



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

December 15th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been full of celebration and real showcase of talent and hard work.

Thank you for all of your lovely gifts and wishes to the staff team. There is no better time to be in school than those Christmas weeks. It was wonderful to be surrounded by families in the church again this year and a huge thank you to the church for allowing us to use the space and the PTA for providing food and drinks for the Nativity events. It was a very special time.

Thursday saw the curriculum showcase and the work shared was of excellent quality. It was wonderful to look at the progress in the children's books. They enjoyed sharing their new knowledge from their subjects and it was a joy to see. Thank you for joining the children on these days – I am sure you were extremely proud.

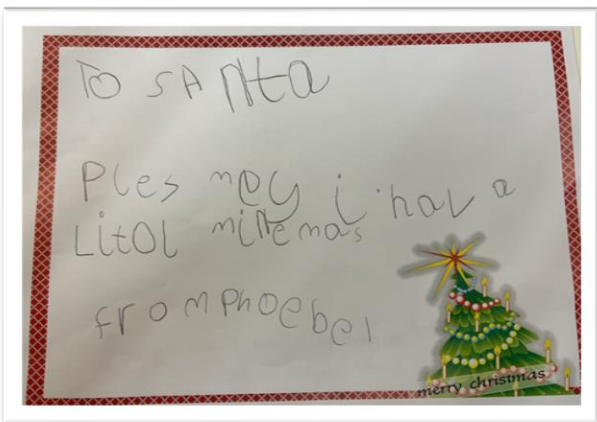
We were joined by Mallie's Grandma on Wednesday to share her book Gunner Goose with the school. The children had some fabulous questions for her. We also have two copies of the books for our children to read at their leisure. What a treat.



Wednesday also brought Christmas Lunch and a very special visitor. Thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for arranging such a special lunch and thank you to the elves for inviting Santa to some and see us!



Here are a few of the beautiful shots from the Christingle service from last week . A stunning sight and beautiful message.



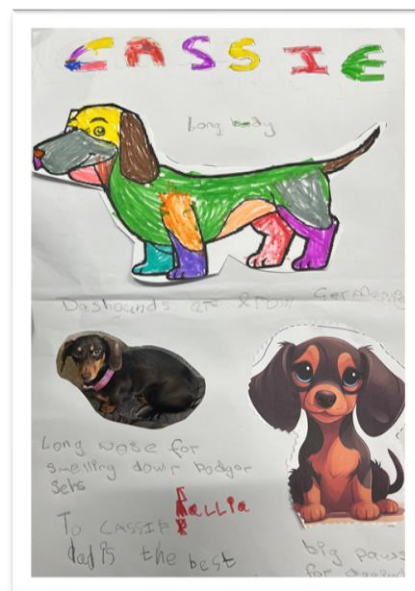
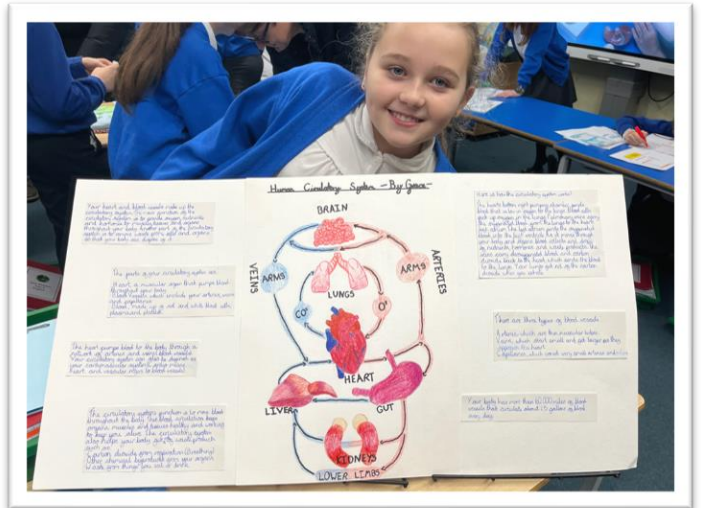
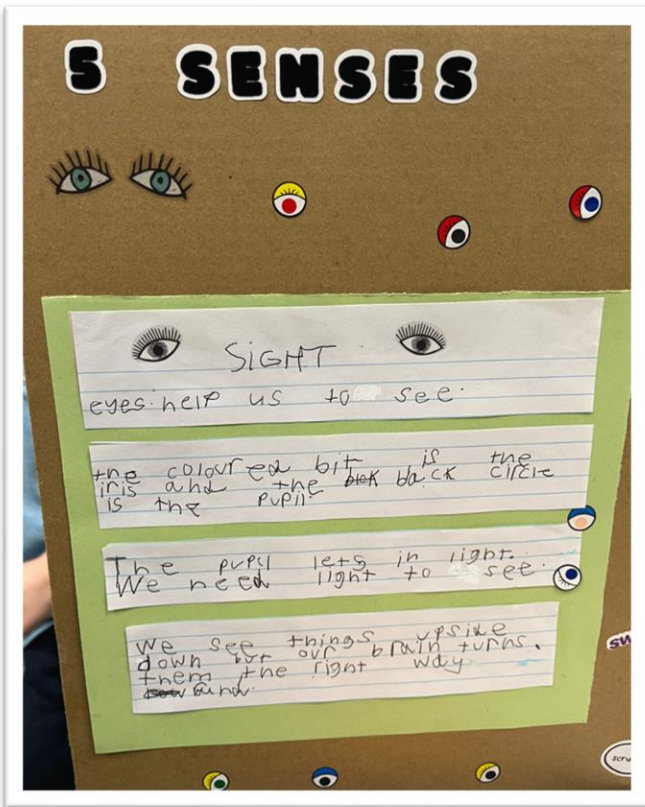
The PTA made some wonderful wreaths this year and there are certainly some well decorated door steps around Ashford Hill.

