



Friday 7th 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

Mark 4: 35: 41 What kind of man is this? Even the wind and waves obey him!

World Book Day

On Thursday, the children came into school dressed in clothes that made them feel ready to read, comfortable to read, or just snuggly to hear a story. We started the day with a very special assembly: Sian from The Violet Bookshop here in Upton upon Severn shared a special and inspiring book with us called 'Try' by Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield. This fitted so well with this week's discussions about being a good friend and who we think of as our local heroes.

Some of our children were featured on BBC Hereford and Worcestershire radio on Thursday talking about who inspires them, young people in our community who they would consider heroes.

As part of our World Book Day assembly, the staff joined together to act out a story called 'Ten Delicious Teachers' by Ross Montgomery. The story focuses on ten teachers who miss the bus home and make the silly decision to walk through the woods. One by one, they are taken by a gang of monsters. In the end, Mrs Johnson tells the monsters to stop their naughty ways and behave. She teaches them how to be good monsters and to sit nicely and learn their numbers. The children found it very amusing, especially when their teachers 'disappeared' as they were caught by the monsters.

Throughout the day, different classes use reading as a focus of some of their learning. In Year 4, they worked on a lovely book called The Minpins by Roald Dahl. In year 3, they created woven bookmarks and in Year 5 & 6, the children created a new book cover for some of the library books and class readers. A new display of mystery books can now be found in the library - none of the books have titles! This encourages children to read the blurb and look at the illustrations in order to choose a book. In KS1, the children spent time making book marks, reading stories and having lots of 'DEAR' time.



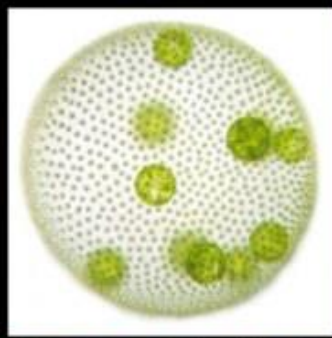




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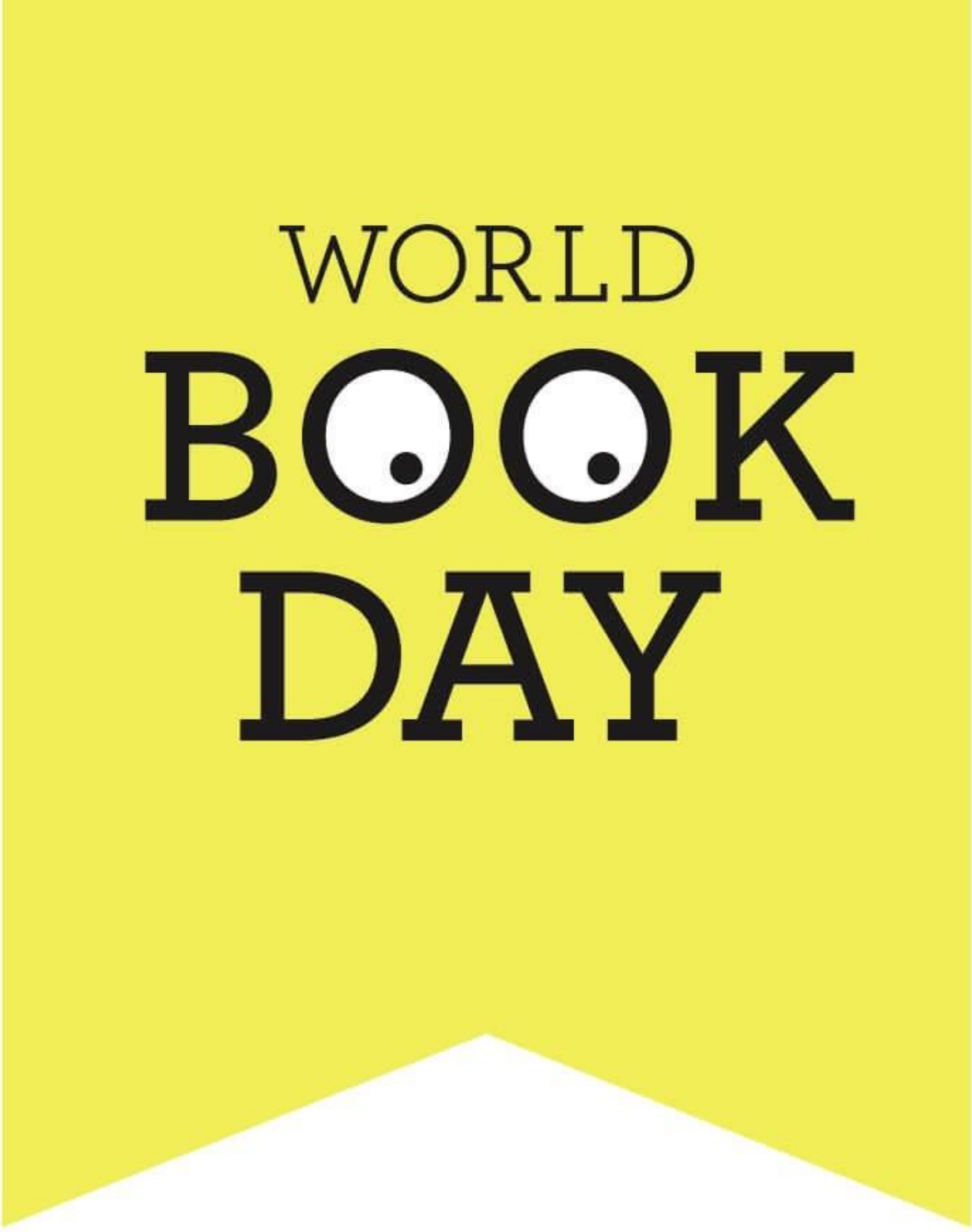
Thank you all for your contributions.

