

# Newsletter 30 – Summer 1



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Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	WC 9.6.25 – Phonics Screening Check. Please ensure your child is in school every day during this period. Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 12.40pm – 3.00pm – Reception's Inspire Afternoon Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May-Sports Day	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.</b>	

### We are Brilliant Winners

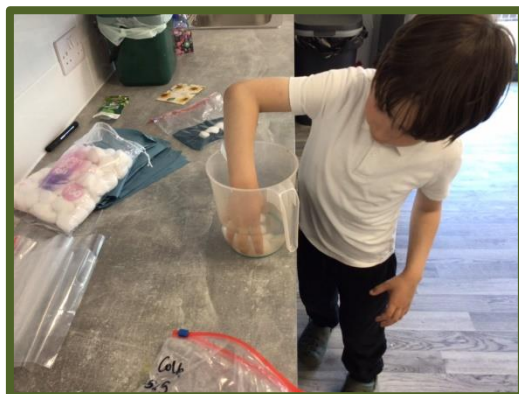
EYFS: Ronan (RA), Reegan (RB)

KS1: Phoebe (1B), Adrian (2A), Miller (2B),

KS2. Leo H(3A), Evelina (3B) Ameen (4B)

### The Hub

This week we've been busy planting our seeds and we are excited to watch them sprout and grow. We added paper towel that we soaked in water, cotton wool and then our seeds on top. We'll watch as the roots begin to form and the leaves begin to grow.



### Nursery

This week we have worked together to create a scarecrow for our outdoor digging patch. We used a range of materials to fill the scarecrow and carefully drew the facial features. We also sang the 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' rhyme! Throughout the week we have enjoyed becoming shop keepers at our farm shop.



## Reception

This week in Story World, we had a visit from Jane who is an entomologist. We shared our knowledge of caterpillars and butterflies and convinced her that we could look after some caterpillars for her. We are looking forward to watching the caterpillars transform into butterflies. We also went to Lianne's allotment to find out more about allotments and how we can help Albert in Story World.



## Year 1

This week as part of our learning all about plants, Year 1 carried out a survey around the school. We found out about common plants that grow in England and then looked to see if we could find them in our school area. At the end of our plant survey the children picked a dandelion and a daisy so that they could really look at the similarities and differences between these flowers.



## Year 2

This week, we went to investigate a local woodland habitat. We looked at our school on a map and plotted a route that would take us to the nearest woodland. When we were there, we looked for different plants that were growing in the woodland and thought about the conditions that they were adapted to.



### Year 3

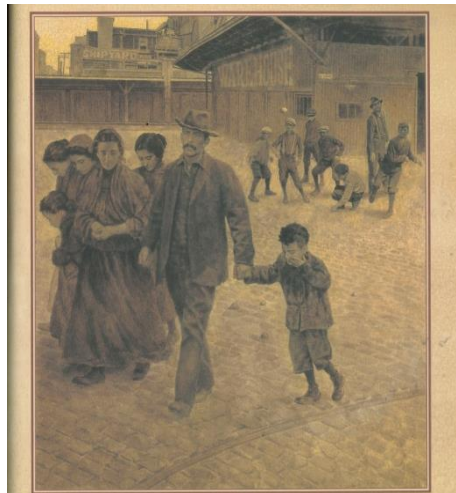
This week year 3 have been exploring how water is transported around plants using white flowers and coloured water. We were excited to see the petals slowly change colour, showing us that the water had travelled up through the stem – just like we predicted!



### Year 4

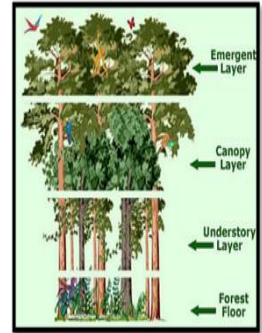
This week, we stepped into the scene from our book 'The Matchbox Diary'. This was the scene where Luca lost his tooth. We thought about the different characters thoughts and feelings and what impact this had on their first experience of America.

