

THE WREN



Fourth Edition

Your school's favourite newspaper

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Welcome back to our fourth edition of *The Wren*, all the latest news brought to you by the Reporter Team of Wren Park Primary!

LONDON CALLING!



LONDON

On the 25th April, Year 5 went to London for two nights!

They explored many landmarks of our great capital city, including the London Eye, Houses of Parliament,

Number 10 Downing Street and they even had time to see a top show that goes by the name of *The Lion King*!

All the children and staff enjoyed a nice meal at The Rainforest Café and Bubbergump Shrimp Café. On the final day, they went to see the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London and enjoyed a boat trip along the River Thames.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had an amazing time!



"I loved London! *The Lion King* was amazing - the costumes were so detailed." Loreнна, 5H

"While my other class mates went to London, I made stained glass." Momina, 5H

JUBILANT JUBILEE



This year, we celebrate the 70th anniversary (platinum) since Queen Elizabeth II succeeded to the throne on 6 February 1952. It will be marked with celebrations across the UK on a special bank holiday weekend from 2 - 6 June.

The Trooping the Colour Parade will march down from Buckingham Palace to the grounds of Horse Guards Parade on the 2nd of June. Next, the Queen will attend a special Service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral on Friday.

During Saturday, the Royal Family will appear at the Epsom Downs Derby. In the evening, there will be a live, televised concert from Buckingham Palace. Members of the public will be able to attend.

WREN PARK CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 27th May, we celebrated Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee at Wren Park. Everyone dressed in the colours of our Union Jack flag or as a figure of royalty.

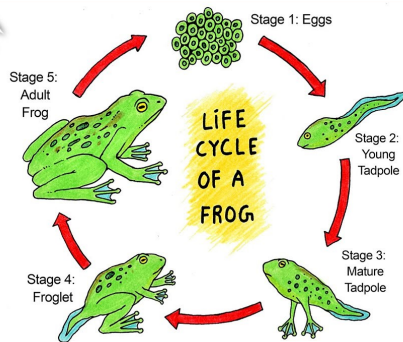
In the morning, all children enjoyed taking part in different activities in their classrooms and performed a song and dance from a chosen decade since the Queen came to the throne in 1952. In the afternoon, we had a picnic and had lots of fun playing games!



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

The Reception children have been very busy planting sunflowers and watching them grow! They have learnt that plants need water and sunlight. They have also been looking after tadpoles and learning about life cycles.

As well as this, Reception have been getting ready for the Jubilee celebrations! They have painted some fabulous Union Jack flags and hung them as bunting around their classroom.



LAND AHOY!



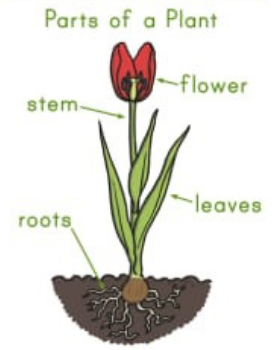
Year 2 have enjoyed their Land Ahoy topic. They have made boats out of milk bottles and other recycled materials to see if they will float on water. They also learned about pirates - they know that pirates did not use a hook for hand! They lived on ships and stole treasures from around the world. The most famous and feared pirate was called Blackbeard.

Year 2 read stories about pirates, including 'The Pirates Next Door' and 'The Ghostly Gallion' by Jonny Duddle. They celebrated the end of their topic with a Pirate Day; everyone dressed up and took part in activities like climbing the 'boat riggings', walking the plank, drinking pretend 'grog' and eating ship's biscuits!



MUDDY BOOTS

Year 1 have been learning about what plants need to grow. They know that they start their life as a seed in the soil. They also know that plants need water and sunlight to survive. Year 1 learned about roots and how they are useful for plants to grow; roots suck up the water and food from the soil which travels up the stem. They read a story called 'Oliver's Vegetables' which taught them all about healthy eating.



As well as all this exciting topic work, Year 1 have been learning their times tables in Maths and all about our five senses in Science!

"I liked learning about roots the most because it was fun to look at and smell real plants!" Olivia, 1W

ROCK OF AGES

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age. They have enjoyed finding out about how Stone Age people lived, what their houses were like, what they wore and how they made tools. Year 3 have also learnt about the discovery of Skara Brae - a Stone Age village preserved in the Orkney Islands, Scotland. They enjoyed learning about the monument of Stone Henge, which is older than the ancient pyramids of Egypt and the Great Wall of China!



Year 3 talked about what we can learn from fossils of the past. They made their own fossils using clay, plaster and shells!



"We enjoyed making fossils and creating paint from flowers for our cave art!" Naomi and Lexi, 3G



ROTTEN ROMANS



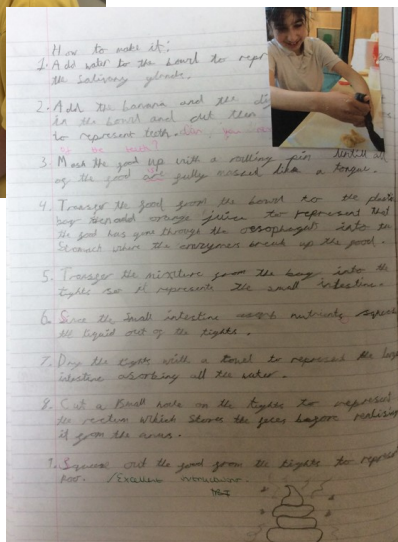
Year 4 have been learning about the ancient Romans. They read the story of Romulus and Remus; twin brothers who fought over which hill their new city should be built upon. In the end, Romulus killed Remus and that is how Rome got its great name. Year 4 also learned about Queen Boudica and her tragic death.

