



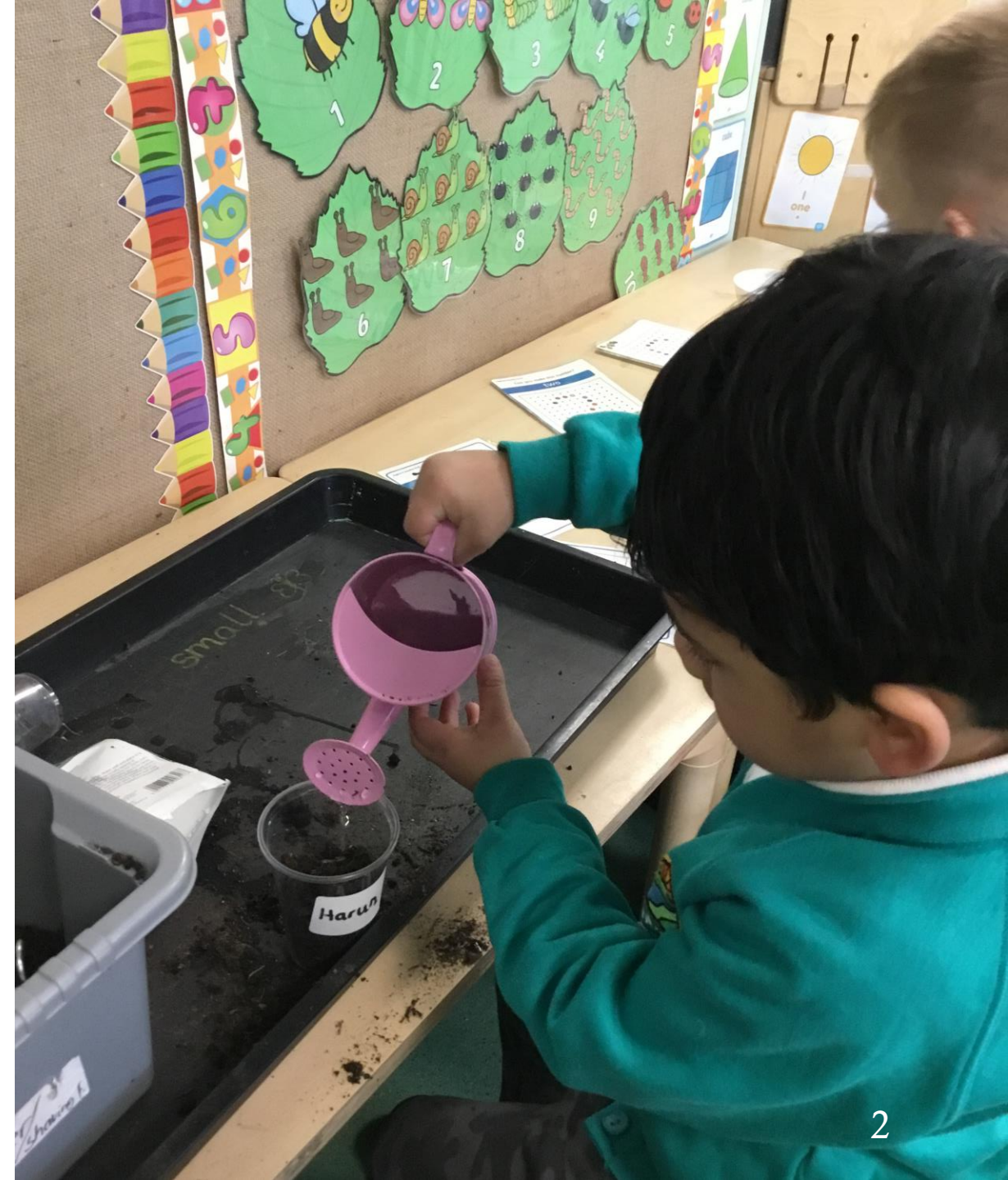
YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

NURSERY

This term, Nursery have been learning about growing. We explored growing through planting our own beans, which grew into tall beanstalks. We also grew cress in our small groups, discussing that the water and sunlight helped it to grow.

We have been busy in the garden preparing the soil for our wildflower seeds that we have sprinkled in the soil and are now eagerly waiting to see if they grow.





