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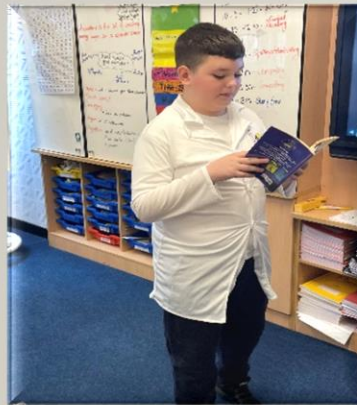
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World Book Day



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we invited author Ben Lyttleton to come and visit our school. Ben talked to our Year 4 pupils about his books 'The Football School Series' and held a fun packed assembly which included singing, dancing, and laughter!



Throughout the day, pupils took part in lots of activities.

Our Year 6 pupils visited classes throughout the day to read with the younger children.



It was lovely to see pupils and staff come to school dressed as their favourite book characters.

Pupils received a £1 book token which can be spent in any bookstore.

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As the focus for this year's World Book Day was to 'Share a Story Corner,' we ran a reading competition. We asked pupils to show how much of a reader they are by taking a video or a photo of themselves reading in the most interesting place they can find. Here are just a couple of the winners!



A snapshot of Musa's video! (Year 4)



Sophie's entry (Year 2)



To finish the day of celebrations, we had mystery readers for story time. Parents were invited to come and read a story in class.

Thank you to everyone for helping our pupils have a fun packed World Book Day!

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Science Week: Connections



The National Science Week theme this year was 'Connections'. At Vicarage we looked at the connections between different phenomena, including cause and effect and finding patterns.

EYFS

In Early Years, children were learning about the lifecycle of plants, butterflies and chickens. The children were amazed to see a chick hatching from its egg. They learned about how to care for the chicks.

Children watched caterpillars grow and form a chrysalis and are looking forward to seeing the butterflies. They have made predictions about what they think they will look like once they emerge from their chrysalis.

A special thank you to Samuel (4P) and Sean (4G) for helping to care for the chicks.



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Years 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 children focussed on the link between different environmental conditions and plant growth. **Year 1** children conducted an enquiry to find out if there was a connection between the size of an apple and how many seeds it has. They also planted and observed beans grow. **Year 2** learned about the germination of a bean and identifying the parts of a plant. They looked at the conditions under which plants can grow healthily. They grew plants under different conditions, i.e. without water, without soil etc., and observed the plants over time.

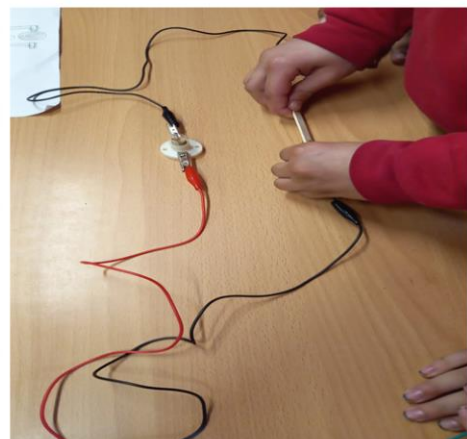


Years 3 and 4

Year 3 learned about the transportation of water in celery. They were able to link their knowledge of a plant's structure, the function of each part to what they observed and used this knowledge in their explanations. **Year 4** investigated the relationship between the number of wires in a circuit and the brightness of a light bulb.

WARM LOCATION		COOL LOCATION	
Time day	Amount of water	Time day	Amount of water
1	40 ml	1	40 ml
2	38 ml	2	38 ml
3	36 ml	3	36 ml
4	33 ml	4	36 ml
5	32 ml	5	35 ml
6	31 ml	6	35 ml

The results show that the celery in warmer location took more water in.
I know this because warmer environments dry up the water quicker than a cooler environment.



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Years 5 and 6

Year 5 have been learning about the life cycles of plants and animals. They have also investigated connections between the shape and size of a bird's beak and the food that they eat. They have observed plants grow using artificial propagation.

Year 6 were excited to attend a presentation by one of our parents, whose job is in visual effects. Mr Ducenne explained how he uses science and technology as part of his work on movie sets which include, The Avengers: End Game, Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker and Jurassic World: Dominion. Thank you to Mr Ducenne for his time and inspiring presentation. It was a real treat!



Thank you to the parents who attended the Science Week Parent's Workshop to learn more about the Science curriculum. We hope you found the information useful when supporting your child.

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Dates for your diary

Friday 31st March - Last day of Spring term

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter break

Monday 17th April - All pupils return to school

Monday 1st May - May Bank Holiday - School closed

Monday 8th May - King Charles III's Coronation / Bank Holiday - School closed

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATS

Thursday 18th May - Year 5 Parent assembly

Friday 26th May - Last day of term 5

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term break

Monday 5th June - Staff INSET day - School closed for pupils

Tuesday 6th June - All pupils return to school

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

Best wishes,

Ms S Khan
Head Teacher



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