

WHADDON NEWS

Spring Term 1

Foundation Stage—Frosty Fun!





Learning Outside the Classroom

The Treehouse Campaign!

For a while, the children have been saying that they'd like a treehouse at Forest School. Finally, that dream is becoming a reality!

Using your kindly donated fruit and vegetables, the children packed some beautiful hampers and created eye-catching posters. The sale on the playground was a very busy and happy occasion.



The children have also been enthusiastically selling raffle tickets this week. With the funds from these and your generous donations on 'Justgiving' we have reached our fundraising goal.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has supported us in fundraising for the Forest School Treehouse. We are all very much looking forward to seeing it begin to take shape.

Miss Swain

Forest School

This half term we've had frosty days, rainy days and surprisingly warm days at Forest School! We are hopeful that spring is on its way.

Throughout the colder weather the children noticed that there weren't many minibeasts around. They don't seem to like getting cold! However, we have been pond dipping and have managed to find some new newts.

One theme of this half term has been MUD! There are a few mud pits around which the children created and enjoy exploring in. This has also led to bridge building—lots of opportunity for problem solving and team work.

After half term, we shall be looking out for warmer weather and the first signs of spring!

Learning Outside the Classroom: R.E. Visits

Class One's Visit to Milton Keynes Synagogue

Year One went to Milton Keynes Synagogue to learn about Judaism. Lou spoke to us about Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath day). We got to try the special sweet bread called Challah. The honey made it taste very sweet! We had a go at writing in Hebrew and we learnt how to write words like 'school' in Hebrew. We also coloured in our own yad. The yad is for reading the Torah to make sure the Torah doesn't get messy. The Torah is the Jewish people's special scroll that teaches them about God. We also got to wear a tallit which is a special shawl for Shabbat. We enjoyed learning about Judaism.

By Archie, Archiejack, Elizabeth, Mercy, Millie, Ollie and Stevie (Y1)



Class Two's Visit to Milton Keynes Hindu Association

In our first full week back we got onto a coach and went on a trip to see a Hindu temple. We were excited, as we remembered our Diwali day with Mrs Wright and we were looking forward to learning more about all the different gods we knew Hindus believed in. When we arrived, some of us were surprised by the building, as it didn't look much like a temple from the outside. The people at the centre explained to us that the MKHA is much more than a place of worship and the temple is actually inside the building. We took off our shoes at the entrance, which symbolised us leaving behind all of our worries and any unhappiness, as we were entering the house of God. Inside we learnt a lot about the ways and beliefs of Hindus. We joined in their prayer and joined in a pledge to try and do one kind thing every day to help make the world a better place. Pledges ranged from tidying our rooms without being asked to, being kinder to our brothers and sisters, or telling a joke to someone who looked sad. The staff at the centre let us ask lots of questions and even sang us some songs. It was an interesting trip and a great opportunity for the children to recognise some of their RE learning in action.

Turtle Watch in Year 1 and Year 2

This half term Year 1 and Year 2 have been Turtle Watch. Everybody had a turtle which they named and measured on Mombasa Beach. Then we added a tracker to the turtles.

Each week we checked our turtle tracker to see where our turtles were and where they were going. We have learnt the names of oceans and compass directions to do this.

We talked to Chief Kekepania, from Honu Island. She was sad that no turtles came to the island any more. She hadn't seen any for nine or ten years! She wanted our help to find out why. She wanted more turtles to come to the beach.

We visited Honu Island and then wrote some persuasive letters for them with ideas for how to help the turtles to come, like: move the hotels, stop the boats for a little while and make a special beach for the turtles. We also explained that the turtles had to come to Honu Island because with no honus (turtles) it can't be Honu Island.

One of our turtles was found with straws stuck in him and his flippers caught in a net. Luckily, he was rescued by a fisherman and taken to the vets.

