

Friday 17th May 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 Proverbs 4:25-26

Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. 26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.

Reception



Another amazing week in reception class! The children have been persevering parrots all week in all areas. We have been trying hard in everything we do and encouraging and praising others to do the same.

We have had a big push on reading for pleasure this week and thinking about reading as something that can be done anywhere at anytime. We have read indoors, outdoors, on chairs on the floor, in the reading shed and some of us even read in the sand pit! Reception class understand that reading is not just about reading the words but about reading the story through pictures and making their own predictions about the book.

Reading to your child is as important as them reading to you so please enjoy a book with your child over the weekend.

Class 1



Today marks Miss Dawson's last day with us. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her in our class over the past 6 weeks and she now moves onto her next placement school. The class showed Miss Dawson respect by creating drawings and notes for her. Miss Dawson has taught lots of lessons whilst with at Upton and has made learning really fun for us. Thank you Miss Dawson!

Class 2



Year 2 have enjoyed a busy week this week especially as it is World Mental Health Week! It ended with thinking about how to keep our minds healthy. We used BBC moodbusters to build resilience, persevere and power up! The children persevered through the different dance moves and kept going trying to make their friends laugh! It was a great way to end a Friday dancing along and high fiving our friends!

Year 3

The class have been out and about Upton this week for their Geography work about Our Locality.

On Tuesday, the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) opened especially for us. Susie, who works there, gave a talk about the history and geography of Upton and the children explored the centre and Heritage Centre. She emailed afterwards, saying that the children 'were beautifully behaved and a pleasure to have in for a visit'. She asked for the children's help in trialling a wordsearch she has made for tourists and the class took this task very seriously and have prepared feedback for Susie.

The following afternoon saw Class 3 heading to Upton library. There, they learned how libraries organise their books and about the layout of Upton library. They were set a local studies task about finding information from books about the Upton area and feeding it back to the group.

We are grateful for the support we have had to enrich this topic work, and thanks go to all our helpers, Ruth Etheridge, Victoria Groom, Susie and Karen.

We have been asked to create displays in both the library and the Pepperpot and that is going to form our writing lessons for next week. We invite parents in to school next Friday, May 24th at 9.15am to see the results and Class 3's very own Upton-upon-Severn TIC.

Class 4



In school we have sessions called drop and read where the children are encouraged to drop what they are doing pick up their books and read. I visited year 4 during their drop and read session and found children sitting quietly in all areas of the classroom immersed in their reading. I spoke to some of the children about the books they were reading and who the authors were.

Book: Paddington 2 Author: Anna Wilson. Ollie said he was enjoying reading it as he had seen the movie and he enjoyed drop and read as he could move to a different place in the classroom.

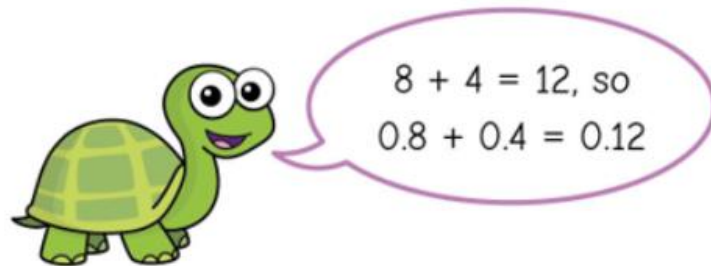
Book: Waiting for Anya Author: Micheal Morpurgo. The reason I chose this book was because I saw a golden retriever and I have one. I have only read 2 pages so far but already it's really good.

Book: Spells Trouble Author: Lauren Child. I chose this book because it looked fun and mysterious. I like to drop and read as you can read in a different place every time.

Book: My Secret Unicorn Author: Linda Chapman. I like to drop and read because I just like to relax and be calm and drop and read means I can do this easily.

Class 5

Tiny is working out $0.8 + 0.4$



What mistake has Tiny made?

What is the correct answer?

This week Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard in their Maths lessons. The focus has been on adding and subtracting decimals, with the same and differing numbers of decimal places. This has involved a great deal of perseverance; resulting in a great deal of success. The progress year 5 have made in this area of the curriculum has been extremely positive and both Mrs. Malpass and Mrs. Clements have been blown away by the sheer determination to succeed by all the children.

