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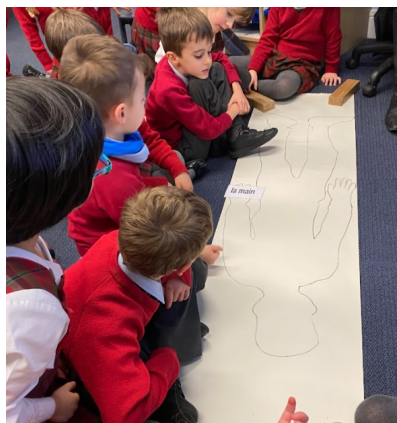
Mrs Speight's message ...

The children have settled back into school happily and worked well. Clubs have started and the children have enjoyed all that has been on offer. There has been Rugrats, Harry Potter, Kick Fitness, ukulele, yoga, running club and gymnastics. I was delighted to read the Reception children's writing about photographs and wonder whether they can share with you what they need to use when constructing a sentence? The children in Year 1 have amazed Dr Soni with their superb handwashing technique and it was clear to him that they understand why it is so important. Many thanks to Dr Soni for bringing in the magic 'light' box too. It just seems like yesterday when he brought this into Pre-Prep for his eldest son's form, and he is now in 5th Form and will be sitting his GCSEs in the summer! The school looks wonderful for Open Morning and we are all excited to be showing potential families around tomorrow morning. Please spread the word about our school as I am always happy to tour families, especially during the school day when they are able to see our children thriving in this inspiring environment. Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight

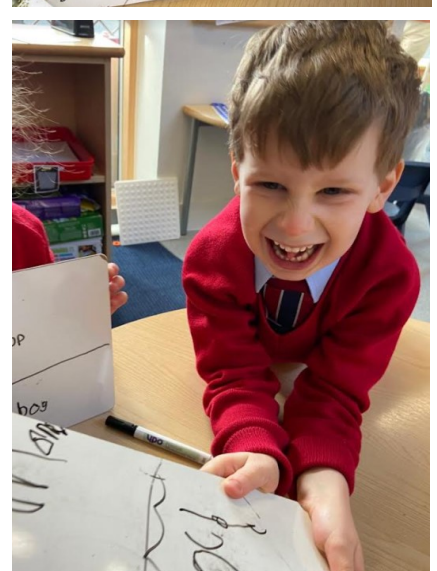
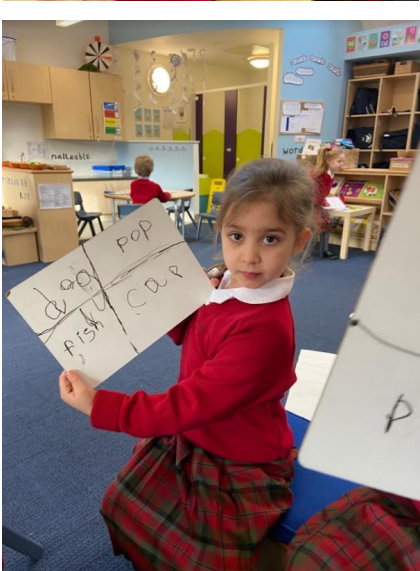
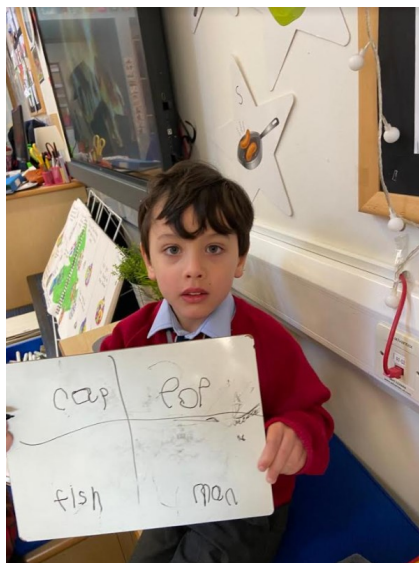
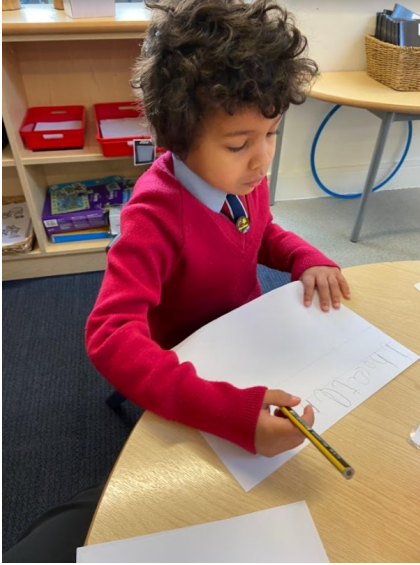


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Wonderful Writing

The Reception classrooms have been alive with activity as the children have impressed each other with their writing skills. After learning the 'tricky words', 'he', 'she', 'we', 'be' and 'me' the children put their new found knowledge to great use by writing sentences about photographs. The children were very careful to remember 'finger spaces' between words, begin their sentences with a capital letter and end them with a full stop.



