



Friday 24th January 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

Ephesians 6.18 Pray in the spirit at all times

Respect



In Monday's assembly, we continued to develop our understanding of respect by thinking about the power of prayer. We considered together the important elements of prayer by thinking hard about some true and false questions. Is God impressed by the use of big words in our prayers? Does he grant us everything we ask for? The children were really clear about how God listens to all of our thoughts and prayers however small.

We looked at a video of the Skittles experiment where warm water draws the colours out of the sweets and into the middle. We thought hard about how this represents the power of prayer.

'All the prayers are coming together with God in the middle' Bertie

'The prayers show thoughts come together like a community' Henry

'I think it shows the bright colours coming together just like our school, working as a team' Ellie

The children also thought about others they may use the power of prayer for like those who have lost their houses to the wild fires in LA, those caught up in war and closer to home: those worrying about friends and family.

Tia was very brave and volunteered to read our prayer with a big, loud voice to the whole school. She had not had time to rehearse but understood the task and we could hear every word clearly.

Sometimes parenting feels like herding geese!



Community in action event

Thursday 27th February 2025

3:00pm-5:00pm

We know that, at times, parenting is hard and we all feel as though our children are like baby geese (goslings) who do not listen to us. We all need a bit of help from time to time ranging from: how to feed a tricky eater; how to manage children's behaviour; how to get a good sleep pattern and how to keep them safe. The list is endless.

We are holding a free event for you to come and find out about the range of support and help there is for families within our community. We will have refreshments available for you and your children and the chance to meet people who help us in the community. This is a chance to meet other parents and to talk to the people that can offer specific help and advice. There will be activities on offer for children including face painting. There will also be a raffle prize selected from every parent who signs up and attends the event....further information to follow next week.

Reception





Let's learn a dragon dance!

We have painted our own giant dragon mask and used the mask to create our own dragon dance to celebrate the New Lunar Year. We have had to work as a team and think about our movements. It has been very interesting trying to make sure that when there is a group of 3 or 4 of us that we still move like we are one dragon.

As a class we have introduced a WOW board, where each child has the opportunity to display work they are proud of for the rest of the class to see. This could be a picture, writing or number work (completed at home or in school). It may be a photo of an achievement they have managed (riding a bike or swimming etc) Please encourage your child to show us how amazing they are and share it with the class.

Year 1







Year 1 have continued to be immersed in the story they have been reading in English lessons, - 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. This week, the children made alien friends for Beegu and wrote character descriptions about their appearance and personality.

'Slime - has long long ears, a big black belt with silver in the middle, he has spiky teeth and no nose. He likes to go to go the park and shine as bright as he can. He is friendly.'

'Gelf - likes to play with Barbies and with Sonic. He is friendly and likes to squawk. He has a sparkly silver dress, long ears, eyes with long eyelashes and pompom nose.'

The children have also been super stars in maths this week by finding doubles and subtracting numbers using different resources. They have used their previous leaning about number bonds to help them subtract. Miss Lacon was blown away with how the children have been using their number facts to help them reason why they know the calculation is correct.

We have been playing some doubling games, here are the links if you would like to try some at home.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/archeryDoubles/index.html>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/306/Maths-Fishing-Multiplication>

Year 2



Year 2 have had a marvellous week full of wonderful writing, beautiful art, lovely science and excellent percussion playing.

As part of their English, Year 2 did some speaking and listening to work on oracy.

We thought about whether Goldilocks should go and meet the Bears after she leaves their house. The children decided on yes or no and came up with some excellent reasons, building on each other's too!

Yes she should meet the bears to say sorry in person.

I think she should meet the bears to say sorry but also to become friends with them and show them she is a nice, kind girl.

