



Friday 28th February 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

(Ecclesiastes 4.9-10) Two are better than one

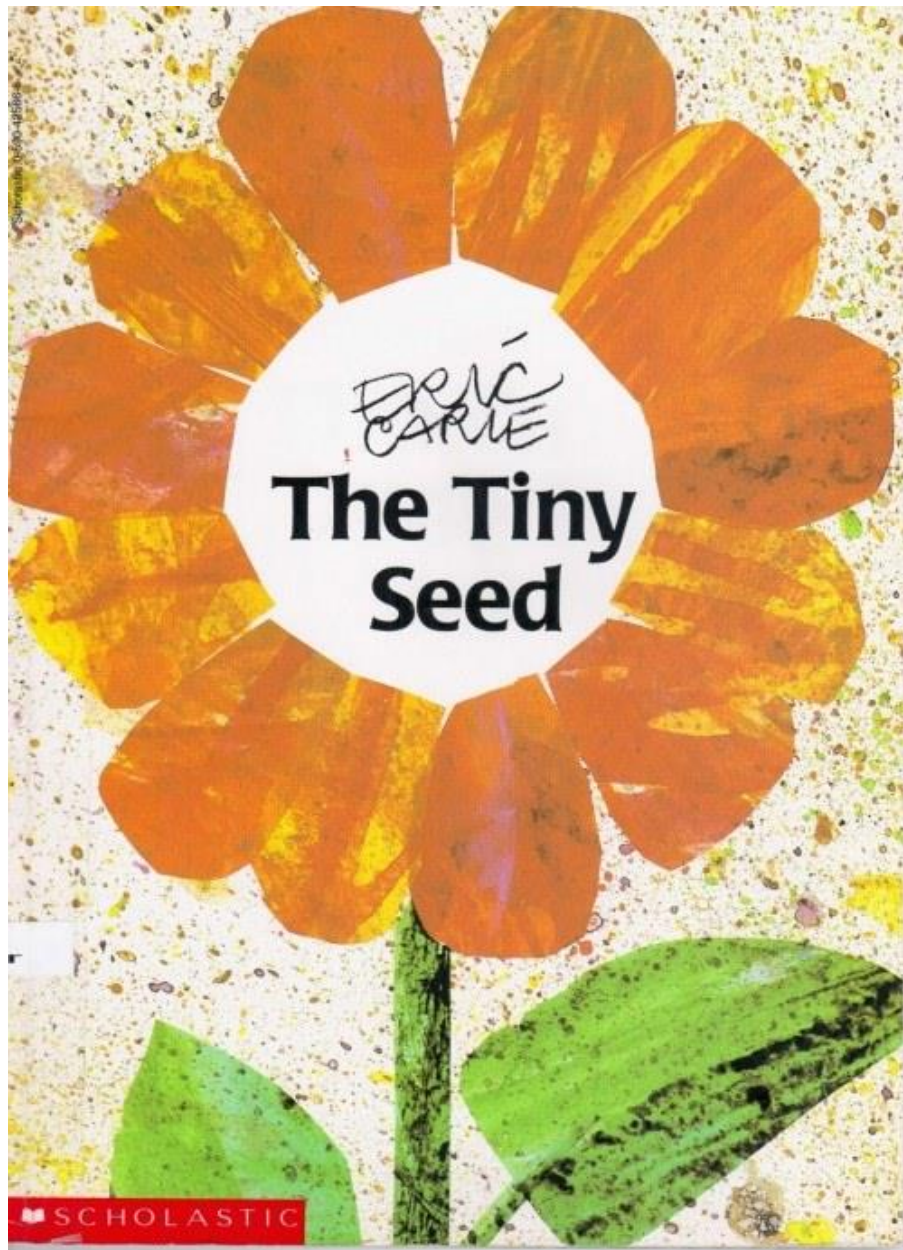
The theme of: *knowing our friends will support us*, for this week's collective worship was particularly significant as we welcomed a range of community services into school to offer support to our wonderful school community.

We were delighted that there were representatives from Upton Surgery, Scouts, Citizen's Advice, Hereford and Worcestershire Fire Service, Loan Shark and Malvern Cube. In addition, local companies went above and beyond to provide cakes and raffle prizes for the event in support of the school: thank you Warners, Spar and Pundits Fusion restaurant.

Huge thanks for the refreshments so wonderfully coordinated by the Friends and to our wonderful school community for baking the most delicious cakes.

