



Friday 7th 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

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you

Reception

This week has seen the start of a new book, "Super Milly" and has seen our classroom transform into a superheroes' headquarters. Timmy and Tommy have taken to the skies and are watching over us as the class superheroes. We have spent a lot of time discussing superheroes who live amongst us: doctors, nurses, fireman, to name a few. It has been lovely to see how the children all have people they know who they see as heroes and they too see themselves as superheroes with their own super powers.

Year 1



This week we have been learning about Octopuses. We have been amazed by how interesting they are, how they move and how they camouflage themselves, they really are unique animals! We have made our own octopuses and written facts about them.

Ollie- They have nine brains, one to control their body and then one for each tentacle.

Dottie- They have six arms and two legs to help them move, I just thought they were all arms!

Grace - They are awesome, look at how they move.

Jonty - If they loose part of their tentacle then a new one grows back.

Blake - They have three hearts, that's cool!

We can't wait to finish reading *Leo and the Octopus* by Isabelle Marinov.

Year 2



During Children's Mental Health Week, Year 2 have been focusing on knowing themselves and what makes them special. We watched a clip from Inside Out which discussed core memories and islands of personality. We spoke about everyone having different interests and hobbies and when we know this we can help and respect each other.

We had lots of different personality islands!

- Minecraft
- Kindness
- Party
- Sushi
- Family
- Friendship

- Football
- Chocolate
- Gaming
- Pizza
- Musicals
- Baking
- Silly
- Gymnastics
- Reading
- Perseverance
- Wildlife

What a wonderful array of personalities in Year 2!

Year 3

Year 3 are in absolute awe of our history topic, Ancient Egypt, at the moment. This week's learning involved delving into the mummification process to look at why and how the Ancient Egyptians preserved bodies. To simulate the mummification process, we have mummified some tomatoes. We will check them after half term and hopefully they will be ready for the after life!















Year 4



The children have been exploring rhythms in music lessons, by playing our djembe drums. We've used the different timbres (sound qualities) the djembes can produce and played rhythms, keeping to a steady pulse. We started by copying simple patterns but soon moved on to more complex syncopated (off-beat) ones. Our sessions end with a game to find the person who can keep the pulse beat going the most securely: it takes concentration, it's always fun and can become highly competitive. The children develop their listening skills, their rhythmic work and, as with playing in any musical ensemble, teamwork.

Year 5 go on an adventure



Monday saw Year 5 heading off on their three day residential to Boundless Outdoors.

The class shared all about their adventures with their parents and the school today in a special assembly. There were so many highlights during their time away: for many it was their first time away from home, for some it was about conquering fears, for others it was challenging themselves to go higher. Throughout their time away, staff at the centre commented on what excellent behaviour the children demonstrated throughout their time away.

"I don't want to go home, I want to stay here forever"

"The food is amazing"

"This is the best holiday ever"

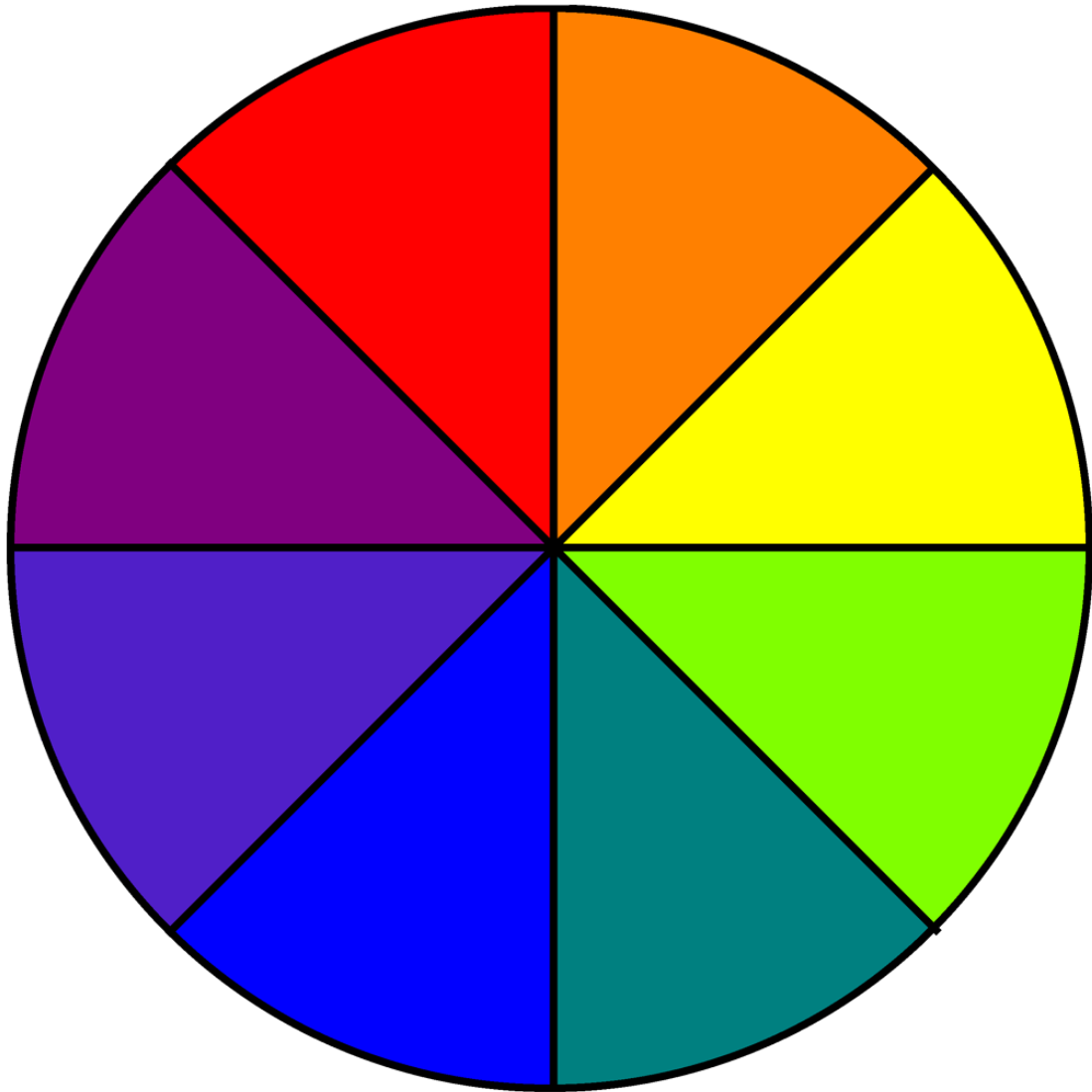
"I wish every day could be like this"