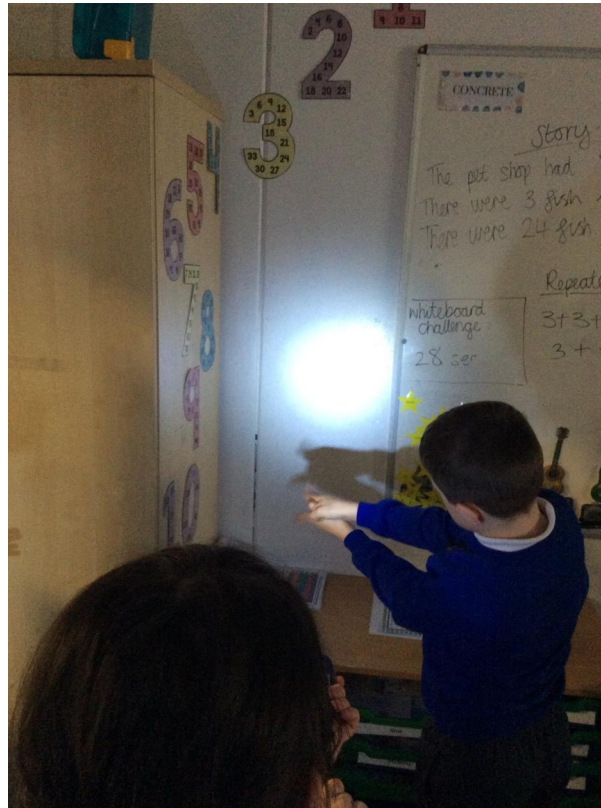
No she shouldn't meet the bears because it might be a trap.

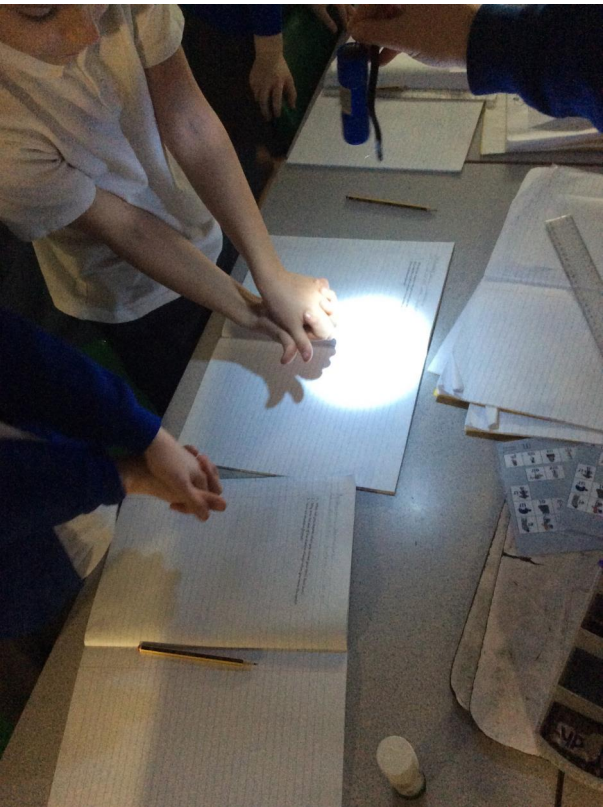
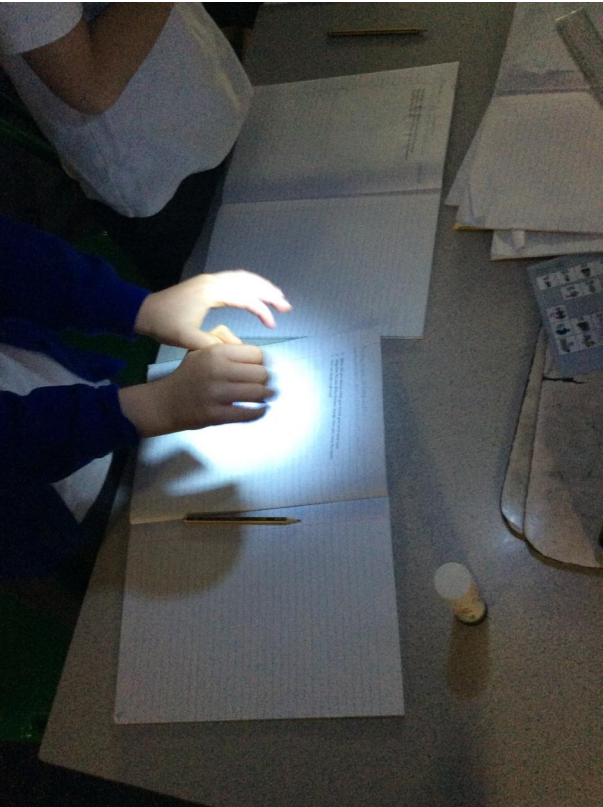
I think she shouldn't meet the bears because it might be a plot to eat her up!

