



8 November 2024

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)



Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Community support for Remembrance Day



In our end-of-week Worship, we had a special visitor: the Assistant Police Crime Commissioner Steve Mackay. He came to see us and say thank you for the poppies we made and have now been placed on the metal Tommy at Malvern. Our half term theme is community and this is times to work with this special time of the year.

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, Unknown Tommy statues have been standing proudly across West Mercia at Malinsgate, Malvern, Monkmoor, Hereford, Kidderminster police stations and West Mercia Police's Headquarters at Hindlip. The Tommy figures are designed as a mark of respect to honour all those military and police personnel impacted by War.

The Local communities have come together to create poppy displays on their local statues. These were collected for a wreath laying ceremony at police HQ to honour former and serving police officers and members of the armed forces on Remembrance Day. West Mercia Police has a proud history of recognising the role ex-servicemen and women, who are currently serving in the force, play to keep communities safe.

Our school was most honoured to receive this special visit which was coordinated by the police engagement officer, Amy Miles. Amy was a previous pupil at our school and some of our current teachers remember teaching her. Our thanks go to Amy and Steve for giving our school the time for the visit.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 10th NOVEMBER 2024

As a Church school it is vitally important to support our local community. Every year, our children represent the school in the Remembrance Parade and Service. The Reverend Barry Unwin, has again this year invited us to take part in the very special service for Remembrance Sunday. .

Mrs Wills and Mrs Moroni will be meeting the children who have agreed to support us by the school bus bay at 9.45am on Sunday 10th November. We will walk to the Old Fire Station in New Street which is where the procession will leave at 10.30am. Once the service has finished the procession will then make its way down to the War Memorial, which is located near the Pepperpot. The service will then continue with the laying of the wreaths and will end around 12.30pm

We would welcome any member of our school community: pupils, parents, staff and Governors, to attend this special Service and invite you to meet with us on Sunday morning at 9:45 at school.

Anything is Possible when playing Dodgeball





On Wednesday, Mrs Davies and Mrs Garey took a team of 10 Year 6 children to Chantry High school to take part in a dodgeball competition. All ten children played with determination, great sportsmanship and skill. Game after game we were victorious and finished the tournament having won every game and were crowned the winners. We will now be invited to take part in the county finals after Christmas. We were proud to take such a great team who represented our school in such a positive way. At no point did they doubt they could win, proving time and time again that anything is possible.





Reception Class

Reception class have started to learn about space this week! The children have been very enthusiastic about this new topic, linking in our learning about space with our new book- "Look up!" We have been getting creative designing our own planets based on what we have learned about the planets in the solar system and have been exploring our new space station role play areas.



Class 1





In PE we pretended we were in a rocket ship and landed on the moon. We explored the moon using skipping, side-stepping and galloping and found craters to stand on. We discovered different alien eggs, (different balls) and found how we could move them in different ways, around our tummy, legs, a figure of 8 between and by bouncing the ball. We then rolled different sized balls to each other with increasing control.

Class 2 - Budding Sports Stars



Year 2 had excellent fun representing Upton School at the local multi-skills festival at Hanley High School. They participated in 9 different activities that tested their agility, co-ordination and balance. They worked with other children from different schools in the local area and enjoyed all the different activities on offer. They completed running races, slalom races, tested their geography skills of north, south, east and west, their balance skills with beanbags and working as a team to collect tennis balls. As usual the children joined in brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

Here's what they thought of the morning:

"The running was my favourite"

"It was the best morning ever"

"I loved getting so much exercise"

