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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 18: 25th January 2019



Message from Mr Campbell:

On this day (25th January, 2004), after a six-month journey from Earth, the Opportunity Mars Rover landed on a smooth, flat plain. The mission was to look for water and after a few weeks, in March 2004, the probe showed unequivocally that Mars had had the right conditions to support life at some time in its history. A question I posed to the school a couple of weeks was; would you like to make that journey To Mars?

During STEM week, our pupils will get the opportunity to try new things, to work in teams and to be adventurous. They will also have the opportunity to make mistakes and learn from those mistakes and try again. NASA had lost contact with their probes, but persevered to maintain communication. The above photo was taken with Opportunity's panoramic camera (Pancam) and merged the component images for this view from a position outside Endeavor Crater during the span of June 7 to June 19, 2017 (amazingly 13 years after the arrival on the 'Red Planet').

We are fast approaching STEM Week 2019, the timetable of exciting activities and guest visitors is taking shape nicely. Today, Yr 5 have had an early start to their STEM Week and are taking part in an exciting Robotics workshop (photos to come next week). If you have any cereal boxes (minus the cereal) that you could spare, that would be gratefully received. Please drop it into your class teacher.

It has been a busy week here as always here and the full table of certificates emphasized this. It was lovely to see so many 'Values' certificates given out, in particular 'Responsibility'. It was great to hear about the amazing writing work, in particular in Yr 1 (about Meerkats) and in Yr 5 (linked to the Antarctic). The times tables work from Yr 4 has been epic – Mrs Ford brought a pupil to see me today, who has worked hard to improve his skills.

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There have been various sporting events taking place. Last Friday (18th Jan), our Year 5 netballers represented the school in a festival organised by Clifton College. Miss Halton was exceptionally proud of our players and there will be more competitions coming up. Thank you to Miss Halton and Miss Reed for helping with the tournament. And continued thanks go to Mrs Crabb for continuing the support with our early morning training sessions.

The Y5/6 boys' football teams performed superbly well, with a mixture of victories, draws and defeats. The element that impressed Mr Curry and I was the resilience to persevere in every match, regardless of victory or defeat. Unfortunately, we were unlucky not to qualify for the final session. Thank you to all the family and friends who braved the elements over the past three weeks to watch the boys, and help with transport. Thanks to Mr Curry for coming along. There will be Y3/4 football and Y5/6 girls football coming up – stay posted for those Google Forms.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Literacy Updates

The Librarians are currently working on organising our school library to make it more accessible to all the children across the school. After the books have been re-organised they will be involved in visiting Waterstones in Clifton Village to help choose some new books to add to the library. We can't wait to have the books organised so classes can visit and borrow books to read in their classrooms.

We love seeing children enjoying and talking about the books and Authors they enjoy. It was lovely to listen to some of the Y3 children this week reading to a volunteer who is visiting school every Wednesday to support with reading at school. Regular reading is so important at every age and for your child to make the necessary progress in reading we ask that parents and carers support their children by extending their learning into their home environments. This only needs to be 10 minutes but it must be regular and even as children become independent it is essential to developing their vocabulary and comprehension. Thank you for your continued support.

Save the date ... **World Book Day 2019 is on Thursday 7th March.** The theme this year is '**Mr Men and Little Miss**'. More details will follow in the newsletter next week but as part of the celebrations we would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of the books. This can be a costume or a prop for the character they choose. We will give you some ideas in next week's newsletter along with details of a competition we will be running and bed time story on Wednesday 6th March.

Finally please look at the Literacy page on the website as we have added lists of suggested titles for your children to read at home.

Thank you

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Year 3 in the Stone Age

Last Friday Year 3 travelled back in time two million years to the Stone Age! The amazing SG Forest School came to Christ Church for the children to participate in a Stone Age experience day. Not only did we get to look at artefacts and think about daily life in the Stone Age, the children participated in four workshops:

- Shelter building
- Fire starting
- Clay pot making
- Grinding oats to make oat flour

We finished our workshop by gathering around the fire pit, much as they would have done in the Stone Age, and tasted some Stone Age style bread! It was delicious! A huge thank you to Tim and Jane for giving the children such an engaging, exciting, wow experience to begin our Stone Age topic!