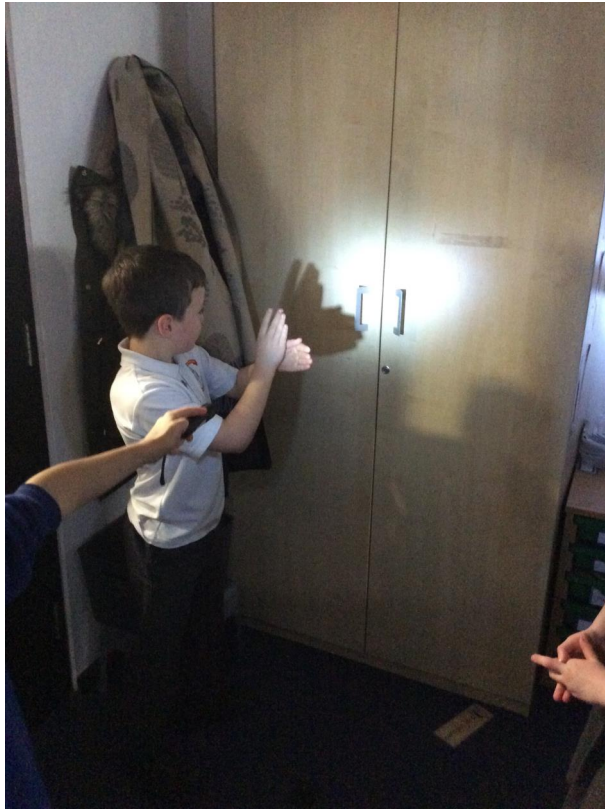
We then gave Goldilocks our ideas through conscience alley, (a drama technique to share our ideas with a character) to see what decision she made- it was a YES! Then we thought about all the different things they would ask each other and what answers they would give.

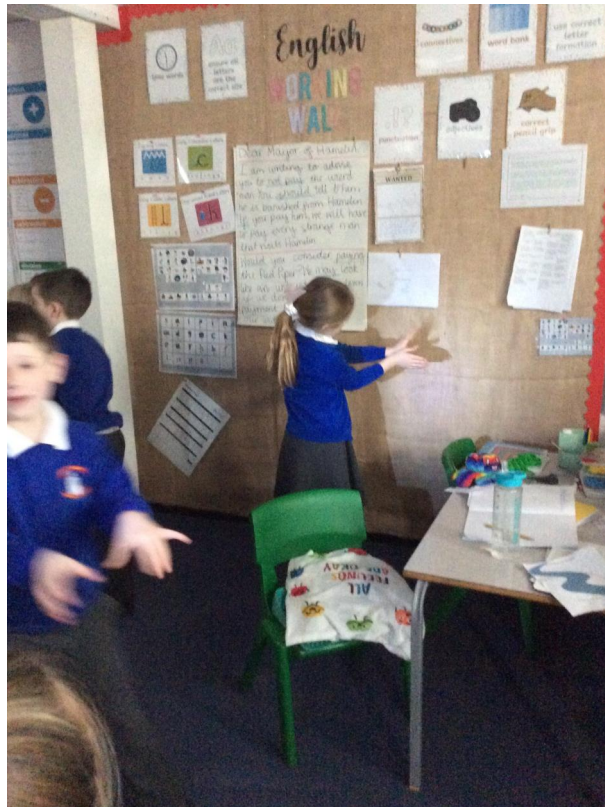
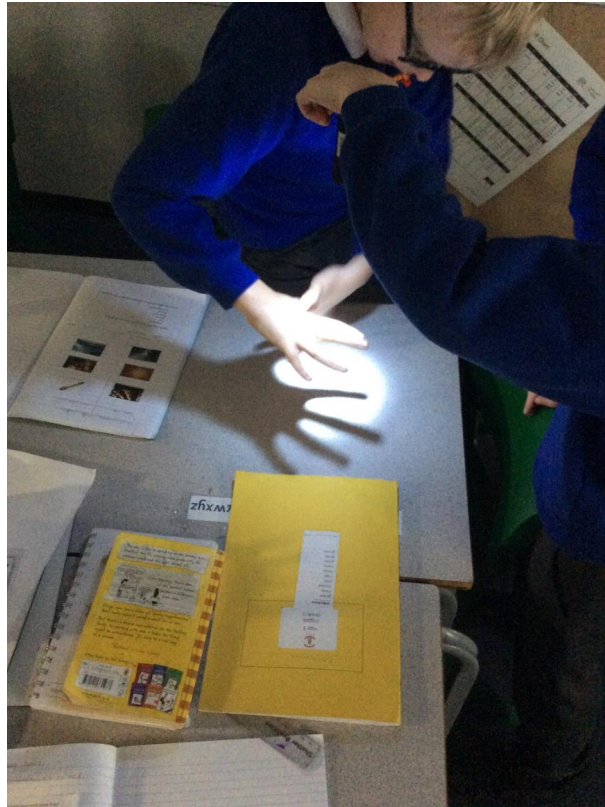
Year 3