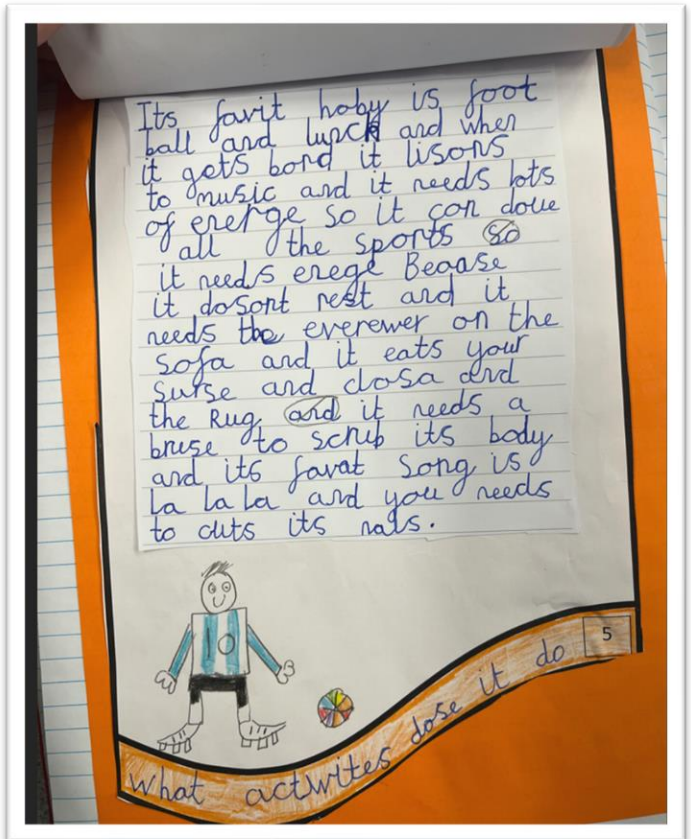
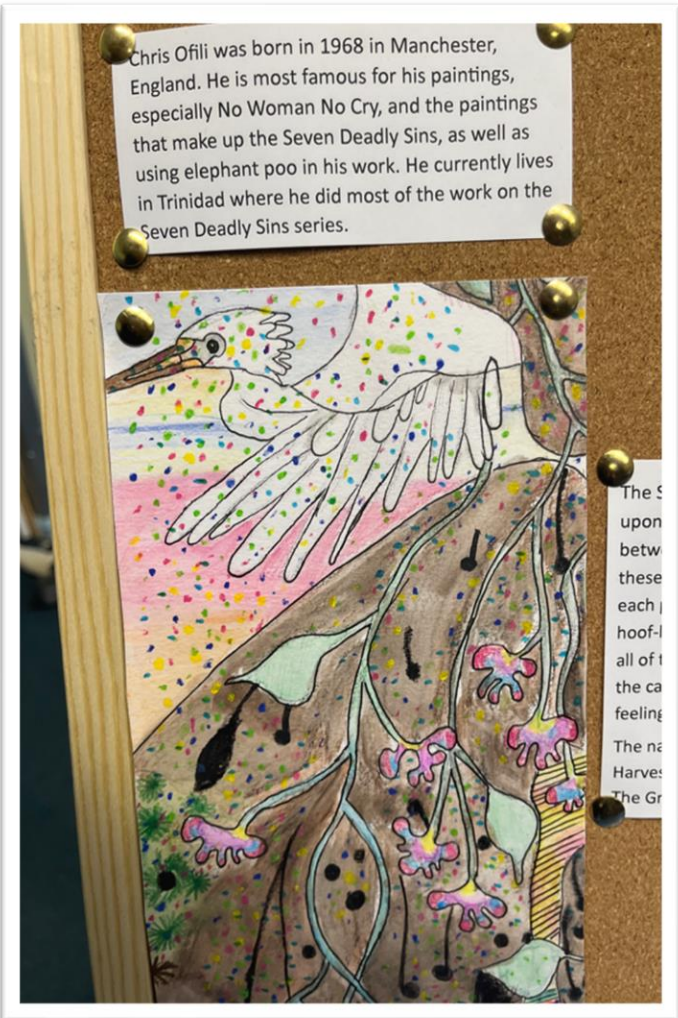
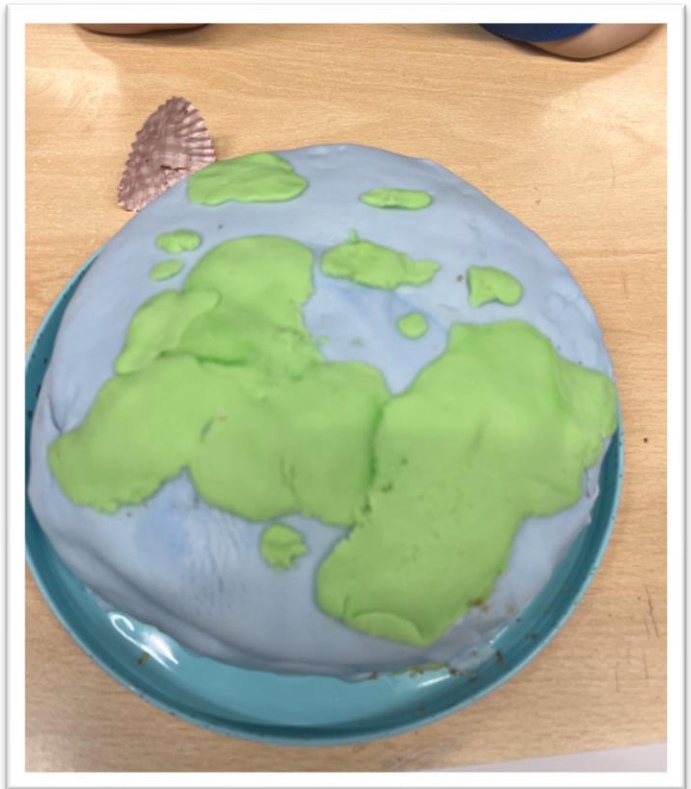


