



Friday 28th March 2025

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, pre school and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre,
working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

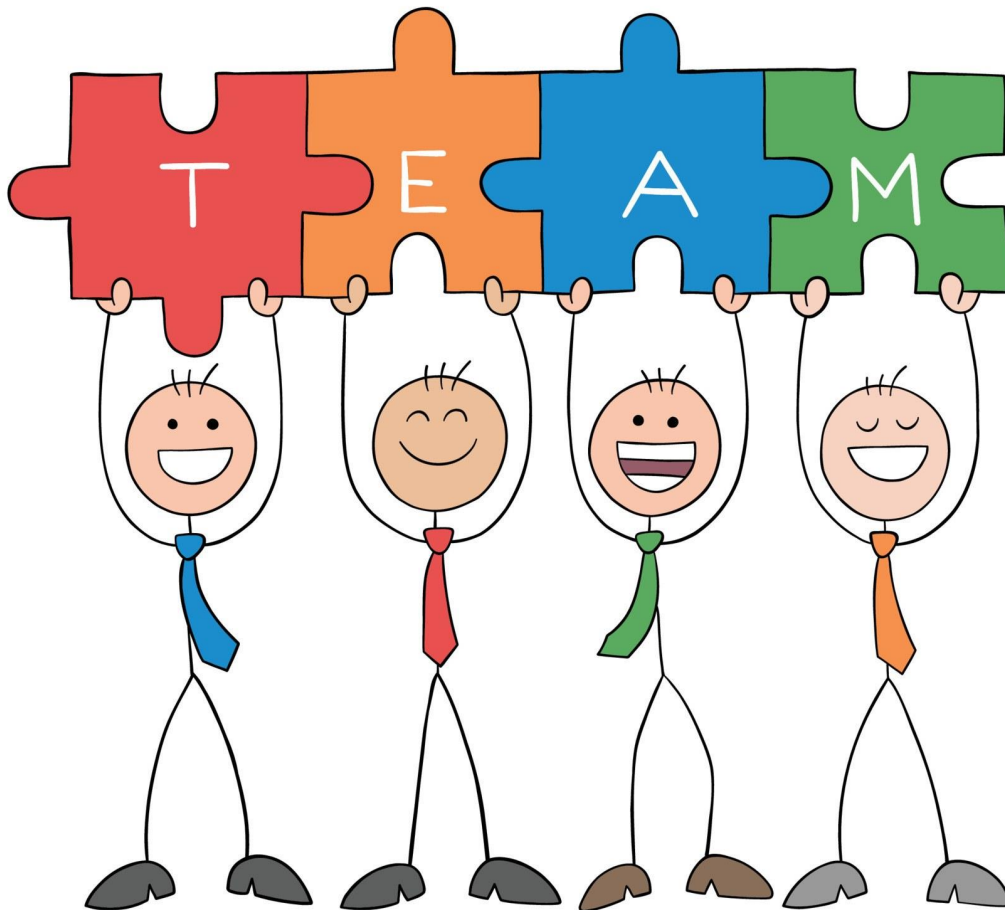
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

Bible quote

“Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.” – Matthew 19:19

Family Service



Today, we celebrated coming together with our families and friends at St Peter's and St Paul's. Historically, Mothering Sunday would be a time to attend your 'mother church', the one where you were baptized and therefore where your family were from. It became a time for families to come together and celebrate which is what we did today. Our songs, a poem and our thoughts were for our families and our greater team.

The children sang beautifully a huge range of songs, from voice warm-ups to pop songs. Today, their voices celebrated all six of our values, culminating in amazing teamwork. For some, the walk to church was a challenge but they were superbly supported by older, confident, responsible children who volunteered to walk alongside them. For some, the words were tricky to learn, and this week we have heard them show perseverance in their practice and support of each other to feel ready to perform. For some, singing in front of a

larger audience was a challenge, so they sang with their peers and found that they could. There are many little challenges that are almost unseen on our journey to complete a performance and the hard work to get them there is neither unnoticed nor unrewarded. What a wonderful team Upton is!