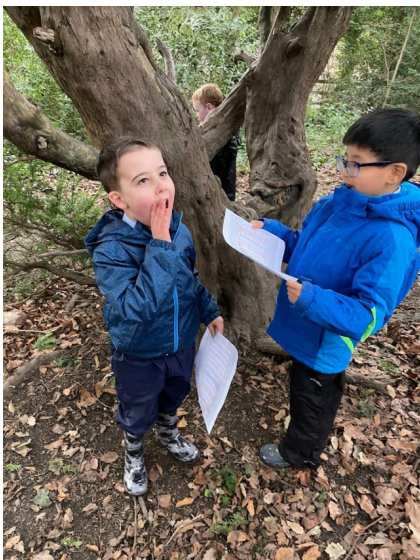
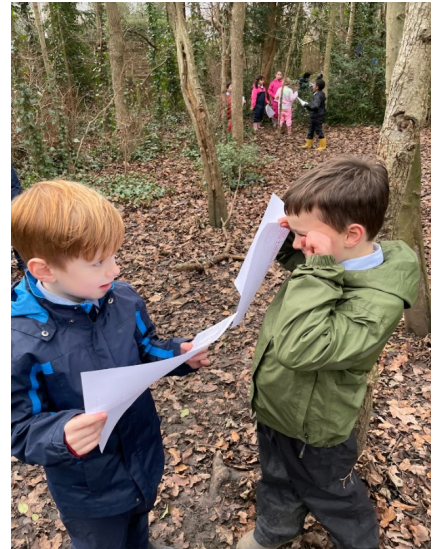
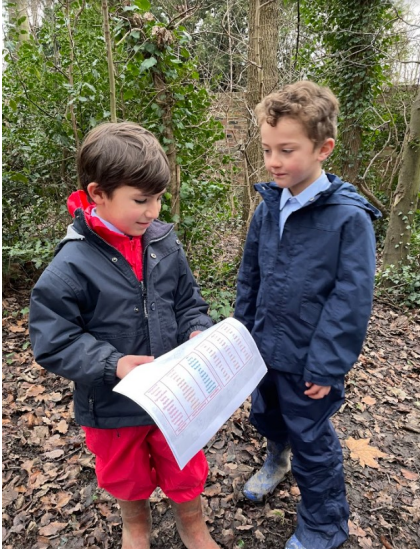
Exploring Names

During Family Time, we always look at names. The children in Nursery have loved learning the names of the new children and helping them to find their name cards. There are so many games to play with name cards which include counting how many children are in the group, finding out if we have the matching number of name cards, name recognition, letter sound recognition and also clapping out the syllables in each child's name. I wonder whether the children can show you how to clap syllables at home?