The Christmas Hampers were an absolute success and the PTA raised over £700; thank you for sharing and joining in the fun.



The curriculum showcase was wonderful and here is a few pictures to show you some of the effort that had gone into home learning and school projects.

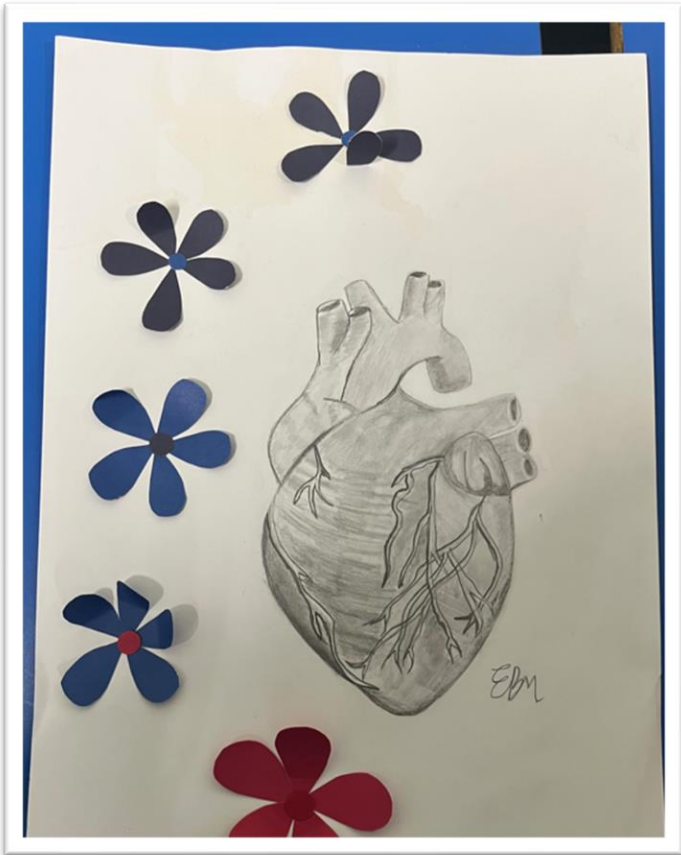


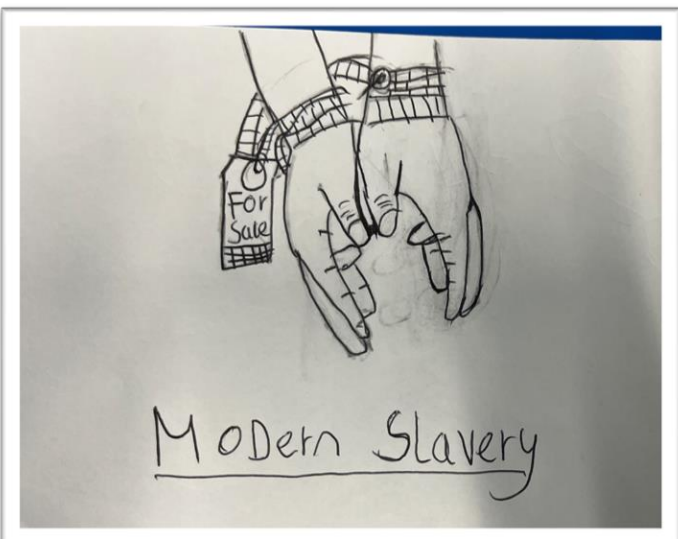
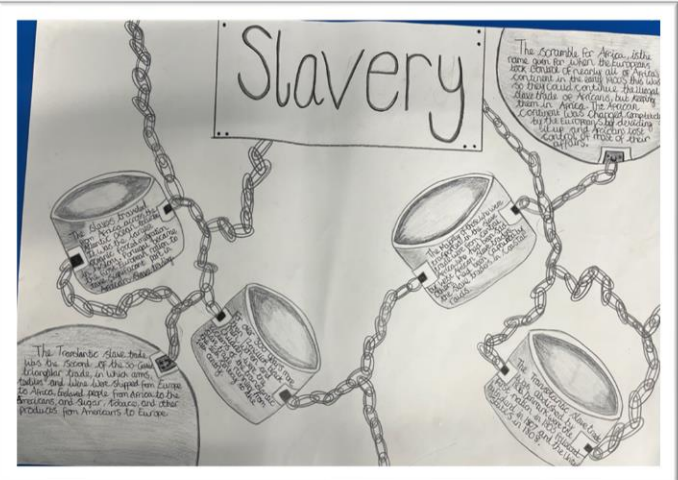
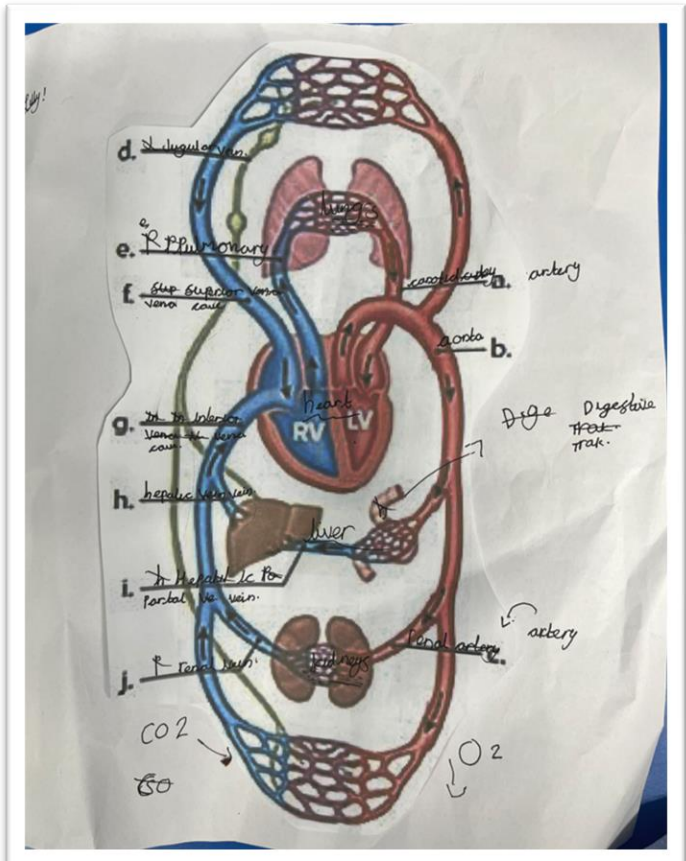




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dove:
 Down below dove spreads hope -
 Over lakes, across land, all that was
 lost is now found.
 You to me dove of peace, you will
 never,
 Ever return empty beaked.







A 3D model of a room, possibly a classroom or office, with a painting of a person sitting at a desk. Below the model is a printed page with text about the artist Hurvin Anderson.

HURVIN ANDERSON
 In 1965, a creative star was born in Birmingham called Hurvin Anderson. He is now 58 years old, and lives and works in Cambridge, England. He is famous for painting both and mostly rendered landscape and portrait paintings of scenes and spaces loaded with personal meaning.

Unlike many other artists Hurvin paints from mostly memory and photographs. He mainly enjoys painting things that are realistic such as: Barbeshops, nature, gardens and sports venues.

