



Burford Primary School

Respect, Achieve, Aspire

Friday 23rd June 2023 Newsletter 9

I can't believe we are at the end of week three of this term already. We have had a number of ODST colleagues and specialist teachers in school this last couple of weeks, focusing on the teaching of phonics, Maths, Year 6 writing and Early Years Foundation Stage. They have been watching teaching, looking at provision, chatting to children and learning more about how we best support our pupils to make good progress in all they do. It has been a pleasure to show them around school and let our children be the best ambassadors for Burford Primary.

We had a fantastic group of Under 9's represent our school in Burford Partnership Tri-Golf event earlier this week. They were beautifully behaved, applying our three school rules: be safe, be ready and be respectful beyond our immediate school setting and taking them into the community. There are some brilliant photos of this event later in the newsletter.

Our British Value under focus for this week's assembly theme is Rule of Law. We acknowledged that without rules at home and at school, life would get rather chaotic. We also drew the conclusion that The Rule of Law is what keeps our society together and helps us live safe and happy lives. Rather than using a text to inspire our assembly this week, we enjoyed listening to American song-writer Sam Cooke's soulful track "A Change is gonna come" (1964). As a social activist and campaigner, his music was inspired by his desire to see laws changed bringing equality and freedom to all. We also learned about Rosa Parks who in 1955 made a famous protest which led to a change in the rules of American society, and led towards equality and justice for everyone, whatever the colour of their skin. We had fun thinking about a law we would make if we had the opportunity, thinking about the purpose of this law, what we hoped it would achieve and how many people it would benefit. We also learnt about where laws are made and who is involved.

In our newsletter this week, classes have shared more of their topic learning for you to enjoy.
Elizabeth Mason
(Interim Head Teacher)

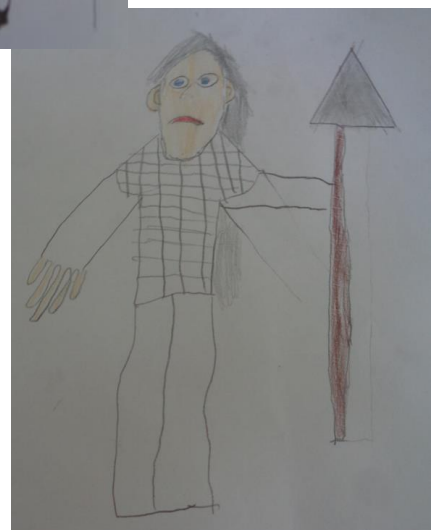


Look what we've been learning about in class

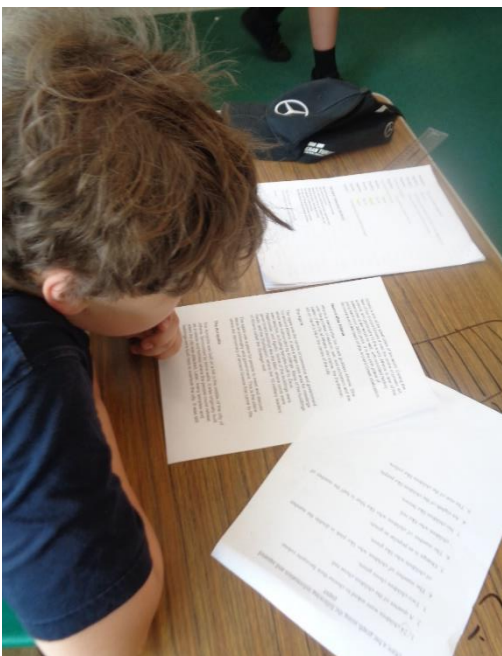
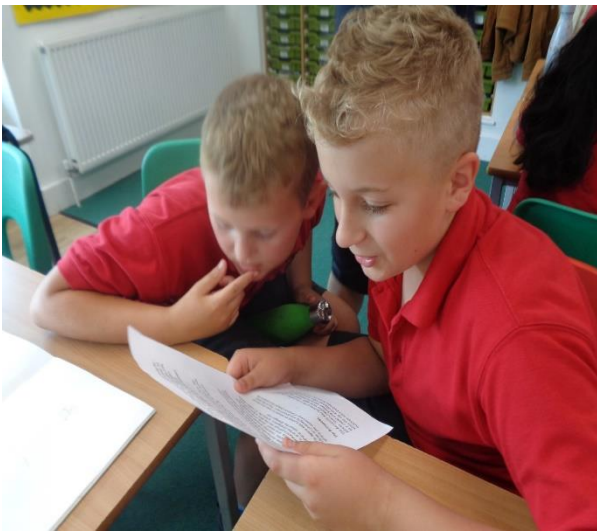
In History, **Tolsey Class** have been learning about the Roman invasion of Britain. One afternoon, we read a Roman account of what Boudicca looked like and used the information it contained to draw a picture.



We then compared our pictures with famous paintings and statues, discussing the reasons for the differences.



In **Priory Class**, we are continuing our exploration of the Ancient Greek civilisation for our history topic. Over the course of the next week, we will be taking a look at what 'city-states' were and thinking about the similarities and differences between them. The children will be tasked with creating either an object or diorama that they feel embodies either Athens or Sparta so if you have any cardboard going spare then we are happy to take your donations.



