

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

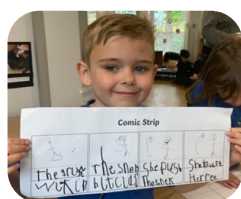
'Making a difference'

Phase 1 (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)

Nursery have been getting creative after reading, 'Pirates Love Underpants'. They have been using junk modelling and lolly-pop sticks to create their very own pirate ships. This week, the children are sailing them in water and experimenting floating and sinking. I hope we don't have many ship wrecks! They are extremely confident and independent in their environment now and have been developing their conversational skills whilst using new vocabulary. Nursery are beginning Read Write Inc phonics and are making good progress with recognising some letter sounds. They are definitely ready to be moving up to Reception!



Over the next half term, Reception are learning all about journey's which will prepare them as they transition into Year 1. They have been creating their own comic strips based on the story 'On the Way Home' and have been applying their phonics skills to write captions and sentences independently. In maths, they have been learning about shape. They have been exploring a range of 2D shapes and have applied their knowledge to construct triangles, squares and rectangles. During this, they have been using their reasoning skills to explain how each shape is made up. In addition to this, they have been exploring first, then and now number sentences. This has really developed their understanding of addition and they are beginning to problem solve. Well done Reception, your teachers are very proud.



Year 1 have started Summer 2 by being wonderful artists. They have been learning how to manipulate clay and use different different techniques when sculpting. They produced some fantastic clay birds linked to the animal topic they have been learning about in Science. The children also completed their phonics screening check last week and we are so proud of the confidence they showed throughout this. You will receive a letter in the coming weeks explaining your child's achievement in this. This week, Year 1 have received a very important letter from the queen as their writing stimulus. She has asked for their help to find her missing hat which blew away during the Jubilee celebrations. They will be using this to help write their own stories. Miss Thornton can't wait to read them and might even give out some headteacher awards!



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Phase 2 (Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4)

Last week, Year 2 had a great day learning all about pots, vases and bowls. They learnt about the oldest pots ever found, dating back to the Stone Age, and had a go at making one out of clay. Children then learnt how to create a thumb pot and use tools to decorate it.



They have also been learning about symmetry of 2D shapes, finding horizontal and vertical lines of symmetry. Children have been cutting up shapes and exploring them practically through folding them to find lines of symmetry. They then made patterns with 2D shapes and identified which shape will come next in a pattern. They also worked hard to create their own repeating pattern.



In the last two weeks, all of Year 3 have visited Mere Green Library where they have been warmly greeted by the librarians before being given the opportunity to explore a range of different genres. To finish off their visit they listened to a story read by Mrs Dilworth.



This half term Year 3 are learning the story of The Hungry Caterpillar in French. Last week, in preparation for reading the story, they learnt the days of the week in French. They played lots of games to help their understanding and demonstrated super pronunciation throughout.



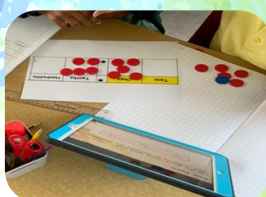
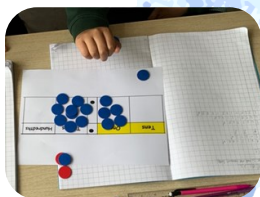
Year 4 have had a range of learning experiences in the last two weeks. In English, they have been developing and performing actions to their model write. This follows the Talk for Writing approach, which is really elevating our children's creativity and confidence in their writing.



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They have also been learning about decimals in Maths this week, using place value grids to help the children identify the value of each digit and ensure they represent each number correctly. They will continue their learning this week by placing decimals on a number line before looking at what happens when you divide a single and 2 digit number by 10.



In PE, they have enjoyed practicing the 80m sprint in preparation for their sports day! This comes as the culmination of our athletics unit, where children have been focusing on developing their skills and performance in a range of track and fielding events.



In Science, they have started a new unit 'Animals, including Humans' where they will explore teeth, their different purposes and then move on to exploring the role of the digestive system. Last week, they set up a fair test to see which liquids had a positive or negative effect on teeth. They thought carefully about resources they would need, how to keep the test reliable and planned out how long they would observe the effects for.



Whole School Transition Day

Thursday 7th July will be whole school transition day. You will be able to meet your new class staff after school. More details will follow next week.

Father's Day Assembly

Mere Green Father's Day assembly will take place on Friday at 9.30 and 2.30 for Reception - Year 2. Please only attend 1 session. Nursery Workshop will be from 8.30-9.30.

Nursery Places

Great news! We are now in the position to be increasing our Nursery places for September. We are offering mornings, afternoons or full-time places. If you would like more information please contact our office.

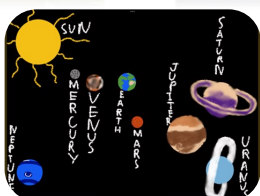
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Phase Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

Year 5 have shown excellent progress in their learning the past two week. They have started to look at finding tales in English, exploring descriptive language to build effective atmosphere. In math's, the children have been adding decimals with different place value and have shown real confidence with this. Year 5 have also been feeling engaged and curious in their new science topic: Space. They really impressed class teachers when given the choice of how to represent their learning based around the question, "What's in Space?" Check out some of their work below.

Finally, they have been getting prepared for both area sports and the Mere Green Sports Day, practicing sprinting races and relay races. All children have shown excellent self-motivation and team-skills.



Some of our Year 6s have ventured off across the channel this week to Paris with other Year 6 children from ATLP schools. Along with memory-making visits to Euro Disney, the Eiffel Tower and a cruise down the Seine, the children will be able to put their French communication skills to the test. We hope you have an unforgettable trip!



The rest of our Year 6s have a fabulous week ahead of them. They will complete an art project based upon the work by Banksey, producing their own graffiti. Look out for the completed pieces on Twitter. They will also participate in a two day history workshop ran by Anne Frank Trust UK, (which our French-trippers experienced last week). It will explore themes of racism, stereotypes, intimidation and anti-semitism. They will also be preparing for the Mere Green Sports Day, where they will lead on activities, and the French Café which you will all be invited to!