We are very lucky indeed knowing that our friends will support us.

Reception

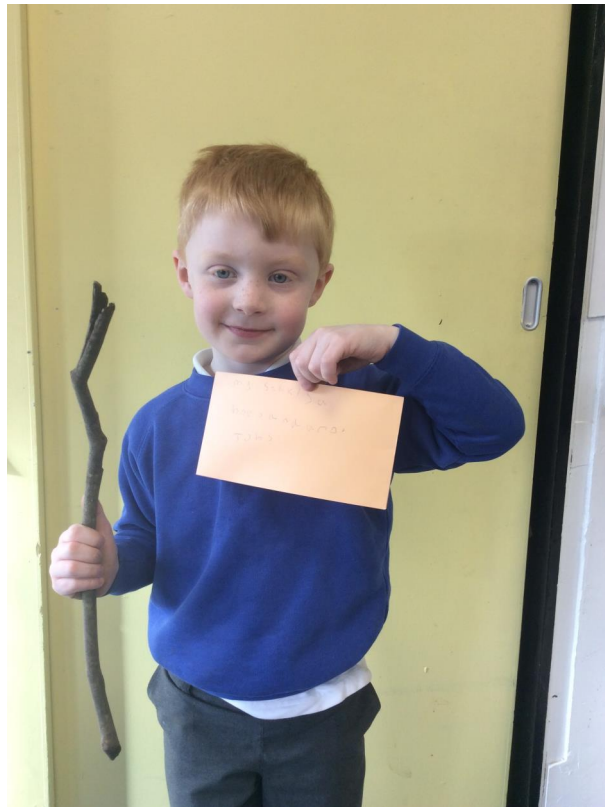
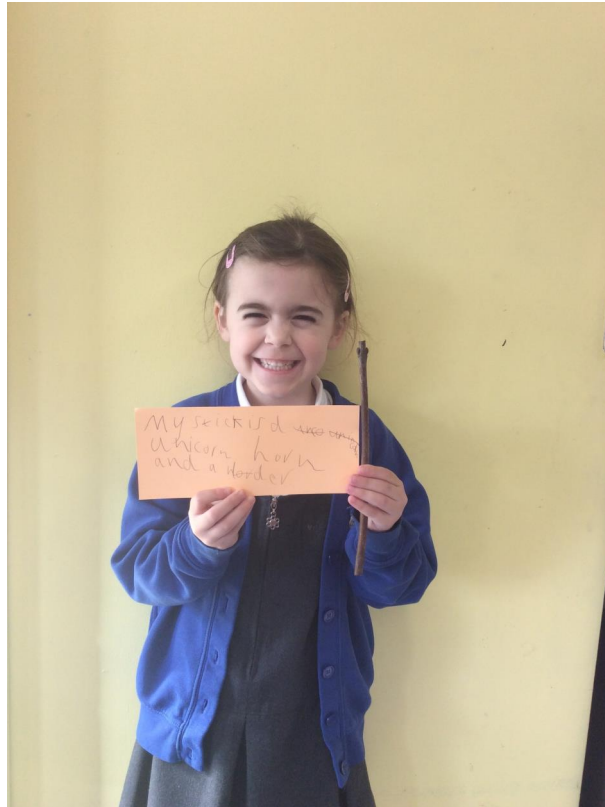