A very big thank you to Nuyard Garden Centre



Reception class would like to extend a very appreciative thank you to Nuyard Garden Centre, who have donated some seed potatoes, pea seeds, pots, sunflower seeds and cress seeds to help the Reception gardening project this term.

Pre-School

A yellow banner with a pointed bottom, featuring the text 'WORLD BOOK DAY' in a playful font. The word 'BOOK' is stylized with large, white, cartoonish eyes for the letter 'O's.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

This week, we have been celebrating all things books! We've made cress head book characters, dens for them to live in and lots of reading. We love stories and making predications about them too. The local library have asked us to create a display to show the community all our lovely work. Please do go and have, take some photos and share them on Tapestry. We had lots of fun on Thursday, where we welcomed many different variations of clothes that we feel comfy in when reading!

Reception



What an exciting week it has been! There have been so many fun things happening in school. We have planted and watched as our sunflowers have started to grow. Reception have taken time to enjoy the signs of spring and enjoyed getting outside more and...World Book Day was such good fun with all the characters that appeared at our door, with lots of their favourite books, which they enjoyed sharing with friends throughout the day. We created our own book covers for our books and enjoyed a quiz called 'What's my story'. A fun and eventful week for everyone in Reception.



Year 1









Year 1 have had fun learning about mass and capacity in their maths lessons this week. They have used vocabulary such as lighter, heavier, greater than, less than and equal to to compare mass. When using the balancing buckets, they found how many cubes were equal to the mass of an object. They found the difference between the capacity and volume and compared containers that had different heights and widths. Year 1 loved using different shaped bottles to make them empty, nearly empty, nearly full and full.

During World Book Day we talked about how and where we feel comfortable to read. The children made cosy corners, lay on chairs, under the tables with cushions and lay on the bank with their coats to enjoy sharing books with their friends.

Year 2

Year 2 had a fabulous world book day! We thought all about stories and storytelling. We created monster bookmarks and discussed our favourite book characters. Here are some of our favourites:

Charlie Cook's Favourite Book

Beast Quest

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Stick Man

Gruffalo

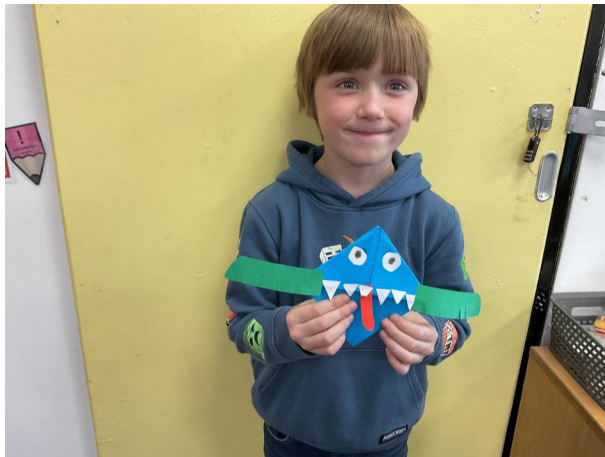
Rapunzel

Big Nate

Joke Book







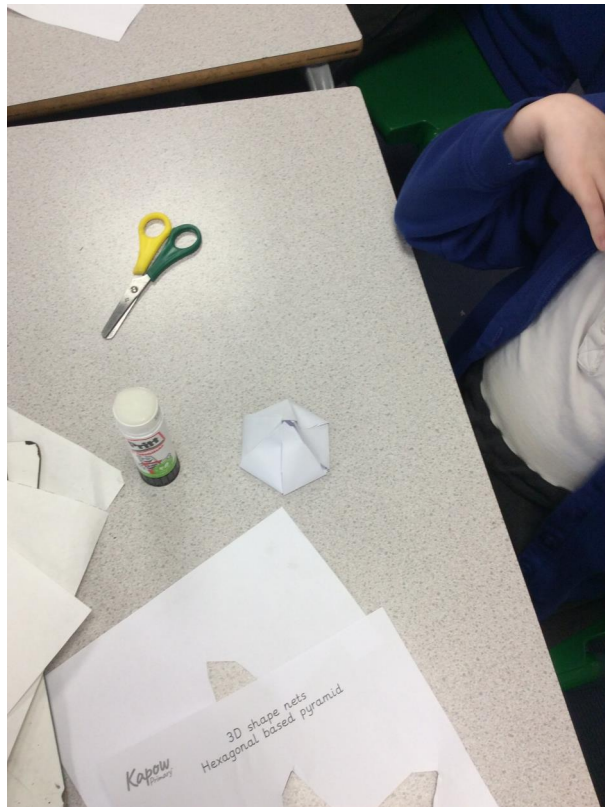
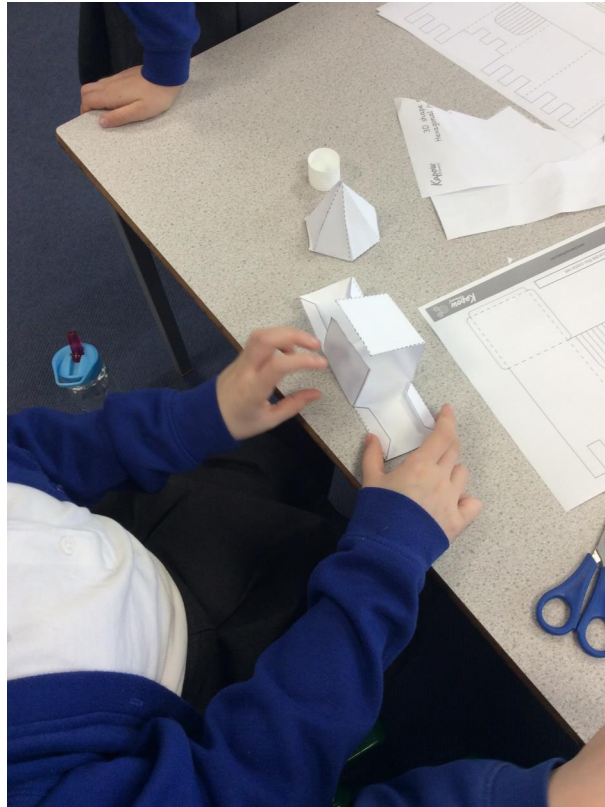