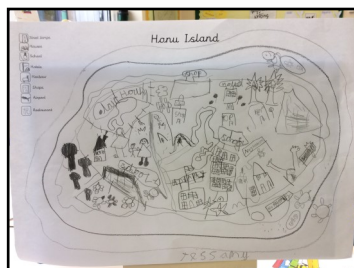
We went litter picking on the beach because some hatchlings were getting caught in the litter. We cleared the litter to make them safe. We also cleaned up the ocean which had a lot of plastic in. To do this we made grabbers using card and split pins and some other devices such as underwater goggles.

After all of this work, we went with Chief Kekepania to the beach on Honu Island, to call to the honus. They came back to Honu Island! To celebrate this we made some turtle statues out of clay.

We loved being Turtle Watch in our special Turtle Watch Headquarters!

By Year 2

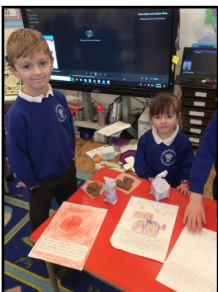
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Chocolate Week in Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 spent a week making chocolate sweets to help Willy Wonka. His factory had closed because his secret recipe had been stolen! We decided to become Oompa Loompas and make a new secret recipe. We made some chocolates and added vanilla, caramel, orange or peppermint flavours, and M&Ms or Maltesers. After that we made some packages to put the chocolates in and decorated them. We also made some posters to tell people about the new chocolates. At the end of the week Willy Wonka (aka Mrs Davies) came to see and taste our chocolates. He was very impressed and he decided he could keep his factory open!

By George, Lawrence, Henry H, Dexter, William, Indy and Amy (Year 1)



Year 2 Gymnastics Competition

Six Year Twos went on a coach to a competition at Kingston Gymnastics Centre. The first thing we had to do was a floor sequence by only the girls did it. After that we did the vault! Eventually three of the six did body management. Next we went on the trampoline and we all did lots and lots of tricks. When we went on the beam we did lots of tricks and jumped into the foam pit. We had a photo taken on the beam! The last thing we did at the competition was having a small free play and had lots of fun! Sadly the next thing we had to do was get on the coach and go home, but luckily we had lots of fun on the way home. Finally we got back to school and had lunch!

By Charley, Kitty and Susannah

A Visit from The Falconer Trust

On the 30th January a nice man came to visit and told us about some children in Zambia in Africa. They live in a home and are looked after by the Falconer Trust. Normally they would have to walk a long way to find some food. Luckily the Falconer Trust is so kind they send them boxes with all of the things they need to keep them alive! Also the man showed us pictures of the home in Zambia. It is not like any ordinary home because they have lots of children there. The children have no money so they can't buy food and things but the nice man and other people look after them. School Council decided that we could help the Falconer Trust.



By Timo and Kitty

P.S.

This visit was organised by our School Council. Claudia, told the School Council about her visit to Africa and how sad she had been to meet a girl who was so poor, she didn't get to go to school. Claudia's aunt had adopted the little girl and Claudia made friends with her during her time there and they enjoyed swimming together. The School Council wanted to do something to help so the Chapel kindly gave us the contact details of the Falconer Trust. The School Council emailed the trust and were delighted to be able to invite them to our school.

The children all agreed we should help more so the School Council will come up with some ideas and be in touch very soon.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue
27.02.19	KS1 Parent Teacher Meetings	All day	Viewing work in Class 2
27.02.19	FS Height & Weight Checks	13.30	Foundation stage classroom
27.02.19	Hands up for Jesus	15.00	Classroom 2
06.03.19	World Book Day Celebration (information to follow)	All day	School
29.03.19	Key Stage 1 Cricket Festival	12.30	Details to follow
5.04.19	Easter Service	13.00	St Mary's Church
5.04.19	Easter Egg Hunt	14.00	School field

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM 2019

Wednesday 2 January

Friday 15 February

Monday 25 February

Friday 5 April

SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 22 April

Friday 24 May

Monday 3 June

Wednesday 24 July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Monday 6th May 2019 – May Bank Holiday

