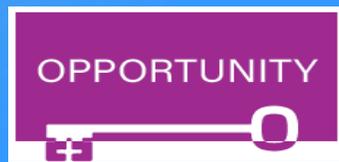




Welcome to our **Feelgood Friday** assembly.

Enjoy the music while we wait for the classes to join.

Please mute your microphone while you wait.

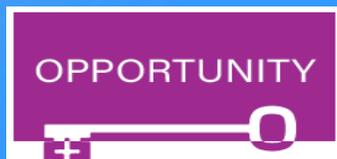




# Feel Good Friday Newsletter

11th  
February  
2022

UNLOCKING  POTENTIAL





## Message from Mrs McGonigle and Mr Fry

Dear Parents and Carers,

Middleton has a Deaf Hub provision. Ever since Rose Ayling-Ellis became the first deaf contestant to compete in Strictly Come Dancing, the number of people wanting to learn British Sign Language (BSL) has surged. One half of the overall winning couple, Rose was frequently seen using sign language on the show and she used a translator to interpret what others were saying. Things to talk about at home... Have you ever seen sign language being used or used it yourself? Can you make a list of all the different ways we communicate with each other? E.g. our body language, words, actions etc. Do you think sign language is a skill that everyone should do? We celebrate diversity in all our children and families.

Even if your child struggles with reading, it is so valuable for them to share a book read by you. Parents who read with their children and share books from a young age make a huge difference to their child's future reading development. It creates a love for books. It would be great if you supported us at home with their reading and shared a book with your child on a daily basis. Please speak to your child's class teacher about borrowing some of our fabulous books.

We like to advertise and celebrate businesses and charities within our local area and community. It is wonderful that the parents/carers at Middleton School have so much to offer. Please get in touch if you wish to share your business.

It is vitally important that when emailing and leaving answer phone messages that you let us know what is wrong with your children. If you do not provide this information the admin team will have to ring you to find out. The DfE absence coding for absences is complex because of Covid and regularly changes. This data is then used by the LA, DfE and Government to build local area information of need and supports decision-making. As a school we are therefore legally required to ensure we code children into our system accurately. Additionally, the information you provide helps us to support ongoing safety measures and decision-making. A reminder that Half Term is week: 14th—18th February as we break up on Friday 11 February.

Have a wonderful weekend and whatever you do, be kind.

Best wishes, Mrs McGonigle and Mr Fry



# KIDS FOOTBALL HALF-TERM CAMP

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Quattro-Tech Westwood Road  
15th - 17th February

Each day is packed full of fun, with lessons in basic skills, tactics, fitness and healthy eating from experienced FA qualified coaches. There will also be a chance to learn new tricks and skills throughout the day and put them all to practice in our exciting competitions!

Boys and girls, 4-12 years

**3 DAYS - £50**  
**1 DAY - £25**



SITFC gifts, 1st team match tickets and special prizes are all available to win every day!

Extra/late care available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM £5 extra per day

**BOOK NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE THIS HALF-TERM!**

If you would like more information about our Half-Term Camps in 2022, please contact Community Programme Manager Jack Clarke via email at [jclarke.stivestownfc@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke.stivestownfc@gmail.com) or call 07734 427220

Netball  
Daft

## Holiday Camps

IPSWICH SCHOOL  
The Education Trust for the Ipswich Area

Delivered by fully qualified, insured, fun coaches and leaders!

Yr 4/5/6 9am-12pm  
Yr 7+ 1pm-4pm  
£25 per day



### When?

Friday 25th February 2022

**Where?** Ipswich School Sports Centre, The Street, Rushmere Saint Andrew, Ipswich IP5 1DE

### Who? Year 4 and upwards

Players of all abilities, from all schools and clubs are welcome. Groups will be split by age and/or ability as we see appropriate.

**How?** Book online at [www.netballdaft.co.uk](http://www.netballdaft.co.uk)

DEVELOP

IMPROVE

PERFORM

[WWW.NETBALLDAFT.CO.UK](http://WWW.NETBALLDAFT.CO.UK)

# DO THE RIGHT THING

SAY YES TO THE VACCINE AND GET A TEST  
IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



With Covid still in our communities, we all need to do the right thing to keep rates as low as possible.

❗ **Say yes to the vaccine. That's both doses.**

Everyone over the age of 18 can now get the jab.