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Reception in Clifton Village

On Monday both reception classes went to explore the local area. They enjoyed their first walk around the village as part of their topic on food. They visited Chandos Deli to explore the fish counter and look at the selection of food and bread in the shop. On the way out they were even allowed to try some tomatoes. After that they walked to The Clifton Village Butchers where they saw the butcher preparing meat. The children enjoyed recognising meat they ate and meat they wouldn't like to eat! On the way back to school they visited Reg the Veg where they saw Sylvie who helped the children pick the fruit that was on their shopping list. They bought mangoes, blood oranges, strawberries and oranges. They learnt skills of counting, turn taking and about numbers to 20. When back in school they enjoyed tasting the fruits. We were so proud of the children for trying the fruit and it was very clear what a healthy reception we have! RRP particularly enjoyed the blood oranges and strawberries. In RVA the favourite fruits were oranges and then mango.

The children were beautifully behaved, enjoyed talking about the shops they visited, foods they liked and giving us directions to other places they went to for food. We were also very grateful to our parent helpers who took the time to come and help us on the trip.





Reception at the Library

On Thursday RRP walked to the library for story time and to choose a book. The children enjoyed listening to two stories read by a member of the library team. The children listened brilliantly and loved choosing a book to take back to school. It was lovely to see them chatting about their books and the excitement they had about looking at their books when they got back to school. We look forward to reading them over the next few weeks.

Year 2 Science

Year 2 have been testing materials this week in Science. We have been looking at the important properties of materials, testing how waterproof they are and creating our own investigations. Ask us about our results!



Yr 4 visit Alice in Wonderland

On Wednesday Year 4 were treated to a dress rehearsal performance of Alice in Wonderland at the Redgrave Theatre, performed by Clifton College's Year 5s. It was a fabulous morning full of colour and brilliant costumes. The children put on an incredible show which inspired us all!

They must have had to do lots of rehearsals – it really paid off!

It was so good I could watch it all over again. My favourite character was the Caterpillar.

Everyone was really confident and prepared for the show!

The make-up and costumes were FAB and looked so realistic.

They were really good at knowing when to come in on the songs and they sang loudly and clearly.

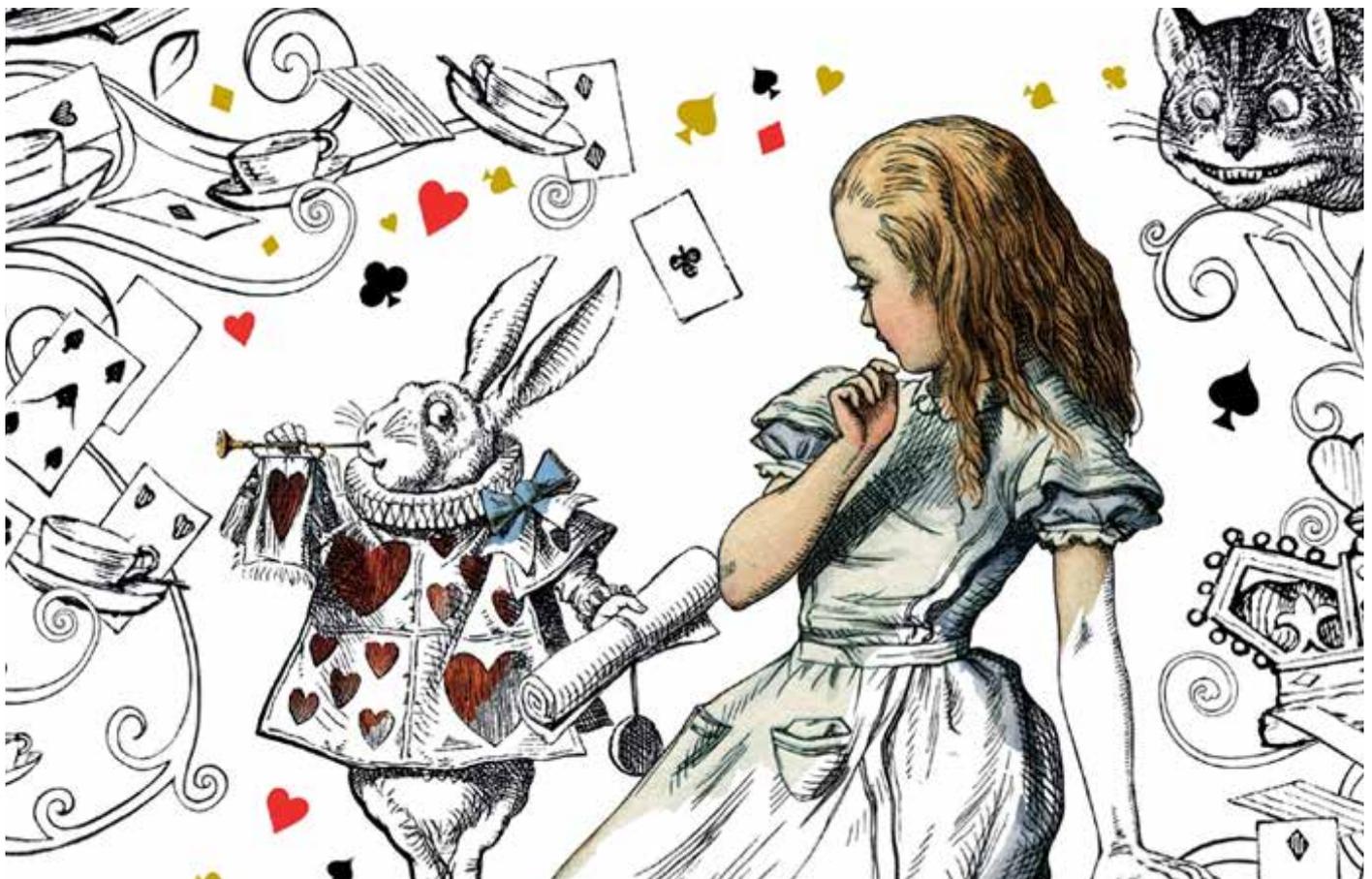
Even though there were a couple of mistakes they all kept going.