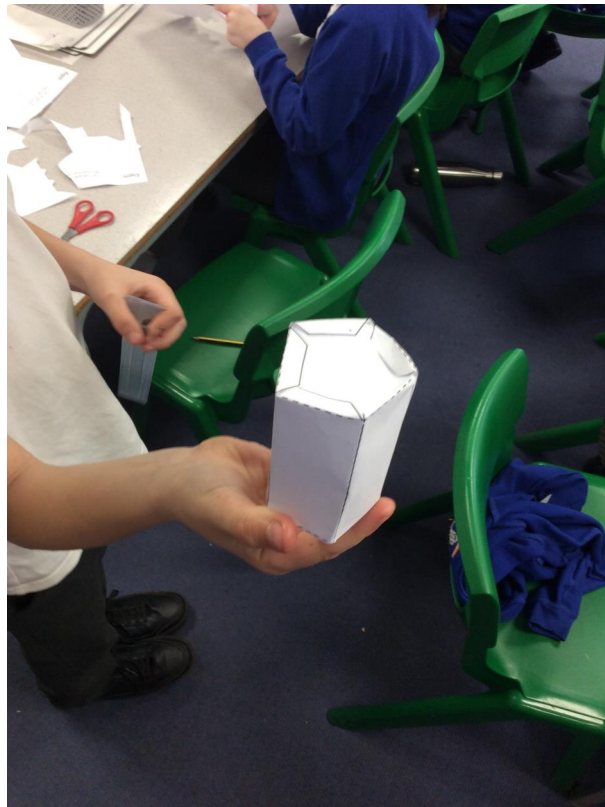
Year 3 - Making Castles

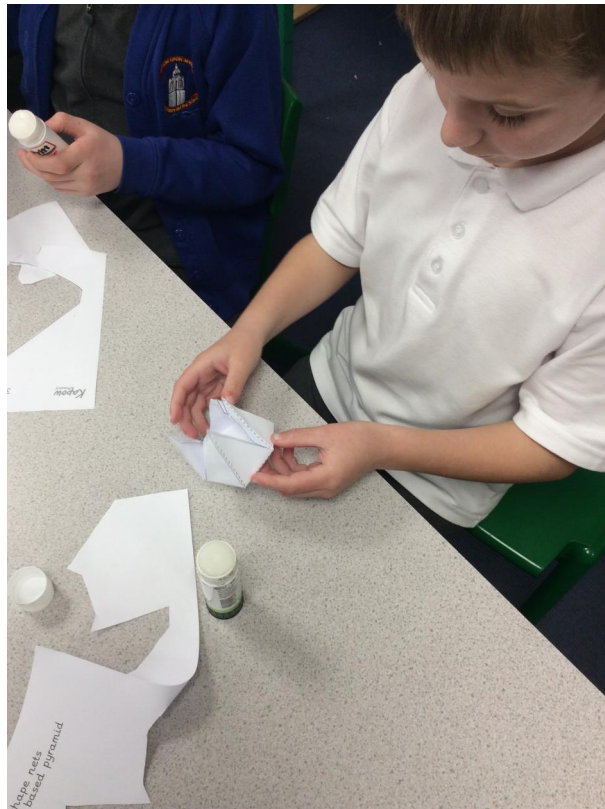
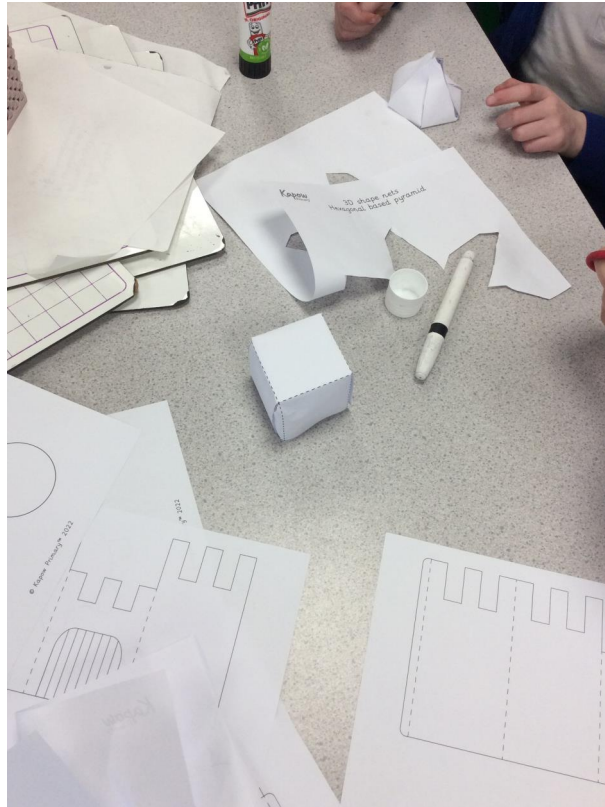