Book online at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19) or by phoning 119. For walk-in centres and pop up clinics visit [www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk)

Remember there must be an eight week gap between your first and second jab.

❗ **Get a test if you have symptoms.**

If you have symptoms of Covid-19 – a high temperature, a new or persistent cough or a loss in sense of taste or smell – book a test at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) and self-isolate.

❗ **Self-isolate if you are asked to by NHS Test and Trace.**

Lots of support is available for people who need to self-isolate including payments of £500 and help with accessing food and medicine.

For information visit [www.peterborough.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport)

## REMEMBER

- MEET PEOPLE OUTDOORS OR IN WELL-VENTILATED PLACES IF YOU CAN
- KEEP A POLITE DISTANCE FROM OTHERS
- WEAR A MASK IN CROWDED PLACES – OR WHERE YOU CAN'T KEEP A DISTANCE
- WASH YOUR HANDS WELL AND OFTEN



i For further updates and information check our website which will be regularly updated [www.peterborough.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Covid has not gone away. If your child has any of these symptoms please do not send them to school and book a PCR test:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of taste or smell.

PCR Tests can be booked at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

Or by calling 119

**Please visit a testing centre** if you can, rather than getting a postal test.

**Lateral Flow Tests**, the type you can collect from chemists. Please ensure you register your test results online



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## PUPIL DETAILS

It is essential that we have up to date records for every child in school, particularly home address, email and mobile phone numbers. If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please call 01733 262696 or email [office@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@mps.pkat.co.uk)

COMMUNITY



## Medication

If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, you must complete a Medication form.

## Head Injuries

We have introduced a new system for minor head bumps/injuries. Instead of calling parents, we are contacting parents/ carers via email when a child has a minor bump to the head. This system occurs successfully in other schools and does not expect parents to 'drop everything' to come into school if our qualified First Aiders have assessed them.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Applying for free school meals is quick and simple to do using the online application form at

[Click Here](#)

## Injuries

(outside of school)

If your child has an injury, such as a broken bone, please do let us know as soon as possible. We will need to put a care plan in place before they return to school.

## Illness/Other Absences

If your child is ill, please **email** or **call** the school office on **01733 262696** and select option 1 to leave a message. The absence line is available 24/7.

Don't Forget!

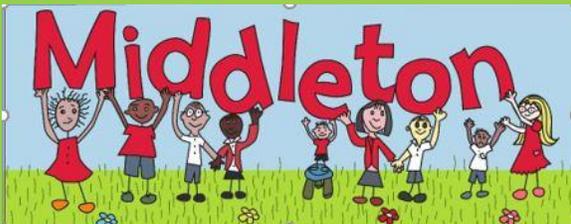


## Healthy snacks & water bottles

Children can bring in a healthy snack to have at break time. This **MUST NOT** be chocolate or nuts – we are a nut free school.

Children **must** bring in a named water bottle.

NEW  
AFTERSCHOOL CLUB  
FOR MIDDLETON  
CHILDREN



**SIMPLY**  
OUT OF SCHOOL



## After School club

BRAND  
NEW!

Opening 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Monday – Friday

3:15-5:15pm



Contracted and 'Ad hoc' Sessions Welcome

After School club operating at South Bretton Family  
and Community Centre for children attending  
Middleton Primary School.



We have a wide range of equipment such as daily craft, dolls, football table, games  
consoles, cars, trains, role play and much more.



**Snack and Refreshments Included**  
(Allergies and Preferences welcome)

Emergency / One off bookings welcome.



Cross Keys Homes are generously funding 50% of the cost per child,  
which has greatly reduced the price for Middleton families.

Prices: Full session - Contract £4.00 'Ad hoc' session £5.00

The maximum capacity is 16 children - book now to avoid disappointment!

**For further information regarding registration please contact us  
direct at Simply Out of School.**



PETERBOROUGH KEYS  
ACADEMIES TRUST

Emma Matthews – Director

Jodie Ward / Cerys Greenfield – Head Office Managers

[admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk)

01656 372910



Don't  
Forget!

OPENING  
MONDAY 21  
FEBRUARY



Rutland  
Outdoor  
Education  
Centre

## Holiday half-term family groups!

*Are you looking for something to do with your family & friends during February half-term....?*

Why not visit us for one of our family sessions... **no age limits** - everyone welcome; parents, children, grandparents...!