After, we created a freeze frame within our groups to represent the key moment from the scene.



## Year 5

In our lesson today, we discovered the four different layers of the rainforest: the emergent, the canopy, the understory and the forest floor. In groups, we created a tableau of these layers. We used our bodies and facial expressions to represent what we might see in each of these layers. We thought about how we could represent different levels, heights, plants, trees and animals.



## Year 6



This week, Year 6 have worked their socks off in preparation for next week's SATs. We are proud of their efforts and feel confident that they will all do their very best, despite their nerves and worries.

As we head into SATs week, we'd like to remind families that a calm, restful weekend can make a big difference. We would strongly encourage children to relax, get plenty of sleep, enjoy some fresh air, and take a break from screens where possible. A balanced weekend will help them feel refreshed and ready to do their best next week!



## Art News

### Focus on Year 4!

Year 4 have been working on their colour-blending skills with oil pastels this week. We are building on our previous learning about colour blending from our Jim Dine inspired hearts, and we have chosen three colours that tone together to create animal eyes for our mixed media animal faces. We are pretty pleased with how it's coming along!





### Performing Arts News

Our Djembefola Group and Choir Club will be performing at Crewe Out Loud on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May! Please come along and support them as well as enjoying a day out with your family. (See details below.)

If your child is in Djembefola or Choir, please remind them to practise the songs below!

- Fight Song by Rachel Platten: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xo1Vlnw-SKc>
- Roar by Katy Perry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=st2lgyi4Ujg>
- Something Inside So Strong by Labi Siffre:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCAgyoaf8iw&list=RDoCAgyoaf8iw&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCAgyoaf8iw&list=RDoCAgyoaf8iw&start_radio=1)
- The Eye of the Tiger by Survivor:  
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- Shine by Take That:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVwzKaHYybo&list=RDIVwzKaHYybo&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVwzKaHYybo&list=RDIVwzKaHYybo&start_radio=1)
- Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohFtQIPqGSo&list=RDohFtQIPqGSo&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohFtQIPqGSo&list=RDohFtQIPqGSo&start_radio=1)
  - And the Crewe Out Loud Song (emailed out).



## PE News

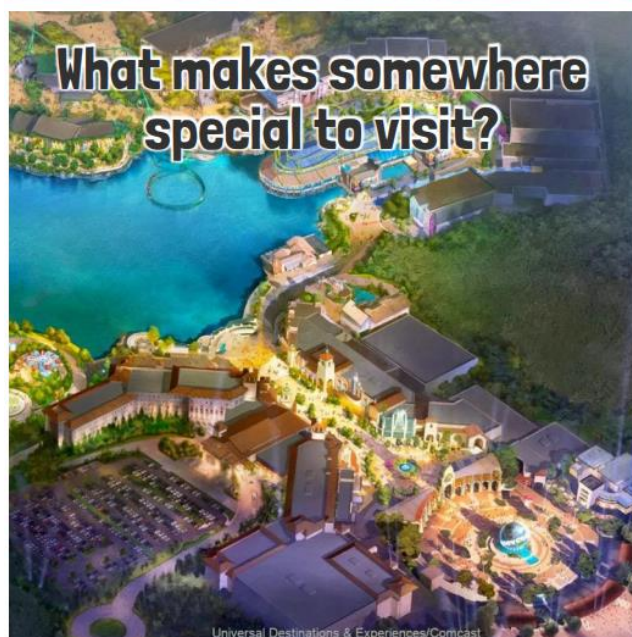
### Year 3&4 football match v Leighton Academy

Well done to our Y3&4 footballers, Cassius, Kelvin, JJ, Bobby-Ray, Gabriel, Carter, Max and Harvey who played in a friendly match against Leighton Academy on Thursday. The team played brilliantly...

## Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.