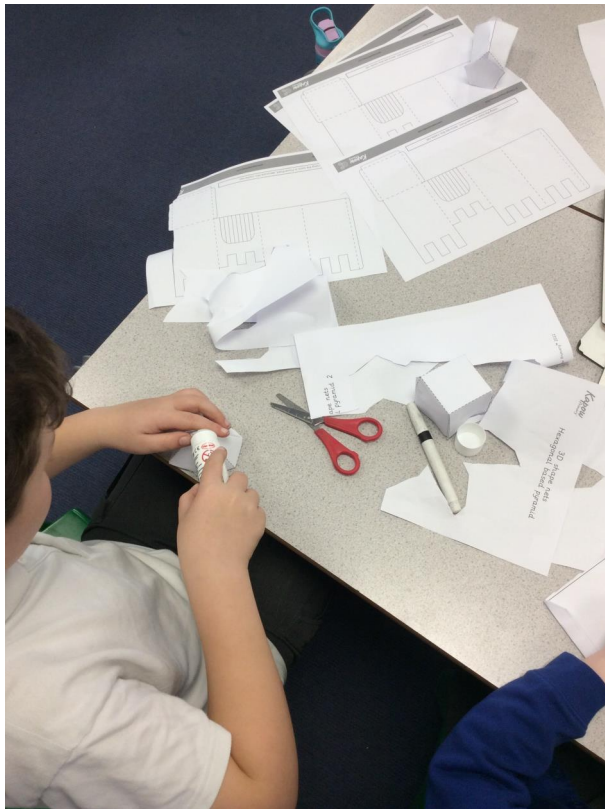
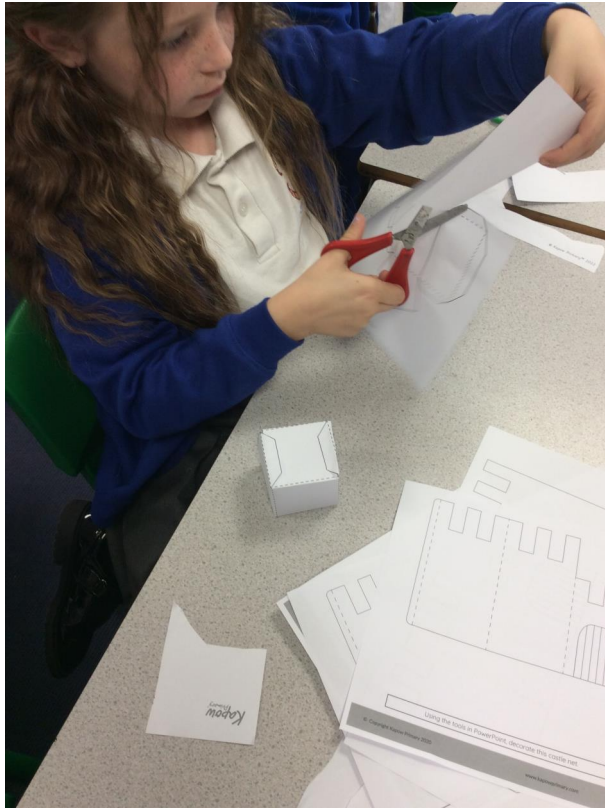
Our DT project for this half term is to make castles. Our skills lesson for today included cutting out and nets and assembling them into 3D shapes. Here are some of our creations!

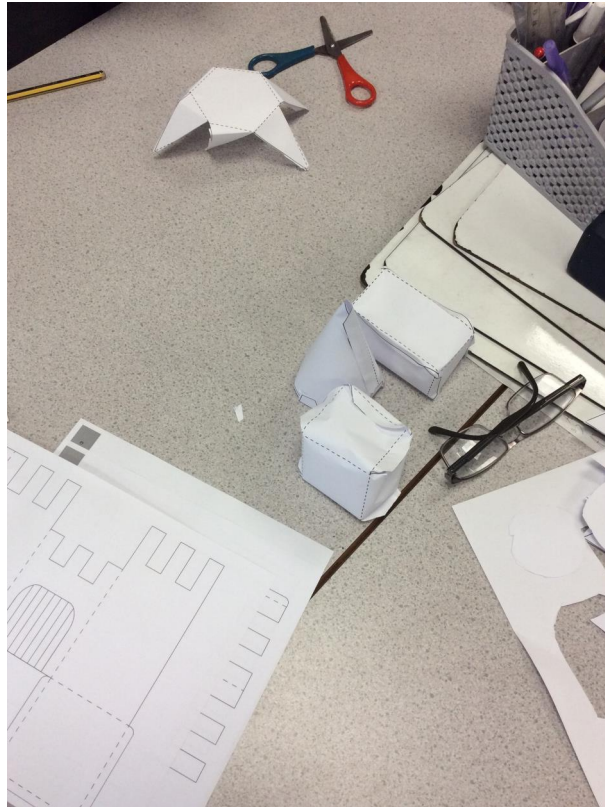
Any cardboard boxes and tubes will be appreciated in the coming weeks as we design and create our wonderful castles.