During your session you will visit our forest & farm school, trying your hand at the following activities:

- Exploring our woodland and Den making
- Outdoor Cooking on an open campfire
- Getting messy and creative in the 'mud kitchens'
- Climbing trees
- Exploring water through pond-dipping
- Learning about insects, animals, plants and trees through investigation
- Meet some of our farm animals, getting up close and being able to feed them
- Groom the ponies

**Contact us now to make your booking**  
(limited places)

[www.roec.co.uk/contact-us](http://www.roec.co.uk/contact-us)



Feb 2022



### Group Information:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00-12:00

or

12:30-2:30

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00-12:00

or

12:30-2:30

@ £10 per person - per session





# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at -  
[www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

contact us on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions.

There is a vacancy on our Local Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Would you like to volunteer your time and energy to make a positive difference for all children at Middleton?



Why should I become a Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Headteacher and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all children. As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience for all children at Middleton.

What does a Parent Governor do?

You will join a team of Governors and school leaders at Governor meetings (currently on Microsoft Teams – no more than 5 meetings per year) and you will be invited to visit school to talk to staff and children about school priorities. As a Governor, you can also bring your own skills to the team and support with finance, HR, premises and community work. If you become a Governor, there is induction training with more training available throughout the year.

For more information/  
to express your interest,  
please email  
[office@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@mps.pkat.co.uk)

# Class Champions EYFS and Lower School

Learning with our head, heart and hands

Nicolas  
3ET

Ann  
2KB

Faith  
3ET

Charlie  
Ladybirds

Neya  
2RT/PO

Nelson  
Owls

Hauwa  
Butter  
flies

Izabela  
G  
2KB

Malak  
Robins

Julia  
3OW

Aaliyah  
3OW

Sam  
Ladybirds

Butter  
flies

Nojus  
2RT/PO

PERSONAL  
BEST



# Class Champions Upper School

Learning with our head, heart and hands

Briley  
Y6

Romeo-Lee  
5AH/MS

Jayden  
C  
4CP

Sidney  
4CP

Onyx  
4NB

Emily  
4NB

Hristijan  
Y6

Jonathan  
Y6

Lennon  
Y6

Nicola  
4CP

Igor  
5AH/MS

Jakub  
5AA

Raymond  
5AA

Y

PERSONAL  
BEST



Football



PERSONAL  
BEST

Achievements and success  
inside AND outside of school.

Art Work

Dance

If your child achieves a 'Personal Best' out of school, please email a photo to [office@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:office@mps.pkat.co.uk) so we can share their wonderful achievements on this page every week.