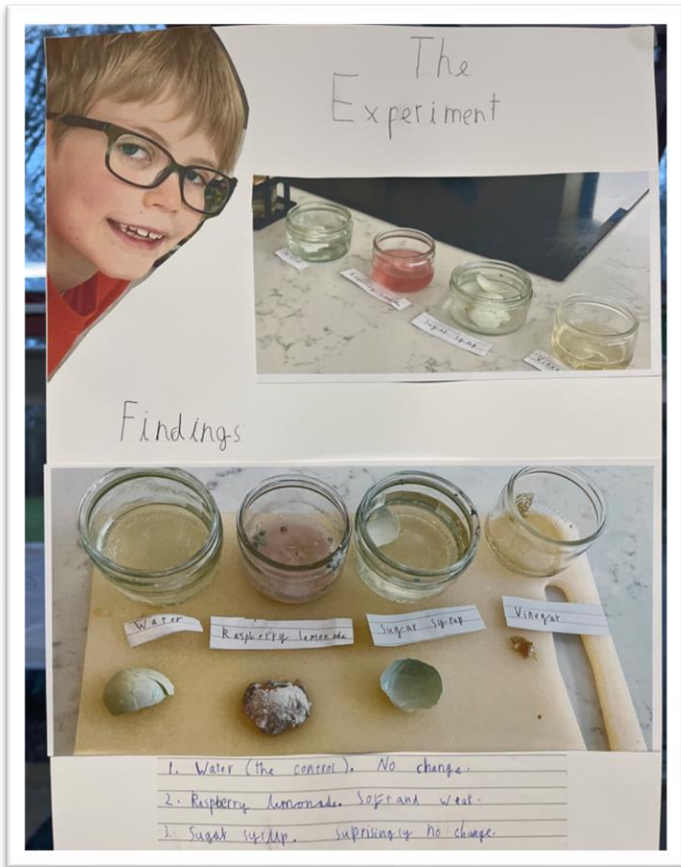
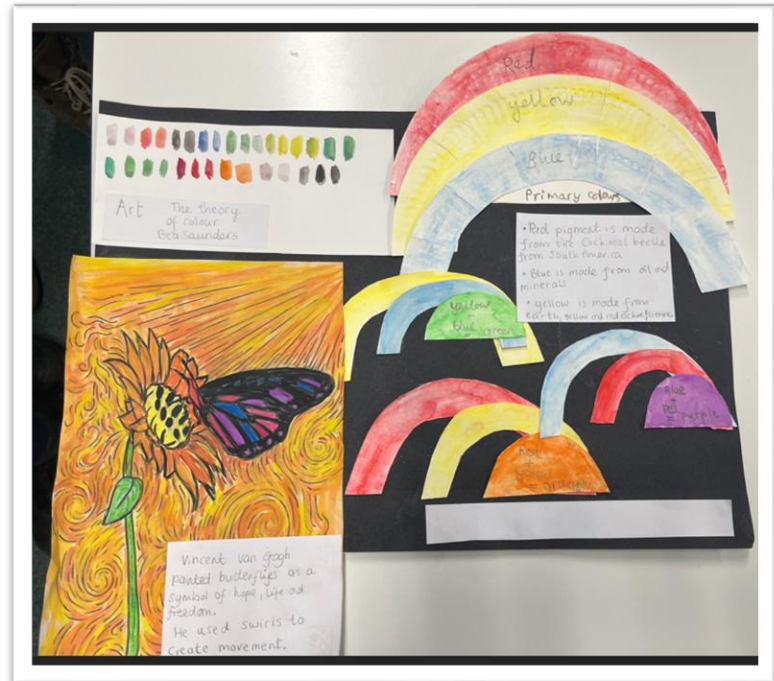
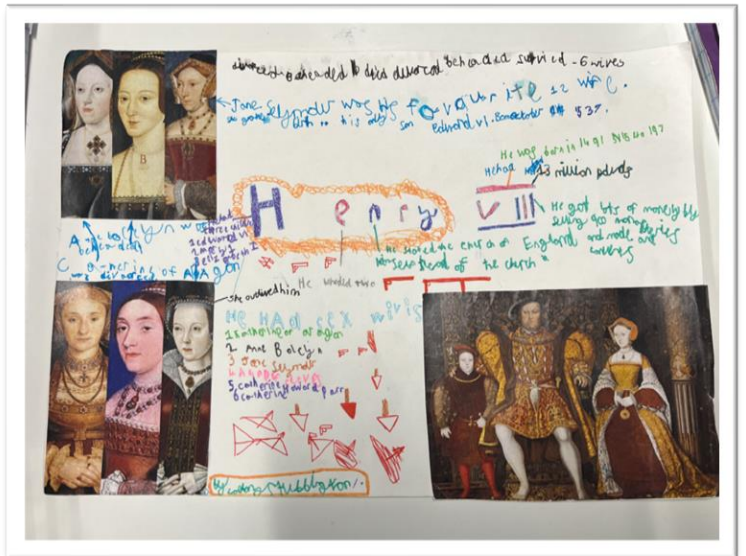
African culture features strongly in his style of artwork as his parents are from Jamaica and he admires Caribbean cultures. He also grows his hair in dreadlocks as a sign of love to Caribbean culture.

