



Friday September 27 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)

Bible Quote Matthew 13:30:

"Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

Harvest Festival





Today we celebrated our harvest festival in our local parish church St Peter and St Paul's and it was wonderful to see the church full with so many parents/carers. Rev Barry Unwin supported us through this service and welcomed us to the church. Harvest is a very important time of the year and as the children made clear, the farmers in this area have been very busy harvesting their vital crops. Our local community shop Warner's supermarkets, stock as many of the local farmers' produce as possible and as part of the community they ensure that the whole community works together creating a strong bond to provide healthy food. Warner's support our breakfast club: providing us with the food to enable our children to have a healthy start to the day. Should you wish your child to be given a healthy breakfast in school, do email the school office for further details. Breakfast club is open from 7:30am

After the service we took the food contributions down to the Foodbank and Amy at the Baptist Church was delighted to receive them. Thank you for all the input supporting harvest donations. We would also like to thank Warner's supermarkets for supporting our breakfast club.

Reception Class 1 and 2



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been very lucky to have Liz Dodd (who we fondly call The Harp Lady) join us in school and share Hatty the Harp with us. We listened to the different ways that the harp can be played using single notes and then chords. Liz then played a song we know called 'Row Row Row your Boat' and we were able to sing along with her. We listened to the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' with the harp creating all the musical sound effects. We had an absolutely amazing time and can't wait till Liz and Hatty come back to see us again.

Year 1 Toys Then and Now

Year 1 have been looking at old toys from the Victorian times, the 50s, 80 and toys that we play with today. We noticed that they used to be wooden and today we have lots of toys that are plastic and make noises. The cup and ball and skipping rope are Victorian toys that we still play with in the playground today.











Class 2



Class 2 have been budding scientists and engineers this week. We were tasked with designing and building a bridge using the correct materials. We then tested using weights to see how well our bridges held up. We learnt that the triangle was the strongest shape and used this to help with our design process. Some of our bridges were so strong they held 6kg and did not break!

Class 3

Class 4 88		YEAR 3 55	Completed
Info	Class Results	Player Results	Certificates
Class Average Correct		Class Total Correct	CSV
1	Class 4	88	
2	YEAR 3	55	

Class 3 have been working hard to get on to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and gain their Rock Star status. To gain your Rock Star status you need to play in the studio section of TTRS at least 10 times. This week there was a tournament with Year 3 vs Year 4. Congratulations to Year 4 for winning this tournament. Freya (Class 4) contributed the most with Arthur and Charlie in Class 3 following close behind. Keep your eyes open for the next tournament and in the meantime get playing!

Click [here](#) to find out more information about the different types of games on Times Table Rock Stars.

Class 4

Year 4 have been reading **Kwame Alexander's book, *The Undeclared***. The book is a poem which tells of strength and bravery. It shares with us how these characters have persevered and shown endurance to achieve their dreams showing that anything is possible. This week, the children have learnt about some famous black sportspeople and musicians. They have listened to recordings of Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Thelonius Monk and chosen which one was their favourite and why. We will be listening to some of this music in the coming weeks as part of the school worships so that we can share our music choices with the rest of the school.

Class 5

We have finished our book - it was super!