In science, Year 4 have discovered how the digestive system works and even re-created this by making poo! Well, it wasn't real poo, but a close substitute made from squashed bananas and biscuits (to represent the food), orange juice (the stomach acid) and tights (the intestines!) Children pulled all the food through the tights, squeezed out the acid then cut a small hole in the tights to represent the rectum! They wrote some great instructions about the process.

"The science experiment was quite messy, but I really enjoyed it!" Sophia, 4P

"I found the story of Romulus and Remus most interesting, especially the part where they were raised by a she-wolf!" Freddie, 4BP

Making poo for the digestive system experiment!



SURVIVAL

Year 6 have explored what we need to survive. So far, they have examined how early man survived in the Stone Age as well as how the Aborigines - one of the oldest civilisations - survived in the Australian Outback. Year 6 explored tools of the Mesolithic age and foraged for natural objects to create their own cave art. They used atlases and Google Earth to locate Australia and identify its geographical features.

After half term, Year 6 are looking forward to discovering how fire is made and how to filter water so it safe to drink. They will also be designing and creating their own shelters!



HOW ANIMALS GROW & CHANGE

Year 5 have been learning about animals and how they grow and change. They have explored life cycles of different animals, including the frog: they found some tadpoles and kept a diary to track how the tadpoles changed over time.

Year 5 also learnt about different gestational periods and explored whether larger animals, such as elephants and humpback whales, have longer gestational periods than smaller creatures, such as the mouse.

The tadpole!



"I like learning in topic because we can watch the tadpoles change." Erin, 5H

"We like to see how animals grow—it's really interesting." Momina, 5H





NETBALL

This term, Year 6 have been very successful playing in the netball league run by Mrs Graham and Miss Pitt. Children who attend weekly training say the sessions are motivational, inclusive and promote an active lifestyle. Pupils in the team say they are all very close and have a great relationship; they are all enthusiastic and try to always set a good example through their love of netball. Overall, they have won four games and lost two, making Wren Park currently third in the league.

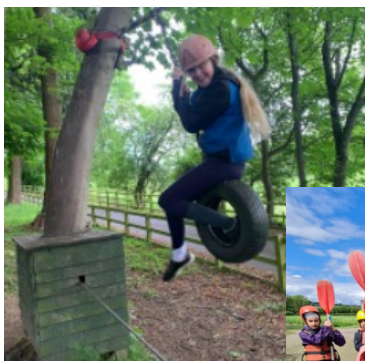
“They have represented Wren Park fantastically! Each of them has shown amazing resilience and sportsmanship.”
Mrs Graham.

“They’re a real success and the children have worked so hard in tournaments and training. We are really proud.”
Miss Pitt

MANOR ADVENTURE!

What a term it has been for Year 6! Everyone has worked extremely hard for their SATs and writing assessments. They should feel very proud of themselves! To celebrate the end of their school life at Wren Park, Year 6 went on a two night residential to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. They enjoyed so many activities, included: abseiling, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, blind trail, underground maze and archery.

Everyone had a fantastic time. We loved staying in the woodland cabins and the meals were really nice too!



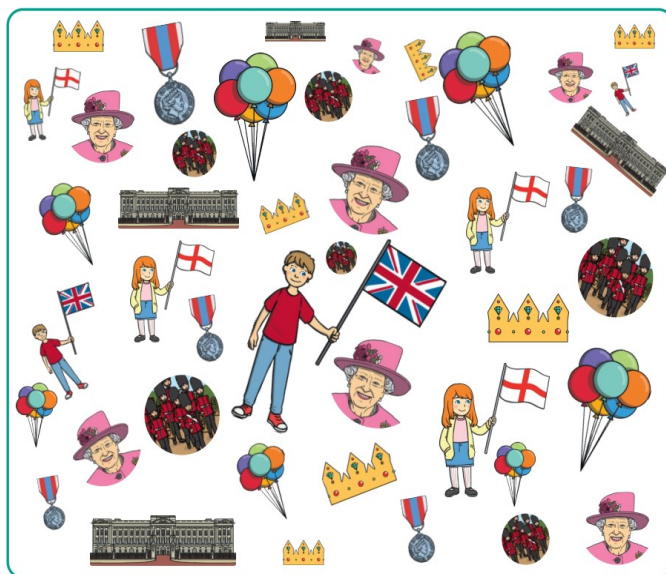
Low ropes

Kayaking



JUBILEE I SPY

Count how many times you can spot these Jubilee pictures below.



- ☆ Jubilee Medal _____
- ☆ Buckingham Palace _____
- ☆ England Flag _____
- ☆ Union Jack Flag _____
- ☆ The Queen _____
- ☆ Soldiers _____
- ☆ Crown _____
- ☆ Balloons _____

Are you attending a street party to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee? Send us your photos on class dojo!

We are looking forward to....

- R—Sun, Sea and Sand!
- Y1—All Creatures Great and Small
- Y2—Seaside, Now and Then
- Y3—Amazon Adventure
- Y4—Rotten Romans
- Y5—Vicious Vikings
- Y6—Survival

