

THE WREN



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Welcome back to our February edition of The Wren. All the latest news brought to you by the Reporter Team of Wren Park Primary!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The week beginning 5th February was Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was **My Voice Matters**.

We began the week with a great assembly by Mrs Buckley, and we learnt that it's 'ok to not be ok.' Many of us experience lots of emotions at different times and this is completely normal. Using our voice to share how we feel is very important and we have all been thinking about the adults we can talk to in school. We celebrated the week with a well-being afternoon where children chose activities which calmed them or just made them feel happy!

"My role model for Mental Health Week is Marcus Rashford because he supports many charitable causes and if he's feeling down, he braces himself for the journey ahead," Max, 4S

VERY VALENTINE

Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on 14th February.

The day gets its name from a famous saint. Many people believe that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret.

Try the Valentine Puzzle on page 4!

KUNG HEI FAT CHOI!

Happy Chinese New Year to you all!

This year we celebrate the year of the dragon. It is important as a festival in China but is celebrated in many countries all around



the world. The timing of this festival is based on the phases of the moon known as the Lunar calendar. The main idea is to remember family and wish everyone peace and prosperity in the coming year!

Find more information about the Chinese New Year and play maths games, puzzles and craft ideas here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/chinesenewyear/chinesenewyear.aspx>

"I had a lovely time! I had a family meal, ate lots of dumplings and dressed pretty!" Amelia, RY

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 6th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day to raise awareness about being safe online. We began the day with an assembly by Mrs Symes who showed us how technology and communication has changed through the decades.

Throughout the day there were plenty of activities to keep us busy: a treasure hunt about our motto 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It', play Google Interland, take part in a competition and join a live lesson, which you can watch again here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/safer-internet-day-2024-live-lesson/zqgy46f>

THE WREN'S NEST



Up in the Wren's Nest, children have been reading lots of traditional stories. Their favourite was Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

They were also introduced to the Lunar New Year and discussed how Chinese people around the world celebrate this. Amelia, who was born in China, is their class expert and enjoyed sharing her knowledge with Reception children.

What a lot of learning!



"We did dragon dances!" Elijah, RM

"My brother in RM made a dragon for Chinese new year which he danced around with at home!" Georgia, 5P

SUPERHEROES & WONDER WOMEN

Year 2 have explored superheroes this half term. To be a hero, you need to be brave, strong and helpful to others. They learnt about Mary Seacole, a mixed race woman who wanted to travel to the Crimean War to help British troops, but the Government refused. Year 2 also learnt about Steve Backshall (the naturalist and explorer) and created a brilliant role model display about him!

Year 2 have been reading a book called 'Traction Man' which is about a hero who saves people from evil. His famous phrase is, "All in a day's work!"

To celebrate the end of their topic, Year 2 are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 15th February and dressing up as their favourite real life hero!

"My superhero is Serena Williams because I love sports just like her," Thea, 2T

"My mum is my superhero because she helps me and teaches me," Milli, 2C

THE BOOK NOOK

Year 1 have enjoyed reading this half term. They began telling their own stories about their Christmas holidays. They also explored poetry and created their own rhymes!

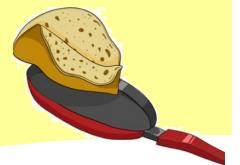
In Science, Year 1 have learnt about changes: there are changes in our seasons. They have also explored changes in materials, such as what melts ice quickest.

To finish the half term, Year 1 enjoyed a pancake race!



"I love writing! It's really fun!" Isla, 1R

"I like reading books," Amaya, 1R



STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age. This term. They have been reading the story 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children wrote some great instructions!

In History, they learnt about Stone Age people, how they lived, what their homes were like and the tools they created for hunting and gathering food. Year 3 created some fabulous cave paintings of their own in art, using different materials to create a textured surface.

Next half term they are looking forward to a trip to the museum to find out more about the Stone Age and Iron Age.



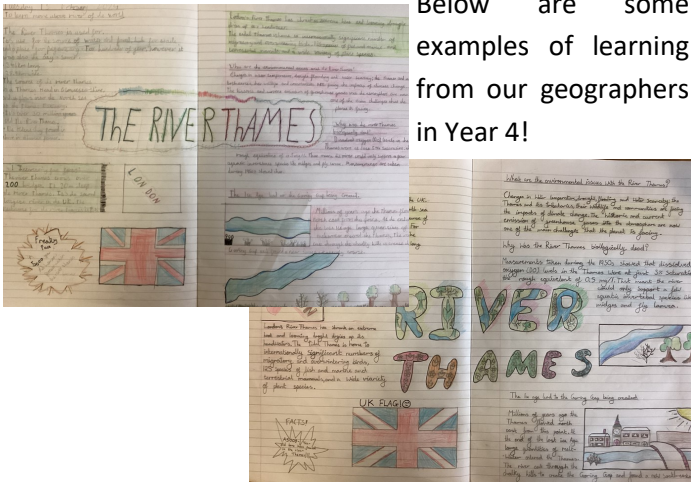
"It's really interesting and I loved learning about the cave paintings," Pranitha, 3R



RAGING RIVERS

Year 4 have been learning about main rivers of the world, for example: The River Nile in Egypt and the Amazon River in South America. They wrote the story of the raindrop to show the journey of the water cycle.