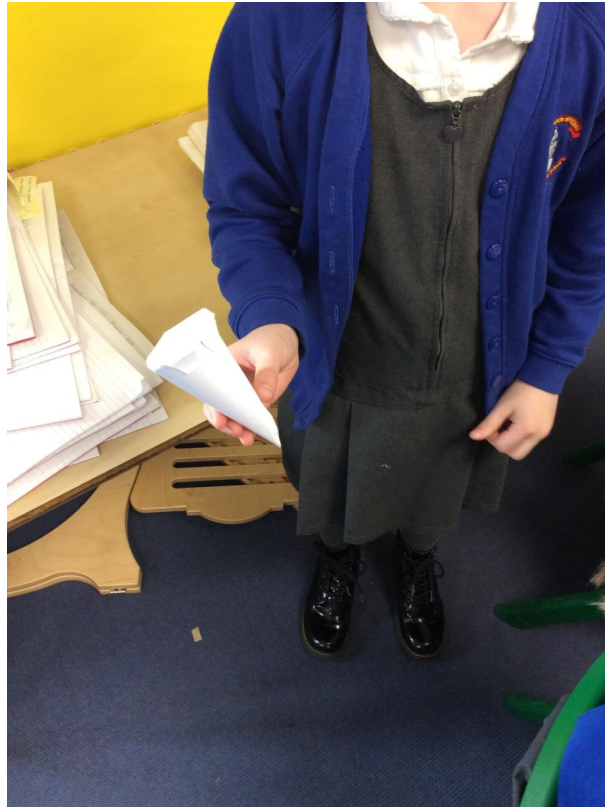


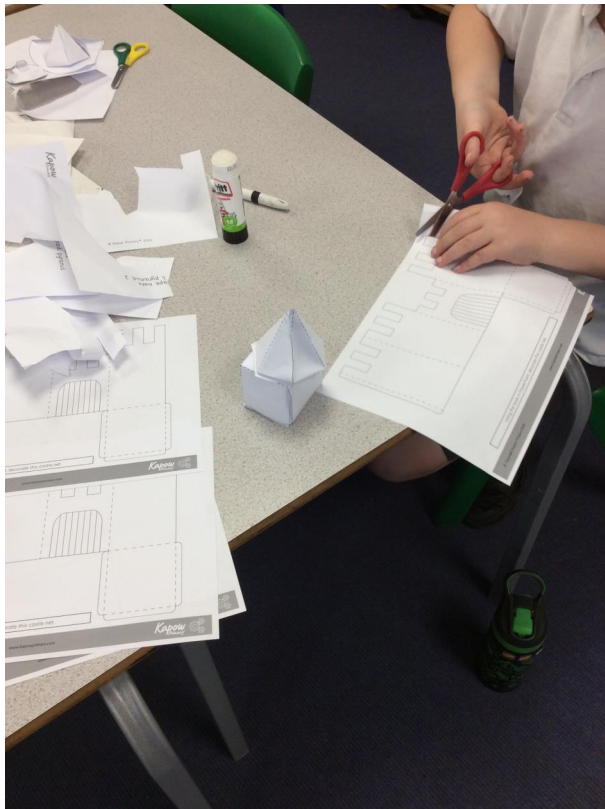


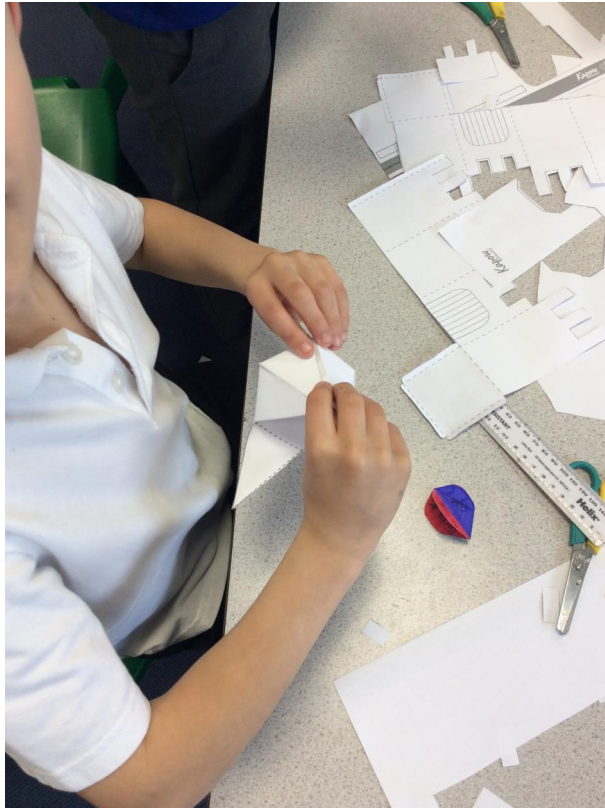




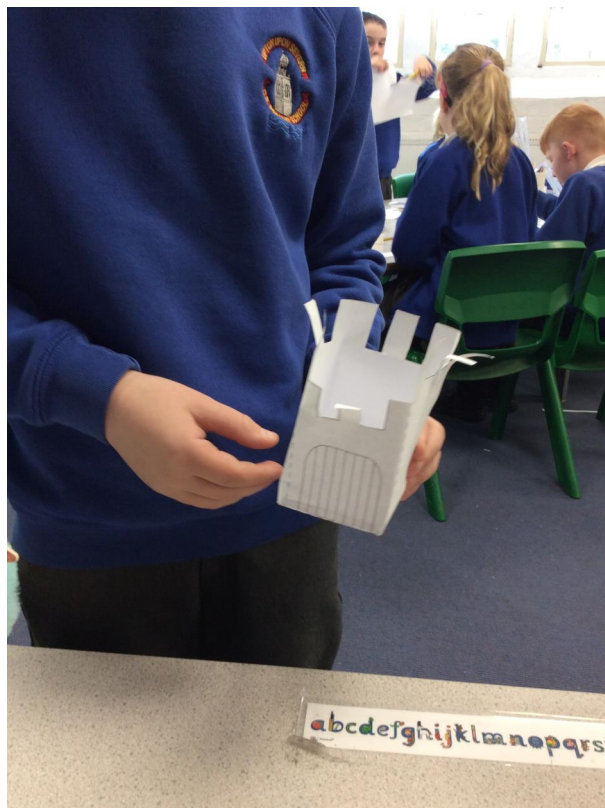
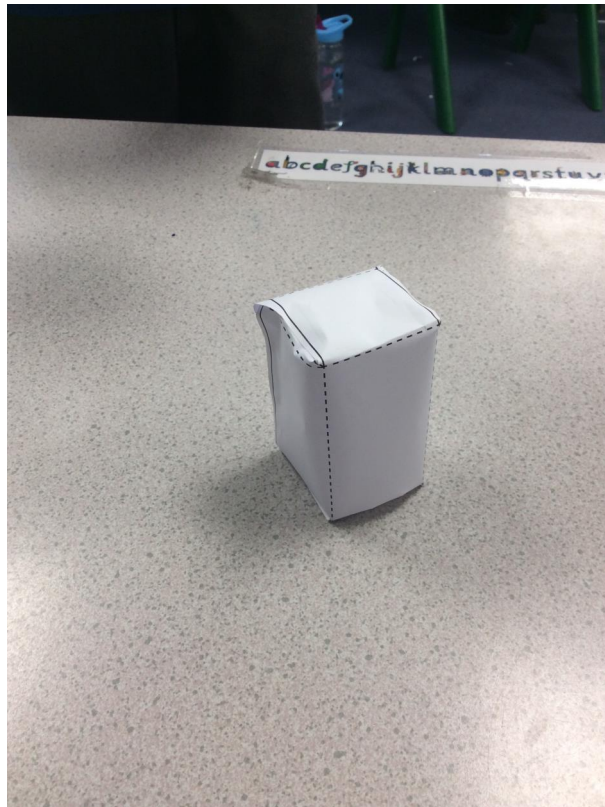










