



Newsletter

Spring Term 1

2024





Celebrating Success and Progress

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Members of our School Community,

I am thrilled to personally share some wonderful updates from the start of this spring term:

A Positive Start: It fills me with immense pride to see how well our students have transitioned back into the school routine. The energy and enthusiasm they bring each day serves as a constant reminder of why we do what we do—to provide them with the best possible education and support.

Number Day Triumph: Our recent Number Day was nothing short of extraordinary! Witnessing our students fully engaged in mathematical activities, their faces lit up with excitement and curiosity, was truly heart-warming. I extend my deepest appreciation to our dedicated staff and Math's team for organising such a fantastic event. My thanks to the staff and pupils from Hurst College for supporting the activities at the college. Finally, to our students for embracing the spirit of learning with such enthusiasm.



New College Progress: I understand that many of you are eager for updates on the progress of our New College project. While progress may seem slow, please be assured that every step we take is with careful consideration and dedication to creating a space that will best serve our students' needs. I am committed to providing you with a comprehensive update by the end of February, ensuring transparency and clarity every step of the way.

Massive Success with New Bike Storage: Our recent addition of new bike storage facilities at the school site has been met with overwhelming success! This will provide the students with a simple storage solution for the school bikes while embracing active modes of transportation which will bring many hours of fun and learning. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Penny, Karen, Justina, Stewart and the community support of Only 3 Elements for making this initiative possible.



As we continue to journey through this spring term, let us remain united in our commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for our students. Together, we can empower them to reach their fullest potential and inspire them to embrace every opportunity for growth and learning.



We look forward to welcoming staff and pupils back on Monday 19th February.

With warm regards,

Adam Rowland

Headteacher

Badger Bulletin

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Badgers have had a great start to the new year and enjoying our Super Hero topic. Supertato is a firm favourite in the class and we have been exploring many elements of the story. We have been focusing on self help dressing skills for PE and as tricky as it has been they are showing such resilience and persevering to develop these independence skills. We are working hard on communication and turn taking which the Badgers demonstrate their progress on in Attention Autism Times and in our weekly SALT sessions. In maths we have been learning about 2d shapes and counting. In science we are exploring materials and are looking forward to hunting the signs of spring and exploring natural materials in the next part of the term. Bentley the PAT dog is visiting us weekly too and the Badgers are starting to show a real interest in him and his waggy tail. We are also lucky to have Neil from Jolf teaching us early golf skills.



Desert Class Newsletter.



FOX CLASS

Here's what we've been up to...



We looked at pointillism and the artist George Seurat and how his paintings were created from lots of little dots. We had a go at drawing a flower using this technique!



It may have been cold, but we still kept active!



We started Jolf again!



We also started to look at forces in our science lessons and even made wind turbines!





Glacier Class News

What a fabulous start to the new year everyone! We have enjoyed a trip to the triangle, trying different enrichment clubs and working hard in our streaming classes.



Isabella planted a new tree in gardening club!

Hedgehog Herald

Our topic this term is Weather and we have been enjoying exploring it during our sensory story and messy play sessions.



We have also been working hard on communication and using a switch to request 'more' at various times of the day.



Lake Class News

Forest school is back on the timetable this term with everyone enjoying the opportunity to get outside and have a hot chocolate at the end of the session to warm up is always welcome.



Several Students have taken on the role of Sports leader this year. One of the roles is working with our Primary students teaching them Jolf skills.