Little Litter Warriors



On Monday, we had a guest speaker: Karen Blanchfield from Little Litter Warriors. She talked to us about the five major gyres in our world's oceans, which are huge whirlpools that trap vast amounts of rubbish. The South Pacific gyre alone is estimated to have 3.2 million tonnes of rubbish, covering approximately the same area as Texas.

Karen introduced us to a campaigner called Boyan Slat who designed a method of cleaning rivers and oceans that is making an impact on these polluted waterways. To date, 20 million kilograms of rubbish have been removed from rivers and oceans using his invention, and this waste is then recycled properly.

Karen shared that statistically, it is more likely that adults are responsible for littering than children, to which the adults in the room were served with judgemental looks from the audience.

In fact, Karen's incredibly informative assembly spoke to many of our children, especially after three classes had the opportunity to litter pick. In three hours, the children discovered 3903 pieces of rubbish in their local environment and they were incensed. Year 3 has been writing to their local MP, Severn Trent Water and other key local figures to share how they feel about how their environment is being cared for. We have really enjoyed supporting the children in their courageous advocacy for their future planet.









First Aid in Forest School



There were squeals of delight and pure joy as well as some amazing teamwork in Forest School yesterday afternoon. Mrs Gabriel had set up several first aid scenarios using St John's

Ambulance resources in and around Forest School after a clear briefing in the classroom about how we deal with different incidents.

The children loved it and were very attentive first aiders. Some of the patients were in full Oscars-mode and they all learned so much from such an engaging activity.





Preschool



Our learning has sprung into spring this week. We've spent lots of time outside, not just in our outdoor learning area but also during our Wellie Wednesday session. As well as all of our outdoor learning, we have some exciting news about our classroom potatoes...they are growing SO fast! It's so exciting watching how they are changing each day.

On Thursday, we invited all our Mummy and Nanny and/or special people who represent those roles in our lives into preschool for a special tea party to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We showered our special guests with love and appreciation and treated them to a drink and a lovely handcrafted cake!

Reception



Another bright and sunny week for us in Upton and Reception class have made the most of the lovely weather yet again. We have started our vegetable patch planting. As a class, we have planted a selection of different vegetable seeds. We have compared the size of the seeds and thought about the size of the vegetables that they will grow into.

Outdoor PE and indoor yoga have been a great success with the children being involved and enthusiastic about their learning. The children have been inspired in their independent writing this week: writing so much that it took me a long time to sort through everything they had done. I have shared with the children how delighted I was with their behaviour in

church and their beautiful singing. They did themselves and you proud. Happy Mother's Day to you all.

Year 1









In our science lessons we have been exploring materials. We have used words to describe the properties of the materials such as strong, soft, rough, smooth and shiny. We found out that some materials are natural and some are man made.

We were fascinated that rubber is made from tree sap. Leo said - wow, rubber comes from inside a tree!

Errol- cotton comes from plants and wool come from sheep so they are natural.

Ollie - trees are wood, that is good to make bookshelves and chairs

Dottie- Things made in a factory are man made. Wood is natural but paper is man made.

Colby - windows are made of glass and they are transparent.

Year 2

Continuing from last week's exciting DT lesson, Year 2 tasted some yummy foods in preparation for making our healthy wraps!

We had:

2 sources of protein- hummus and egg

2 sources of dairy: soft cheese and cheese

4 different vegetables: peppers, cucumber, avocado and spring onion

We tried different combinations to see how they tasted. Soft cheese and cucumber was the most popular!

Next week we will choose our fillings so we can make and enjoy some delicious healthy wraps!



Year 4 - The Matchbox Diary



We started a new book this week: *The Matchbox Diary* by Paul Fleischmann, which tells the story of someone who kept a diary of events by putting objects in matchboxes. The children discovered a matchbox containing some mementos from the story. Each child has been given a matchbox to return to school next Wednesday, containing three small items that will help them to write their own autobiography. We look forward to seeing what each child brings in.

