Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly lovely half term it has been in school. The children have worked hard, shown great enthusiasm, and brought such a positive energy to every day. We are very proud of all they have achieved.

A reminder that children return to school on **Monday 23rd February**, at the usual time. **Gates will open at 8:25am**.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead, and we look forward to welcoming the children back soon.

Attendance

Thank you so much for supporting us with attendance in school – we are seeing an increase in children attending every day which is excellent! Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 02.02.26 to 06.02.26 (last week). Highlighted are all of the classes that have achieved 95% or more during that week. 4-Lewis have lost their crown - well-done to 3 Cowell for the best attendance of the week.

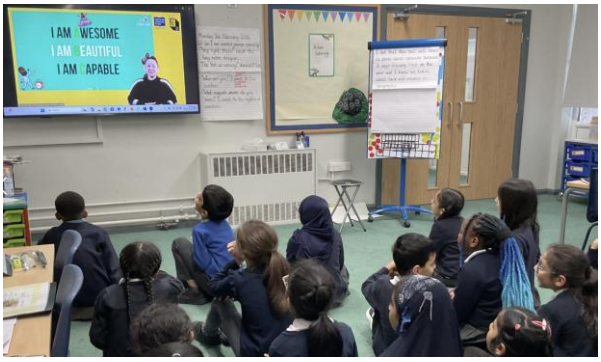
1 Grey	91.7%
1 Murphy	95.3%
2 Blake	96.6%
2 Rosen	90.6%
3 Cowell	98.1%
3 Rowling	96.2%
4 Lewis	96.3%
4 Morpurgo	97.2%
5 Dahl	97.8%
5 Strong	93.9%
5 Walliams	95.0%
6 Blackman	96.7%
6 Ibbotson	97.0%
Nursery	84.8%
R Carle	92.8%
R Donaldson	95.4%

Attendance Prize Draw Winners

Each week, any child who achieves 100% attendance for that week will have their name entered into a draw. This resets at the end of each week, so children have multiple opportunities to achieve this. At the end of each half term, we will pull one name from each year group, and those lucky winners will receive a special reward. This time they will have the opportunity to take part in sports activities with Mr McDonough. Well done to the winners and to all children who are achieving 100% weeks.

R Carle - Raylene Barrow
1 Murphy - Yusuf Komurcu
2 Blake - Aadam Nisar
3 Rowling - Diyar Ahmad
4 Lewis - Daniel Matenga
5 Dahl - Haaniya Sheraz
6 Ibbotson - Alex Zachariah

National Story Telling Week



Last week was National Storytelling Week, so KS1 and KS2 took part in two very exciting live assemblies. KS1 enjoyed a storytelling session with author Annemarie Anang, where the children listened to a story about Nefertiti, a girl feeling stressed about starting to play the drum in her band. KS2 learned all about rap (Rhythm And Poetry) with Alim Kamara, who has recently published a new children's book. They got to learn his ABCs (Awesome, Beautiful, Capable) and how poetry can fit into bars of 4. He then invited them to contribute ideas to come up with a new rap there and then.

Happiness Heroes & Positivity Post Box

Our Happiness Heroes wanted to spread smiles across Thorpe by encouraging everyone to show an attitude of gratitude, so they created the amazing Positivity Post Box! The Year 6 Happiness Heroes excitedly launched it in assembly and invited the whole school to join in by writing kind messages and thank you notes to one another. Lots of year groups have already started posting their cheerful postcards, and the Happiness Heroes can't wait to deliver the special messages after the holidays.

Left to right: Rishab, Yeva, A'niyah, Aimaan

Left to right front row: Falak, Sara, Hania, Rishab, Yeva, Eshan, Faizaan, Aimaan. Left to row back row: Haya, Isabella, Chelsea, Benas, A'niyah

Girls Netball Event

Thorpe 3-0 Ravensthorpe
Thorpe 1- 2 NOVA
Thorpe 1 - 8 Discovery

Our girls netball team played some fixtures Monday afternoon at Jack Hunt and played really well against a very high standard of opposition. Well played Mahrosh, Ojaswi, Skylar, Enas, Mia, Romaisa and Jessica.