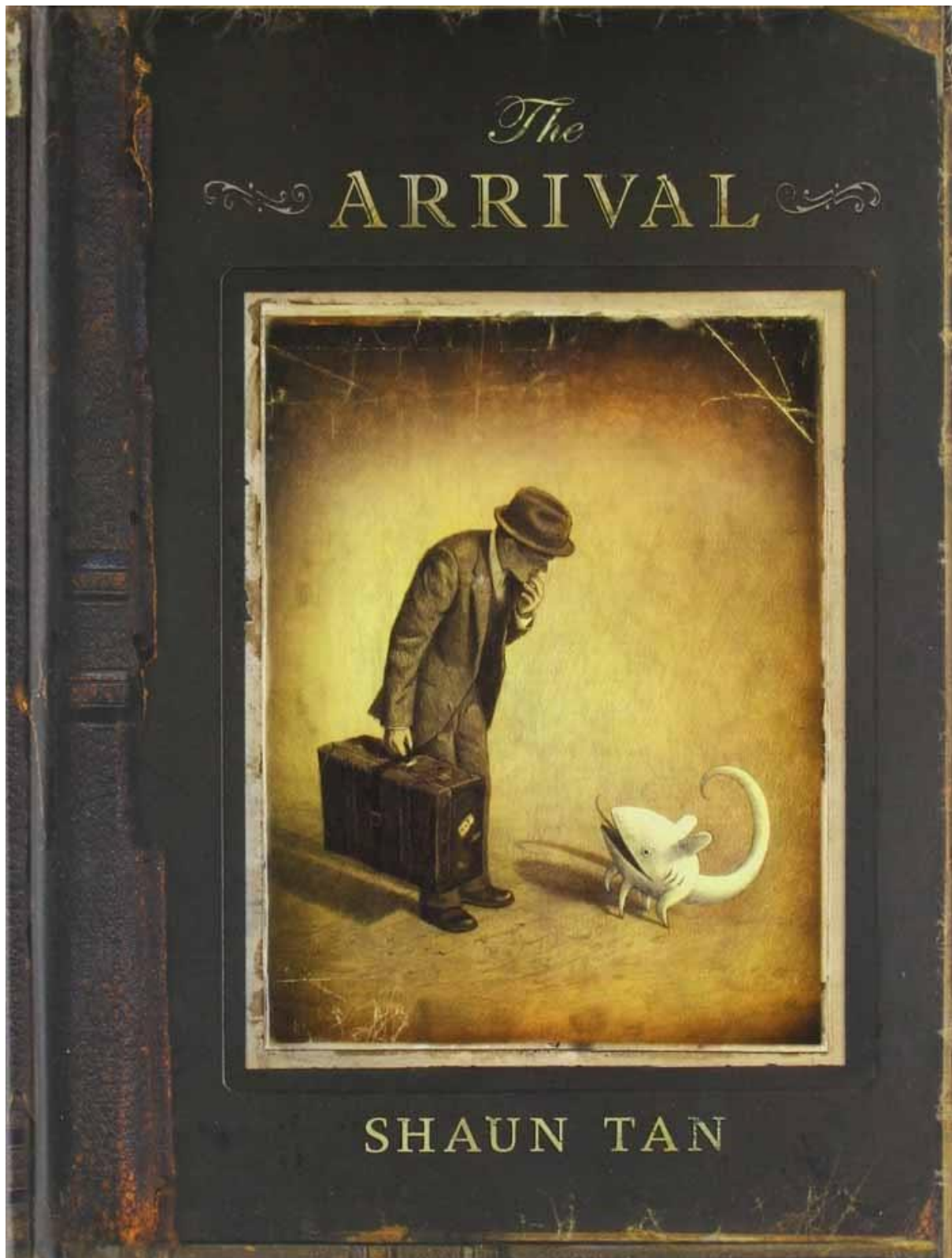
The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell

Year 5 have completed their first novel of the year. The book has had many super twists and turns through it as we have learnt of the adventures of Vita, Silk, Arkady and Samuel as they try to gain back Hudson Castle which was taken from him under false pretences by Sorrtore. Throughout our reading of this book the class have embodied the phrase "Reading takes you on countless adventures". As the book has been read, the class have used their jotters to make notes in order to fully understand the plot. Today we tested how secure we were in the story by competing in a quiz based on knowledge gained from the book.

We completed some three word reviews and explained what we had most enjoyed, remembering to give explanations to support our thoughts.



Class 6



This week we have drawn to a close our wonderful book ***The Arrival by Shaun Tan***. This story has given us a great opportunity to explore what life is like as a refugee moving to another strange country. The class have completed a big write this week providing narration to our picture book. We had

some amazing pieces of writing that were outstanding in the way they captured the essence of the book and showed that they can write as an author would.

'The fear on their faces was disheartening, like no other. It seemed to drain all that was left of the passion from their home.'

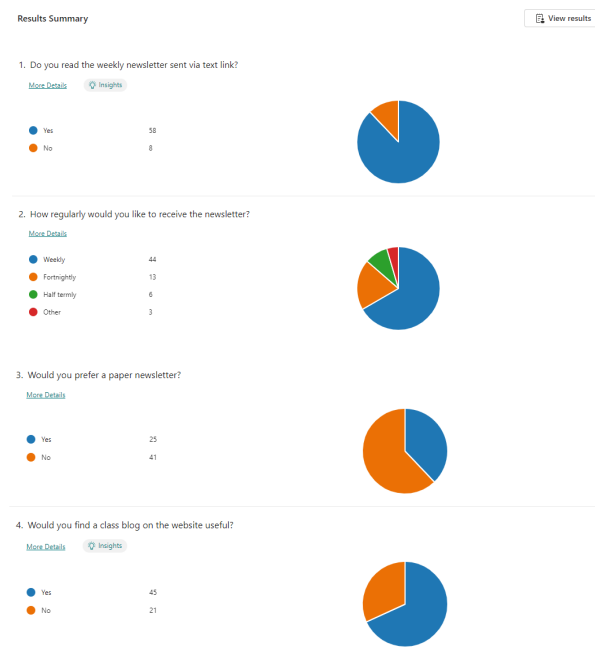
'When they finally reached the dock, great sadness filled their hearts as they hugged each other goodbye.'

We were disappointed that the weather meant our football tournament was postponed - new date is October 14th. Instead Mrs Davies and Mrs Malpass ran an intraschool football tournament. We were not deterred by the torrential rain, in fact the children insisted we stay out in it!