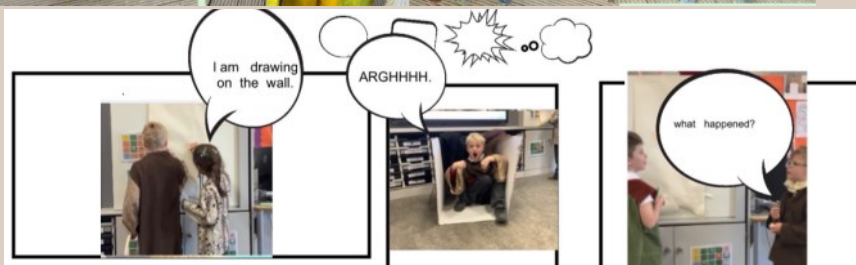
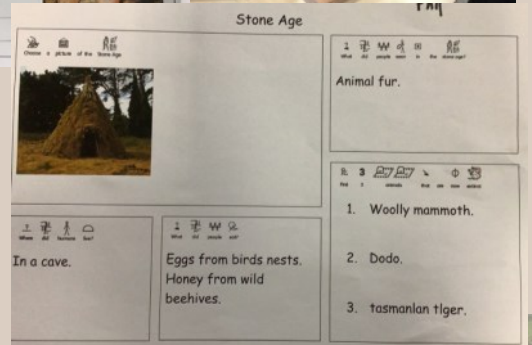
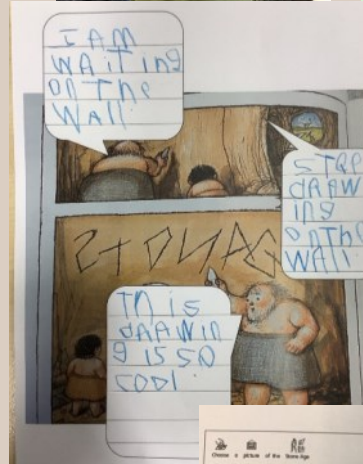
A few of us have been learning or refreshing our Table Cricket skills ready for a competition in March.



Some of us have enjoyed Music this term. We have been exploring different instruments like the drums and even a trumpet! The Lake Class Band continue to rehearse and are writing a song to perform!

A cartoon illustration of a mole with large eyes and a wide smile, emerging from a pile of brown dirt.

We have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age. We have made paint out of natural materials for cave art, cooked bacon on the fire in forest school, followed instructions to wash a woolly mammoth, made our own comic strips and dressed up!

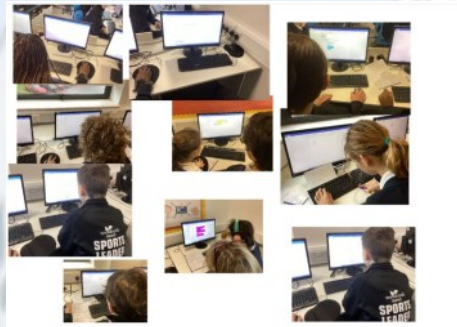


Mountain Class: A cut above the Everest.

This half term we have...



Taken part in Sports Leader coaching!



Practiced our editing skills on the computer whilst learning about internet safety!



Learned how to use a drill safely!



We have learned about LOVE in RE through sacred texts and in Performing Arts through Romeo and Juliet!



And we got a letter from Queen Camilla!

Ocean Class



Ocean class have had a fun half term exploring our topic 'Where in the World?' We have visited the Arctic, the Jungle and the Desert!



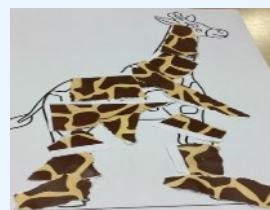


In Otter News



We have had another busy half term we have been very active with lots of swimming, rebound, Jolf and PE. We have enjoyed travelling the world

creating art work and cooking different foods. We have also been working on our independence which has included sessions on teeth cleaning.

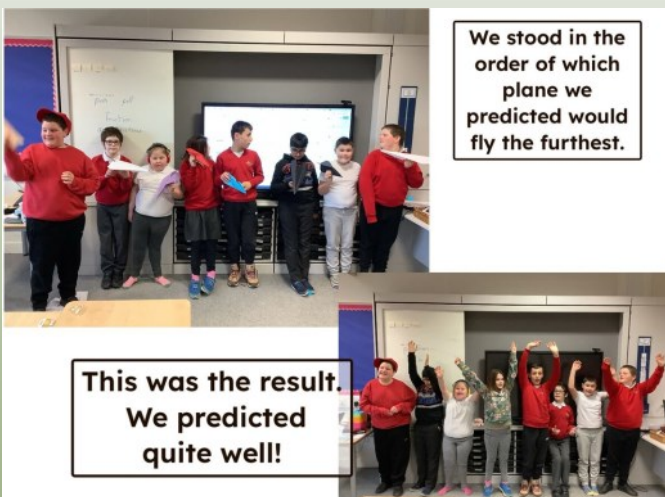




This half term we have been learning about World War II and made peace wreaths for Holocaust Remembrance Day.

We learnt about forces in science and had great fun experimenting with paper planes and parachutes. We shared our learning in our class assembly. We started Forest School and have had great fun toasting marshmallows.

We have carried on with our riding lessons and are all making fantastic progress.



We stood in the order of which plane we predicted would fly the furthest.

