

Friday June 7th 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)

4. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again

Our Value for this half term is Courage

Remembering D Day 80 years ago..... “ On 6 June we remember those who gave their lives in the summer of 1944 in the cause of freedom.” General Lord Dannatt, Chairman of Trustees, Normandy Memorial Trust



As our value for this half term is **courage** it is important that we remember the courage shown by all those who work to protect our country. This week sees the 80th anniversary of the historic D Day.

Just after midnight, on 6 June 1944, over 23,400 Allied airborne forces landed on drop zones behind the German lines. Operation Overlord had begun. Then, at dawn, the Allied troops of many nationalities under British, Canadian, and American commands landed on the Normandy beaches. The size of the invasion was unprecedented. The Allies used almost 7,000 ships and landing craft to land around 156,000 troops in total (23,400 airborne and 132,600 on the 5 beaches) and equipment on the five beaches on the Normandy coast, backed by naval and air support.* * Statistics from <https://thedaystory.com/> D-Day veteran, 98-year-old Albert Price, was a tank driver during the Second World War and landed on Gold Beach on 6 June 1944 at the age of 18. He recalls: “ I can still remember driving the tank onto the beach in Normandy and having to zig zag to avoid mines and shells flying straight at us. I will never forget that day, scrambling for safety after our tank got hit. ” Operation Overlord marked the beginning of the liberation of France, and alongside Russian efforts in the East, the eventual defeat of Nazi Germany. Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) was declared on 8th May 1945.

Bell Boating Day

This week we have had a wonderful day bellboating.....

Year 5 had so much fun bell boating. It was superb and everyone showed perseverance all the way along the river. We got wet at times, but still stayed in good spirits. The three boats all went at different speeds. Boat 1 was the quickest and was always in front. Boat 2 tried hard to catch up with boat 1, but stayed in the middle. Boat 3 went at a more leisurely pace. We did so well that Andy, our instructor, allowed us to stand up and paddle. We also walked in the middle of the boat! The sun shone and we had a wonderful day. Special thanks to Andy Train, Mrs Rowberry, Mrs Miles-Ritchie, Mrs Hanks and Mrs Young.

By Miriam and Maxwell, Year 5

Year 6 really enjoyed bell boating too. We picked the perfect day weather-wise and enjoyed exploring the fauna and flora of the riverside spotting dragonflies, damsel flies, nesting swans, ducks and cormorants. The children really enjoyed catwalking up and down the boats and striking a few poses.

This was the first time that year 4 had been bell boating and they had a brilliant time. They used chanting their times tables to help them keep in time and paddled with strength to move up the river. We saw a few herons and listened to the sounds on the river.

















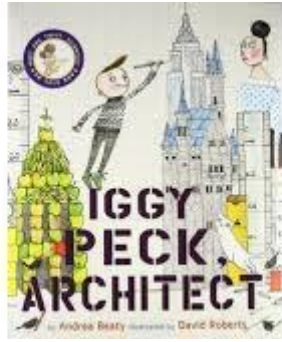
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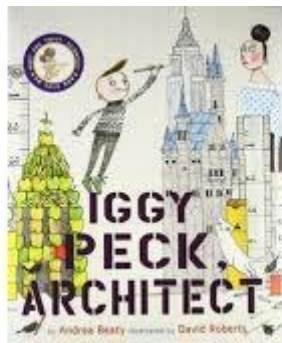
Pirates Ahoy!!!!

Reception class have continued their book, *The Night Pirates*, as they were enjoying it so much the week before half term. We have created pirate treasure maps, pirate hats and even used pirate Fred and Pirate Bert to help us with understanding odd and even numbers and the idea of sharing equally in maths. We have created some amazing writing too. It has been lovely to see the children develop social skills through role play activities and also develop resilience and turn taking through pirate games. We have been learning two pirate songs which we would love to share with you later in the term.

Year 1

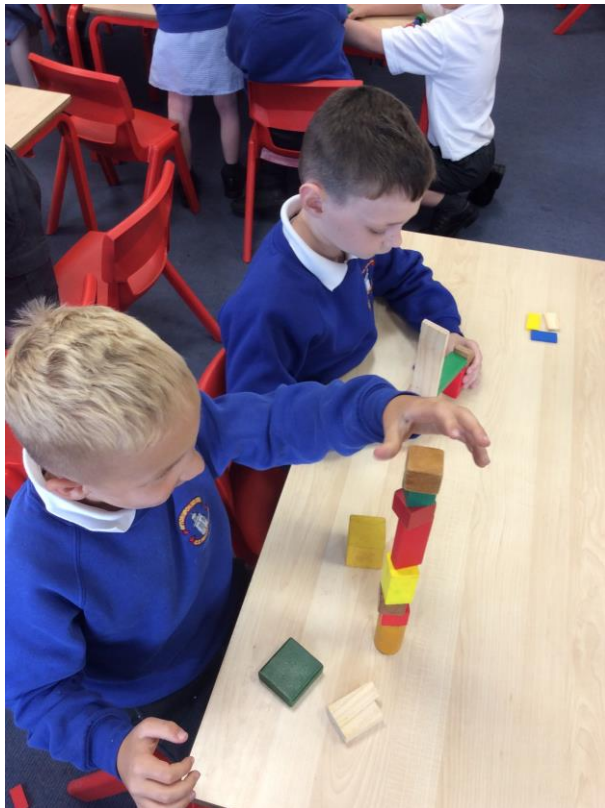


With the introduction of a new book, Class One have been busy becoming architects this week. Take a look at their creations and fantastic writing which describes them.



















Year 2



Year Two have also been engrossed in a new book this week: The Dragon Machine. They came back to find a dragon's tail peeking out from behind the board and created their own dragon tails, using prepositions to describe where they were found.

"It was lurking between the bushes"

"I found it hiding amongst the trees"

They have also enjoyed creating a wonderful display of leaves for their new jungle topic!

Year 3 and the Upton tourist centre

During the last week of the half term Year 3 invited their parents in to school to see their version of the Upton Tourist Information Centre. The class had visited the Upton centre the week before and had an informative and interesting experience. They learnt many facts and wanted to share this with

their families. The children prepared information leaflets, all about the many attractions Upton holds for visitors, they showed maps of differing scales, letters of thanks to the TIC for showing us around and spoke about them all. This was the culmination of their Geography work this term, learning about our locality. Work inspired from the visits to the TIC, the library and The Ham are on display in both venues - do please call in to the library and the Tourist Information Centre to see what the children have produced.

Team Points



Working as part of a team is very important to us at school and the way we set the team points demonstrates this aspect well. This week's team points have been collated. Well done everybody for contributing to the grand total. You have all been working hard to show our school values.

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