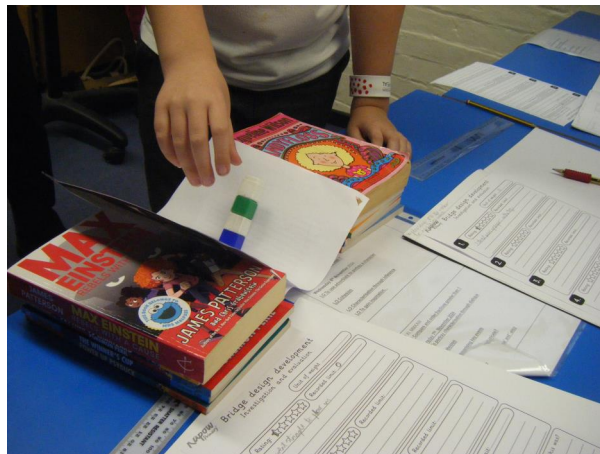




Class 3

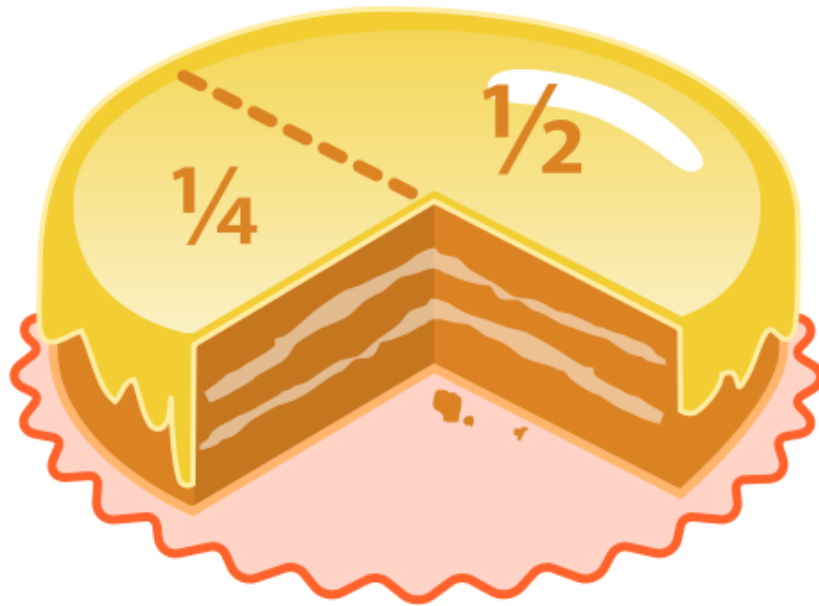
In maths lessons, the children are focusing on learning times tables. They have explored some of the patterns found in the three and six times times tables, such as the diagonal patterns they make when coloured on a hundred square, or the digits totalling certain amounts. Today, they have used their times table to count with on a dot-to-dot version of a poppy. Times tables are a great way to help in many areas of maths and the children are aiming for a quick recall to speed up many maths calculations.

Class 5 - master bridge builders in the making.



This week Year 5 have started a new DT project. The focus this ½ term is Bridges. During their first lesson the class had great fun investigating what structures made the best bridges. They learnt about beam and arch, discovering that an arch is much stronger than a beam due to the structural support it can offer. The class also discussed the different types of bridges that can be found in the local area. They mentioned the arch bridge at Eckington, the motorway crossing which are beam bridges and the Severn Crossings which are neither beam or arches.

Class 6



We have been working incredibly hard on our maths this week hoping to prove that 'fractions are our friends'. We have been talking about cake, pizza and chocolate to support how we add, subtract, multiply and divide using fractions.

'I really enjoyed maths this week. I find multiplying fractions really easy which made learning fun' - Ella

In Geography we have learnt all about the parts of the river and the water cycle. We were amazed to find out that all the water on Earth has always been there. There is no more water or less than when the dinosaurs walked the earth - in fact we may well be drinking the same water they did! Next week we will learn all about the rivers of the World.

Attendance



Our Children's attendance in school is very important and each day that a pupil misses will impact their education. We have a very strict protocol on the attendance of our pupils and you have been sent the new attendance policy.

Click [here](#) to link directly to our attendance policy; making it easy for you to check our new regulations.