Our science subject this half term is light. This week we explored how shadows are made. We turned the lights off, closed the blinds and got the torches out to make different shadows around the room. We moved our light source closer and further away from the object blocking the light rays and observed what happened. We had great fun drawing around shadows and creating them with our hands. Check out our pictures.

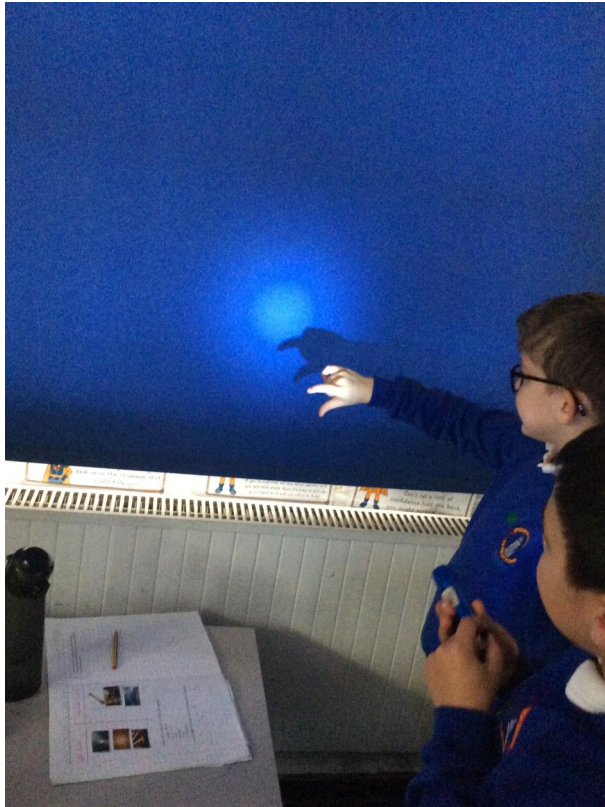


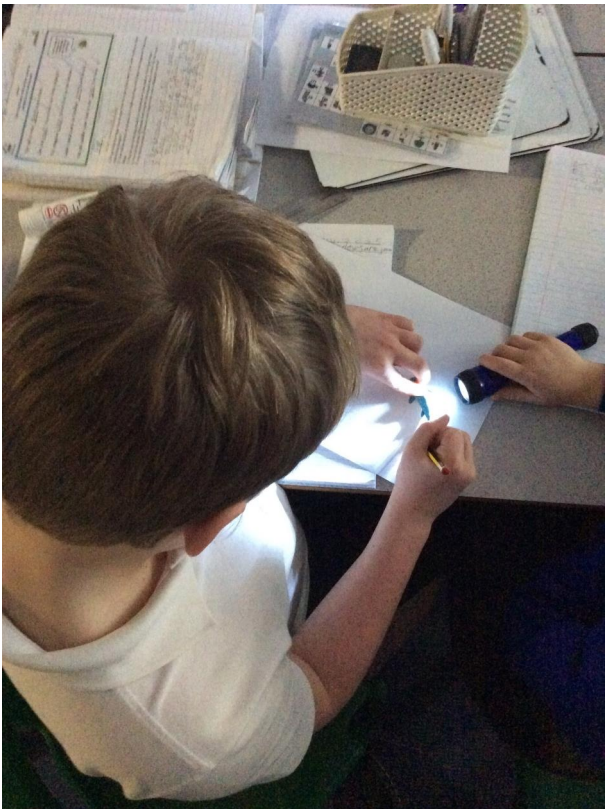
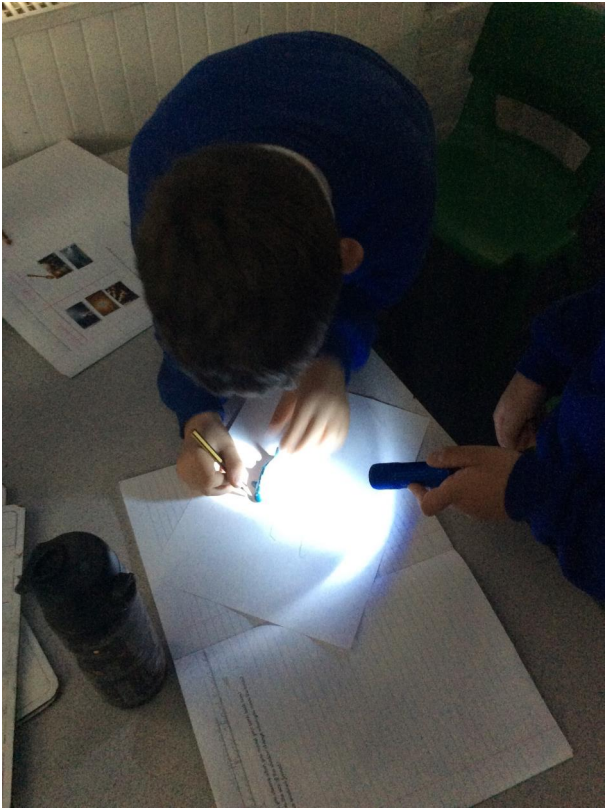