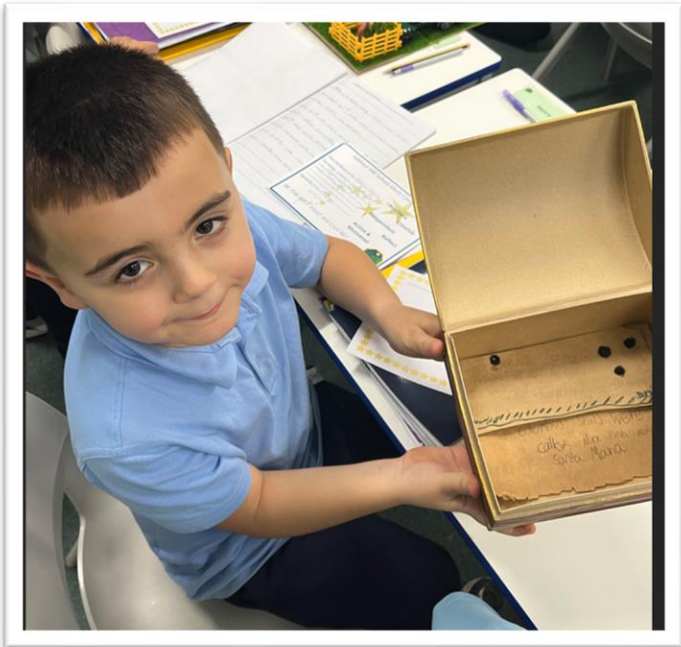
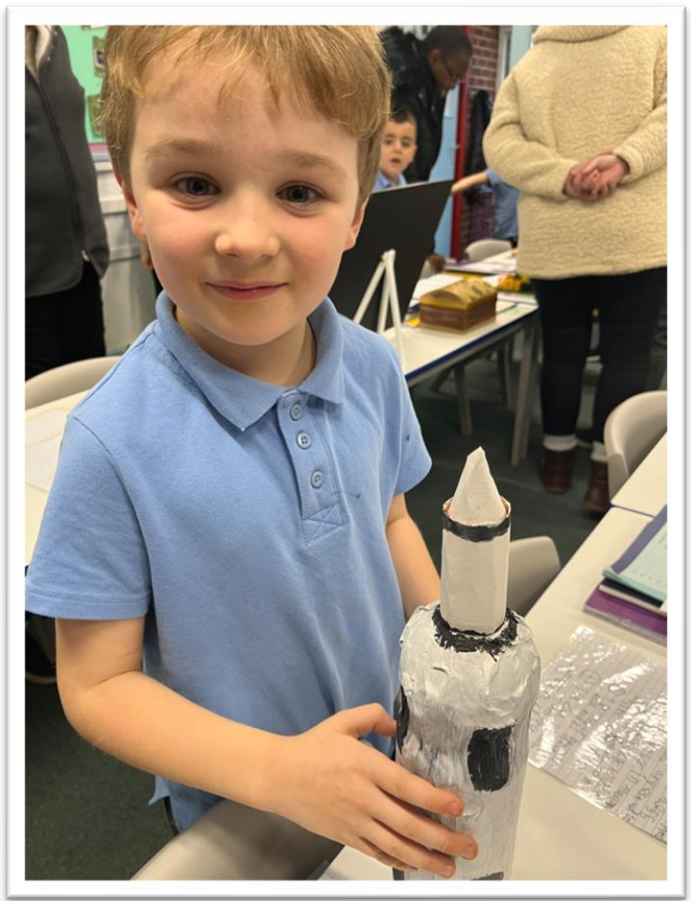
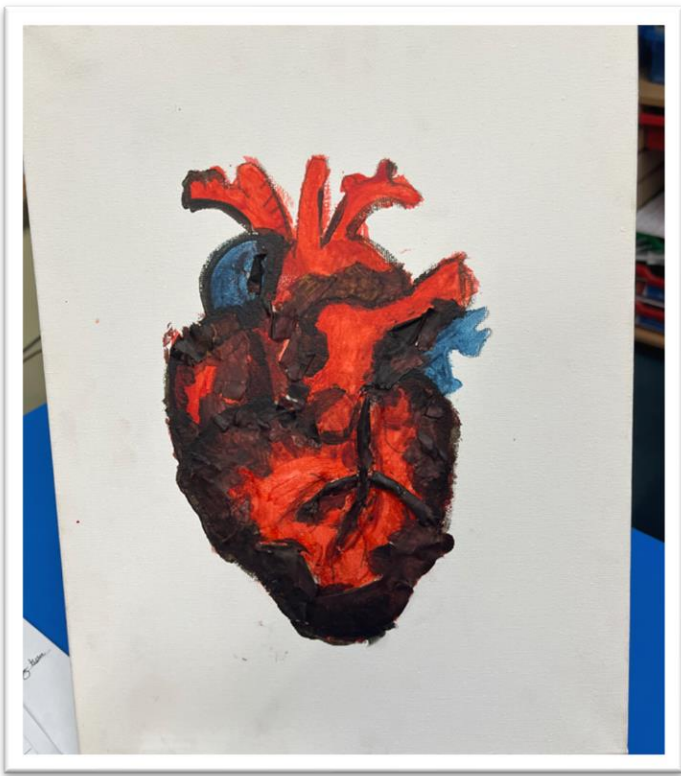
Hurvin went to school at Wimbledon School of Arts in (1994), and followed on to the Royal College of Arts in (1998) where he received his master's in art.