NURSERY

The highlight of our term has been watching our tiny caterpillars, grow into big caterpillars and then change into butterflies. All the children (and staff) have been amazed with this transformation happening before our eyes. The children have gained a very good understanding of the life cycle of the butterflies and are able to use the vocabulary associated with the life cycle to explain this process.

We were very sad to have to release the butterflies, but all waved goodbye, with some of the butterflies coming back to land on the children.

RECEPTION

Reception have been exploring superheroes through the topic book of Supertato. The children learned the different qualities of a superhero and explored the everyday heroes in their lives.

We used potatoes to create art and to retell the Supertato story. Children enjoy dressing up as superheroes in the play area and outside with capes.



RECEPTION



This current term we have been exploring growing and hatching. For our class story we have been reading Pip and Egg.

We had a chick company come and introduce eggs to the all the classes. The children were able to see firsthand the lifecycle of a chick from egg to chick, which they had been learning continuously throughout the term.

The children experienced seeing the lifecycle of a plant through the cress we grew in each class, understanding the necessary elements for growing a plant.

YEAR 1

In year 1, our topic was 'On the Move.' We had lots of great opportunities in History to learn about inventors of transport in the past and present. We enjoyed learning about the Wright Brothers. We got a chance to invent our own flying parachutes and test them outdoors. Look at us dressed like modern pilots! We all needed a boarding pass and a passport.



YEAR 1

For our Marvellous Middle we travelled on the Orient Express to Paris and Istanbul.

Did you know the Orient Express was a great way to travel to different countries in Europe in the past?

We learnt about different cultures and landmarks. We did some food tasting in a Parisian and Turkish café. The croissants, bread sticks, grapes and cheese were delightful. It was a remarkable journey for us!

Finally we made some healthy fruit salad in DT. We learnt how to use a knife safely.

The fruit salad was yummy!

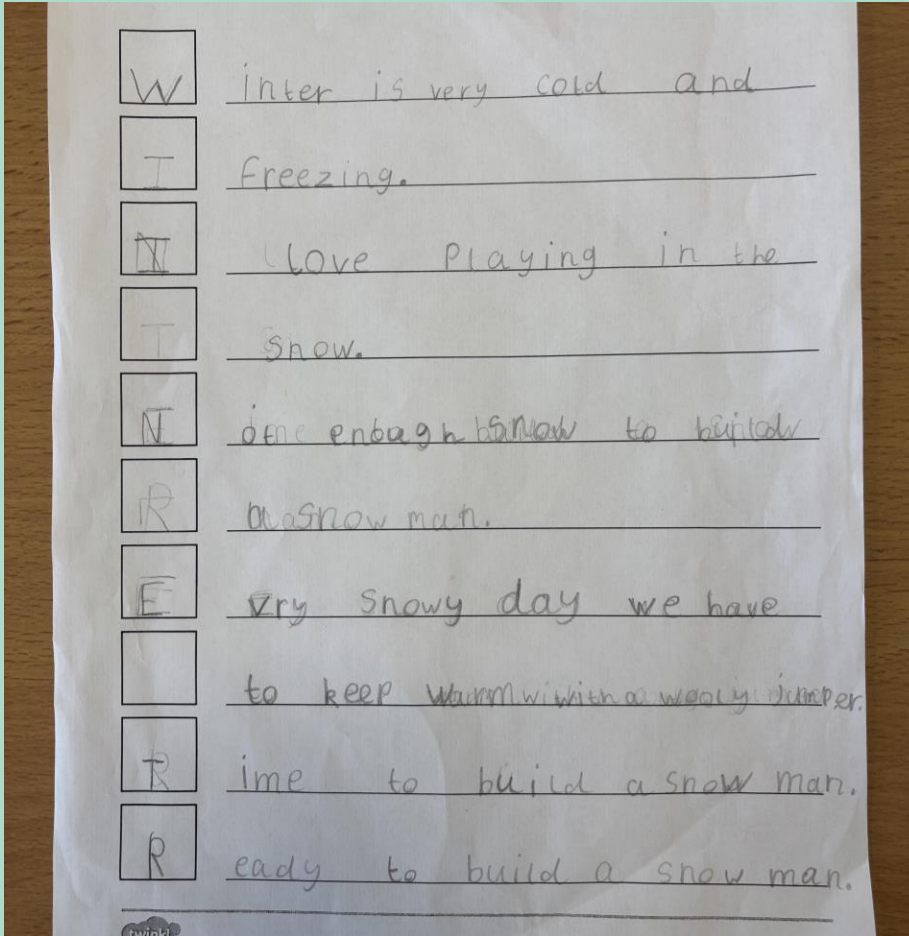


YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. They were very excited to get to see the live theatre show come into school and perform the historical events of how the fire started and how it all ended for London.