Chinese New Year – The Year Of The Horse

Our wonderful kitchen staff put on a special Chinese New Year themed menu this week. Some lovely food prepared – many children even had a go at using chopsticks. Thank you to the catering team for preparing this for the children.

Learning Spotlight

Reception – The Royal Banquet

Reception – Chinese New Year

Year 1 – Recycling Visit

Alaya: "I liked when they told us about Hungry Harry." (Grey bin) "I learnt that I need to put batteries on top in a bag."

Younus: "I liked when they teach us about where to put recycling." Miss Mitchell asked what goes in a brown bin? "Leaves."

Deen: "We learnt about Hungry Harry and we learnt about the brown bin that puts dirty things in there like leaves, roots and plants."

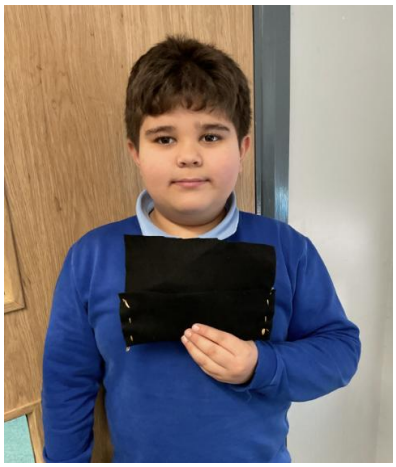
Year 2 – Art

In art this term, we have been inspired by the work of Pablo Picasso. Each portrait reflects a unique combination of feelings, through the choice of colour, tints, tones and shades.