This was the result.
We predicted quite well!



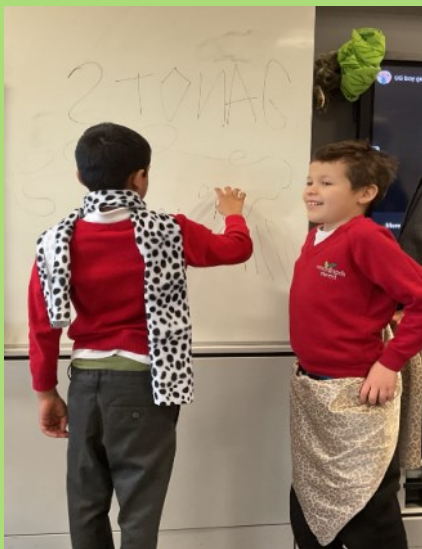
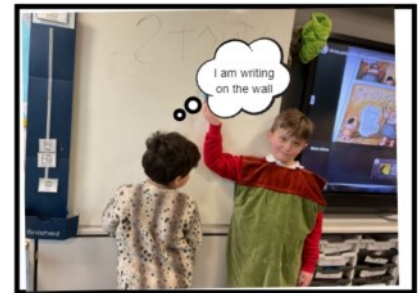
Toasting
marshmallows
at Forest
School

Rabbit Class

Tales from the burrow



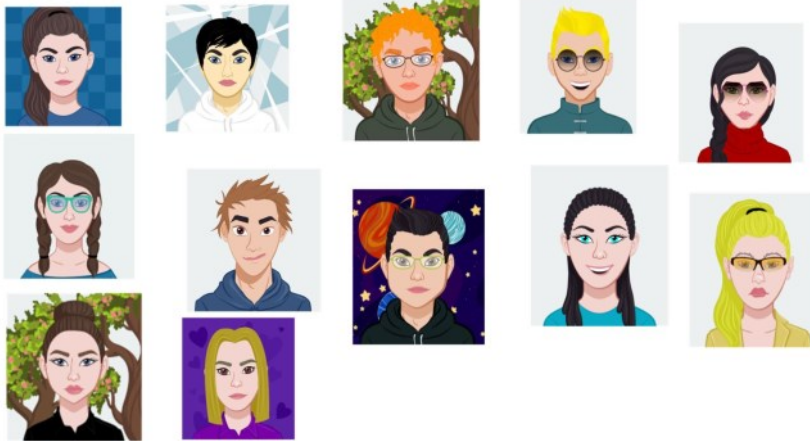
We have enjoyed learning all about the Stone Age this half-term. We made our own cave and added some paintings, cooked bacon on the fire and acted out our own Stone Age comics.



River class news_{Spring 1}



We have been enjoying forest school this term, we especially loved toasting marshmallows!



In computing we have been learning all about online safety (with a focus on video games). Everyone had a go at making our own avatar!

We all enjoyed celebrating Number day this term, we worked together to make a giant board game which included lots of fun challenges.

Number Day 2024

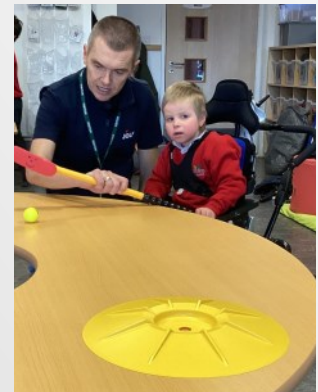


Robins newsletter



This terms Theme is;
'The Weather'.

The robins class have been learning about all things 'weather'. This half term we are focusing on the colder weather elements, such as; snowy and rainy days.



All things JOLF

This term we have started our JOLF sessions. All the children have absolutely loved them so far and have all gotten involved with lots of enthusiasm and smiles.