A group of children baked biscuits to be shared out. The recipe they used will form the basis of the class's design work, with each group invited to adapt and make the recipe in a different way. We would like to invite the Year 4 parents and carers to our very own biscuit-tasting session on Thursday, 10th April at 2 pm, where there will be different biscuits to sample.

Year 5 meet Beowulf



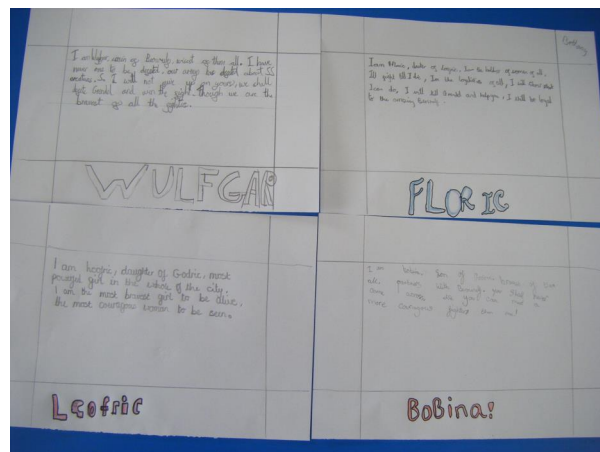
This week, we have started on the epic tale of Beowulf. Our version is written by Micheal Morpurgo. We have learnt that in fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalked the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him. Beowulf's terrifying quest to destroy Grendel, the foul fiend, a hideous sea-hag and a monstrous fire-dragon is the oldest surviving epic in British literature.

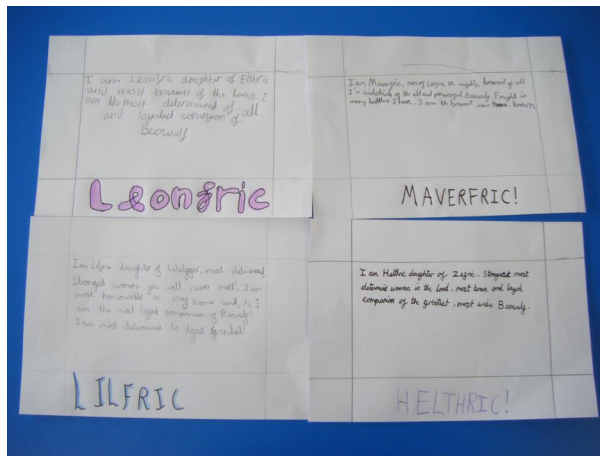
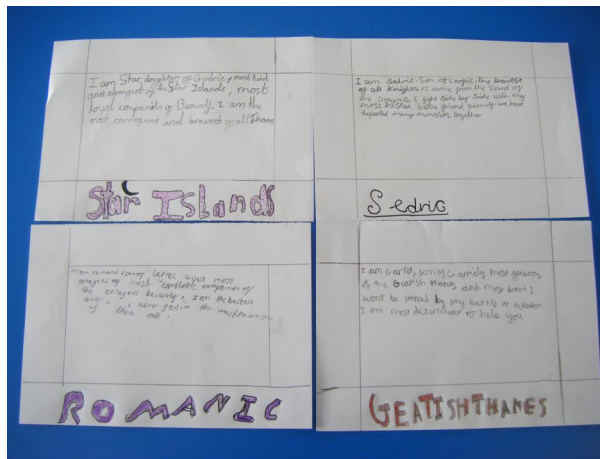
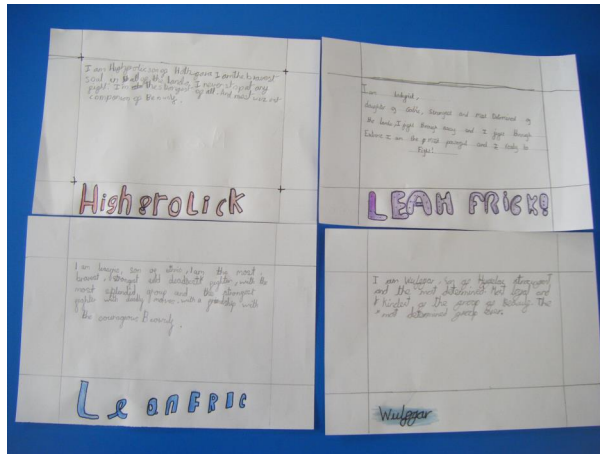
Over the week, we have incorporated our use of modal verbs into descriptions, learnt about the use of Kenning and their meaning and created our own thane that may be called upon to go to battle with Beowulf.