To remind all parents, there is a huge impact on children missing time from school which causes disruption to their education. It is a legal requirement that children attend school. We do understand that from time to time we may all experience illness but there are many absences that are not linked to illness and we want to ensure that in our school attendance these are not evident. We will be following the attendance policy and any parent of a child who has an unauthorised absence of more than 10 sessions (5 days) will be issued with a penalty notice, see section 5 Sanctions, in the attendance policy. If this becomes necessary the pupil will need to attend a reintegration meeting with their parents on the first day back after the unauthorised absence. We would ask you to work with us and to only book holidays during the school holiday time.

The Department for Education's formal advice is as follows:

You must make sure your child gets a full-time education that meets their needs. You can send your child to school or [educate them yourself](#). Children must get an education between the school term

after their 5th birthday and the last Friday in June in the school year they turn 16. You'll be contacted by either:

- the school - if your child is enrolled in school and does not turn up (even if they're only absent for a day)
- the council's education welfare officer - if they think your child is not getting a suitable education at home

You can be prosecuted if you do not give your child an education. You'll normally get warnings and offers of help from the local council first. You can [get education and attendance information from your council](#).

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- they're too ill to go in
- you have advance permission from the school

There's [extra support available](#) if your child cannot go to school for long periods because of a health problem. There may be other exceptional circumstances where you can ask to take your child out of school. Your school will consider each application and may let you take your child out of school.

Holidays in term time

A holiday is generally not considered an exceptional circumstance. You cannot usually take your child away during term time.

You can be [fined or face legal action](#) for taking your child on holiday during term time.

Parking at School

I am disappointed to report that we continue to have issues with the parking. On the last day of term, I received a photo from a very upset neighbour who had been totally blocked in by two cars that had parked across her driveway. I appeal to you all again to please not park in the designated private area of the carpark opposite the school. Our community is very important to us and we need to work with them to ensure that we do not cause them inconvenience through our thoughtless parking.

The private drives opposite the school car park are also not to be used: this states very clearly it is a private carpark. We do understand that the parking is a challenge but there is a public carpark opposite the Church with a pelican crossing nearby for a safe walking route.

School council



Did you know it is 874 miles from John o'Groats to Lands End?

This year for our Children in Need fundraiser, we are planning to scoot this distance completing laps around the playground.

During the week beginning 11th November, classes will be invited to bring their scooters to school to begin to virtually travel the distance of John o'Groats to Lands End. School Council ask that if you wish to bring your scooter to school on the days your classes are taking part, that a donation is made at the school gate into the collection bucket.

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th Nursery and Years R, 2, 4 and 6 are invited to bring their scooters to school for a donation in the bucket.

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th Years 1, 3 and 5 are invited to bring their scooters to school for a donation in the bucket.

From Monday 11th - Thursday 14th school uniform must be worn as normal.

On Friday 15th November, all children in the school are invited to bring their scooters into school to take part in a final push towards to the end as well as come into school in home clothes for a donation on the gate.

If you wish to take part please make sure you bring your scooter and helmet on the right day along with your donation.

You can borrow someone's scooter if needed, but please have permission of the scooter owner.

Lexi and Lottie Year 6.

School Council

Please note: we have balance bikes in school for Preschool children to use so that they can also contribute to this exciting challenge.

Focus On Reading

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to recommend a really good website, Love Reading 4 Kids. Please see the link. There are opportunities for children to read extracts of books before you purchase them.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genres/lrbom/books-of-the-month>

Every month they recommend new books for children of all ages. In particular this month, we would like to recommend The World Between the Rain by Susan Cathil and as it is approaching the Christmas season s Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig, The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher and Charlie and the Christmas factory by Roald Dahl.

Office information.

November 14th

SCHOOL PHOTOS for the whole school.

SAVE THE DATES

Rec & Yr1 Thursday 21 November -

Phonics Morning 9-10am

NATIVITY REC, YR1 & YR2
9.30am

Performances 16th & 17th December

CHILD ABSENCE LINE - Please ensure that when leaving a message the reason of absence needs to be given 'unwell' is unacceptable as we have to input the information to the DfE and unwell does not support the information required, thank you.