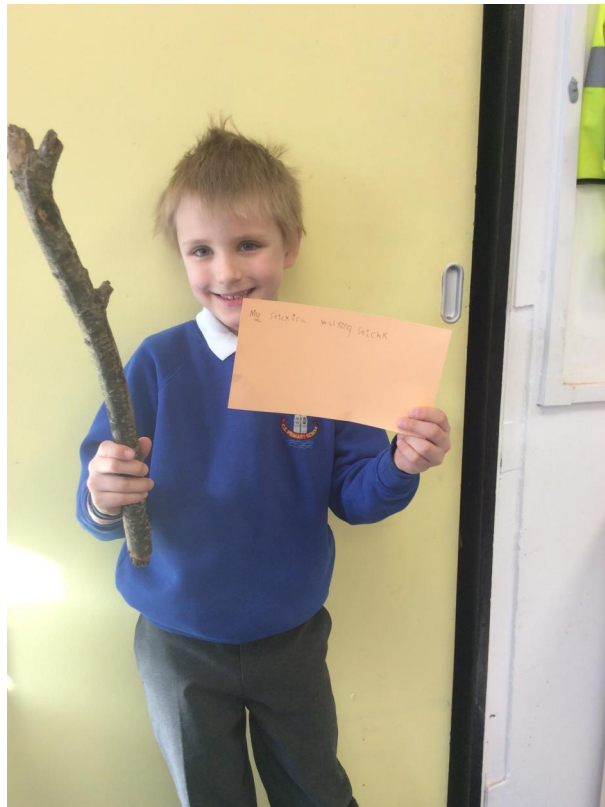
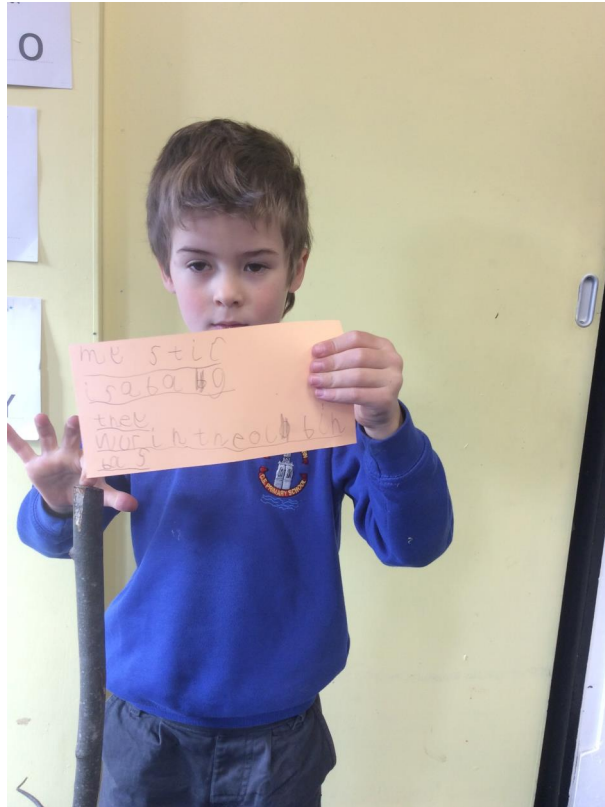
The start of this term has brought with it the first signs of spring, with the glorious weather and also some changes to our classroom. We have created a garden center as our role play area to complement our new book 'The tiny seed'. We have also got our hands dirty planting seeds and we are waiting patiently for them to start to grow.

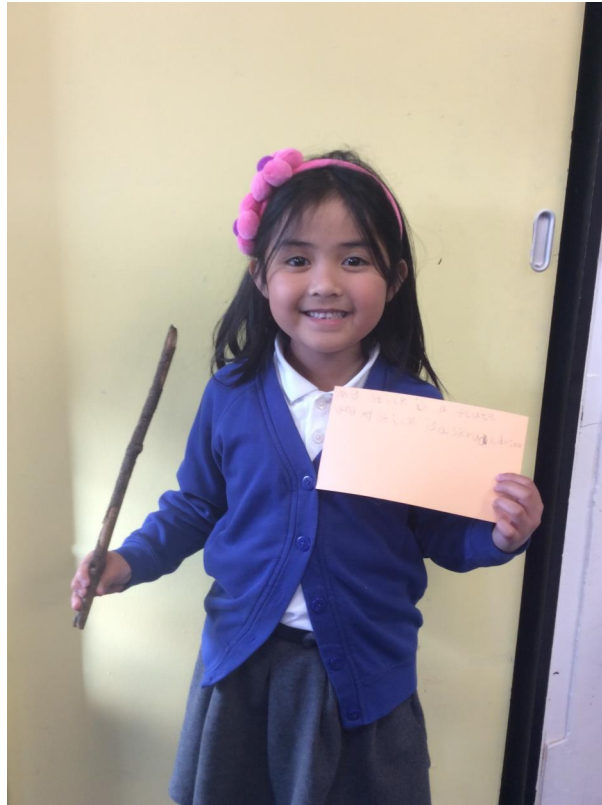
To coincide with this terms whole school theme of trust the children are taking responsibility for looking after their own seeds. I am trusting them to take care of them using the skills we have talked about in class.

Year 1









In Year one, we are looking forward to reading our new book, 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegley. Yesterday, we went into forest school to look for interesting sticks. We found sticks that were Lightsabers, sticks that were flutes, a stick to scratch backs, magic wands and sling shot shooters and bows for arrows. We wrote labels for our sticks and then took them back, just in case one of them was stick man who was trying to get back to the family tree!