My favourite bit was when everyone was singing together.

They all kept to the beat and danced together on time

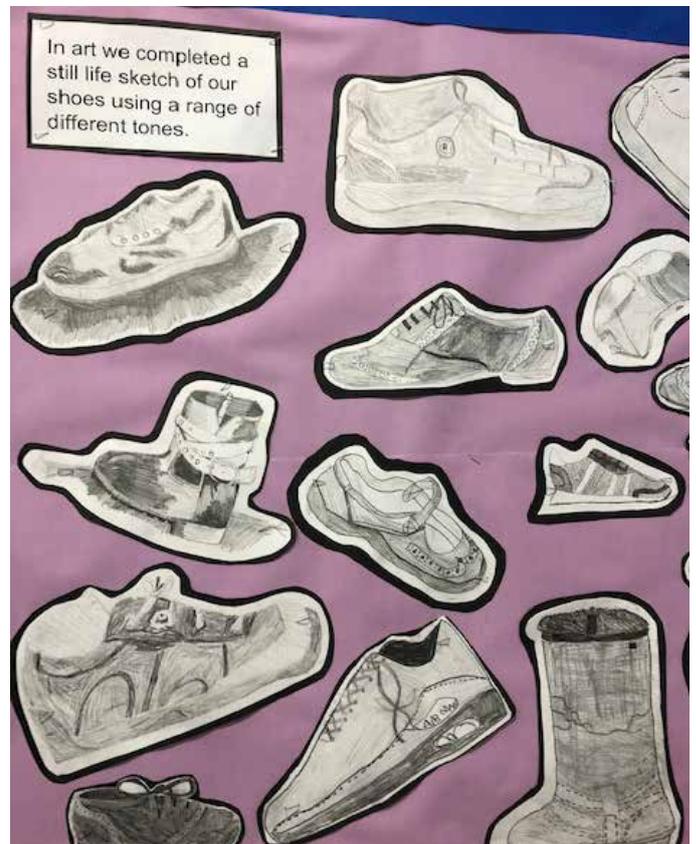
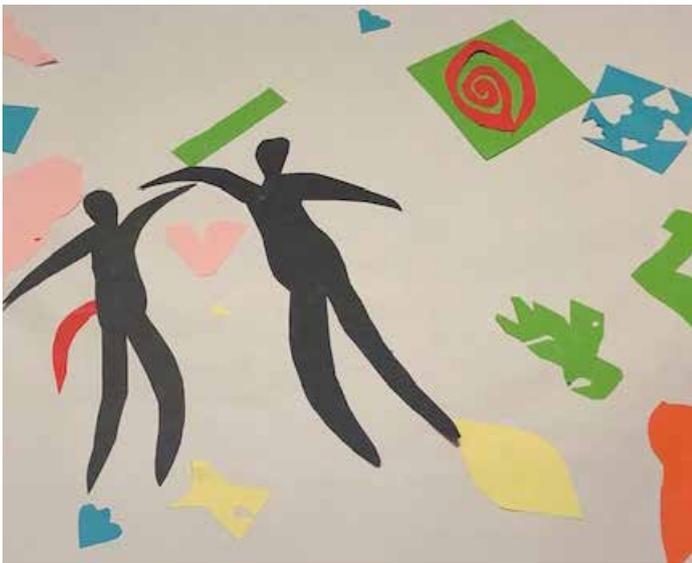
The live band were amazing!