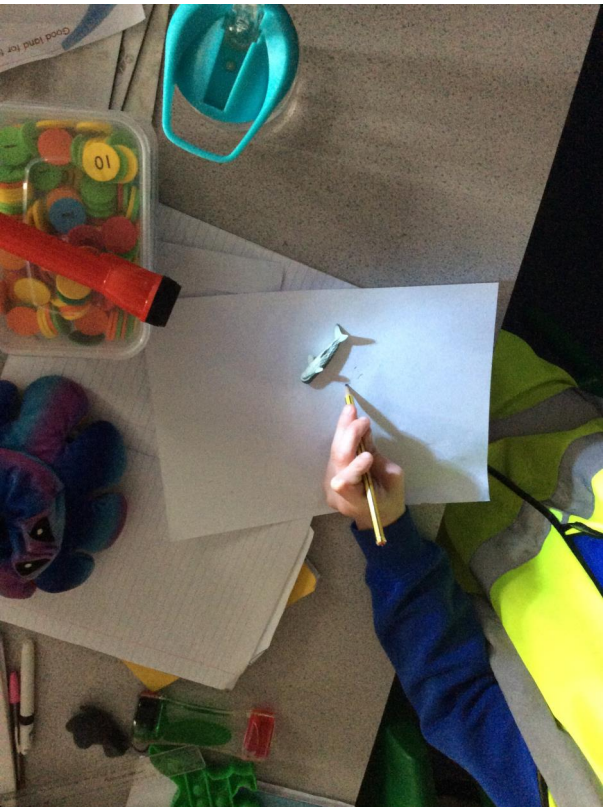


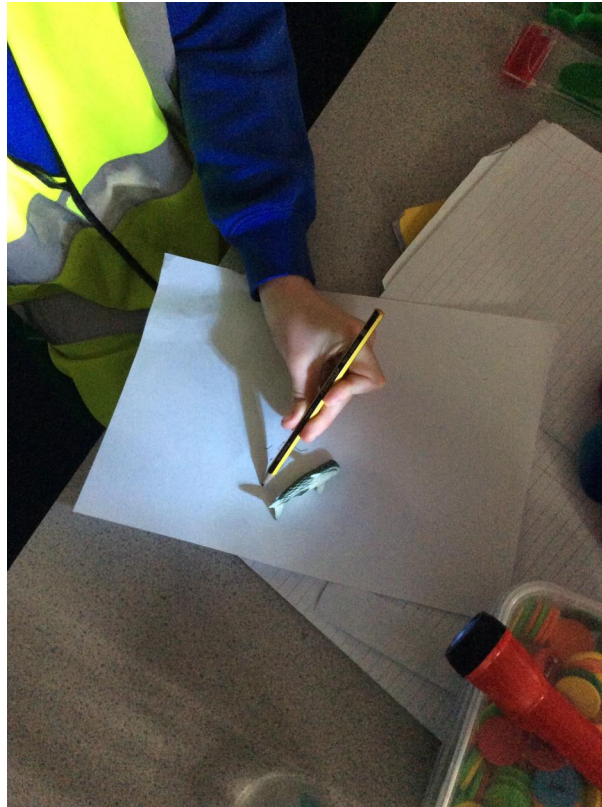












Year 4

Our art-work on still-life progressed a stage further this week, with the children exploring a project that will be in developed in the coming weeks. Each table arranged a ceramic object with some fruit and every child took a photo to use later on in revisiting what the image was. This caused great excitement - and took quite a while as some children retook their photos until they were happy with the finished shot, a great skill to develop. Then, they recreated the colours of the still life by mixing a selection of paints and painted a whole sheet-worth of the pattern on their ceramic object. This is now ready for next week's lesson where the children will cut out shapes to represent the still life objects. Colour-mixing, collaborative working, photographing and discussing their observations were some of the skills explored in this activity. Ruth, one of our volunteer helpers, also joined in with the painting and Mrs Moroni was grateful for her help and enthusiasm with the task.





Year 5&6 Football Club



This week we had an amazing turn out of 34 children to the Thursday football club. The sun came out just in time and we were able to play two great mixed matches. All Year 5&6 children are invited to take part in the club and they get to choose which match they play in. Highlights of this week were seeing the fantastic team work from Year 6 and the amazing goose-like behaviour from Year 5 ensuring everyone got a chance on the ball.







Wear it Red for the Midlands Air Ambulance



On **FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY** our school, together with other schools in the county, will be wearing red to raise vital funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. This charity does not receive Government funding for their daily missions and rely solely on the generosity of local people and businesses. We never know when we may need this vital service and on average, the charity tends to a child every four days that is in need of urgent medical care.