Despite his dedication to art he is also interested in photography that he does alongside.

In 1994 he was awarded a William Bookers travel scholarship in Philadelphia, PA which was his first ever award. And his latest award was Residency at Headlands centre for the arts in California.

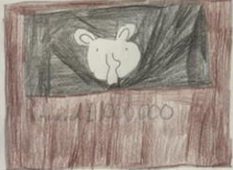
QUOTE:
 "It's only in painting where you can do everything you want".





Random Reports

The Escape Of The Fasted Pets



Dinner 10:00

Darnabus, the dangerous ^{minut} ² ~~evil~~ ~~creature~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~tricked~~ ~~projects~~ ~~escaped~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~lab~~ ~~underneath~~ ~~perfect~~ ~~lets~~.

Darnabus broke out of the glass jar at midday and then proceeded to break free all the other tricked pets. They helped each other to climb down the high shelf so that they could then enter the vents with a pet called Light-up. Light-up led the way. The pets worked together to open a tank with a mysterious

pet inside, then suddenly, the tank burst open and water flooded into the lab. He water carried them up to the world above, and they run out of the Perfect Lets shop.

great word!

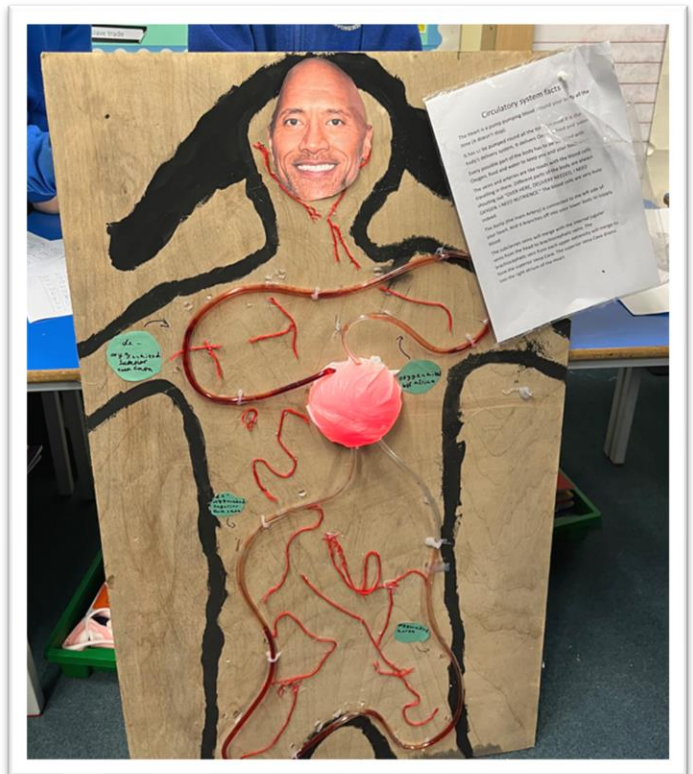
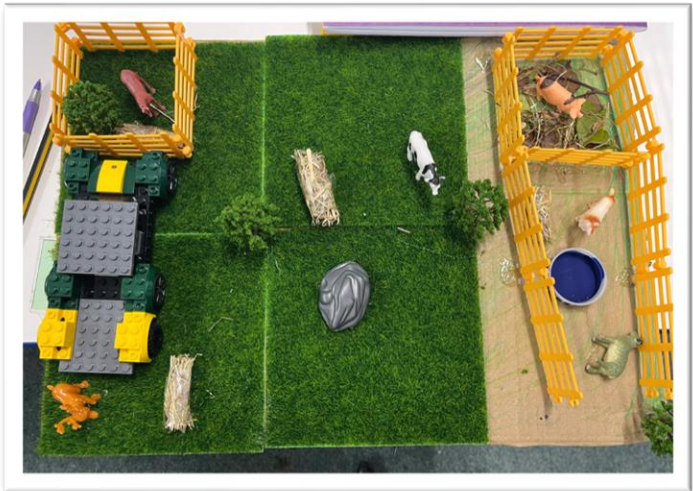
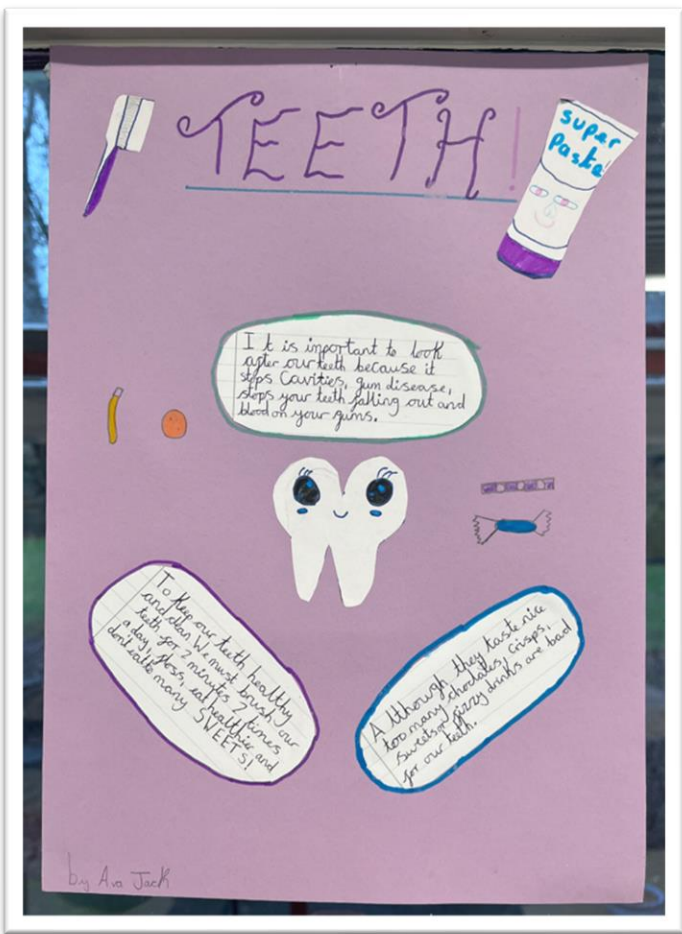
Currently, we do not know ^{whether} where there they are, dangerous or ~~whether~~ ^{not} they are, so if you see them, avoid making physical contact and dial 911.