Each person really got into their role and were believable



Year 5 Artists

Year 5 have been busy artists this term. Last week they practised their observational drawings and drew their own shoes. This week they learnt all about the artist Henri Matisse and why he produced collage work later in his life. They then produced their own inspired collage work.



KS1 Athletics

A group of children from Year 2 were given the opportunity to take part in Ashton Park's Athletics evening. The activities involved a variety of field events, finished with some relays. We were so proud of the Year 2s sportsmanship, teamwork and overall enthusiasm, finishing the event with silver medals! Well done to all who took part!



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STEM Week, 4th-8th February

Recycled Rockets

Closing Date Tuesday 5th February, 2019

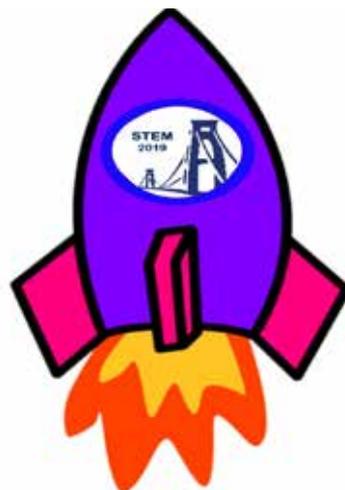


It is 60 years since the beginning of NASA and 50 years since Neil Armstrong took that giant leap; this definitely means that all things Space will feature in STEM Week (4th Feb – 8th Feb).

We would like children to create a space rocket, made out of recycled material. These do not need to actually fly, although that may be a feature of your rocket. They should look cool and of course aerodynamic. They might be a replica of a NASA rocket or your own brilliant design.

The completed rockets can be brought into class on Monday 4th Feb/Tuesday 5th Feb. They will then be displayed in the Launchpad (school hall), on Tuesday afternoon, for the school to see.

Stay tuned for more info on STEM 2019



Communications home this week - if you havent received these and feel you should have done, please speak to the school office:

- Yr 2 Dance Festival Google Form
- Yr 5/6 Netball Expression of Interest Google Form
- Yr 3/ 4 Football Expression of Interest Google Form
- Yr 5 Robotics workshop
- Yr 4 Underfall Yard workshop
- Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala Google Form



School Lunches

If you have pre booked a school meal for your child but have also provided a packed lunch please notify the school office so they can cancel the online booking as otherwise the school kitchen will be preparing food unnecessarily. Thank you

Please remember that school starts in the morning by 8.55am and doors open at 8.45am.

If your child arrives after 8.55am, they are late for school. Due to the number of children arriving after 8.55am, we will have to start closing the gates from 8.55am not 9am. If you arrive after 8.55am you will need to take your child to the school office. Thank you

Term 3, 2019 Dates

Term 3:

January

- Weds 30th Yr 6 Assembly, 9.10am, parents/ carers welcome
- Thu 31st Yr 1 Trip to Bristol Zoo
4JH Tea Afternoon
- Fri 1st Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala, 1.30-3.30pm, pick up from Easton Leisure Centre

February

- Mon 4th - Fri 8th STEM week
Reception and Yr 1 Yoga sessions start
- Tues 5th KS1 Dance Fest during school day
Yr 4 Underfall Yard trip
- Thu 7th 4AF Tea Afternoon
Yr 3/4 Football League, venue TBC, 4-5.45pm
- Thu 14th RVG Tea Afternoon
Yr 3/4 Football League, venue TBC, 4-5.45pm
- Fri 15th Term 3 finishes

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd February - Half Term

- Mon 25th Term 4 starts
- Fri 5th April Term 4 ends
- Parents evening will be 13th&14th March