Monday 22nd April

INSET DAYS 2018/19

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

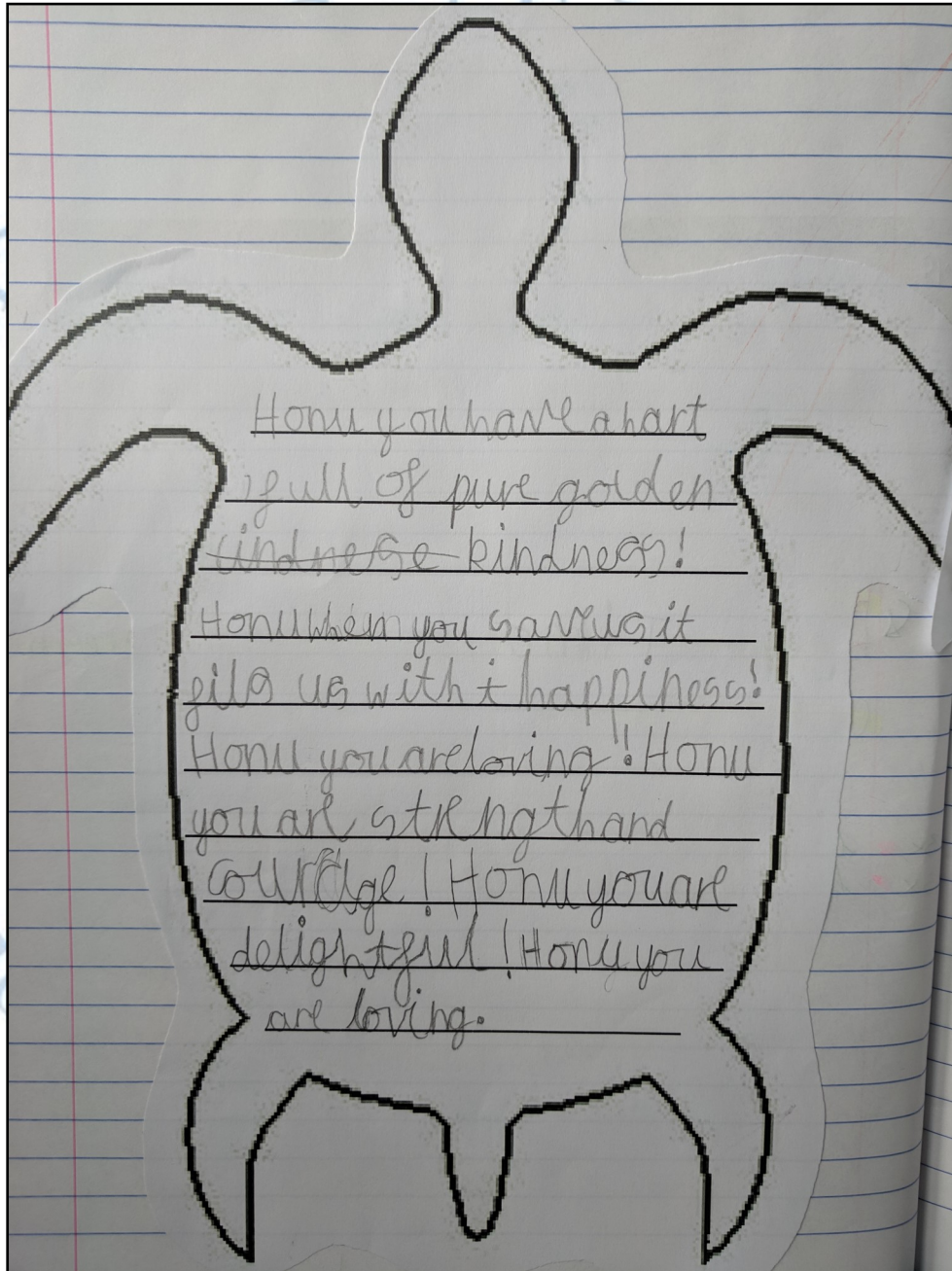
Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Wednesday 24th July