YEAR 2



For English, this term the children explored different types of poems. Acrostic, free verse, shape and rhyming poems.

They enjoyed creating their own version of acrostic poems and performed their poems to the year group.

YEAR 3

Last half term our topic was Our world our future, where we thought carefully about the human impact on the environment. Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by Safari Pete. He taught us about different exotic animals, where they live and their habitats. We saw a range of animals from snakes, meerkats and even a giant lizard!



YEAR 3

We also visited the VHP Hindu temple in Ilford as part of R.E where we learnt about Hindu beliefs and looked closely at how Hindu people carry out their daily worship. During our visits we heard prayers and music . It was a very informative visit which we loved. The first hand experience brought our R.E learning to life.





YEAR 4

Spring term kicked off with our new geography topic - 'Lungs of the Earth'. Pupils learnt about the amazing Amazon River and various indigenous tribes who reside in the rainforest. This prompted lots of discussion about the dangers they face and how best to protect their ways of life. In history, pupils have explored how languages have evolved over time, noting similarities and differences in Viking Runes, Ancient Greek and Hieroglyphics. Pupils loved decoding and creating their own messages in these scripts. In Art, for our final piece, pupils produced collages inspired by Frida Kahlo. It was lovely to see the end results and the progress with their skills shine through :)

YEAR 4

This term we visited Centre of the Cell, in Whitechapel and took part in a fascinating "Guts" workshop! Pupils have learnt about the journey of food through incredible human digestive system in their science lessons. We explored how to look after our guts by eating a balanced diet and the importance of fibre, watched enzymes in action and mimicked peristalsis (muscle contraction & relaxation). We also had the opportunity to take in the stunning view of London's skyline. It was a brilliant day out, bringing learning to life!



YEAR 5



What a vibrant Spring Term we've had! This term was truly a whirlwind of exciting learning experiences. We embarked on a fascinating trip to a Mosque, where we delved into the teachings of Islam and explored the significance of Ramadan. In addition, we also set up a disaster recovery centre, which was an eye-opening experience that highlighted the challenges involved in planning and running such essential services, all while gaining insight into the plight of refugees.

YEAR 5

Creativity flourished as we dived into still life drawing, experimenting with different mediums that brought our artwork to life. To top it all off, we crafted and performed poetry inspired by our creations, allowing our artistic expressions to resonate even further. And let's not forget the fun activities we enjoyed for World Book Day – we really brought 'The Barnabus Project' to life! What an unforgettable term filled with learning and creativity!



YEAR 6

It has been a busy spring term in Year 6! As well as SAT's preparation, we have been learning about other areas of the curriculum and developing our communication, creativity and technical skills. Here are a few things we have been proud of.

- **Junior Roadwatch: A visit from the Metropolitan Police**

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the roles of police officers and experienced sitting in police vehicles. The children got a little taster of 'policing' by escorting officers on the road and cautioning motorists who were speeding. The children questioned motorists using questions devised by the police. We hope that all drivers consider their speed in this residential area and take into account the school community.

- **Art: Landscapes and Colour Theory**

During art, children have been learning about colour theory: primary, secondary, tertiary, complementary and contrasting colours. We used oil pastels and watercolours to create landscapes inspired by Monet. Come and see some of our work on display on the top floor!



YEAR 6

- **World Book Day: Making Movie Trailers**

World Book Day was a real success, where the whole school focussed on 'The Barnabus Project', a picture book by the Fan Brothers. The Year 6 children took part in a carousel of activities in the morning and created their own movie trailers using iMovie in the afternoon.

- **DT: Seasonal Bakes, Naan pinwheels**

Year 6 children made their own naan breads and stuffed them with their own savoury fillings. We then rolled them and made into pinwheels. They thoroughly enjoyed the process and were inspired to try out different fillings at home; some sweet and some savoury!

- **Recycling: Repair Workshop**

Lisa visited us, from the East London Waste Society and all children took part in a 90 minute workshop where we repaired consoles and controllers. We have set up Pink recycling bins around the school for small electrical equipment.