Squirrel Class

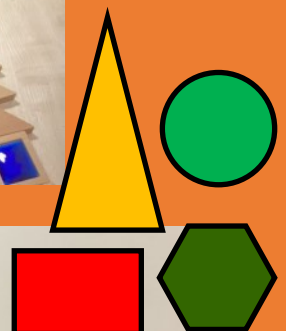


In honour of Number Day (2nd February), we wanted to show you some of our fantastic maths skills:



Counting
Ordering
Matching
Sorting

Numbers
Colours
Shape/Size
Patterns



Waterfall News

Spring Term

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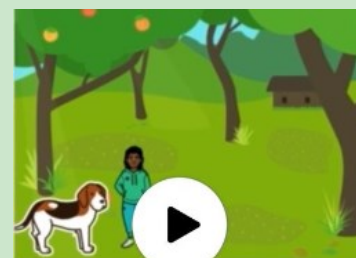


During food tech we have made Pizza Wheels and Frittata

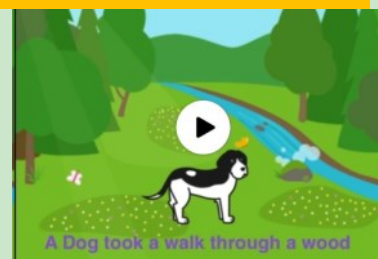
In science we are learning about chemical reactions. We used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to blow up a balloon



and we tested the strength of a fizzy tablet in water



We have been learning about coding in computing and using Scratch Jnr to build animations

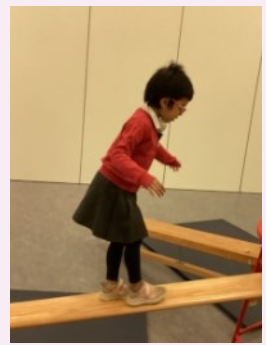


We have really enjoyed learning how to play hockey and playing tournaments with Desert class



A brilliant Spring term.
Well done Waterfall

Wonderful Woodpeckers



Woodpeckers have had a fantastic start to the Spring Term!
We have all really enjoyed our sensory sessions based
around our topic 'Where in the World?'

School council

This half term we held a joint council meeting with learners from the school and college sites. It was really interesting to hear what the college school council do and ideas we could share at school.



TUB2PUB



Thank you for all the plastic containers. Waterfall Class will be taking the plastic tubs to the Railway Pub in Burgess Hill so that the plastic can be recycled and money used to support Macmillan Cancer support.



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Proudly Supporting

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Design and Technology Enterprise Jim Green Challenge



Enterprise

During enterprise sessions, students have been making planters using recycled materials, as well as working on personal projects.



Jim Green Challenge/DT Group

The Jim Green Challenge group have continued to work on this years scarecrow and sculptures, which this year have a Shaun the Sheep theme.

As usual we are using recycled materials.

We have also been practicing gardening skills ready for the competition.

College Maths



This term we celebrated Number day. Our Friends from Hurst organised 10 different activities for the students to take part in, ranging from escape rooms to model making. The students had great fun and demonstrated many skills including teamwork, communication and respect.



Tom's termly teaser



In a magic square, each row, column and diagonal add up to the same total.

Can you fill in the missing numbers in these magic squares?

1)

The total is 15.

	9	2
	5	
8		6

2)

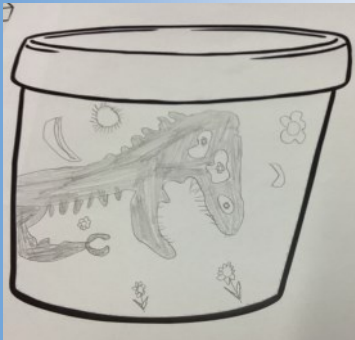
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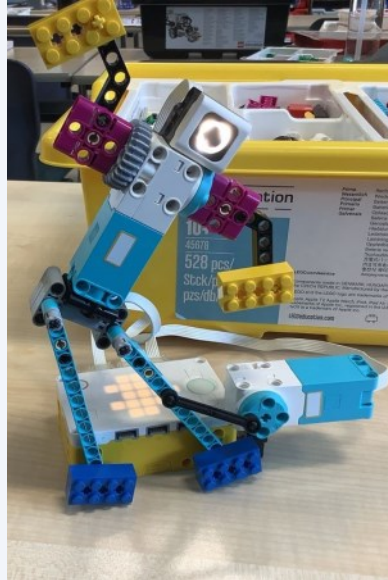
I have enjoyed my retail enterprise lessons because I get to be creative.



I have really enjoyed being in classes. I have been more positive and like talking to my friends and teachers. I really like my DT.



I have enjoyed board games, maths, and best has been Crawley college car mechanics.



I have enjoyed hanging out with friends and building stuff in robotics.



My favourite lesson is enterprise. I like cooking the food and going to Tesco.



I have enjoyed my science lessons and playing on the Wii sports with my friends.



I have enjoyed DT lessons and really enjoyed making my Hylian shield and Pecharunt mask.