Year 1 and 2

Work to be Proud of



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By Timo

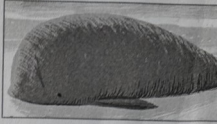
Year 1 and 2

Work to be Proud of

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How to Rescue a Whale



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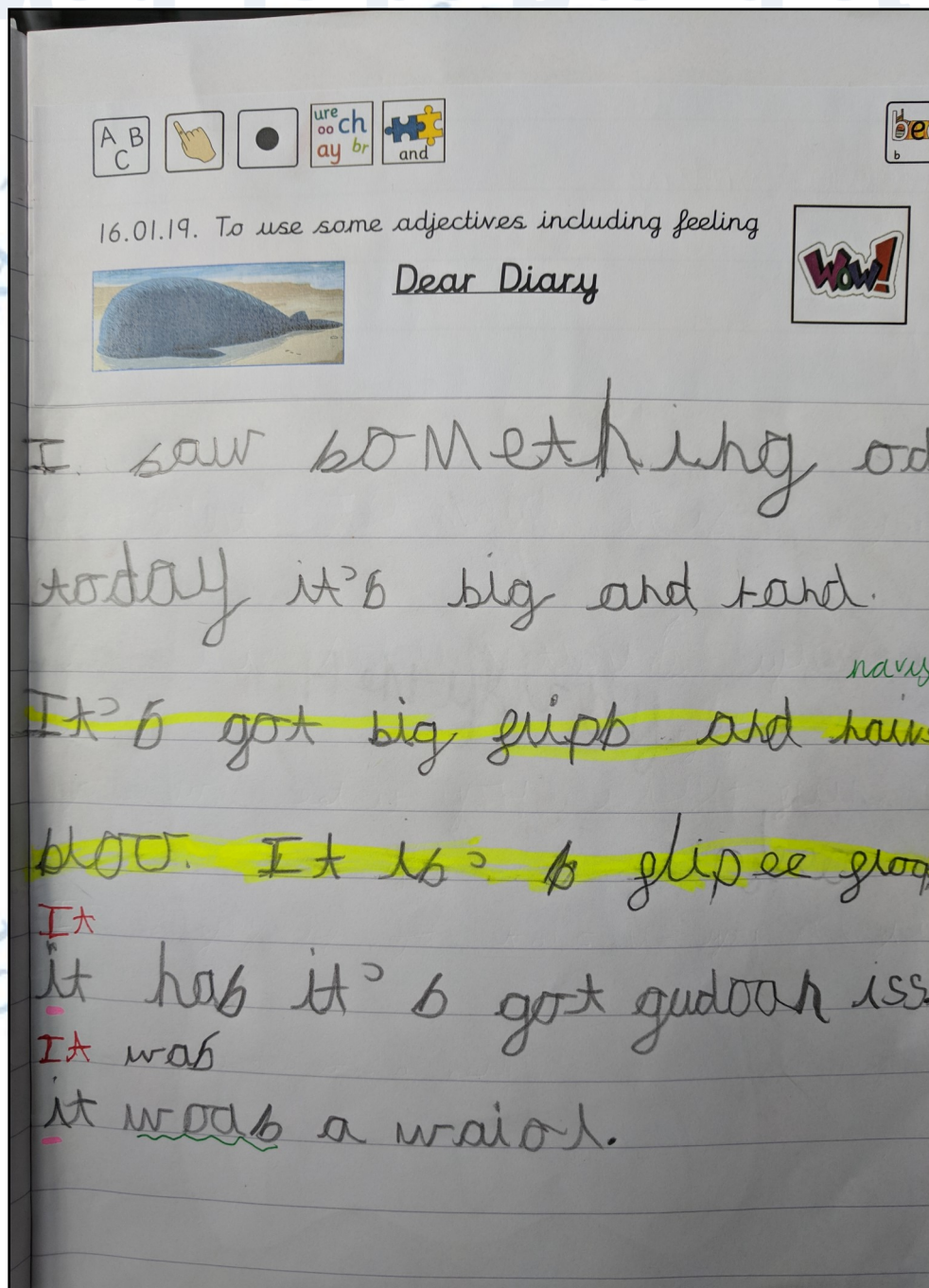
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How to Rescue a Whale