Year 3 – Design & Technology Learning

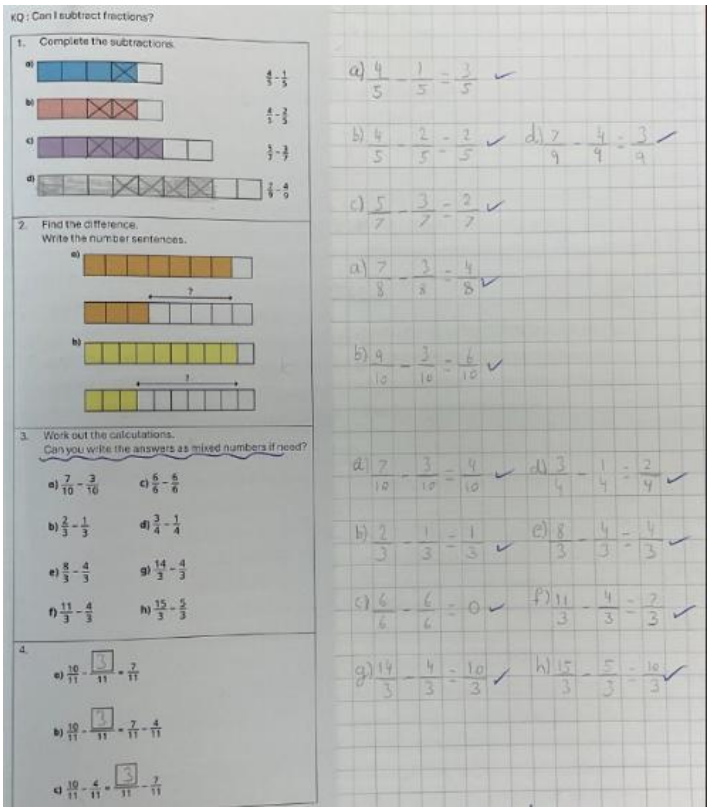




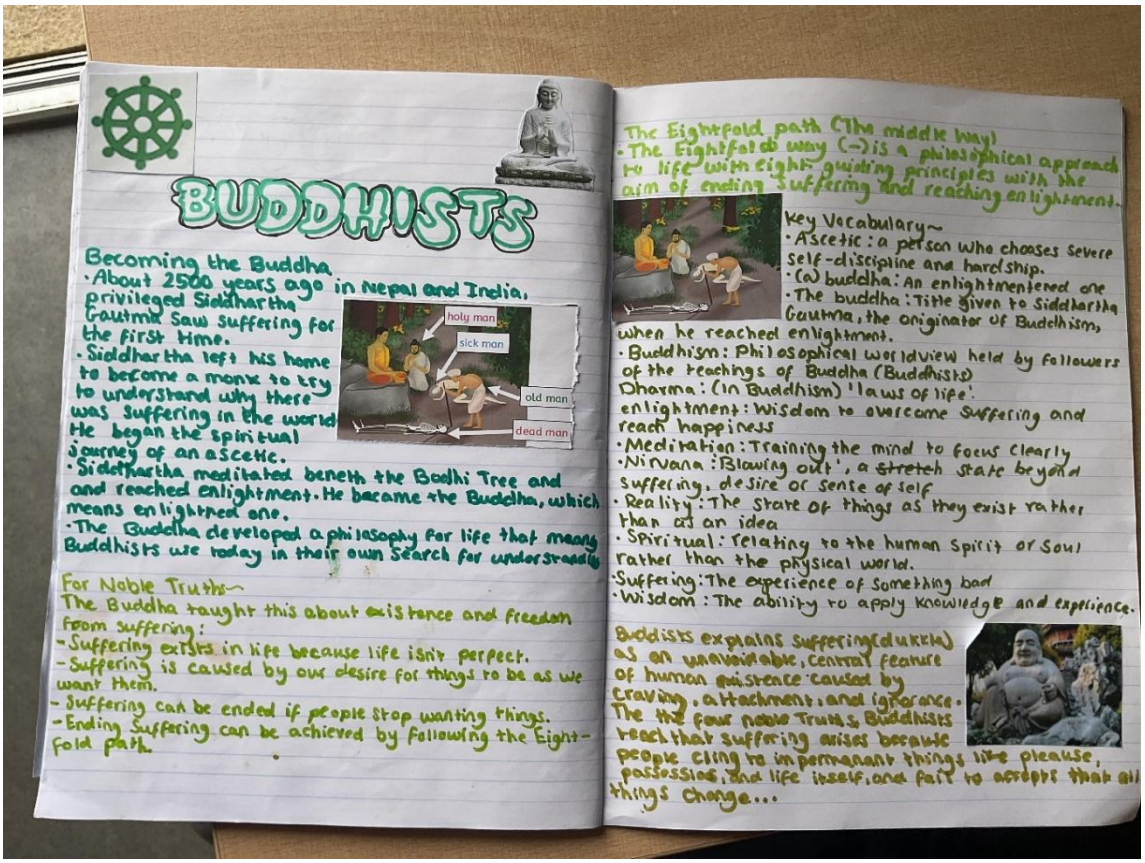


Year 3's design brief was to make a pouch to contain small items and they had to decide whether to use running stitch or overstitch, and whether their bag would be a 'fold over' or to just sew up the sides. Here are Inaaya F, Hamza and Zaynab's creations.