Martial Art

Lego

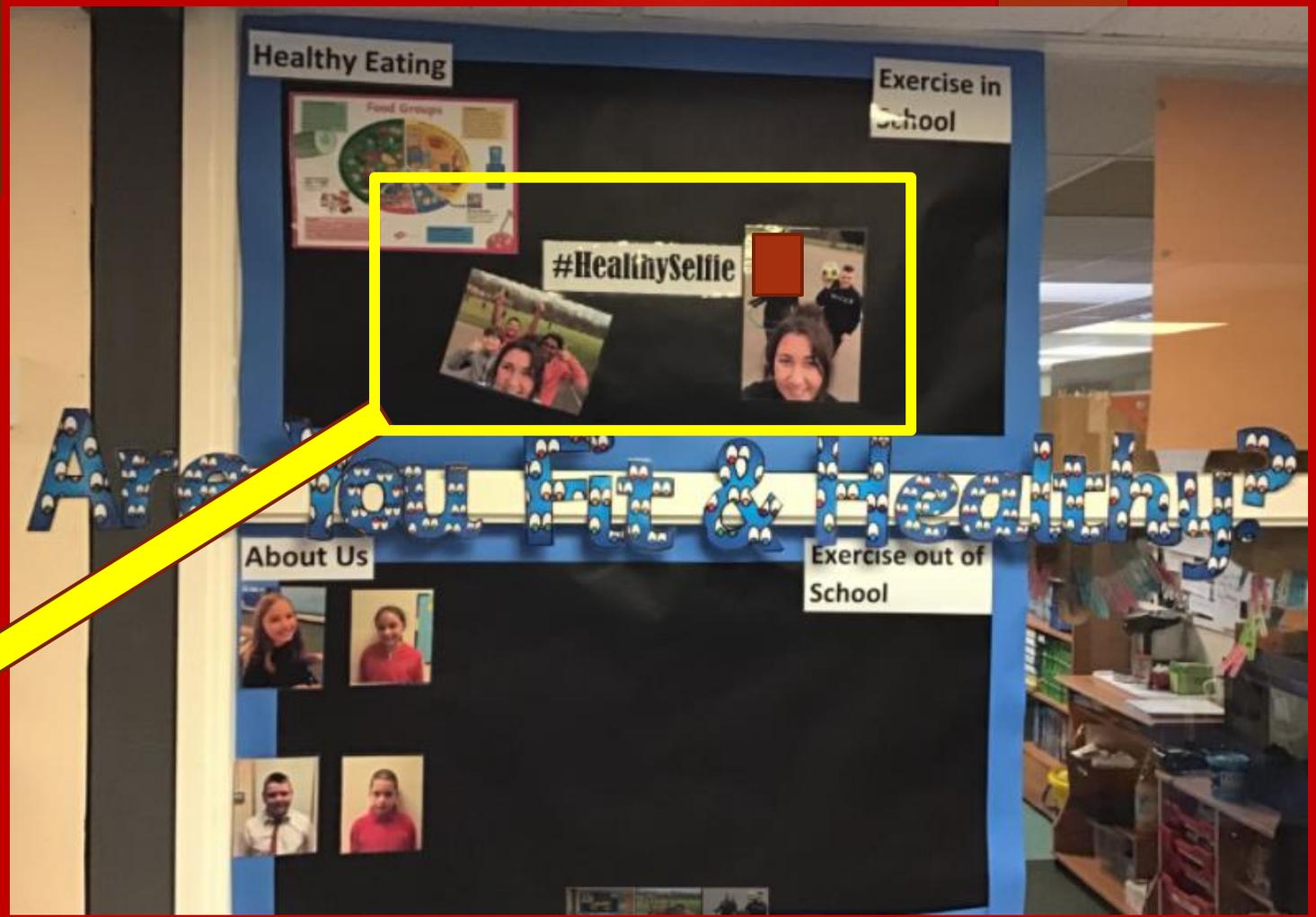
Brownies

Music

Gym

Swimming

On Wednesday after school, the girls football team played a home game against The Peterborough School. Middleton won 11-2! Well done to the girls and to Mr Nicholls for coaching!



The Young Ambassadors have created their display board. We want you (adults and children) to send through Healthy Selfies!

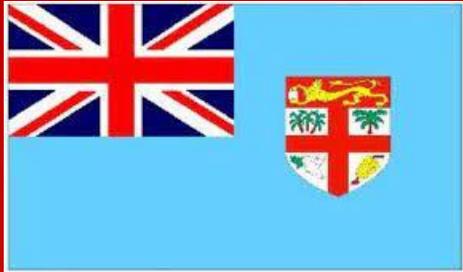
#Healthy selfie

# Year 3

## Dimensions – Picture Our Planet

Art

We have been learning about three countries: Brazil, Scotland and Fiji.



We made our own tartan patterns inspired by the design of a traditional Scottish kilt.

We wove strips of paper to create our designs.



We took part in a Brazilian carnival where we played drums and wore our colourful masks!