By Millie

Year 1 and 2

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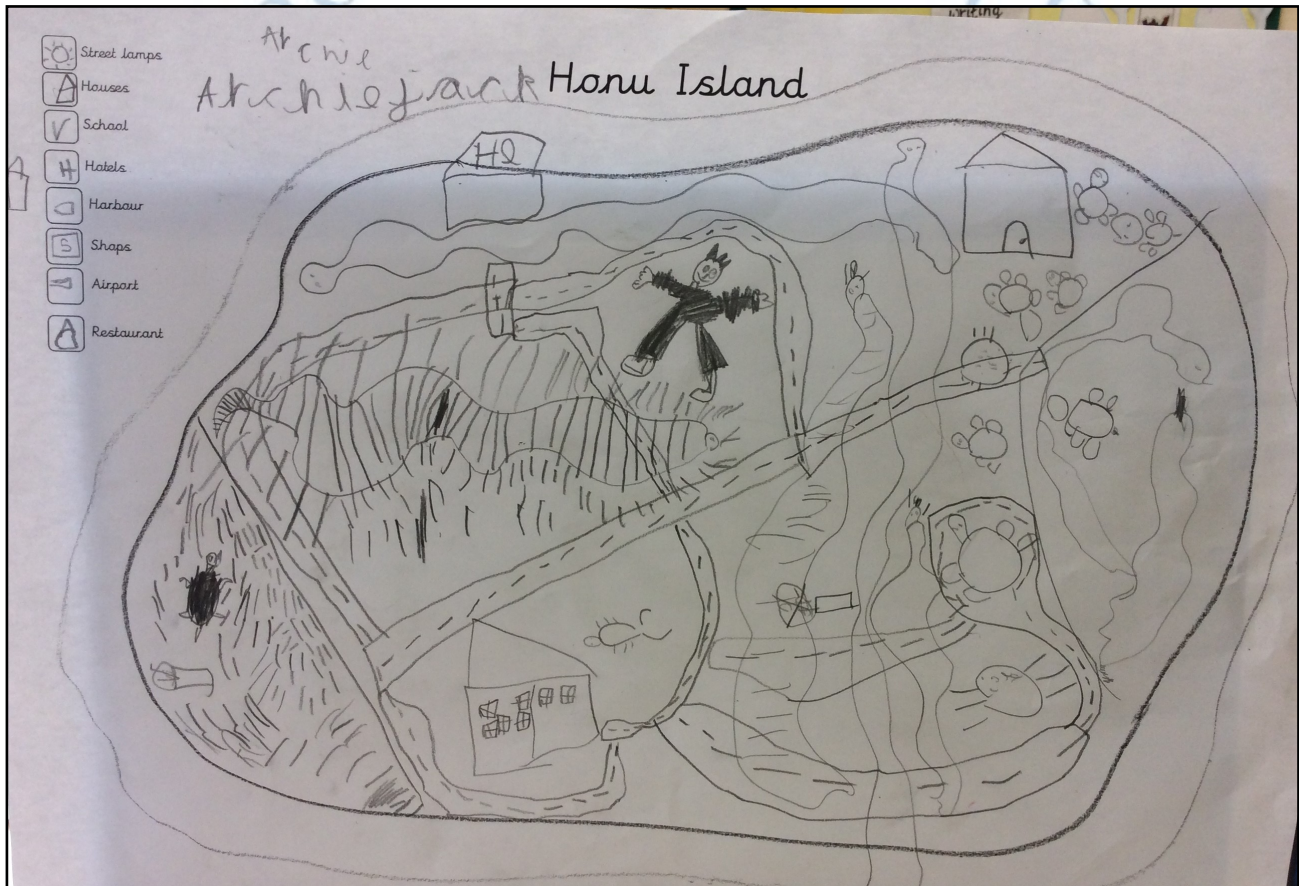


The day I found a Whale

By Henry K

Year 1 and 2

Work to be Proud of



A Map of Honu Island

By Archie S and Archiejack

Year 1 and 2

Work to be Proud of



A Green Sea Turtle

By Dexter

Year 1 and 2

Work to be Proud of



Honu Statues

By Elizabeth, Susannah and Claudia