"At the start of the week, decimals made me worry, but I have persevered to understand them. Today I reached Deepen in Maths and I got it right"

"Decimals can be quite tricky, but if you remember to add in 0's where there are gaps, it makes it much easier"

"I have persevered really hard in Maths all week, next week I need to persevere to remember to always put the decimal point into my answers!"

Class 6 and SATs week



This week our year 6 children have had a slightly different week. The annual year 6 Sats tests that all children take in year 6 have been running. We always focus on making this week as positive as possible for the pupils and start the morning with a relaxed and healthy breakfast club. Warners have supported us with these extra breakfasts this week and it has been wonderful to see the children chatting happily over their breakfast table.

The children all worked extremely hard during this week and we are very proud of their positive approach to the tests. The results will come out later this term but we are delighted with the progress our pupils have made during this year and the way they work together as a year 6 team supporting each other through their final year of Primary school.

Year 6 Rugby Tournament



Today all the year 6 children from local Malvern schools were invited to a Rugby festival run by the Malvern rugby club. This event is an excellent sporting activity and covers many aspects of the children's physical education curriculum. The team building and bonding is critical and the sportmanship the pupils showed demonstrates their flourishing maturity. There was great excitement this morning as all the children started to arrive from 8:30 onwards and the day was a significant contrast to the formality of the SATs testing days and a perfect way to end the week. Thank you to all the team at the Malvern Rugby club for organising such an impressive day. Stand out performances from Ava Price and Lexi Smith.



1 - The beauty of buttercups

Teddy has had an interesting week this week as he has been exploring a buttercup field during his walks. The yellow dye from the buttercups is now firmly fixed in Teddy's hair and the children have found this most amusing to see. The picture shows Teddy running through the field and reminds us all of what wonderful countryside we live in and how we should all take the time to immerse ourselves in the natural joy of the outside world.