5CP



Accessing the Community

5CP have been shopping for goods for the Tuck Shop and purchasing items for their parents. They have been learning how to stay safe in the carpark, find goods on the shelf and using the checkouts. Some of the students have even been round the store and shopped independently.

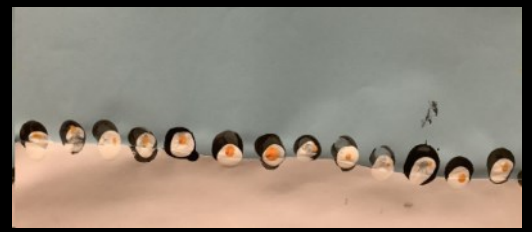


In 5CH this half term we have been learning about weight. Some of the children have been learning about grams and kilos, others have been learning about heavy and light. We have used different scales to help us develop our understanding of weight.



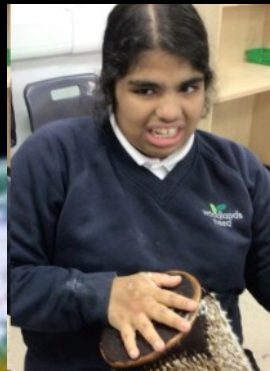


5JJ



This half term our topic was 'Where in the World!', so we have gone on a whistle stop tour around the globe, spending a week in each of 6 of the continents.

We have had a lot of fun!



Enrichment KS3



Bake off



Gardening



Community Visits

Enabling students to realize their potential in a variety of settings beyond the classroom.



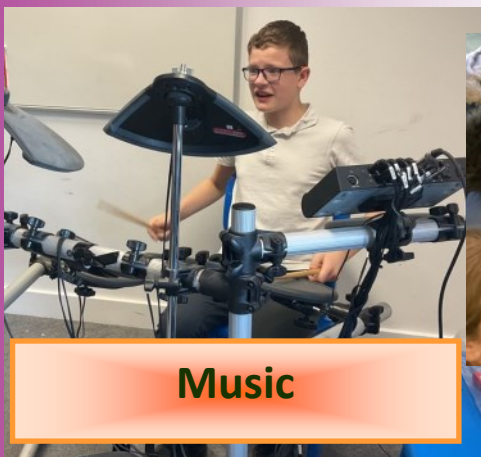
Life Skills



Broadcasting



Sport



Music



Travel Club



Swimming

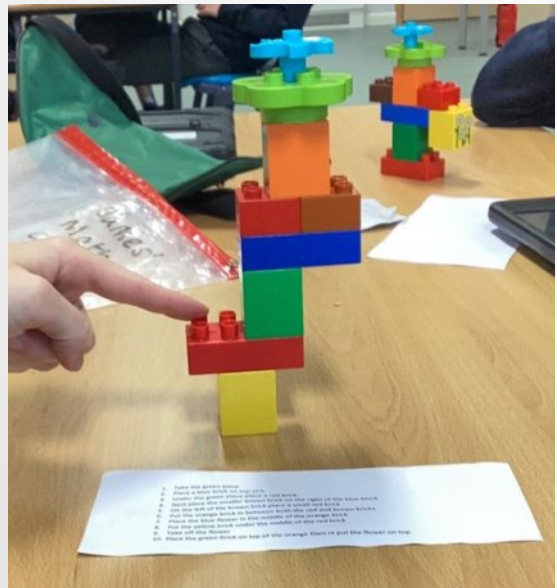
KS4 English

We have been reading and writing non fiction, including recipes, instructions, News reports and letters.



Following instructions to make cupcakes.

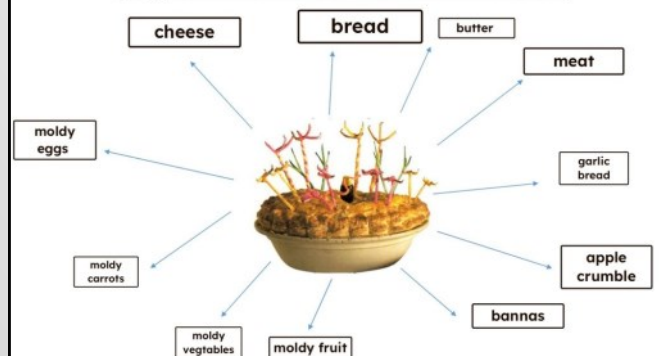
Following instructions to build a Lego model.



Following instructions to play a new card game.