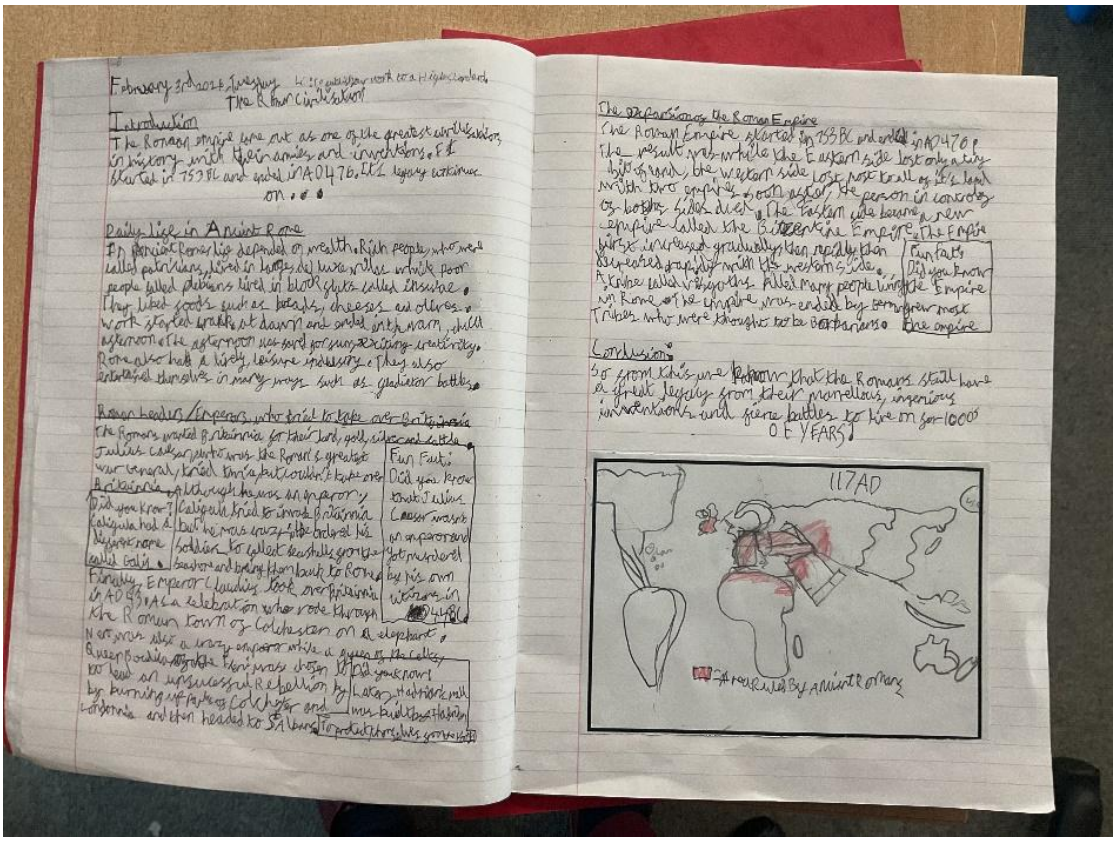
Year 4 – Maths (Fractions) By Diana

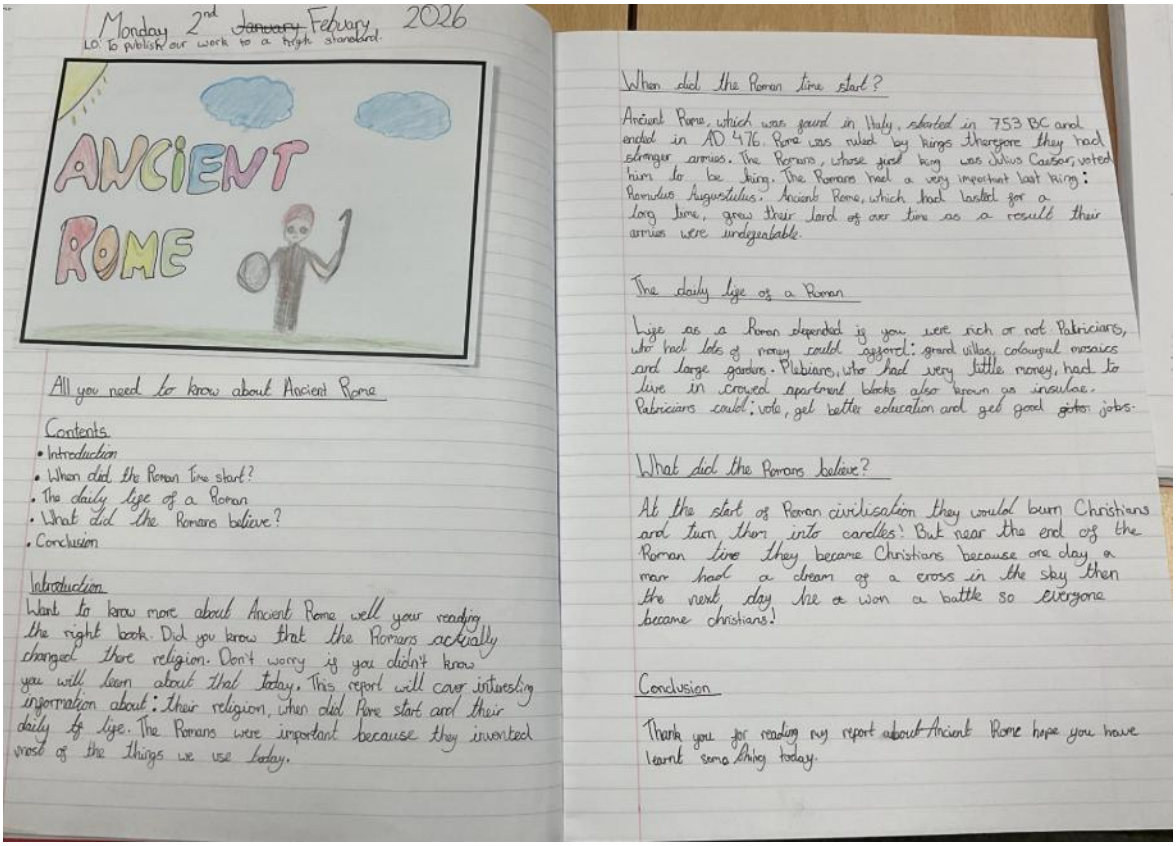