Year 2



Year 2 have had a wonderful first week back and been working with real enthusiasm. In DT this half term, we are making healthy wraps so we first thought about the 'eatwell plate' with all the different food groups. We had to sort the foods and then decide what would make a healthy meal.

"We need protein for our muscles like chicken"

"We need milk for our bones to grow strong"

"We need 5 fruits or vegetables for vitamins"

"We need some oils and spreads"

"We need carbohydrates like potatoes to give us energy"

Year 4



The design and technology unit for this half term is all about biscuits. So, obviously the only way to start was to taste-test various types of biscuit! As well as actually eating the samples, the children evaluated the texture, appearance and packaging of each type. Identifying the target audience was interesting as the children felt some biscuits were definitely particularly suitable for children. The pink wafers drew some of the most descriptive comments, with children describing them as 'sweet and amazing', 'sweet but it makes your mouth dry' and 'soft, crunchy and sweet': everyone was sure that they are aimed at children. The humble digestive was described as 'plain' and even 'boring'.

Year 5: getting to grips with oracy



Year 5 like nothing more than a challenge; so when Mrs Vizor returned from a trip to visit a school who were ambassadors in oracy, the class were more than keen to give the ideas shared, a go.

These skills have been used very effectively within Guided Reading lessons.

Each lesson starts with the main task, but then leads into some great oracy work.

On Wednesday, we approached the topic of who was better in a choice of 5 characters that come out in the night.

Using the thumbs up, build on fist hands on top of each other or crossed arms we indicated to each other how we felt about the responses given.

I respectfully agree with what you have said, however.....

I have listened to what you have said, but feel that

Your opinion is good, but I feel

I am respectfully disagreeing with with what you have said.....

The above are just some of the examples of the amazing sentence stems used to develop their ideas and respond respectfully to their peers.





Year 6: New Book Day!



Paradise Sands
By: Levi Pinfold

Today, we started our new exciting book called 'Paradise Sands' by Levi Pinfold. The children were presented with a bowl of fruit and invited to take some. In doing so they had to create a bargain with 'The Teller' and as a consequence accept whatever his will was. Interestingly, 26/28 children took the fruit. They will await their fate...

Isabella and Emily chose not to make the deal.

"I'm not going to tempt myself as this might turn into something really bad" Isabelle.

"I wasn't even sure the food was safe to eat" Emily.

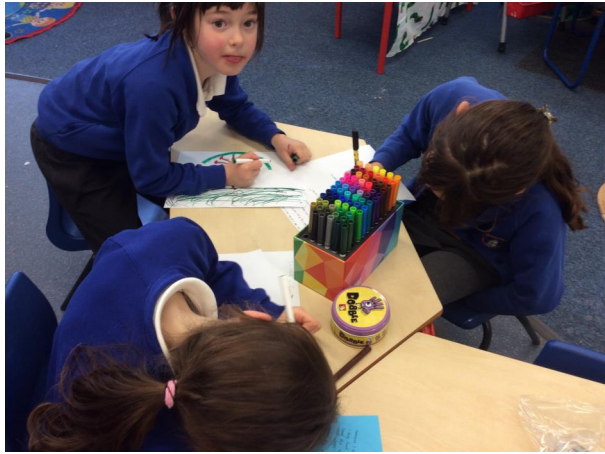
This wonderful books tells the story of a girl and her brother who step into a mysterious hotel and fall under the spell of 'The Teller'

To the reader of this letter, The food you see in front of you is yours to enjoy. It is a gift – a precious and generous gift indeed. However, before you begin to dine upon these delicacies, I must present you with something of a warning. Once the first morsel of food passes your lips, you will enter into a bargain with the Teller. I cannot tell you more of the bargain. I cannot tell you more of the Teller. But for my own conscience, I must know that I provided you with fair warning. Yours truly, An anonymous friend



Moorings

Mrs Dodd, Miss Jones and the children at the Moorings have been very busy after school this week. We have had lots of fun constructing and one of our focus crafts for this week has been Origami! One of our children has made some amazing models that we have displayed by the Moorings notice board. Next week we will be organising activities involving St David's Day, Pancake day and World book day- celebrating all of these lovely events. We have also been taking advantage of the sunshine and lighter evenings and will continue to do so, incorporating some group games as well.





School Council



Do you have a stash of plastic plant pots that you no longer need?

Do you have any seeds that you bought and then never planted?