They learnt that there are three main parts; the upper course which begins at the source in the mountains or hills, the middle course, and the lower course which ends at the mouth of a river.



Below are some examples of learning from our geographers in Year 4!

"I loved the story of the raindrop. The river was like a rollercoaster," Rhys, 4S

FABULOUS YEAR 5!

This half term Year 5 have been reading 'The Highway Man' in English. Children have really enjoyed role play and drama to retell the poem. They have written reports and diary entries and have completed some super artwork! They have also spent a long time in Maths understanding fractions, decimals and percentages.

In Geography they have learnt about coastal changes such as erosion, as well as physical and human changes in our world. During Science day, Year 5 enjoyed learning about forces and conducted an experiment involving hand-made parachutes. Well done all of Year 5!

"I liked how we timed the parachutes and the DIY we did with it," Katerina, 5P



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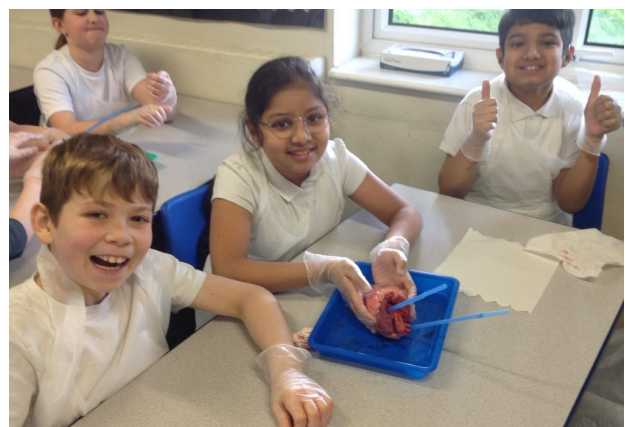
This term Year 6 have been learning all about the Ancient Maya. They have learnt about the origins or the civilisation, where they lived, what their homes and cities were like, what their beliefs were and what they became well-known for. In English, Year 6 learnt about how chocolate is made. They began with a chocolate tasting session and explained the making process from 'Bean to Bar'. Finally, they produced news reports about the winners of the golden tickets in Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

Next half term we look forward to learning about Mexico today, playing a fair trade chocolate game and a 'Day of the Dead' festival!

SCIENCE DAY

On Monday 22nd January we held a Science day in school to launch our new Science scheme, 'Developing Experts.' Everyone took part in a range of activities and experiments, including an ice cube experiment in Year 1, electrical circuits in Year 4, making parachutes in Year 5 and dissecting lamb hearts in Year 6!

We all enjoyed the day and the real, hands-on experiences brought Science to life, making learning even more fun and memorable.



"Our new scheme, Developing Experts, allows us to experience Science in the real world. We want all the children at Wren Park to see themselves as Scientists!" Mrs Holloway, Science Lead.





COOL CLUBS

School has been very busy with lots of sports clubs taking place. On Tuesday KS1 have been talking part in 'multisports', trying out new activities such as dodgeball.

Girls and boys football practice has been very popular too. After half term, the girls' football team have their first football match at home against Duffield Meadows school. Meanwhile, the boys travel to Shelton hoping to push for top spot in the league with them currently sitting pretty in second.

Other clubs we have enjoyed this half term are cookery, clay and lego club. These will continue after the break, along with a new badminton club starting on Wednesday after school with a former Olympian, Donna Kellogg! How exciting!

"I enjoyed building every model and being with my friends," Raffy, 4G



4G have been swimming this half term as part of their PE lessons. They have improved their confidence in the water, practiced their swimming strokes including front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke.

VALENTINE'S I SPY



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Chinese New Year Traditions

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What's FREE this half term....

- ◆ **St Valentine's Fair**
Derby Market Place, February 16-25th. Free entry, charges apply for rides.
 - ◆ **Derbyshire History Makers**
Derby Museum & Art Gallery, until 10th March
 - ◆ **LEGO® Lake District**
Museum of Making, Derby. Until 14th April
 - ◆ **Nature's Home Experience**
Calk Abbey, until February 25th
- For more ideas, see below:**
<https://www.primarytimes.co.uk/derbyshire/listings/>

