

Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut

Friday 10th February 2023

News and Reminders

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school celebrating Children's Mental Health Week and completing our assessments. Next week is half term and we hope you have an enjoyable and restful week!

Science week: We are looking forward to celebrating science week during the week of the 27th March. We have a scientist coming in to work with children in two exciting science workshops.

DT/ART week: Year 5/6 will be taking part in their next Art/DT week during the week of the 20th March. Parents will be invited in on the afternoon of Tuesday 21st March.

PCSO visit: On Friday 24th February our local PCSO will be coming in to school to speak to all of year 5 and 6 children about online safety and the use of social media.

Pencil Cases and Stationery: Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring in their own pencil cases and stationery to develop their independence and responsibility. If your child is bringing in their own stationery, please can you ensure that they are using a blue handwriting pen. Pens of other colours and styles (e.g. biro) are not permitted.

Homework

There has been no Maths, SPaG or spelling homework set this week or next week (half term)

Please continue to read with your child, as well as encouraging them to quiz (<http://ukhosted93.renlearn.co.uk/6703196>) and complete Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars at home.

Our Learning

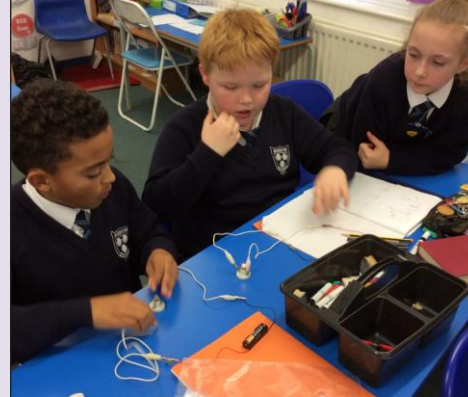
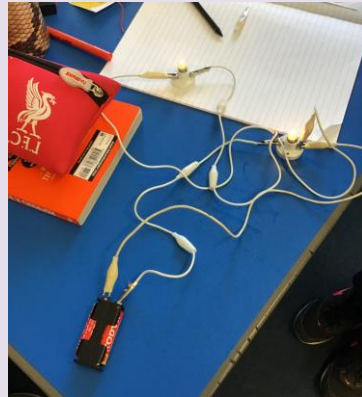
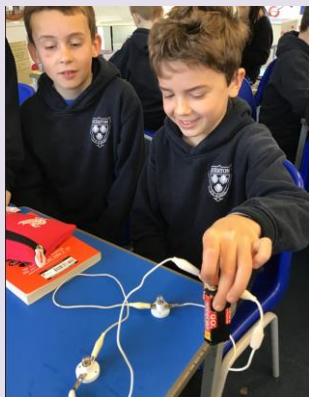
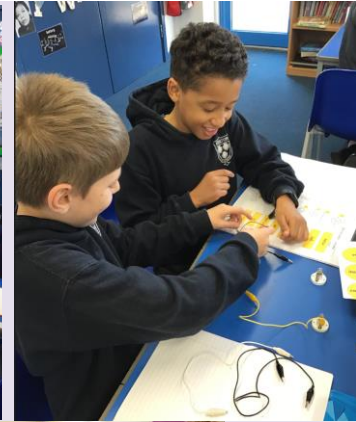
Children's Mental Health Week: We have had lots of fun completing a range of activities associated with Children's mental health week. During this week we have taken part in some activities linked to the theme of 'Let's connect' The children have enjoyed getting to know each other better by playing a special game of 'Bingo.' We worked together in teams to create a new game in PE and taught it to each other. We have also all designed a jigsaw puzzle piece which represents our individuality - we have then connected them together to make a beautiful display. Walnut and Sycamore class based their collaborative art work on Van Gough's 'Starry night' and Spruce class did a beautiful collaboration on 'hand themed' artwork.

