



Learning – Laughing – Achieving

Greek Day

Last Wednesday, Year 6 returned to school for an unforgettable Ancient Greek experience. Dressed in our finest costumes, we began the day using our historical enquiry skills to make deductions about what life was like as we explored a range of Greek pottery. We discovered that music was a feature of Greek life, along with slavery, the Olympics and Greek gods. It gave us a taster for what we are going to be learning about in the coming weeks.



We then learned about the Greek Alphabet. We found out that the name 'Alphabet' comes from the first two letters: Alpha and Beta! We then used the Greek Alphabet to crack the code to a mysterious message.

Tasting Greek food was a mixed experience! For some, tasting olives, feta, Greek yoghurt and honey was a taste sensation but for others...not so much! We tried pitta, hummus, tzatziki too which were really delicious.

Finally, we rounded off our day with an incredible visit from the Rainbow Theatre. In our workshops, we took part in the Olympics, bought and sold slaves, fought the Cyclops and the Minotaur and met Ancient Greek philosophers. It was so much fun. Our teachers were amazed with our acting and performing skills. What a great day!

A week in the life of 6SB

Well, after a false start following a broken boiler, 6SB are back and ready to learn! We've started the term off brilliantly with an amazing Greek Day where we learnt so much about Ancient Greece. We've since found out a little more, this time about Alexander the Great. We discussed whether he really was great; he was a savage, blood-thirsty invader but at just 32 years old, he ruled a territory that spanned three continents and covered nearly 2 million square miles. Not only was he the king of his native Macedonia, but he was also ruler of the Greeks, the king of Persia and even an Egyptian pharaoh. We are still undecided!

We are working our socks off in maths, with percentage of number and ratio under our belts this week. After some fantastic practice SATS results we are really focussed on improving our maths scores and I'm really proud of each and every one of them. 6SB are demonstrating excellent ambition and resilience.

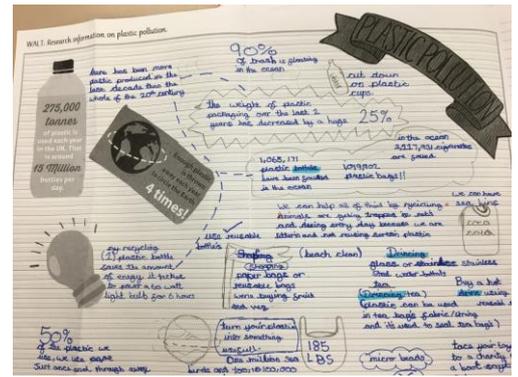
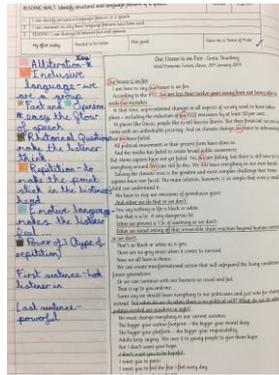
In English we are preparing to write an epic recount of the speech that Ernest Shackleton made to encourage over 5000 people to apply for his Antarctic expedition. We've been learning how to use speech correctly, explored some exciting and adventurous vocabulary and learnt how to use the subjunctive form. Ask your child to explain what that means! We have ended the week by starting our new DT topic – making our own fabric mobile phone covers. Our current challenges that we need to overcome are threading needles and tying knots, and once we've achieved this we'll be flying!

HELLO MY NAME IS ARISTOTLE.
YOUR TASK IN THE ROMANTIC GREEK
IS TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR LIFE,
ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE
INFLUENCE THAT THESE HAD ON
THE WESTERN WORLD. DO NOT LET
OUR LEGACY BE FORGOTTEN.

What a start to 2020

Our children have made a fantastic start to 2020! The quality of work being produced across school this week has been inspiring to see.

Our year 5 children's knowledge of the damage single use plastics is doing to our oceans is very impressive and will enable them to write brilliant speeches which we are looking forward to hearing. In year 3, I was delighted with the knowledge that children were transferring from Geography into science as they start to learn about rocks. I have also just read three beautiful pieces of descriptive writing from 3IC – well done to Willow, Lollie and Angel. The growing passion for reading in year 4 has enabled so many children to make excellent progress with their reading ages across the last term. Children who read fluently are able to access learning across the curriculum with ease, building detailed knowledge that enables them to achieve well in so many different areas of life. Thank you for continuing to read with your children every day and to explore vocabulary with them at home.



I continue to be delighted with the number of children in our school who are inspired by learning in their classes and then choose to build on this at home. The wonderful sculpture above reinforcing the impact single use plastic is having on the creatures that live in the sea is just one example of this.

Lost Property

Mrs Hext has set up a lost property Instagram page: [mrjs_lost_property](#) Any unclaimed items are photographed and shared before being held in school for the next term. If you spot any clothing belonging to your child please comment below each photo so that we can return it to them or pop into the office to collect it. Can I ask all parents to re-check PE kit, coats and school uniform to ensure that full names are clearly labelled in all items of clothing. Thank you.

And finally...

We have an Instagram account for the school which will enable family and friends to follow on a regular basis different aspects of school life. The account can be found by searching for [millrythejuniorschool](#). There is another account called millrythejunior but this **is not** the current account for our school. **The school account is not for children to follow on their own Instagram app as this is not meant for children under the age of 13.**

Have a lovely weekend

David Bessant

Headteacher

Key dates for the academic year 2019 – 2020 confirmed so far:
(Changes/additions are in bold the week they are added)

Spring 1

22nd January 4-7pm Parents Evening
23rd January 4-6pm Parents evening
23rd January Love of Inventors Day
30th January Year 6 SATs information meeting 2.30pm
5th February Year 5 (not whole year group) Dell Quay Trip
14th February Love Day & last day of term

Spring 2

24th February Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform
5th March World Book Day – book donations
9th March Year 6 Practice SATs Week
19th March 9am and 5pm Parents Forum
20th March PTA Shopping day for someone special
23rd March Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip
27th March Final day of clubs for the Spring term
31st March Easter Disco
2nd April Celebration Assembly 9am (invitation only)
3rd April Winning House Cinema and Popcorn & last day of term

Summer 1

20th April First day back in school
27th April Summer term clubs start
4th May PTA Film Club
7th May Year 3 Harold Hillier Gardens Trip
8th May Bank Holiday
11th – 14th May Year 6 SATs week
15th May Love of History of Art
22nd May Last day of term

Summer 2

1st June Inset day
Week beginning 1st June Year 6 Bikeability
2nd June Winning House ice bun and non-uniform
5th June Art Exhibition in School
19th June PTA Shopping day for someone special
29th June Year 3 and 4 Sports Day and picnic
30th June Year 5 and 6 Sports Day and picnic
1st July Year 2 Parents Welcome Evening
3rd July Final day of clubs for the Summer term
6th July Year 5 and 6 Reserve Sports Day and picnic
7th July Year 3 and 4 Reserve Sports Day and picnic
7th & 8th July Hayling College Year 6 Transition Days
8th July MRJS Transition Day
13th July Year 6 Paultons Park Reward Day
13th July Years 3, 4 & 5 PTA Non-uniform day £1 contribution
15th July Art Exhibition
16th July Year 6 Leavers Evening
17th July Year 6 Enterprise Day
21st July Winning House BBQ and water fight
22nd July Year 6 and Parents Leavers Assembly 10am
22nd July Last Day of Term