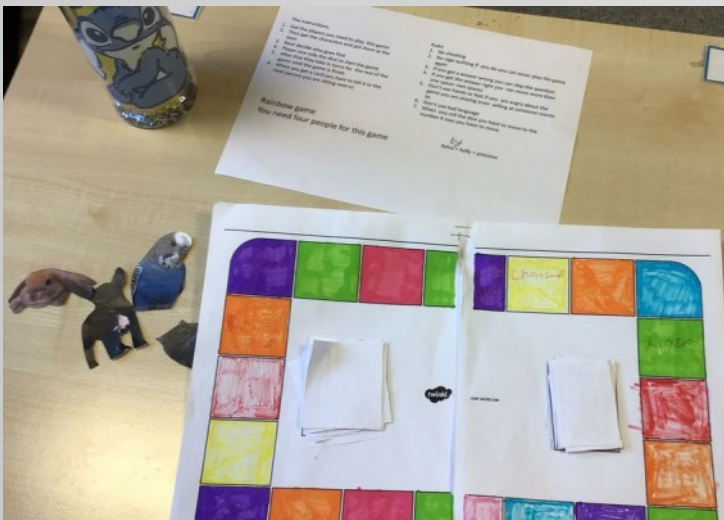
LO: I can plan for my step-by-step instructions

Ingredients to Make a Bird Pie



Writing a recipe based on a book we have been reading.

Designing and creating a new board game and writing the instructions.

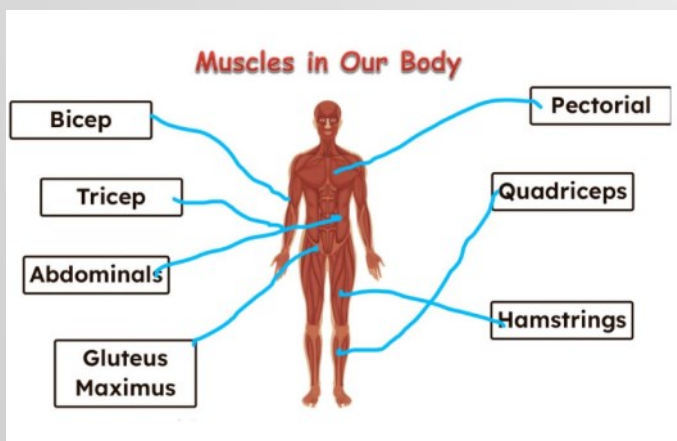


SCIENCE

AQA Science

Year 10 have been working hard on revising for their first topic test. They have created a range of visual revision mats. They have been re-capping everything we have learnt about Chemistry in our World.

Year 11 have been working on forces. They have been working hard on their coursework finding out how changing the height of the ramp affects how far the marble travels.



Core Science

These pupils have been finding out about science in sport. They have studied the importance of organs/muscles and bones in the body and how exercise positively impacts their body.

Science Enrichment Club

The new group this term have enjoyed the egg drop challenge, building structures out of marshmallows/spaghetti and also making oobleck/playdough.



Valentine's Biscuits

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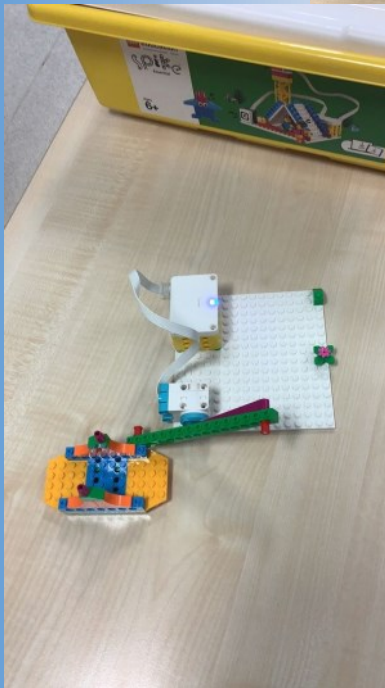
**50G UNSALTED BUTTER
(SOFTENED)
50G CASTER SUGAR
1 EGG
1TSP VANILLA EXTRACT
175G PLAIN FLOUR
PINK ICING (SHOP BOUGHT)
PINK SPRINKLES**