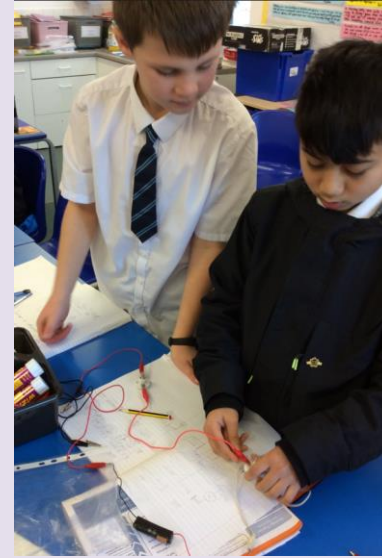
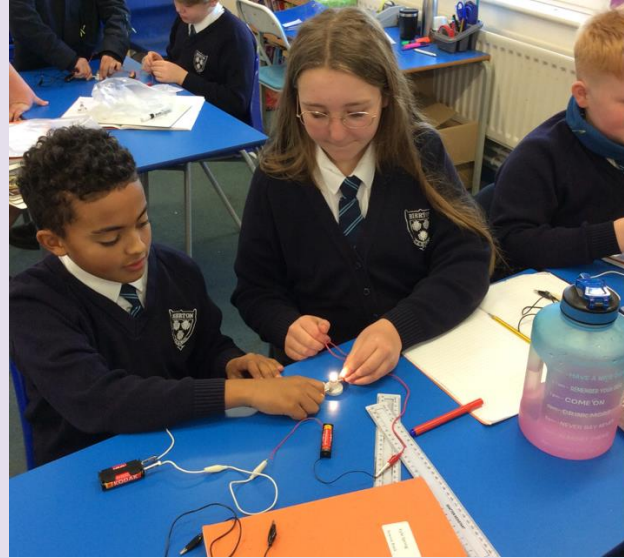




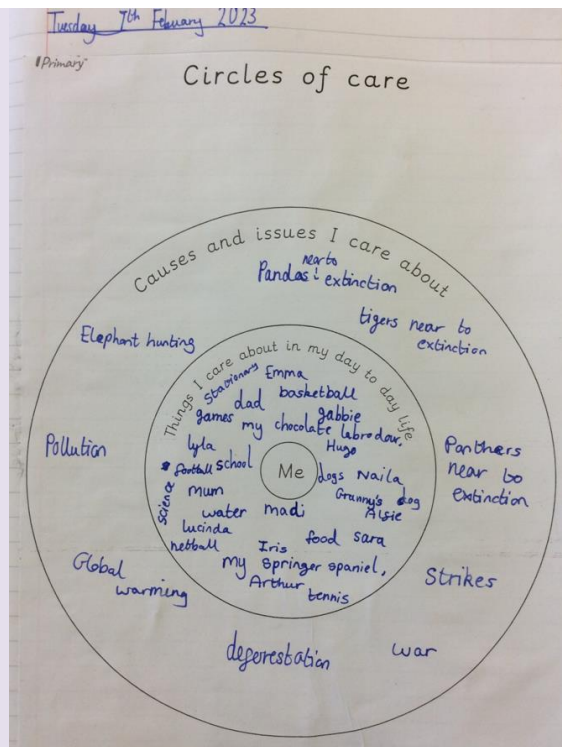
Literacy: The children are continuing to enjoy our Literacy topic based on the book 'Origin of the Species' We have been writing non-chronological reports around Darwin and his theory of Evolution. After half term, we will be writing our own non-chronological reports about an animal that is extinct.

Science: We have spent the last couple of weeks learning about our electricity topic which will continue after half term. We have done some exciting investigations around static electricity and found out about series and parallel circuits. Does having two batteries have an impact on how bright the bulb will light? How can we make the buzzer sound? Why do Christmas tree lights use a parallel circuit?





Spirituality: As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have considered how we can have a positive impact on our own and other's mental health. This has included reflecting on things that we are thankful for, as well as considering ways we can help others and the world around us. During PSHE we have been thinking about things that we care about. We talked about how these things can be categorised into friends, family, pets and possessions. We also spoke about things we care about in the world such as environmental issues and what we might do to help care for the world.



Photos: Here are some of the other amazing things we have been doing in Year 5 and 6 recently.





Superstar Learners

Christian Value awards:

Walnut Class: Charlie - Responsibility
Emma and Iris -Love

Sycamore Class: Olivia - Cooperation
Maxwell - Responsibility

Spruce Class: Liam - Respect
Ella Grace - Responsibility

TTRS

Top score on TTRS (Last 14 days)
- Walnut: Karenza
- Sycamore: Zachary
- Spruce: Isaac

Diary Dates

Friday 24th February: PCSO visit re. online safety

Thursday 2nd March: World book day

Wednesday 15th March: Parents are invited in to look at books

Friday 17th March: Reports to parents

W/C 20th March: Year 5/6 Art/DT week

Tuesday 21st March: Parents in for DT/Art afternoon.

Tuesday/Wednesday 21st/22nd March:
Parents evening

W/C 27th March: Science week

Tuesday/Wednesday 28th/29th March: Year 5/6 science workshops in school