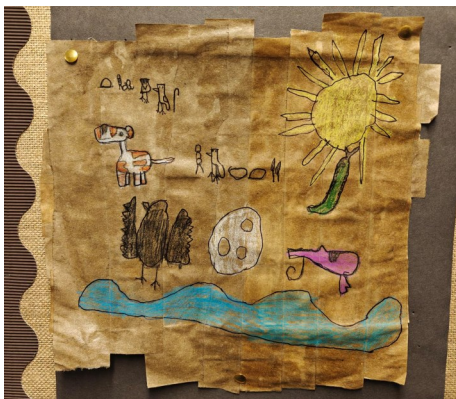
Year 6 Science



We have recently had Mr Gregory from St Benedict's come to visit us in Yr6 to talk about light. We discussed reflection and refraction. We already knew that light travels in straight lines but he showed us an experiment to understand the angle of incidence using a light box, a pencil, a ruler, a protractor and a mirror. He also showed us another interesting experiment, explaining refraction using a tank of water, a green laser and sugar dissolved in water. We learnt that when sugar is dissolved in water, the density increases and when Mr Gregory shone the laser the angle of

Year 3 Egyptian Art

Year 3 have recently made their own papyrus paper and then decorated it with Egyptian symbols and patterns that represent themselves. Take a look at a few of their finished pieces of work.





Empty roll on deodorant

We're on the hunt for empty plastic roll on deodorant bottles such as those pictured on the left so that we can repurpose these for some arts and crafts. We can only make use of those with a roller ball on the top and those that are NOT made of glass. Should you get to the end of one at home, please send it into school so we can put it to use and save it from going into the bin!

Neurodiversity online parent/carer workshops

The NSFT Psychology in Schools Team is offering an online programme of workshops for parents and carers around childhood neurodivergence covering key topics that families have identified as being most helpful. The programme of free virtual workshops for parents and carers will explore the unique strengths of neurodivergent children and young people, offering practical advice on how to support their individual needs. The workshops are live on Zoom and last 90 minutes. Recordings and resource packs will be sent to all registered participants after the live event. Videos of previous workshops are also available online too. For more information and to register to attend, please follow this link below.

<https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing/autism-adhd-and-neurodevelopment/neurodiversity-online-parentcarer-workshops>

World Book Day Thrive book competition

World Book Day is next week, and this year's theme, 'Read Your Way', is all about celebrating the joy of reading - wherever and however it makes you happiest. With this in mind, we're inviting the children to participate in a competition being led by Thrive which involves them sharing photos of themselves reading in their favourite or most unusual places for the chance to win a £50 book voucher!



Whether it's curled up in a blanket fort, sprawled out on the beach, or even on horseback, we know every child has a favourite reading spot.

There are three £50 book vouchers up for grabs, one for each of these categories:

Most Unique Reading Spot – Who has found the most unusual or surprising place to read?

Best Photo Composition – A beautifully taken or creative picture that stands out.

Happiest Reader Award – A photo that truly captures the joy of reading!



If your child would like to take part, all you have to do is snap a picture of them reading their favourite book in a place that brings them joy then submit this photo entry via email to socialmedia@thriveapproach.com **by Wednesday 5th March**.



Bikeability course



A number of our Yr5 children have taken part in a 2-day Bikeability training course this week. Having started their training here on the school site, they then progressed out onto the nearby roads where they then practised the skills and procedures they had learnt on the playground. The children learnt about how to safely position themselves in the road, what to do when a car wants to overtake and how to make a U-turn. They were supported to safely navigate T-junctions and know how to ensure that their bike is safe to ride.

The children had a great time (despite the weather) and many of them are now looking forward to cycling to and from school more.