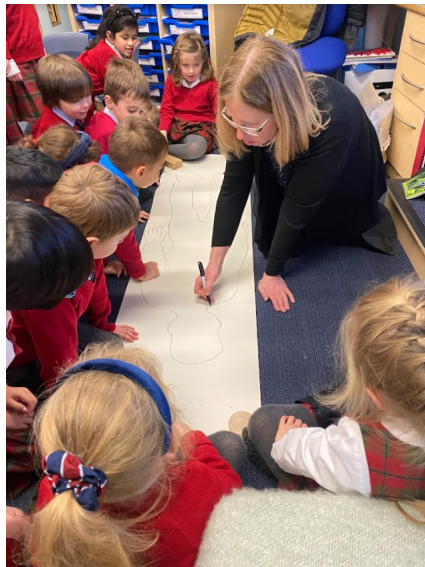
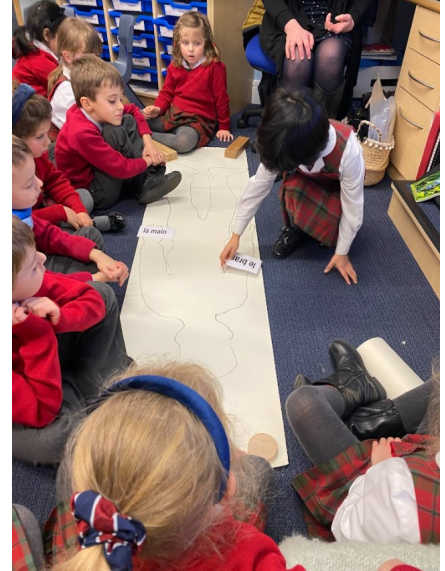
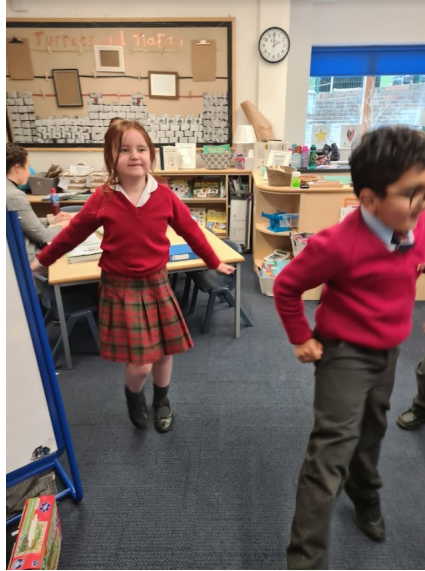
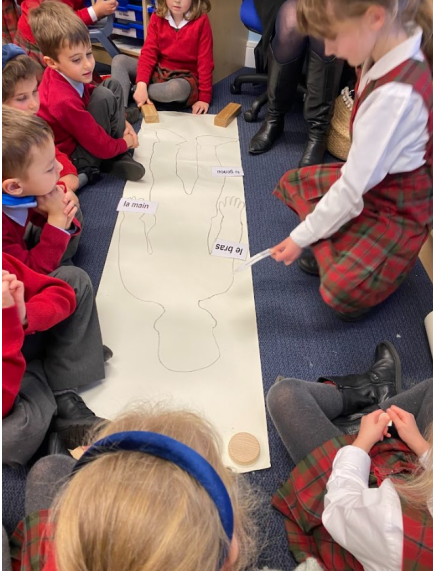
Seven Wonders of The World

To kickstart our new topic of 'Seven Wonders of the World', Year 2 have travelled with our virtual passport to Brazil, and visited Christ the Redeemer. We enjoyed reading a Brazilian traditional tale, 'The Quest of Cleverness', which inspired us to write our own prediction for the ending of the story using powerful verbs. As part of our learning, we trudged to the woods to act out the powerful verbs we had chosen, and our partners tried to guess our verbs. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing the powerful verbs game, which then supported their written work back in the classroom.



Parts of The Body

In Year 1, we had so much fun in our French lessons learning the vocabulary for the parts of the body. Mme Arrol drew silhouettes around real life models and then we put our skills to the test by labelling the correct parts on the body outline. Once we were confident with the new language, we finished the lesson by shaking those body parts along to the catchy French tune, 'Jean Petit qui danse'. Très bien!





Holiday School Dates

Easter Holiday School 2022

Monday 4th April – Friday 8th April (1 week)

Summer Holiday School 2022

Monday 18th July – Friday 5th August (3 weeks)



Dates For Your Diary

February

Thursday 17th —half term begins

Friday 18th —INSET Day (school closed)

Monday 28th — Pupils return to school

March

Thursday 3rd— World Book Day

Friday 18th — Red Nose Day

Week Beginning 21st — Parents Evenings

April

Friday 1st —End of Term (no after school care)

Monday 4th — Friday 8th—Holiday School

Notice from Nurse Lyndsey

Please be reminded that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for diarrhoea and/or vomiting is 48 hours from the last episode.

Your support in this area will help to reduce the spread of Infection in school.

Second Hand Uniform

- As part of our ongoing initiatives to encourage sustainability, we offer a second hand uniform service; good quality, second hand uniform items are available to purchase from the Uniform Showroom which is located on the Senior School site. If you wish to sell/donate good quality uniform you no longer require, please drop items at the Uniform Showroom or phone Lesley Porter, Showroom Manager, for more information on 01642 792588.
- Second hand Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School uniform can also be donated to the YPSSC and sold to raise funds for the Prep School. Please contact the Prep School Committee for more information: ypssc@hotmail.com