Year 5 – Buddhism Information By Nasreen

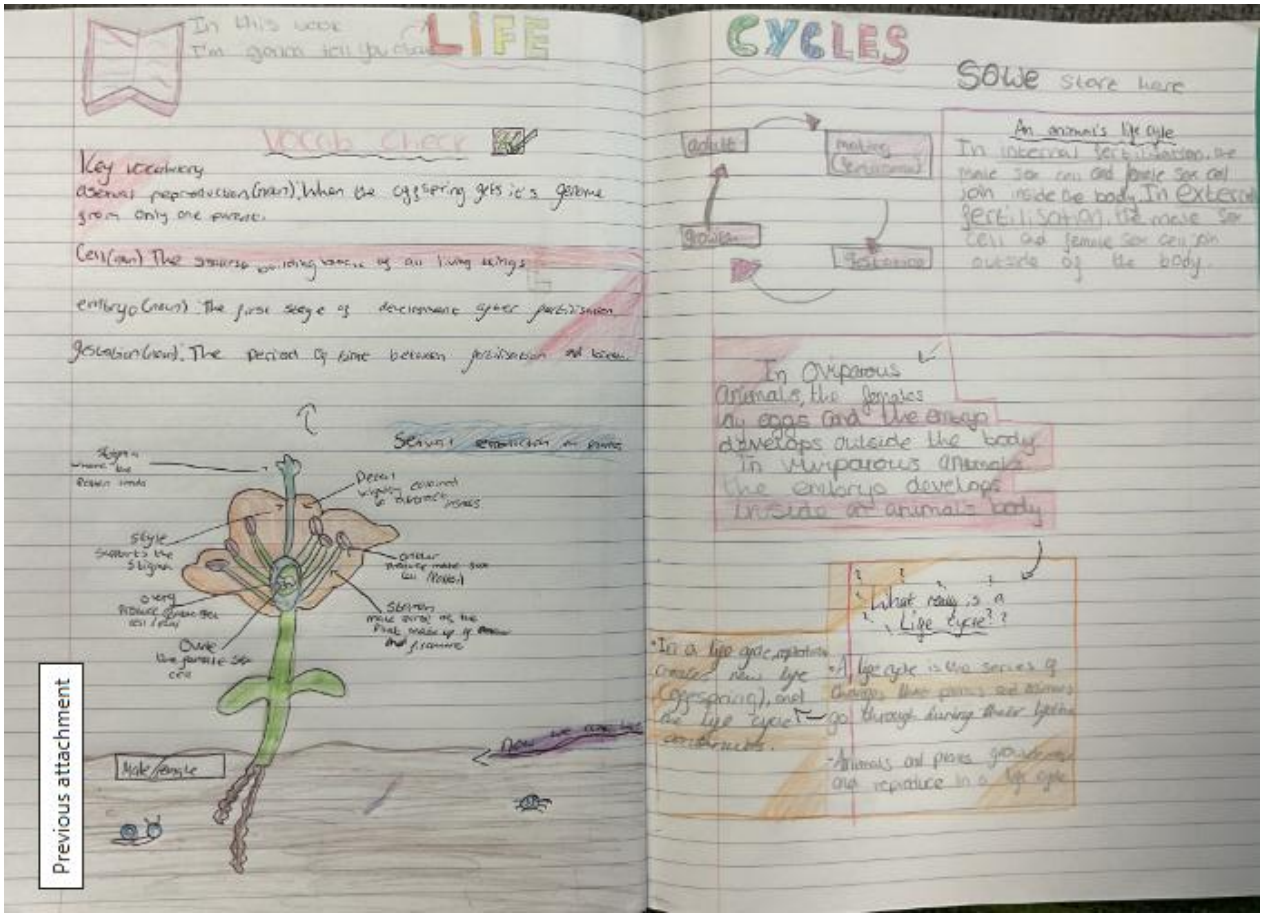