# Year 3

## Dimensions – Picture Our Planet

### Geography

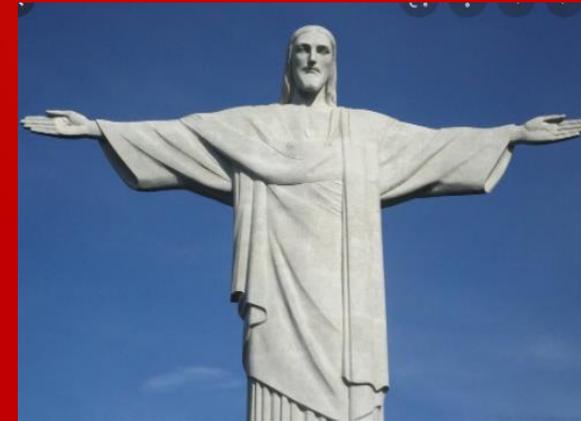
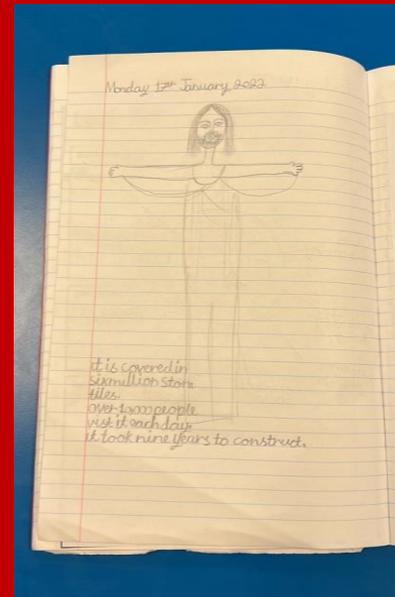
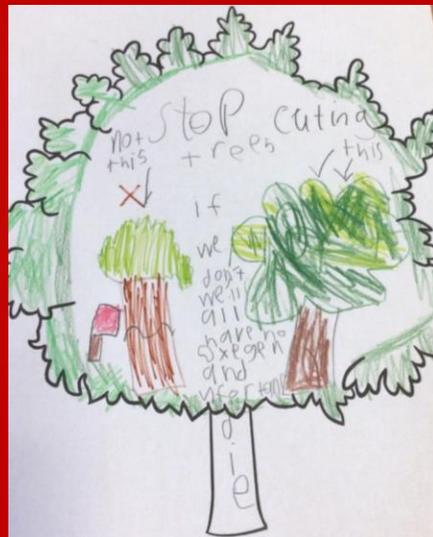
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We have looked at human and physical features.

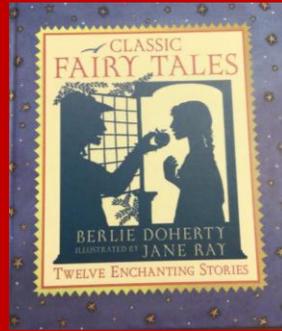
We have looked at two famous landmarks:  
- Christ The Redeemer  
- Loch Ness



We have looked at tackling conservation issues these have included being water wise, animals becoming extinct and deforestation.



# Year 3 – SFA and Maths

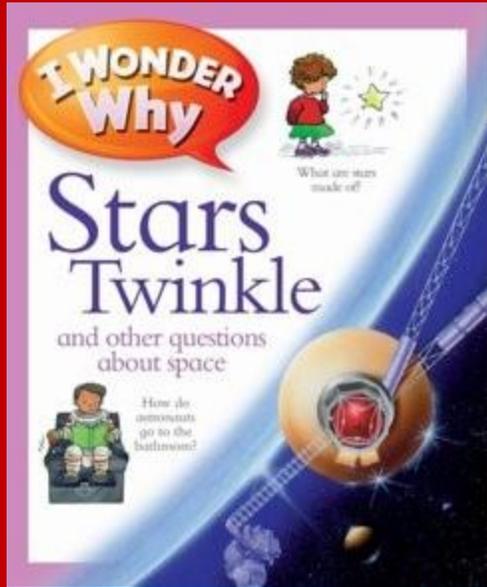


In Miss Want's SFA group we have been reading classic fairy tales this week. We have looked closely at Little Red Riding Hood and Snow White.



We have been learning about the features of fairy tales to help us identify them.

In Miss Thompson's SFA group we have been reading I wonder why stars twinkle. We have found out lots of information about the Sun, Moon and planets in our Solar System.



In Maths, we have been using our knowledge of money to calculate the change required.

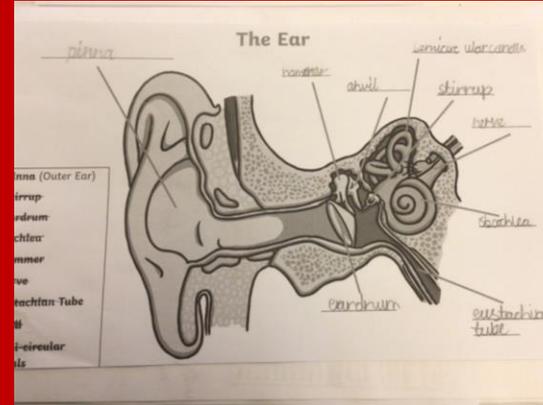


# Year 3 - Science

We researched then labelled the parts of a human ear.