"The best classrooms are the ones outdoors"





Year 6 - Bold Colour



This week year 6 finished their first big piece of art from our topic, 'Bold Colour'. We began by learning about primary and secondary colours and the way that we can mix them to create all other colours. We then drew a cross section of a fruit, making sure to not add too much detail initially. Thereafter, the children drew a grid ready for their colour mixing. The challenge was to use only two colours and to see how many other colours they could make from mixing these together in different ways. This created a really interesting piece of still life art. Our next steps over the coming weeks, will be to create a large art installation exploring how light effects colour and we hope to invite parents into view it on completion.





Children's Mental Health week.



This week has been Children's Mental Health week and throughout school children have been getting to know themselves to grow themselves. The theme this year has been about self awareness and feeling emotions. Place2Be is supporting families and schools by encouraging children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. For further information about Place2Be or for information for how families can support each others' mental health visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Focus On Reading: Free E-readers from Oxford Owl



Having enough books for children who are avid readers can be expensive. We would therefore like to draw your attention to some free books available to read electronically. All you need to do is register a device to be able to access lots of great stories, phonics resources and even some resources for other areas of the curriculum.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

Cross Country Success



Congratulations to our 3 county finalists; Elsie, Max and Miriam, who competed in the Worcestershire Schools County Finals for Cross Country. They had to run 1.9k on a muddy

course around a lake on Thursday morning and performed incredibly. Their resilience, sportsmanship and effort was outstanding.

A huge Congratulations to Miriam who ran a very impressive race to finish 8th. She is now off to the National Finals held in Northampton in March.

School Council - Wear It Red 14/2/25



On Friday 14th February, School Council would like to invite everyone in our school community to WEAR IT RED in support of the Midlands Air Ambulance. We ask for a donation to be made into the bucket on the gate in exchange for wearing an item of Red clothing to be worn, alongside home clothes.

During this week School Council will also be raising money for The Midlands Air Ambulance through a raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold each day from Monday 10th February - Friday 14th February at a cost of 50p per ticket. You can buy as many tickets as you wish. On Friday 14th February, during our success assembly, we not only hope to share with you how much money we have raised for the Air Ambulance, but will also draw the raffle to find out who the lucky winner of our RED prize will be.

After school on the 14th February, we will be running two discos.

Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a disco straight after school which will run from 3:30-4:15 (children can stay in school and change into disco clothes)

Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have disco which will run from 4:30-5:30pm

More details will follow.

We know that our school community will support us in raising as much money as possible for this vital charity.

Office information.

IMPORTANT :-

If you wish to collect your child early from school please let the school office/class teacher know by email - Please do NOT leave messages verbally with staff on the school gate as all communication needs to come through the school office . Thank you

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Calendar Dates :-

7th February Year 5 - Sharing Assembly **9am**

13th February Year 6 - *Black Country Museum*

14th February - Whole school Wear it Red Day - Air Ambulance Charity Day

3rd April - Rec Class & Year 6 NHS Height & Weight



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