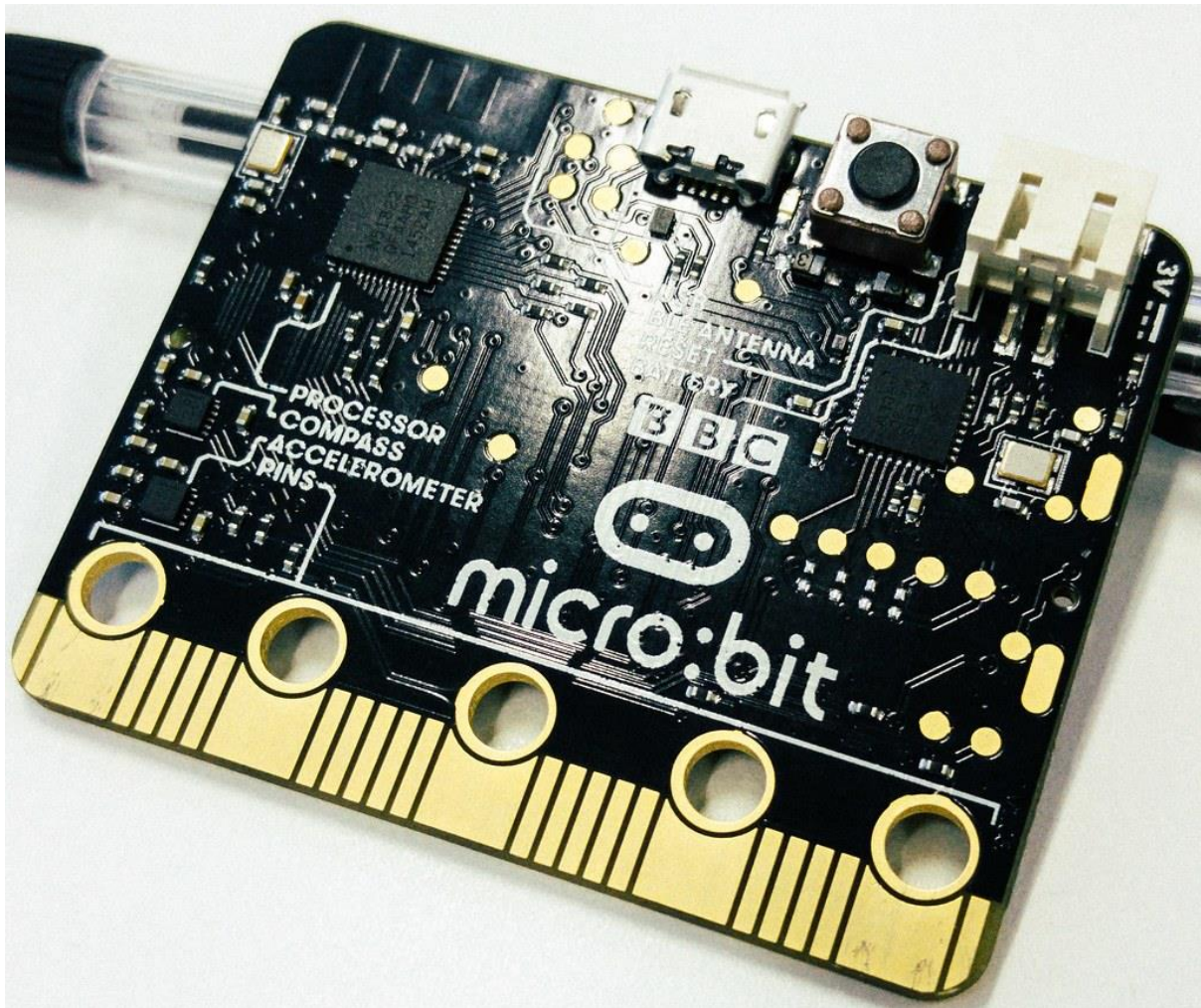


Year 4 - Reptiles uncovered



The class joined children from across the country in the live-streaming of a science lesson. The children explored adaptations and changes in reptiles, learned of some differences between tortoises and turtles, and differences between some species of snakes. From our own classroom, we listened to an expert discussing the reptiles in detail while he handled some, and asked and received answers to some of our children's questions too. It was a valuable learning experience that linked our science learning with our geography - animal adaptations and rain-forests in a different way.

Year 5 Micro:bit work



This week Year 5 have begun their work on using Micro:bits.