## In the news this week

The government has recently announced that a theme park will be built in the UK, due to open in 2031. The brand-new Universal theme park will be the first in Europe, located in Bedfordshire, England. Universal Pictures is a US entertainment company, well known for creating movies such as Sing, Despicable Me, Shrek and The Grinch. It currently has five theme parks across the world, with plans to build more.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to the news about a new theme park in the UK with someone at home. Is it somewhere you would like to visit?
- Have you been to any other theme parks? Have others at home? If not, would you like to?
- Can you think of a place that is special to you? What makes it special?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



### Maths News

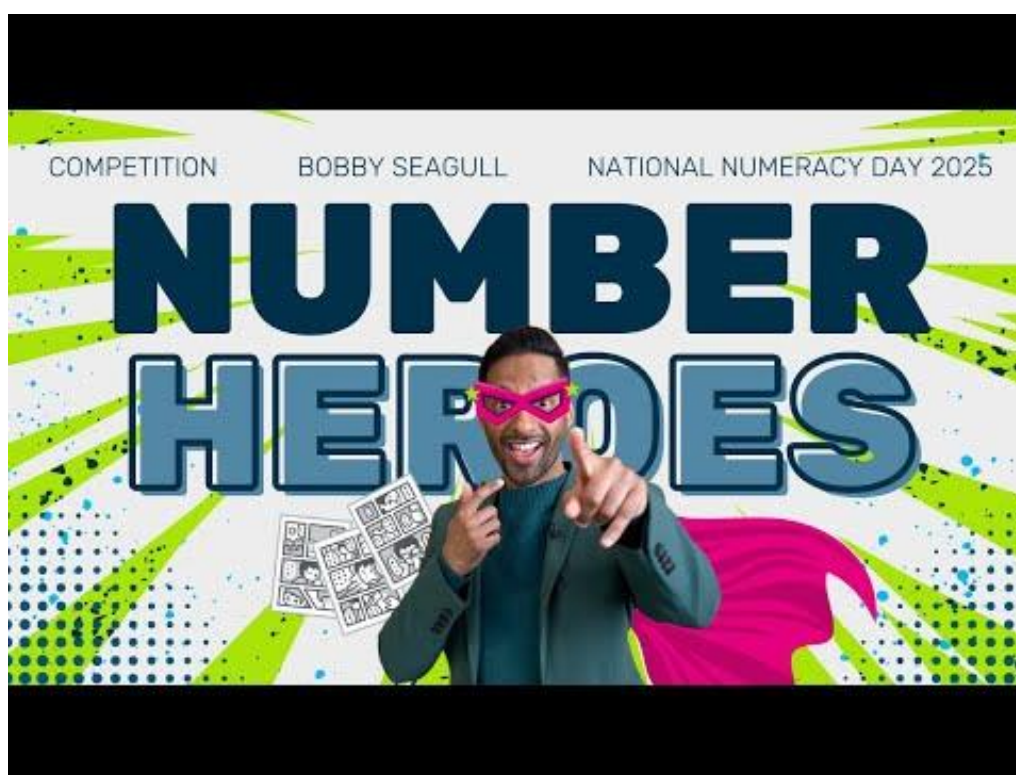
Fancy winning a **£50 gift voucher!**? Take part in the **Number Heroes competition**.

When you grow up, how will you use numbers in your life? Maybe you would love to be a firefighter, fashion designer, or footballer? Or do you see yourself as a scientist or a secret agent? Let your imagination run wild, and **create a picture of how you will use numbers in your dream job or hobby**.

You can draw, paint, collage, use a computer, or use any other way you'd like to create your picture!

Prize categories are for: EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and SEND/EHCP

Give your picture to Mrs Martin by **2<sup>nd</sup> June**. Find out more: <https://youtu.be/jmCKqcn4Gyw>



### TTRS and Numbots

All children from Reception onwards will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they will also have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>