The Newsletter update on survey

Thank you to all those who responded to the survey on the newsletter which was sent last week. Working with parents is vital to us and we want to ensure we respond to feedback to ensure we can support you with your children's development. The overall result was that the electronic newsletter version we have is working well and we will be continuing with this whilst adapting to provide you with more information as you have requested.

Please see results below.



Attendance all day every day because every day counts



We have been focusing on the vital importance of children attending school. As a team working in this school, we ensure that the educational opportunities and the development of our children's wellbeing is at the forefront of all we do. We have a curriculum designed to impact their learning, providing them with the depth of knowledge to support their learning as they move forward through the educational system. School attendance is vital to this as missing even a small percentage of education will result in an impact on the children's learning and also emotional development.

Our Attendance for this week is:

Reception 98%

Year 1 96.0%

Year 2 99.0%

Year 3 98.0%

Year 4 96.0%

Year 5 96.0%

Year 6 96.%

Congratulations to year R and 2 who have had the best attendance this week.

Whole School: 96.%

Clubs to support children's personal development

This week our clubs have had a busy time as they settled into the new terms work. In construction the children were challenged to make bridges and then find out which was the strongest bridge. The singing from the choir was wonderful and it's always a pleasure to hear our children's voices as they practice their new songs.

The musical theatre club was also developing this week with Miss Gilson helping the children to learn their new songs. Netball was unfortunately impacted by this week's very poor weather and was cancelled.

Adventure

construction

Netball

Film

Choir and musical theatre

Meet and greet the teacher

Our meet and greet the teacher session on Wednesday went very well and despite the rain we had many parents come and visit us to see their children's new classes and also meet to have a chat with the teacher. Class 3 will have their meet and greet on Thursday 3rd October.

Online Safety - A Parent's Guide to Roblox



In a recent survey of online safety workers, Roblox was listed as the number 1 game they wouldn't let their children play.

Please find below a link from Safer Schools advising parents of the content of this game and the ways in which we can safeguard our children online.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/01/19/roblox-parents-guide-and-age-restrictions/#:~:text=Roblox%20has%20a%20PEGI%20rating,consent%20to%20use%20the%20services.>

Information from the School Office

PUPIL DATA SHEETS

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have returned their children's Pupil Details Sheets, there are still some outstanding, please can you send these in with your children so that any updates can be made.

Reminders :- Consent forms for the following have been sent out this week, please complete them at your earliest convenience.

Year 5/6 Cross Country

Year 3 Bishops Wood Trip

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER - MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER PRE-SCHOOL - YEAR 6

SCHOOL CENSUS THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER - Miquill Catering are putting on a special menu, this is a change to the menu they had on their website. Your child's menu choice will automatically be changed to the new menu for this day, if you do not wish your child to have the new choice please cancel your order.



PARKING



Can I please remind all parents that the carpark opposite the bus bay only has availability to the left hand side. The parking bays to the right are private spaces and parking in front of the residents cars and blocking their cars in causes great distress and is not how the car park should be used. We appreciate that parking is difficult but we would request that you respect our neighbours. One resident was extremely upset this morning to find her car blocked in again. She has taken photographs which she showed us to alert us that this is happening regularly. PC Johns is aware of this situation and is going to be placing parking cones in that area.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy that is coming up for a parent governor. Any current parent governors may reapply. Governors have an important role to play in the school. Every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. The governing board would welcome applications from anyone who is keen to support our school in this role.

To be able to volunteer, you need to be a parent, carer (or someone who has parental responsibility) for a child at Upton Upon Severn CofE Primary School. You do not need any specific qualifications. The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a parent governor.

To fulfil the role, you will need to:

- attend regular meetings, which are held termly

- visit the school occasionally
- do some background reading
- take part in induction training and ongoing development (which will be provided for you)

Further details will be emailed to all parents on Friday 27th September 2024

Important Dates

More information regarding the events will be published closer to the time.

Friday 20th September: Cake Sale, 3:15pm - 4pm, Playground

Wednesday 25th September: Meet the teacher evening, 3:15pm - 4pm

Friday 27th September: Harvest Festival, 9:30am at Church

Monday 30th September: school photos

Friday 4th October: Open day for new students

Friday 18th October: Disco, KS1 3:15pm - 4:15pm, KS2 4:20pm - 5:20pm

Wednesday 23rd October: Parents evening

Thursday 24th October: Parents evening

Red Eagle Martial Arts



The red eagle Martial Arts runs at our school each Monday evening. If you would like to be involved in the Martial Arts or would like your child to join here is the website link:

redeaglemartialarts.co.uk

Nikki runs both adult and children's classes and these can support mental health and wellbeing as well as keeping our bodies fit and healthy.