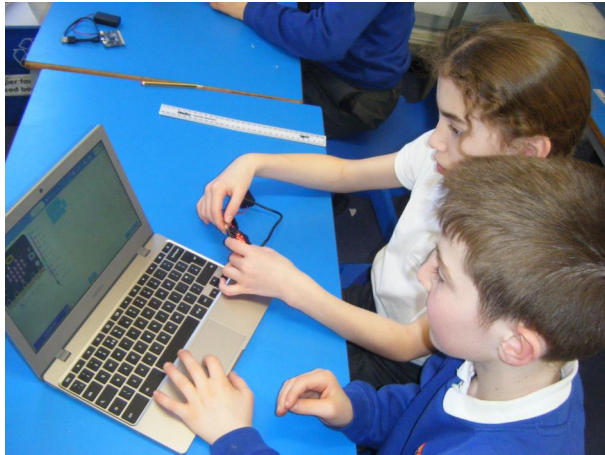
The use of the micro bits work will link to the current DT topic which looks at the control of particular data.

During the first lesson the class successfully managed to program the microbit to show a heart icon, beating heart as well a numerous sounds, beeps and tunes.

Bethany "They were really cool when we were making our own bits up"

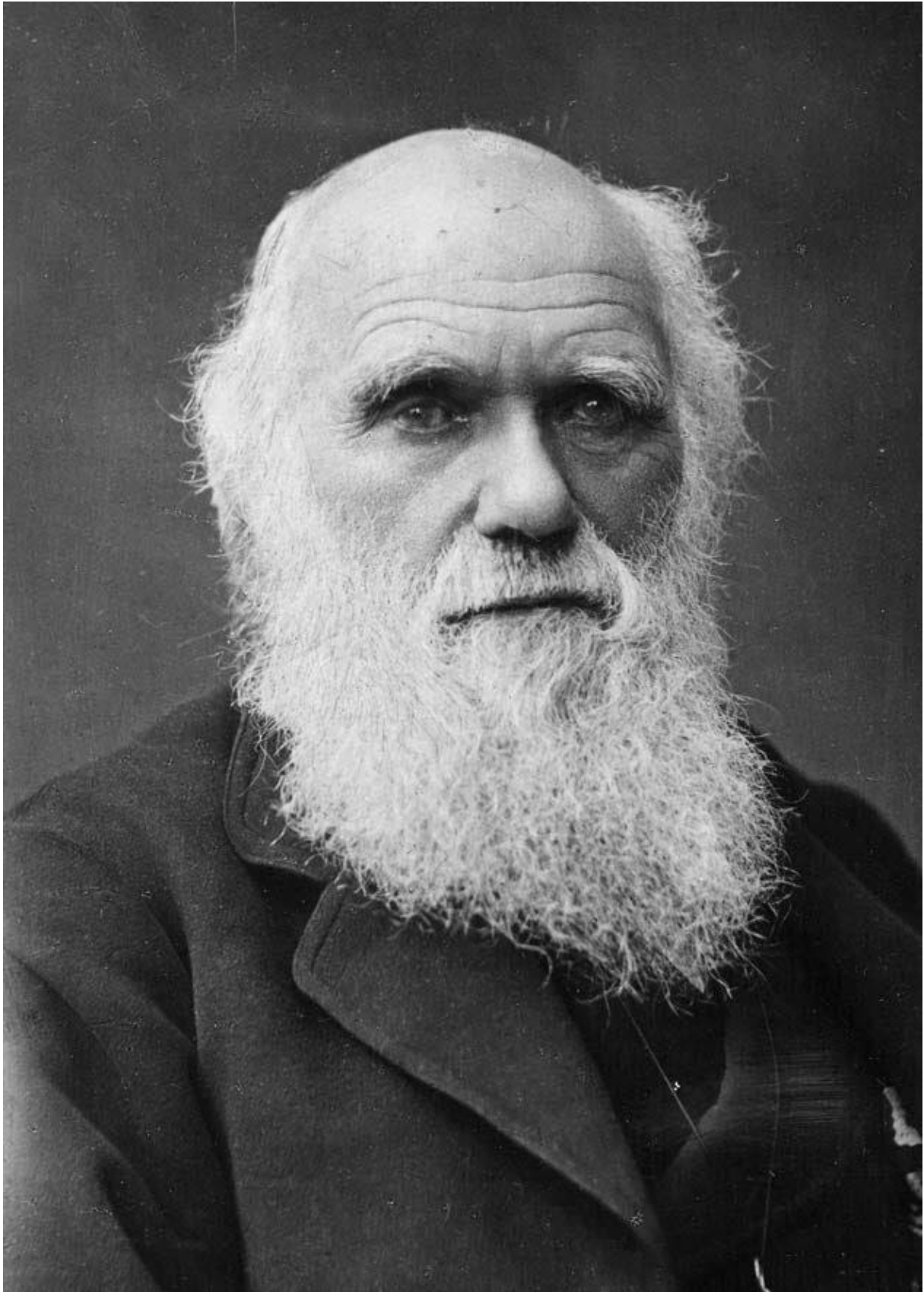
Ethan "The micro bits were really useful because they helped us make lots of shapes and helped us to learn how to programme things"

Hollie "They were fun, but it was a bit confusing. When we persevered it worked"