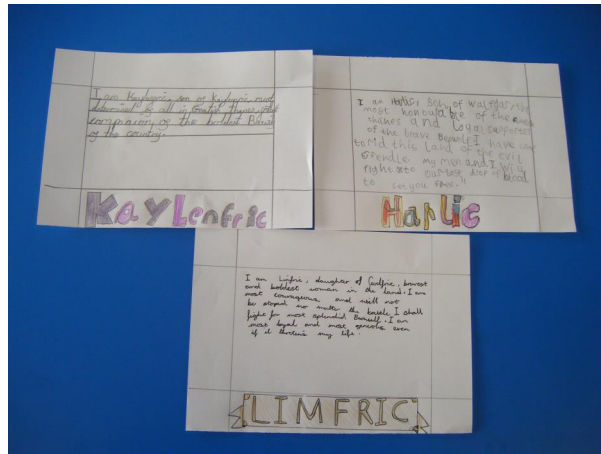
"I am enjoying Beowulf because I like battles and want to read to find out what will happen next" - Kayden

"I really like how the book uses cliff hangers to make us want to read more" - Hollie

"I have never read this type of book before and I really like it" - Bethany







Year 6 Worcestershire West Netball Playoffs



This afternoon, Mrs Davies took a squad of 8 players to the Worcestershire West County Play offs and The Chase High School. The team had previously won our cluster tournament and went through to compete against The Wyche, Leigh and Bransford and Abberley School who had won their cluster groups also.

We are playing a variation of netball called Stinger, which involves 5 players rotating positions every half game. This encourages the children to try different positions before committing to one later on in high school.

The squad worked brilliantly together, showing teamwork, a great competitive attitude and most of all fair play. There were some amazing goals scored and we are so proud of their efforts.

We finished the tournament in first place with 6-0, 5-0, 7-0,

Worcestershire West champions!







The Last Wild by Piers Torday

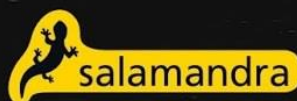
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This week, we have begun our new novel, The Last Wild. This book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award and is the first book in Piers Torday's trilogy. Kester lives in a land that is in quarantine. A deadly virus has killed all the animals except insects and it's expected to be equally dangerous to humans. But when Kester realises he can talk to the pests, he finds they have great hope invested in him.

This week we have enjoyed writing character descriptions of some of the animals in the book and have also written an incident report for how Kester escaped (with the help of cockroaches) from his prison-like school.

Moorings

This week, Moorings have been looking forward to Mother's Day by making biscuits for the special ladies in our lives. We have also been exercising our best colouring and drawing skills with the competitions we are entering. Moorings have been invited to take part in a Mystical Madness drawing competition, which has already seen some fantastic drawings of dragons, unicorns, mermaids and trolls. We have also been decorating Easter eggs for Warner's. Look at some of our beautiful designs.

We have also been making the most of the sunshine: playing football on the field!







Pledge A Book



Here at Upton, we value reading and want all of our children to enjoy and learn from reading. Our English lessons focus on a diverse range of texts that help us to understand and be curious about the world.

We have purchased some of the books for each of the classes to engage in their learning, but it is far more exciting to pour over a book on your own or with a partner than in a small group. For the summer term book list, we are appealing to you to pledge a book to our school, to your child's class, to your child's education.

