

Dear families,

I want to begin by saying a big thanks to everyone that helped make our open event after school on Thursday such a success. We were able to showcase what a brilliant we are with lots of visitors paying us many compliments on the building, the staff and our pupils who stayed to help out.

Last week Year 3 visited the church where they took part in a range of activities including drawing fruit, writing thank you letters, having Reverend Tim explain some of the church's customs and doing a tour of the church. All children were very well-behaved and a credit to the school.

This week we have started innovating our warning tales in English and learnt different strategies for division in Maths. In Science, we have looked at the nutritional value of different foods and the children created some excellent Stop Motion Animations in Computing. Next week sees the fossil trip which will be the introduction to our work on rocks after the holidays.

This week in English, Year 4 have had a busy week writing their own story inspired by The Wild Girl. The children have been very creative and been able to invent their own characters, setting and creatures. The children have worked really hard on their writing and it has been a pleasure to read. In science, the children have been completing various experiments making sure they are conducting fair tests by only changing one thing.

Year 5 have continued their topic on the Anglo-Saxons where we have been learning all about the justice system. See if your child can remember some of the punishments available during this time - they may shock you as to how harsh they were. In Science we have been exploring evaporation and identifying materials which make the best filters. By using a range of sketching techniques, we have drawn fruits and used shading to bring depth to our work.

This week in Year 6 it was Toucans and Doves' turn to visit Time and Tide Museum, and everyone looked fantastic dressed up as evacuees! In English, we've been writing suspense stories set in a forest, using features from our writing toolkits. We've seen some brilliant examples of using actions to show emotion. In History, we've been learning about the Battle of Britain and the Home Front, discovering how people's efforts helped during World War II. In Science, we investigated how long it takes for our heart rates to return to normal after exercise. In Art, we finished our Paul Nash-inspired charcoal drawings, creating beautiful tree scenes using one-point perspective. Finally, we had a fantastic online session with Liz Pichon, where we learned how to sketch some of her new book characters