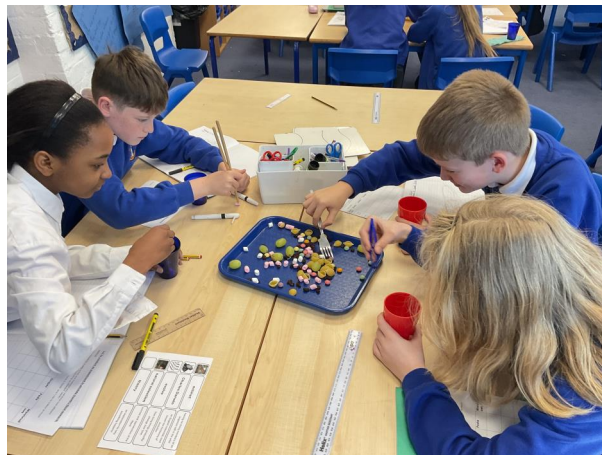


Year 6 Meet Charles Darwin



This week in science, Year 6 have been learning about the life of Charles Darwin and his incredible discoveries on the Galapagos Islands. We talked about adaptations and how Darwin observed that finches had adapted to suit their environment on the different islands. In order to better understand how the finches adapted, we conducted an experiment to simulate the finches beaks and the varying diets. The children were given different implements to act as beaks and were provided with lots of different 'seeds' and 'fruits' to pick from. Children were asked to collect as many things as they could in a minute.

From this they concluded that different beaks types were more suited to different seed and fruit types.





Year 5&6 Netball Success



On Monday night Miss Lacon and Mrs Davies took 2 teams of Year 5&6 pupils to play in netball tournaments at Hanley High School. Miss Lacon took a team of mainly Year 5's, to play in the fun tournament. This gave them the chance to see what its like to play at the high school against other schools and is great preparation for next year when they will be asked to play in the competitive tournament.

Mrs Davies took a team of 8 to play in the Hi Fives competitive tournament which was played against other schools in our cluster. The children played extraordinarily well, winning 9-0, 7-0 and 8-0 in their rounds and winning in the final 8-1 against Eldersfield. The team will now go forward to compete in the finals tournament against the other cluster winners. A huge thank you to Aaron who stepped up at the last minute to join the team and scored an amazing number of goals in the tournament.

Visiting the High school for sports events is particularly valuable in upper KS2 as it gives the children a chance to get a feel for the school, meet some of the teachers and to see what its like to be part of the sports offering at HCHS. The children conducted themselves very well and played with great sportsmanship. They played with passion and enthusiasm and a determination to win.





Musical Theatre Success!



On Saturday, pupils from Year 2 - Year 6 competed in the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival Musical Theatre Competition in Worcester. They have been rehearsing since September and performed beautifully.

They sang "When I Grow Up" from Matilda. The comments from the adjudicator were "Your teamwork was exceptional and the vocal soloists were excellent". They came 2nd in their section.

A special mention to Ivy and Erica who performed in the Year 4 duet section and came first-winning gold for the second year running! The adjudicator commented on how well their voices blended together and how confident they were.

A big thank you to Mrs Goode and Mrs Cox who came to support the children.

Miss Gillson

The Moorings

This week has seen lots of exciting activities in the Moorings. We have been enjoying the sunshine, making some obstacle courses to challenge one another. We have had load of pancake fun- Mrs Dodd has been treating us! We also continued to celebrate world book day

after school with a quick visit to the school library, we came back to the room to share our books with Moorings staff. The children have also been enjoying themselves playing their favourite games, constructing and some free painting.









Wye Champions!



Congratulations to Wye who were the winning team at the end of last half term. We would like to invite all children from Wye to wear home clothes next Friday 14th and they will receive an extra playtime in the afternoon.

Office information.

WRAP AROUND CARE REMINDER :- Can we please remind parents that children need to be booked in before midnight the night before you wish your child to attend, they should not attend Breakfast Club or Moorings unless pre-booked.

MIQUILL CATERING :- Please ensure that you book your Childs meal **by 9am** on the day you wish them to have lunch as there will not always be spare meals available for those that have not booked. If you do not have your Childs code to book please contact the school office.

Calendar Dates :-

12th March Yrs 3 & 4 Malvern Theatre

14th March Yr 5 Athletics Festival HCHS

14th March Pre-School - Parents Forest School Stay & Play

27th March Pre-School - Mothers Day Tea Party

28th March 9.30am Rec - Yr6 Church Service

2nd & 3rd April Parents Evening



Citizens Advice

CAB were one of the attendees to our Community Event last week. Chloe attends Upton Baptist Church every Friday from 10.00am - 12.45pm but our main office is open during the week for appointments and advice (found on our website) for contact details. Please see some useful links from CAB below:

Help with energy bills/debt/grants/check eligibility -

<https://www.actonenergy.org.uk/support/hsf-worcs>

This Scheme can help with reduction in water rates/check

eligibility <https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/>

Information about Household Support Fund - <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/environment/sustainability-and-carbon-reduction/tackling-fuel-poverty/household-support-fund>

Help/advice for carers in Worcestershire - <https://www.carersworcs.org.uk/>

CAB local website is here - <http://www.citizensadvice.worcs.org.uk/>

CAB National website - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

Useful help/support for Domestic Abuse victims -

<https://www.worcestercommunitytrust.org.uk/dawn/>

<https://www.freedomprogramme.co.uk/>

<https://www.westmerciawomensaid.org/>

Activities over school holidays for lower income families (funded for FSM) -

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-social-care/virtual-family-hub/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

There are various community fridges in the area including Upton Baptist Church and some in Malvern -

<https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/groups/malvern-link-community-fridge-the-parish-of-malvern-link-with-cowleigh/>

<https://sites.google.com/view/stmaryschurchpickersleigh/community-fridge>

<https://www.neighbourly.com/project/604378a894491101bac03cdc>

There is also a community pantry in Malvern - <https://www.theoctagoncentre.org.uk/>

Upton and Malvern both have Food Banks. <https://malvernhills.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Citizens Advice can also help with application forms if people are struggling.



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. **Our school choir will also join this celebration of voices. Further information to follow.**

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