We have been supporting this charity since 2014 and our children, through the school's council, work on different things they can do to be courageous advocates and support charities that need help. The '**WEAR IT RED**' day on Valentine's Day shows our love for the dedication and care the Air Ambulance service provides for everyone within Worcestershire.

On Friday 14th we will all be wearing red for the air ambulance charity and having a fun day with different activities all designed to support the fundraising. Further details in next weeks newsletter.

Last year we raised £633.45 which was an amazing amount, it would be good to see if we can beat that target - 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'.

Focus On Reading: Reading to your child



Parents hear all the time that it's important to read to kids. But why exactly is that? The benefits of reading together go far beyond learning to read.

Reading to young children is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn general information about the world, which makes it easier for them to learn about new subjects once they get to school.

Books also help children build empathy and learn how to handle challenging feelings. Parents can use reading time as a chance to talk about emotions and how to cope with them. For example, you might say: "Have you ever felt as angry as the girl in this book? What would you do if you did?"

Please follow the link to a recent report comprised by The Child Mind Institute all about the benefits of reading to your child.

<https://childmind.org/article/why-is-it-important-to-read-to-your-child/>

Office information

27th January - Adventure Club - **Year 4 - 6** start

3 - 5th February **Year 5** - Residential

10th February **Year 6** - Black Country Museum Trip

14th February All school Wear It Red for the Midlands air ambulance charity

17th - 21st February - **Half Term**

27th February Family Support Community Event