We have collaborated with Sian at The Violet Bookshop to coordinate our Pledge A Book Appeal. Please phone, email, message via Facebook or drop into The Violet Bookshop to see the list of books we still have outstanding. Most books are £8 to £9 each.

Year 3

Mr Penguin and the lost treasure. Alex T Smith

New and collected poems for children. Carol-Ann Duffy

A necklace of raindrops. Joan Aiken

Fortunately the milk. Neil Gaman

Year 4

The Lion the witch and the wardrobe C.S. Lewis

The last Fire fox.

Year 5

The Story of Titanic Children.

When Hitler stole the pink rabbit.

Overheard in a Tower block.

Alte Zachen.

Firebird.

Year 6

Grim Tales for the young and old

The Explorer

Eco Committee

This week we have had Karen from Malvern Hills District Council leading litter picks around our school. This created a very positive buzz around the school about how we could make our school become more eco-friendly. School Council meet on Tuesday to discuss what qualities an eco council would need and then were tasked with electing two people from each class to be eco-representatives.

Eco Council had their first meeting today; from this meeting, each class has been tasked with ensuring lights and boards are turned off when we are not in the rooms.

Following a positive first meeting, we have agreed that we will:

continue to do litter picking around the whole of the school community

create a new bug hotel in order to encourage further biodiversity
plant more plants to encourage more pollinators around the school grounds
share the adopt a street initiative from Malvern Hills

and finally

encourage a greater variety of birds through feeding and nest boxes.



Office information.

REMINDER :- If your child has been vomitting and/or diarrhoea you should keep them off school for **at least 48hrs** from the last episode.

TEACHER LED CLUBS This was the last week of teacher led clubs for this half term, please collect your child at normal school pick-up

PARENTS EVENING - 3rd & 4th April Please use the main school entrance. There will also be **Pre-loved uniform for sale**

3rd April **Rec & Yr6** Height & Measures - School Nurse

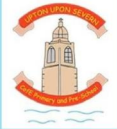
11th April **Yr3** The Alexandra Theatre Trip

11th April Church - Easter Service - St Peters and St Pauls

Friends of Upton upon Severn Primary School

A huge thank you to our Friends team, who have relentlessly refreshed us today: not only did they make sure we did not go thirsty at the church, they also helped us to finish the week with a luxurious hot chocolate and a smile. Your commitment does not go unnoticed. Thank you so much.






JOIN OUR EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

CATEGORIES
UNDER-18s | OVER-18s

£1 per entry
Wooden egg provided for
decorating

Entries to be brought into
school by 10th April

Judging will take place at The
Tudor House Museum on
Monday 21st April

Prizes to be won 🏆🏆🏆

Collaborative fundraising
opportunity for Upton-upon-
Severn Primary School, the
Tudor House Museum and TIC



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save the date...
Saturday 3rd May

Support the  **Friends**
of Upton Primary & Preschool





Dates for your diary

MAR 28 Hot Chocolate Sale	TBC Quiz Night	MAY 03 Car Boot Sale
MAY 21 & 22 3PM Plant Sale	JUN 13 TIME TBC School Disco	JUL 09 8.45AM Rags2Riches
JUL 11 Yr 6 Leavers Party	JUN/JUL TBC Summer Fete	NOV/DEC TBC Christmas Fayre

Any enquiries can be directed to
uptonprimaryfriends@gmail.com



As part of their 40th year celebrations, The Dream Tour featuring the Ubuntu choir is heading to the UK in Spring 2025! This inspiring group of African Children's Choir alumni will share their joyous music, stories of hope, and the incredible impact of education.

We will welcome them to Upton upon Severn on Friday 25th April 2025 at 7pm.

During the concert there will be a free-will offering taken and after the concert, the chance to buy merchandise.

All monies are raised through ticket sales, the offering and merchandise goes directly to support the African Children's Choir.

Adults £10 - Under 16s £5 - Family 2+2 £25