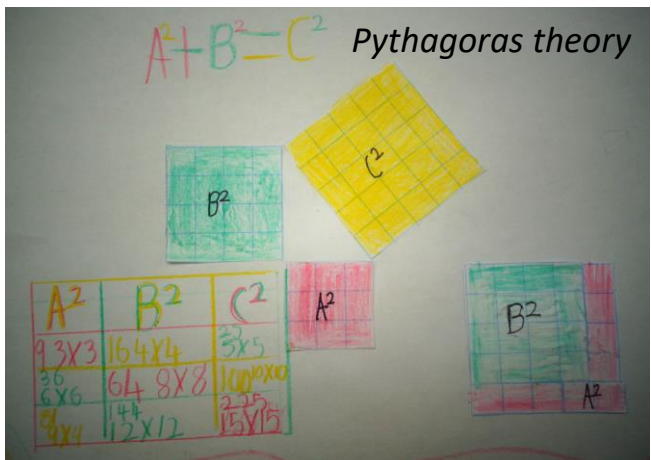
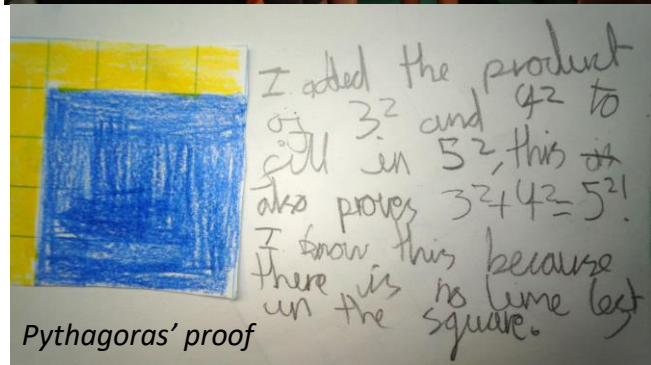
Warwick Class planted sunflower seeds and did instructional writing to tell others how to grow a sunflower.



We read "The Scarecrows Wedding" by Julia Donaldson and talked about the job of a scarecrow before making our own to keep our sunflowers safe.



In our history work this week, **Wysdom Class** have been looking at the influence that Ancient Greece has on our world. In particular, we have studied the work of three mathematicians, Pythagoras, Plato and Thales. In maths, we tested out some of their theories, looking for examples and non-examples to prove the theories.



If you draw a triangle in a circle and the base line goes exactly through the middle and all the vertices touch the edge of the circle there will ALWAYS be a right angle.



If you don't believe we get the corner of a square and put it on the right angle if the corner doesn't fit it's wrong!

Thales Triangle Theory

This term Windrush Class have been learning about plants in Science. We planned a fair test to measure what affect sunlight has on the height of a sunflower. We planted some seeds and placed some on the windowsill and put Miss Gore's in the dark cupboard. We concluded that sunflower seeds needed sunlight to grow tall because poor Miss Gore's sunflower seed hasn't grown at all.



Burford Primary School School Games Mark 2022/23

Bronze



We are delighted to announce that we, Burford Primary School, have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Some of our sporting achievements this year include:

- Implementing Playleader lead activities at break times
- Providing equal opportunities for all children to access sport
- Participating in a range of inter-school and intra-school competitions

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Sue Cork, Rachel Mills, Burford school PE dept and BPS teaching staff.

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



This is a super achievement for Burford Primary School and lovely recognition of how highly we value physical activity and the opportunities to be involved in a variety of team sports and games. We recognize the significant contribution these make to our children's physical and mental well-being. Our huge thanks and gratitude go to Miss Gore, our PE Lead who is such a great ambassador for extra curricular sport and to our children who always participate with enthusiasm, a willingness to try something new and a desire to use their skill set to benefit others. Well done everyone! I am really proud of you all.

Under 9's Tri-Golf Experience



Dates for your diary

Monday 26th June	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 28th June	Year 2 Music Festival with Burford Partnership at Burford Secondary School 4pm for parents see parentmail 09.06.23
Tuesday 4th July	Sports Day see parentmail Wed 14.06.23 (Tuesday 11 th July reserve date in the event of bad weather)
Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July	Year 6 children to Burford Secondary School for Year 7 transition days Move Up Mornings : children in Reception to Year 5 will enjoy two mornings with their new classes for some important transition work
Monday 17th July	Upper School Production 6pm at Burford Secondary School
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at school 9am Year 6 Leavers Social event 6 – 8pm on the paddock for children and their families - food provided for Year 6 children and parents are welcome to bring their own nut-free refreshments.
Friday 21st July	3.15pm Finish for the summer holidays there will be no after school club on this day

Attendance



Our whole school attendance
Week beg 19.06.23

Our school target

95%

97%

Safeguarding Children – what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger – if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999

Immediate concern – if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being **sexually exploited**, contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196

[Concerned about a child / OSCB](#)

Sun safety



The weather forecast for next week is for more warm and sunny weather. Please could we ask parents to ensure their child has a named sun hat in school and is wearing a long lasting sun cream or have with them an easy to self-apply named bottle of sun cream that they can top up during the day.

Thank you

Please could we politely remind parents of our younger children that school would prefer them to leave watches and toys at home. They can easily become a source of distraction and fallings out between friends.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Ready, Set, Read!



Get active this summer with a
FREE children's reading challenge at
your local Oxfordshire library!

8 July to 9 September 2023

Read library books and meet the
Ready, Set, Read! friends, who are working together
and using their skills to complete an obstacle course.

Finish the challenge and get your
own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new
books and activities at your
library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE



We would love lots of our children to join the **Summer Reading Challenge**. It's a great way to enjoy a fantastic variety of books for free. You can use any local library to where you live.

Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers (some smelly) and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Ready, Set, Read! medal and certificate. It's fun! It's free! It's local!

[The Summer Reading Challenge](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) website has ideas of books to read, games to play, competitions to enter and more....