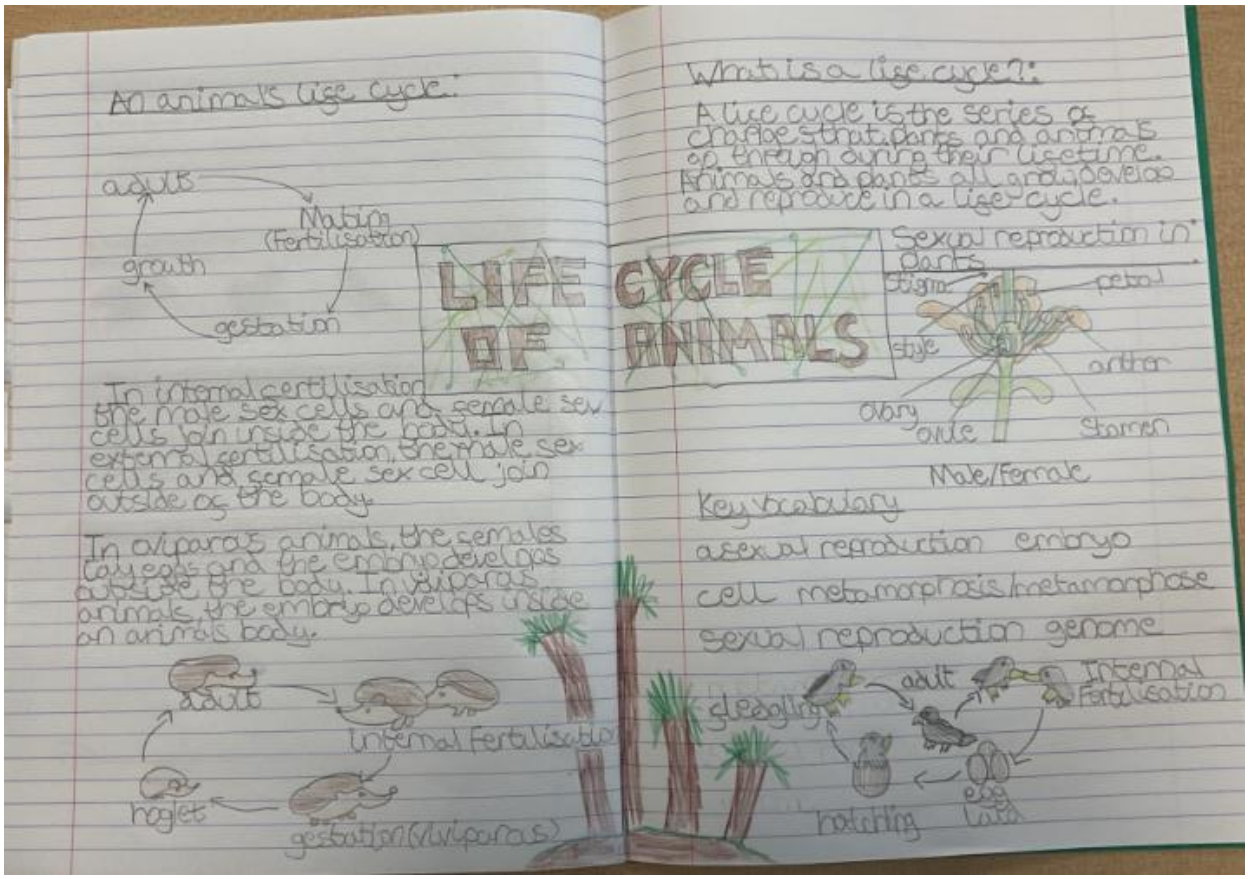
Year 5 – Non-Chronological Report On Ancient Rome By Mustafa and Jessica





