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Bible Quote of the Week

Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD. The fruit of the womb is a reward



We were enormously fortunate this week to have the above painting donated to our school by some members of the Mayland Art Group. Lorraine Smith and her friends were given a homework task to paint a canvas representing their village. This was the result. I revealed it to the children in Worship this week. The painting is currently hanging in the Meadows building for the KS2 children to see before it is transferred to the entrance of the Orchard building. The painting took 6-8 weeks to complete. What a lovely gift for us to receive!

EYFS

This week, David Attenborough Class looked at birthdays. This is the sixth celebration we have explored in our Celebrations topic. The children brought in photos of themselves to show how they celebrated with their families. We then explored the similarities and differences of Lydia and Elizabeth's birthdays; one was celebrating 150 years ago and the other was celebrating in 2023.

We also looked at the book *The Best Birthday Ever* by Ben Mantle. We predicted what would happen next in the story and we discussed what makes a good birthday present. We are very excited to move into our next celebration - Christmas Around the World! The children have been working very hard to get ready for their Christmas show on the 6th and 7th of December; we hope to see you all there!



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KS1

In science this week, KS1 have thought about everything we have learnt about plants. we planted cress seeds.

What do plants need to grow strong and healthy?

Plants need water, air, light, the right temperature and time to grow.

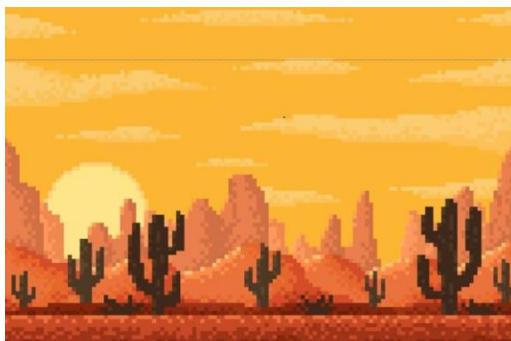
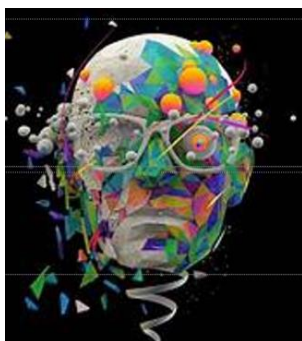
We put a pot of cress seeds on the radiator, a pot in the cupboard and a pot in the playground. Do you think they will grow?



LKS2

In year 3/4 this week we have been investigating digital art. We have looked at imagery by different artists and thought about how they have been created using digital media. We then used the laptops to try to recreate these images and evaluated them.

We have also been writing a non-chronological report on famous inventors such as Alexander Graham bell, Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison.



UKS2

This week, KS2 students have worked diligently to elevate their writing skills, focusing on cohesive devices in explanation texts. Beyond language arts, they've immersed themselves in Design and Technology, acting as cryptologists in computing and delving into coding in the context of World War II. This dual commitment to language development and STEM subjects showcases their impressive dedication and curiosity.



Reminders:

Uniform

Children are beginning to come to school without a tie on a regular basis. **The tie is a requirement of our school uniform. If your child has special circumstances which mean that he or she is unable to wear a tie, then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.** If this is not the case, then he or she will be challenged if seen without one.

We have been supplying a tie to children who have forgotten one as a temporary measure, but these have been taken home and now there are none left in school. If you have these at home, please return at your earliest opportunity.

If you are unable to find your child's tie, then these can be purchased on School Money and collected from the school office.

Reading

Children should be practising their reading at home on a regular basis. We teach them the reading skills at school but their best chance to practise these is at home with you. This will make a huge difference to their progress and fluency.

All children who read at least 4 times in a week and whose Reading Record is signed to reflect this, go into a draw in our Celebration Worship session on a Friday to win a book.

Dates for your Diary:

EYFS Nativity: 6th December 9.30-10.00 and 7th December 2.30-3.00

KS1 Nativity: 13th December 2.00-3.00 and 14th December 9.30-10.30

KS2 Carol Concert: 11th December 9.30-11.00 and 12th December 1.30-3.00

Christmas Jumper Day: 7th December

Panto: Friday 8th December

Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 13th December. **Deadline for booking Christmas dinner is 7th December. No late bookings can be taken.**

Kind regards,

Mrs. Woods and all the staff at Southminster C of E Primary School