METHOD

- 1. HEAT THE OVEN TO 180OC**
- 2. LINE A BAKING TRAY WITH PARCHMENT**
- 3. IN A BOWL BEAT THE BUTTER AND SUGAR TOGETHER UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY.**
- 4. ADD IN THE EGG AND VANILLA AND CONTINUE WHISKING UNTIL COMBIND**
- 5. FOLD IN THE PLAIN FLOUR UNTIL THE MIXTURE COMES TOGETHER INTO A DOUGH.**
- 6. ROLL OUT THE DOUGH ON A FLOURED SURFACE UNTIL 1/2 CM THICK**
- 7. CUT OUT USING A HEART SHAPED CUTTER AND PLACE ONTO A BAKING TRAY**
- 8. RE-ROLL ANY OFFCUTS AND CONTINUE CUTTING OUT HEARTS UNTIL ALL THE DOUGH IS USED**
- 9. BAKE FOR 7-10 MINS**
- 10. LEAVE TO COOL.**
- 11. DECORATE WITH PINK ICING AND SPRINKLES**

Robotics

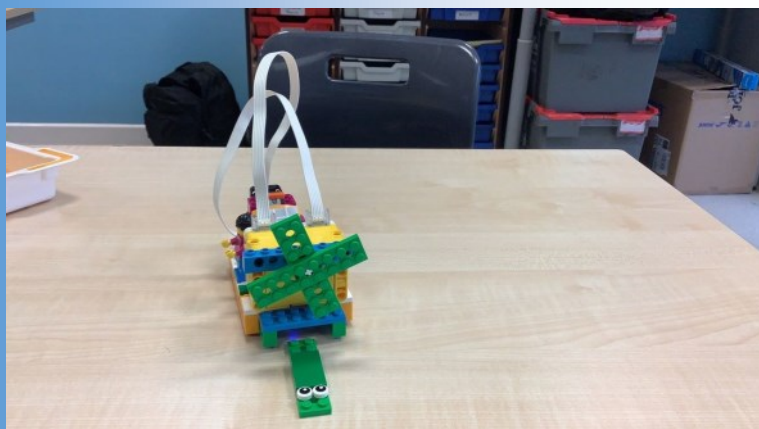


Another great term of Robotics. Pupils have been either following set plans to build and program their robots or they have been creative and made robots with the own imagination.

Pupils have been very motivated and persevered when they have found things tough, which is pleasing to see.



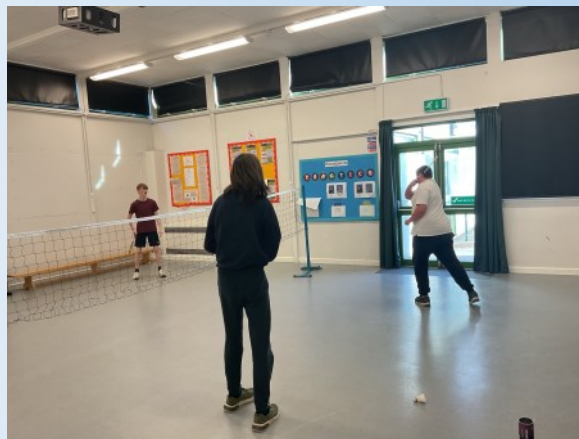
WELL DONE!

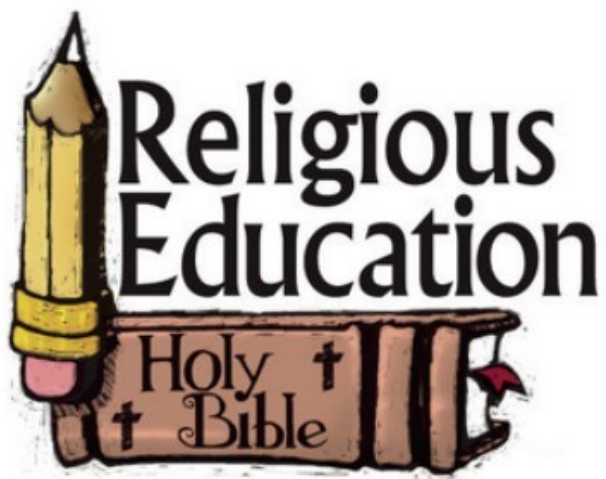


Spring PE



During PE this half term the students have been working in their class teams. Completing different sports such as, Badminton, Hockey (even in the snow!), Basketball, Netball and Swimming.





Some Year 11 pupils went to visit the chapel at Hurst College.

Janneke the priest showed us around and talked to us about the history and the services.