School Council are working alongside the Friends towards a project which will see every child in the school community growing and nurturing a plant, flower or vegetable. These will be grown by the children and then sold as part of the Friends Plant Sale on May 21st.

Any donations would be very gratefully received and can be passed to Mrs Dodd at the gate in the am or Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Malpass on the gate at the end of the day.

Thank you

A Message from The Friends

A massive thank you for all of the support shown to the friends this week. We gratefully received many donations of raffle prizes and cakes this week.

Please see information on our table top sale coming up, we do still have tables available if you would like one please contact uptonprimaryfriends@gmail.com for more information.



Dates for your diary

FEB 27 & 28 3PM Cake Sale	MAR 07 3PM Hot Chocolate Sale	MAR 08 10AM - 2PM Indoor Table Top Sale
MAR TBC Quiz Night	MAY 21 & 22 TIME TBC Plant Sale	JUN 13 TIME TBC School Disco
JUL 09 8.45AM Rags2Riches	JUN/JUL TBC Summer Fete	NOV/DEC TBC Christmas Fayre

Any enquiries can be directed to
uptonprimaryfriends@gmail.com

Indoor Table Top

SALE

NEW, NEARLY NEW & SECOND HAND

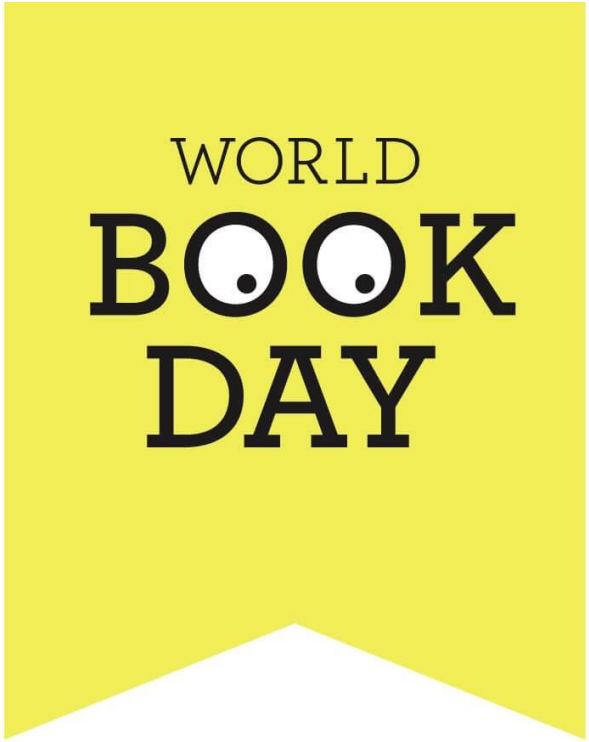
Doors open at 10am

cash only, cash points available within town centre



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Upton Primary School hall, school Lane, Upton-upon-Severn. WR8 0LD

A yellow banner with a pointed bottom, featuring the text "WORLD BOOK DAY" in black. The word "WORLD" is in a smaller, serif font at the top. "BOOK" is in a large, bold, serif font, with the two 'O's stylized to look like eyes. "DAY" is in a bold, serif font below "BOOK".

WORLD BOOK DAY

March 6th - Read your way.

This year we are inviting children to wear something they are comfortable to read in. Anything goes! We will have a day reading books and doing book based activities. In assembly we will be joined by a special local guest who will read a special story for us all.

Squirrels

**Wild about
the outdoors?
So are we.**

Come along with your parents and carers to our
FREE Open Event at

Upton on Severn Scout and Guide Headquarters,
Laburnum Walk, Upton upon Severn, WR8 0LW

on Saturday 15th March 10 - 11am

to try out some exciting Squirrels activities and
find out more.

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family
tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too.

This is an age when minds are fizzing, when
energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when
little lives are full of wow and wonder.

This way to adventure!

**scouts.org.uk/squirrels/
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#SkillsForLife

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Scouts

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Do you have a community-based idea that you would like help bringing to life? Maybe you would like to start a walking group or coffee and chat sessions. If the answer is YES, then please get in touch with me, Alison, your local Community Builder. I will be at The Riverboats Childrens Centre family support event on Thursday 27th Feb 2pm-4pm if you would like a chat. I can also be found every other Monday at the Baptist Church, Upton-upon-Severn between 10am-12pm. Alternatively...



Drop me an email Alison.Knowles@platformhg.com
07970 449069.

or give me a call on

Follow me on Facebook **Ali Comm Builder**

Look forward to hearing from you soon.



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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