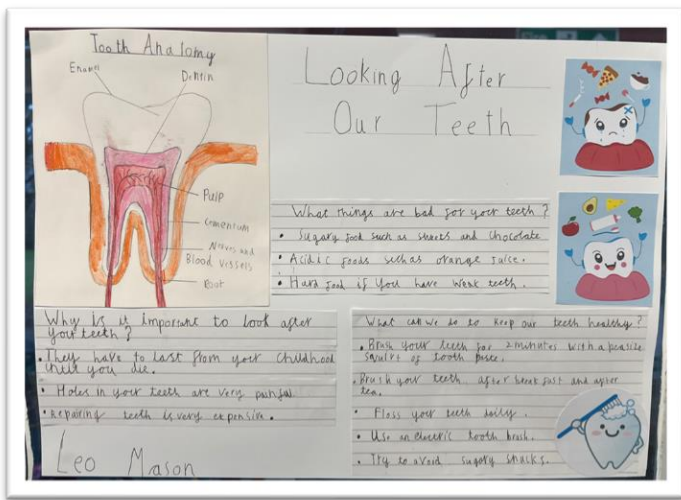
by Alice V

Very good reporting!

Try using joined handwriting :-)

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Messages from Mr Walker:

Oak and Hornbeam will start swimming on Thursday 11th January, a letter will be coming out soon to provide further information.

KS1 PE days are changing to be Monday and Wednesday, KS2 will need their PE kits on Tuesdays.

We hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Dates for your diary

Nativity and Carol Concert – Whole school – Families invited. Tuesday 12th afternoon and Wednesday 13th Morning.

14th December – Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm

Y4 – Minstead Residential Trip – 7th – 9th February 2024

Y3 – River trip to Minstead 8th February 2024

Y2-6 – Frozen West End Trip – Wednesday 13th March 2024

Sports Day – Friday 21st June 2024

SATS week - 13th – 17th May 2024

Y5/6 Residential Trip - 3rd – 7th June

Date	Event	Location	Years
Thu 19 th Oct	Multiskills	Park House	1/2
Wed 22 nd Nov	Alternative Olympics	Theale	5/6
Thu 14 th Dec	BISI Badminton	Theale	3/4
Wed 7 th Feb	Speed Stacking	Theale	1/2
Tue 27 th Feb	Hockey Festival	Park House	5/6
Thu 7 th Mar	Tag Rugby Megafest	Newbury RFC	3/4
Wed 13 th Mar	KS1 Cricket	Willows	1/2
Tue 12 th Mar	X Country	Newbury Showground	3/4/5/6
Tue 23 rd Apr	Kwik Cricket Dynamos Skills	Douli Abbey	3/4
Thu 9 th May	Tri Golf	St Barts	3/4
Tue 14 th May	Kwik Cricket	Falkland	5/6 Girls
Tue 4 th June	Kwik Cricket	Douli Abbey	5/6 Boys
Tue 18 th June	Table Tennis	Willink	5/6
Tue 2 nd July	Dodgeball	St Barts	KS2 Girls
Tue 9 th Jul	Multiskills	Theale	1/2