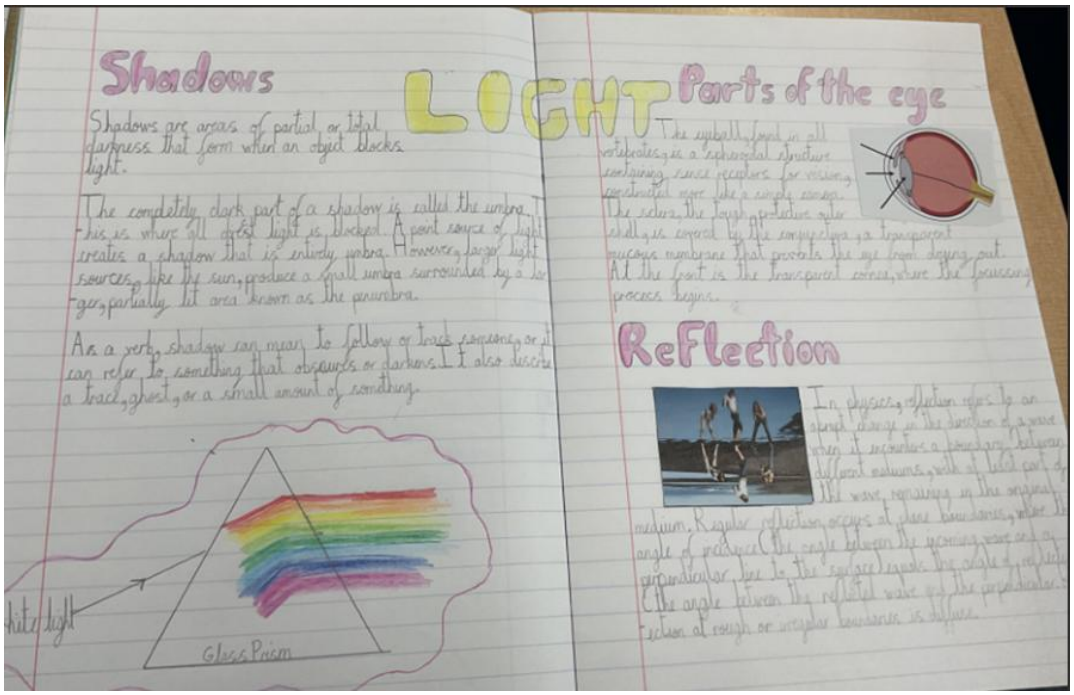
Year 5 – Science Life Cycles By Mahrosh and Advaith