This week we have been learning about sound.

We experimented with different instruments to test how you can change the pitch.



We discovered that rice on a drum bounced when the drum was played. It jumped higher when the drum was hit harder because of the vibrations on the drum skin.



We made string telephones as part of our learning about how sound travels.

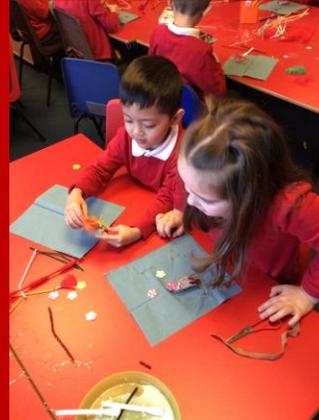
# Science Week – EYFS & Lower School



In EYFS we have been exploring ice, making windsocks and playing with bubbles as part of our Winter Wonderland topic.



Year 1 have been learning all about animals. We learnt a song called 'Fins, Gills and Tails' and sang this in the hall together. We made our own 'stone pets', learning all about what makes a living thing and if adding features such as eyes, a mouth and arms would make a stone a living thing.



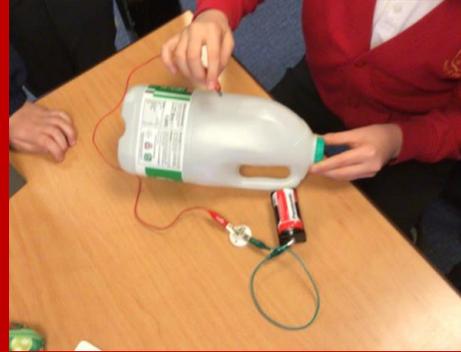
Year 2 looked at different types of habitat and then created our own triarama showing what plants and animals can be found there.



# Science Week – Upper School



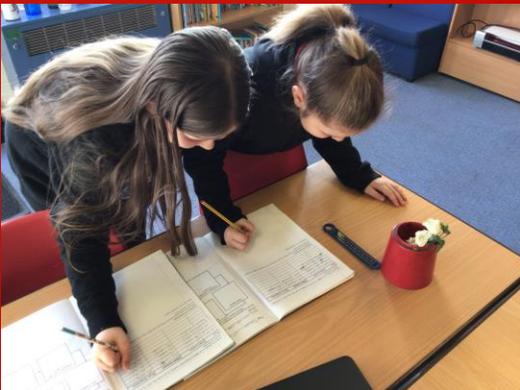
Year 4 have been learning how plants grow. We have learnt how water moves in plants. We modelled this by acting it out and then conducted a comparative experiment.



Year 5 have been experimenting to see if waste material is magnetic or conductive as part of our Global Warning topic.