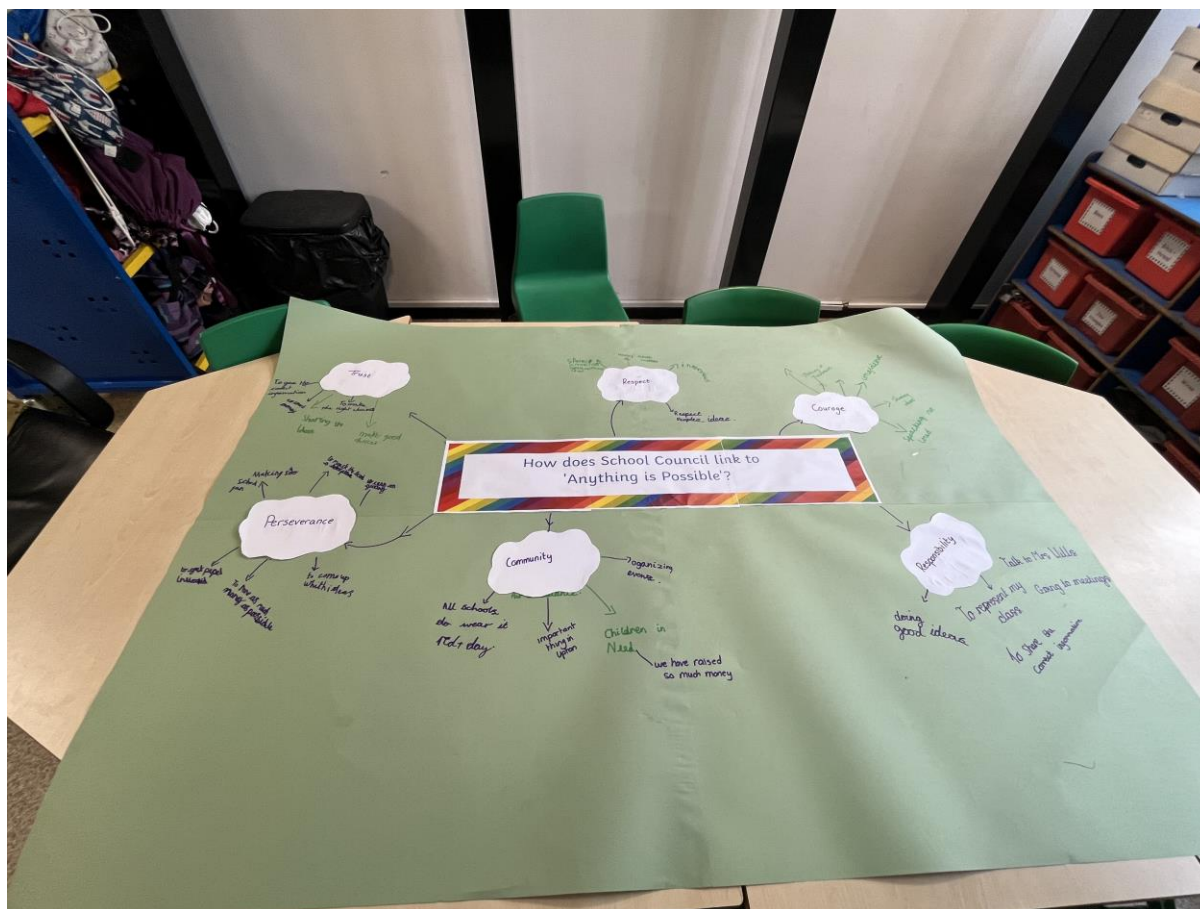


The International Day of Play <https://www.internationaldayofplay.org/> campaign is coordinated by a network of organisations, initiated by LEGO Group and the LEGO Foundation, who are driving a global play movement for children everywhere, for generations to come. They have got together and successfully called on the United Nations General Assembly to adopt an annual International Day of Play on the 11th June!

Play opens up a whole world of possibilities. It is a fundamental right; it builds resilience, instils confidence, and helps children develop. Play is healing and supports children's wellbeing.

We are planning on how we will celebrate International Play Day in our setting and will be sending you further information regarding this next week. Play is very important in all aspects of a child's life and as we grow the importance of relaxation and engaging in hobbies and sports becomes a vital part of well being.

Schools Council



School Council recently met to discuss how through their meetings that are achieving the School Values and the vision of Anything is Possible.

The first challenge was to create a piece of paper that was large enough to suit the task, Robin and Annie-rose achieved this. The School Council then sat and discussed all the different things they have done over time that reflect the values.

It really did show how well School Council work as a team to reflect the vision Anything is Possible.

If you have a suggestion of something that School Council might like to focus on for next half term, please speak to your school council representatives or Mrs. Malpass

Key Dates

Monday 20th May Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 10th July Year 5 Athletics day at Hanley

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.

New After School Club!

Click the image to access all the details. This is a new club running after half-term break and organised by Empower Active. Please follow the link on the flyer to book your child's place.

EMPOWER ACTIVE QUIDDITCH CLUB



Wednesdays

Summer Term

Starting Wednesday 5th June, all dates available on booking.



**Upton Upon Severn CofE
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ACTIVITIES

Catching the snitch
Quidditch World Cup
Quaffle throws
Light Reaction Games
Decision Making
Targets & Challenges

*All activities are fully
inclusive for all*

KEY STAGE 1&2

Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Family Support

Starting Well Partnership, South Worcestershire

Parenting and Community Teams

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Starting Well Partnership (SWP) Facebook page  For lots of local information, tips and advice follow our Facebook page: Starting Well Partnership ^{[3],[4]} South Worcestershire Worcester Facebook^[6] or scan this QR Code ^[7]	
Parenting Courses We offer a wide range of FREE courses to support families within Worcestershire. Working in partnership with families to offer support for parents & children in Worcestershire. View our range of courses by scanning the Trybooking QR code. Or request support using the link below or QR code https://startingwellworcestershire.nhs.uk/request^{[8],[9]} support^[10] ^[11]	
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Chat Health Chat health is a confidential text messaging service that enables young people aged 11-19 in Worcestershire to contact a School Health Nurse. They can discuss a wide range of issues including bullying, emotional health, relationships and wellbeing. For more information, please go to: https://chathealth.nhs.uk^[14] ^[15]	
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SWANS (South Worcestershire Additional Needs Support) A friendly, nurturing support group for parents, family members and carers of children with Additional Needs, covering ALL of South Worcestershire. They meet to discuss your SEN journey as well as having presentations from time to time from professionals in the SEN field. They meet face to face at Worcester Countryside Park and virtually via Teams to enable people to access the group as and when they can; we know not every time suits everyone. Find us on facebook, SWANS (South Worcestershire Additional Needs Support) or scan the QR code here. Email Hollie for more information on: Hollie.carver@actionforchildren.org.uk	

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Great Malvern, WR14 2TL

Saturday 18th May

11am - 2pm

Try our sports out for free - for all ages!

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