



**'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'**  
*Raising Aspirations, Realising Ambition and Stimulating Curiosity*

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Here are some of the exciting things we have been doing in school this week:

EYFS & Year 1



We had visitors into school to remind us how to cross the road safely, and we practised in the hall, just to make sure.

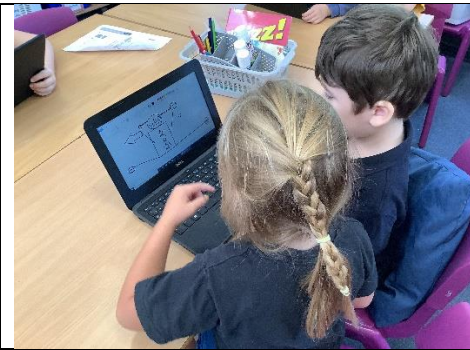
We enjoyed the last of the sunshine, building, measuring, sharing and working together – we had some great ideas.

In Pufflings, we painted our Supertato and Evil Pea characters and acted out the story.





Years 2 & 3



In computing we have been developing our desktop publishing skills. We have learnt how to insert, order and group different shapes and lines to create our own images on the computers.



In PE we have been focussing on gymnastics. We have been thinking about what makes a good balance and having a go creating sequences with a series of different balances.



In reading we have been exploring more of our class book *George's Marvellous Medicine* which the children have loved. We discussed new words we came across and then worked together to find the definitions, practising our dictionary skills.



In Maths we have been exploring number lines. We have been plotting numbers on a number line and creating our own with varying intervals, including intervals of 1, 2, 3, 5 10 and 100.



In Science we have been investigating materials and their properties. We explored different materials and objects, and used words such as: soft, hard, flexible, rigid, bendy and waterproof to describe them.



Years 4 & 5



In PE this week we looked at passing in team games. The children had great fun exploring different tactics to pass the ball from one end of the court to the other.



In Computing our focus this term is to improve our word processing skills. To start with, we used a split screen to view information and a word document at the same time. We typed questions for others to answer and explored putting them in *italics*.



In English this week we have been exploring mummification and building on our instructions from last week and looking at explanation texts. We began by following instructions and an explanation text of how to mummify a dead Pharaoh. The children were particularly interested in the removal of the organs and brain. If you ask them, we are sure they could tell you exactly what happened.



In Science we have been investigating how much water a seed need to germinate. Thinking about Egypt and the weather, we tested cress seeds to see how many drops of water were needed for germination. We made a prediction and are eagerly monitoring the germination process. So far not much is happening, we need to explore why.





### Year 4/5/6 - Kingsbury Green Trip

We went along to Kingsbury Green to listen to author Jenny Pearson. She spoke about how she wrote her books and where her inspiration came from.



In Maths we created a numberline from 10 to negative 10. We then jumped along to figure out what happens when you add two positives, two negatives, or a positive and negative.



In Science we have been making a blood model and exploring the different components of blood. We used water and paint to create our plasma, Cherrios to create our red and white blood cells, as well as Rice Crispies to create the platelets. We then discussed what each element did.



In PE we looked at how to control a ball, keeping the ball close to our stick and thinking carefully about our speed. We had to weave in and out of cones.

## Whole School Experience



Circus Piddly – what a special event! We took the whole school to visit Circus Piddly on the recreation ground, to see a circus in action. Tom was playing the saxophone on the roof of the Big Top to welcome us.

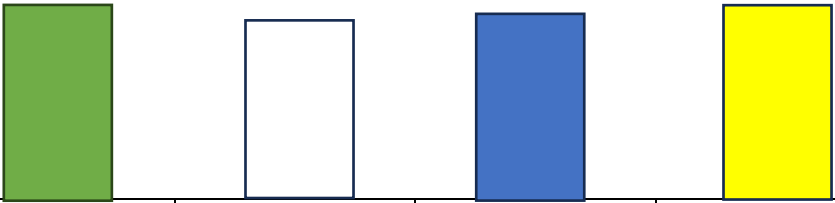
We saw an acrobat and Sam the juggler performed some of his tricks. For his finale, he rode a 12-foot unicycle. Finally, the children in years 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to ask questions to find out more about circus life. What a great morning event.

As you can see, the children have had a very active and - as far as the circus was concerned – an in-tents set of learning experiences.



## Scores and Rewards

Team Points:



Team Points this week	238	216	227	236
	Bowood Green	Gases White	Oxygen Blue	Duck Yellow



Team Points this term	558	555	601	544
	Bowood Green	Gases White	Oxygen Blue	Duck Yellow

Spikey Points by Class:

Ducklings	Goslings	Pufflings	Eider	Sandpiper	Teal	Curlew	Avocet	Kingfisher	Mallard
0	0	135	132	177	95	170	110	90	70

Attendance by Class Weeks Commencing: 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024:

Ducklings	Goslings	Pufflings	Eider	Sandpiper	Teal	Curlew	Avocet	Kingfisher	Mallard
98.99%	93.43%	98.52%	96.09%	94.64%	97.82%	95.74%	96.48%	98.66%	96.90%

School Average – 96.77%

Congratulations to Ducklings, who had the best attendance this week and will be sitting on the benches in assembly next week. Don't forget how important being in school is to let children learn and build social skills, which will help them throughout their lives.

Have a great weekend,

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