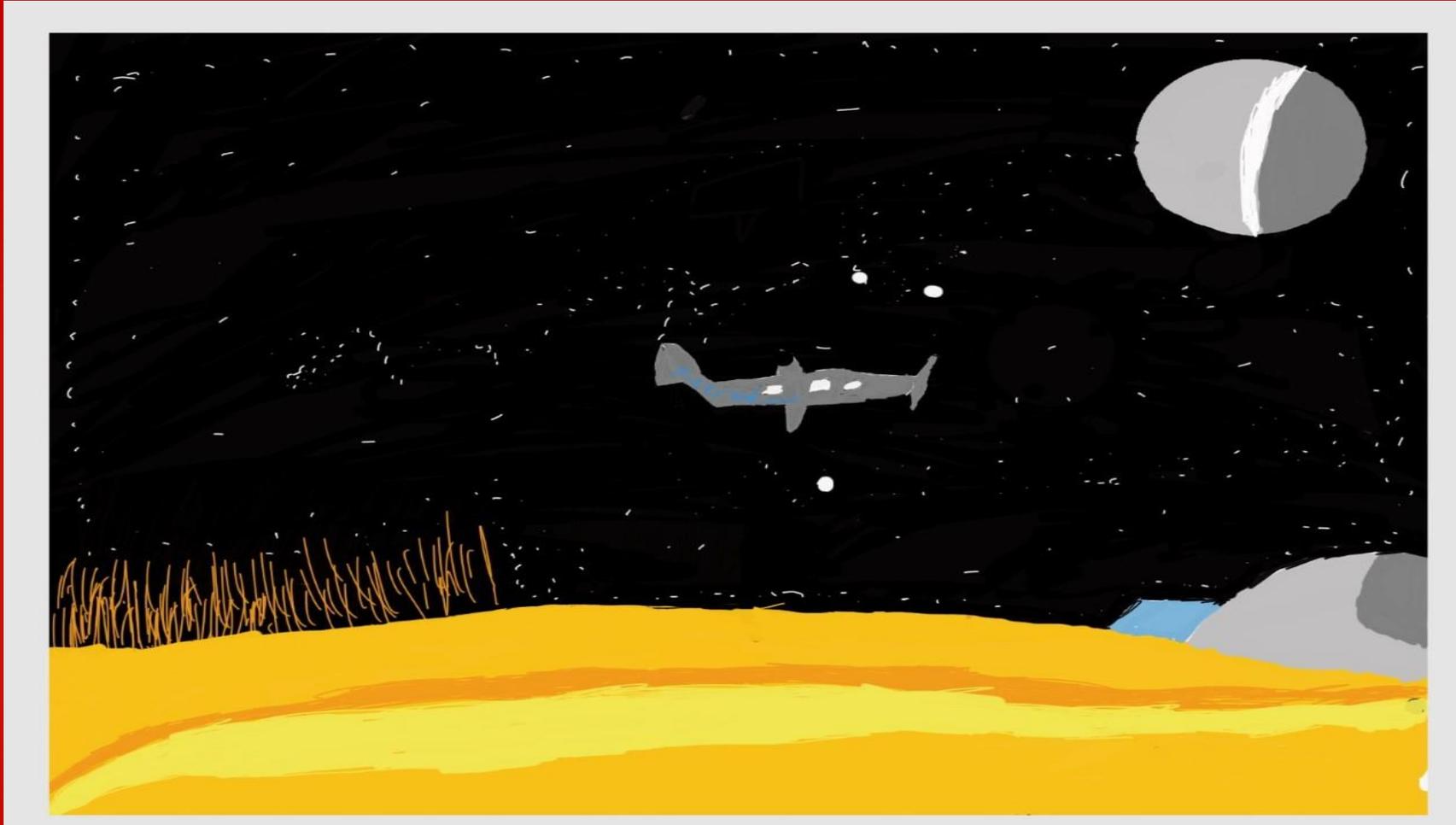
Year 6 have been learning about light and shadow. We have built a periscope to understand reflection. We have also conducted shadow experiments to investigate how the position of the light source affects the size and shape of the resulting shadow.



# Competition Winners

- ▶ Thank you everyone for your competition entries. There have been some wonderful models created at home by individuals and by groups in the classrooms. Children clearly have amazing imaginations as many of the entries are full of wonderful ideas.
- ▶ There are two overall winners – one for the background and one for the winning idea. Both these children will earn 25 midpoints and their ideas will be created for the entrance.
- ▶ There are many other entries that are highly commended and each of these children will earn 10 midpoints

The winning background – well done  
Maciej!



The winning design for the Meerkat's new home – well done Maya!



Maya's design is based on a huge Cactus. We are not quite sure how we will make it, but we thought this was so clever. Marvin and Minnie will love it!

# Runners up – 10 mid points each

- ▶ Arjannia D
  - ▶ Alvina M
  - ▶ Wiktor B
  - ▶ Kashi S
  - ▶ Mujib
  - ▶ Maram
  - ▶ Archie
- Vadims
  - Julia M
  - Amelia L
  - Arin B
  - Joel

# Birthdays this week and over Half Term



Mrs Ashman  
Miss Balkham  
Miss Dawson  
Miss Dines



Peter  
5  
Lilya  
8  
Hayden  
8  
Natalka  
8  
Ralph  
7  
Boris  
9  
Cezary  
9  
Leja  
6

Milly-Mae  
8  
Sophie-Ann  
11  
Liam  
9  
Clara  
9  
Jabari  
6  
Ruby  
8  
Lilliebeth  
9  
Renee  
5  
Miracle  
6



# Happy Birthday from everyone at Middleton!

Everyone  
around the  
world,  
come on!

Celebrate  
everything  
you have  
achieved this  
week.

You are all  
**AMAZING!**