Year 6 – Science Double Page Spread By Zara, Miriam and Shanefa

This half term in science, we have been learning all about light. We explored how light travels, how shadows are formed, how we see things, and learned about the different parts of the eye and their functions. To showcase our understanding, we created detailed double-page spreads to summarise everything we have learned.



Light

Shadows

Light travels in straight lines.
A shadow is formed when a object blocks the light souse. It stops light from passing through to make the shape of the shadow

The shadow will be the same shape as the object.

Ray diagrams show how a shadow is formed.

The eye

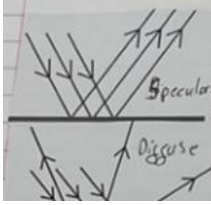
The pupil lets light enter the eye.
The iris controls the size of the pupil. When the iris expand the pupil gets smaller and reverse.

Long sited is if your eye can't see from close up.

Short sited is if you eye can't see from far away.

Reflection

Reflections are made when light bounces of a object to make it look alike.

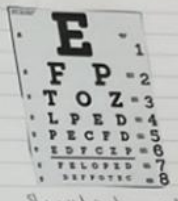


A Specular reflection is when light bounce of a flat surface to make it go in a straight line.
A Diffuse reflection is when ligh reflects off on an even surface making it un straight

Colour vision

People can see because of white light.
White light is cearted when all of the coulours reflect on a surface.
black light is when none of the lights reflect on a surface. when it is a coloured object it me one of the rainbow colours have reflected on the surface.

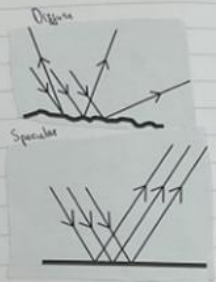
Light



Short-sighted is when you can't focus on things far away from you.
Long-sighted is when you can't focus on things close to you.

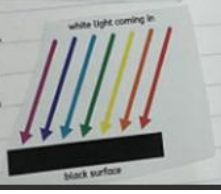
Specular & Diffuse light

Specular reflection occurs with smooth surfaces, causing light to reflect as the same angle they hit the surface. Diffuse reflection occurs with rougher surfaces and scatters the light rays in different directions.

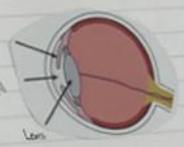


White light

White light is a combination of all the colours. A coloured object appears coloured because it reflects that light and absorbs the others. Black objects absorb all light and white objects reflect all light.



Iris = Controls the size of pupil
Pupil: Lets light enter the eye
Lens: Focuses the light on the back of the eye



Shadows

Light travels in straight lines.
A shadow forms because the object blocks the light rays and prevents them from passing through the object. The shadow that forms will be the same shape as the object that casts it. Ray diagrams explains how shadows

Potter Room – Fine Motor Skill Development In Action

Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school from the half term break
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day – children dressing up as a book character 14.50: Year 5 class assembly (5 Walliams & 5 Strong)

Reminders:

Parent Evenings

The dates for the next parent evenings this term have been confirmed and will take place on **Tuesday 24th** and **Wednesday 25th March** between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. More information will come soon, but I wanted to ensure you had the dates in good time.

Spring Term Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin again soon. Please see the timetable below for the Spring Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Thursday 5th March	Year 5 (5 Walliams & 5 Strong)
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 (both classes)

Parent Shout Outs

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F

Have a wonderful week,

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher