



Upton Primary Newsletter

25th June 2021

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre School and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives
'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration
'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (*Philippians 4:13*)

WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTE

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Timothy 2:5

SPORTS DAY

On Monday we held a covid safe sports day with Years 3 to 6 (KS2) taking part in the morning and Reception and Years 1 and 2 (KS1) in the afternoon. All children participated in different events and they persevered to do their best and achieved some great results.



The overall winning teams were:

- Reception and KS1 - **SEVERN**
- KS2 - **WYE**



TERM DATES CHANGE 2021/2022 - PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY

You will no doubt be aware that the Government announced the UK will celebrate The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch, with the May Bank Holiday Weekend being moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June to celebrate.

As a consequence the Government has now introduced new regulations to amend the School Day Regulations, which set out the minimum number of school sessions that must be held during a school year in every school maintained by a local authority and every special school not maintained by a local authority. The effect is to reduce the minimum number of sessions which must be held in the school year 2021/2022 from 380 to 378. As the additional bank holiday on Friday 3rd of June falls during the summer 2022 half-term break, the Consortium has agreed that the reduction in the number of sessions schools had to hold, because of the amended regulations, should therefore be taken elsewhere.

The Director of Children’s Services, as part of their delegated powers, has therefore approved an amendment to the terms dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools with the additional day being taken on **Friday 22nd July 2022**, meaning that the **Summer Term 2022 will end on Thursday 21st July 2022**.

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">2021 - 2022</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">ACADEMIC CALENDAR</h2>				KEY Bank holiday TED Holiday					
AUGUST (2021)				SEPTEMBER (2021)		OCTOBER (2021)		NOVEMBER (2021)	
DECEMBER (2021)				JANUARY (2022)		FEBRUARY (2022)		MARCH (2022)	
APRIL (2022)				MAY (2022)		JUNE (2022)		JULY (2022)	



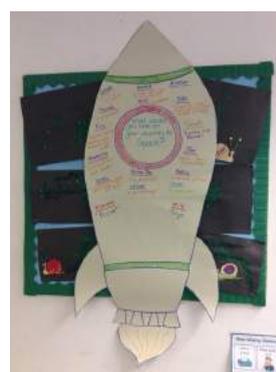
FOREST SCHOOL WORKBENCH

We would like to construct a workbench for our forest school area. If anyone can donate any wooden cable drums and/or large wooden stake, this would be much appreciated.

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

RIVER ROOM AND NURSERY

This week Nursery and River Room have been thinking about space! We've built some amazing rockets and thought about what we might take on our journey to the moon. We had all sorts of ideas, but I think the favourite has to be pizza!



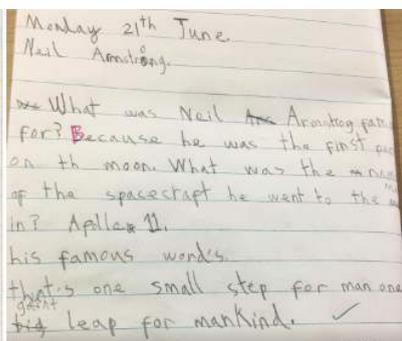
RECEPTION

This week we went on an adventure to the Amazon Rainforest. We loved exploring all the animals that live there and we had a go at painting some of them. We learnt about the four layers of the rainforest, and some of us made Toucans using hama beads. Miss Adamson told us about a REALLY stinky flower that grows in the rainforest; called a rafflesia flower! In maths we learnt to share bananas equally between monkeys.



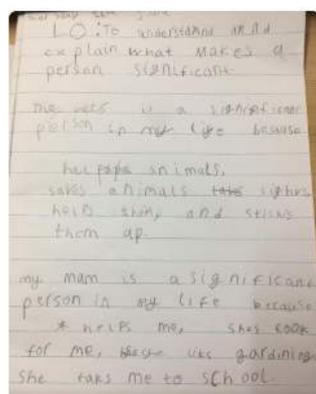
YEAR ONE

Year one have had a great week thinking about materials and their properties. We thought about the best things to make superhero costumes out of and went on a wander around the school to see the different materials used for different buildings. The warm weather is here and this has meant lots of fun outdoor activities this week including sports day where the children all showed determination and courage taking part in all the races with smiles on their faces.



YEAR TWO

In Year 2 we continued our learning about Explorers of the world and significant people. We researched some explorers and also talked about who is significant to us.



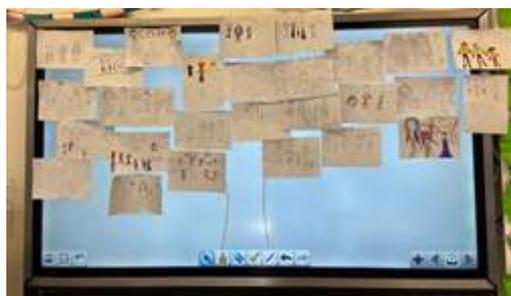
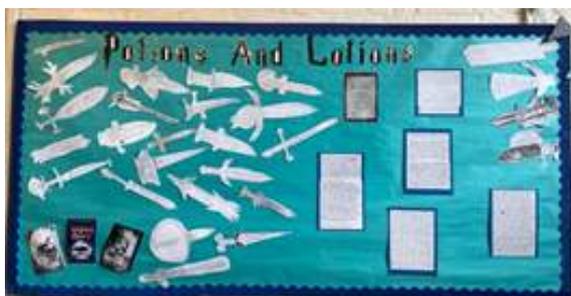
YEAR THREE

In year 3 this week, we were very industrious with our DT projects. Year 3 are creating miniature greenhouses to tie in with our topic on plants. The children first drew concept drawings then scaled drawings and finally this week they were able to start doing woodwork and creating frames for the side of the greenhouses. For many of them it was the first time using a saw and sandpaper and they really enjoyed learning new practical skills.



YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 continued their learning on 'The Wizards Of Once', they produced some fantastic descriptive writing about Wish entering the Badwoods – everyone challenged themselves to write a brilliant piece. We also continued our Science learning all about states of matter and The Water Cycle – we currently have a mini water cycle in our classroom and we are waiting to see what changes occur over the week. We also did some super working on different families and comparing our families. Last week we created some beautiful swords using our excellent sketching and shading skills.



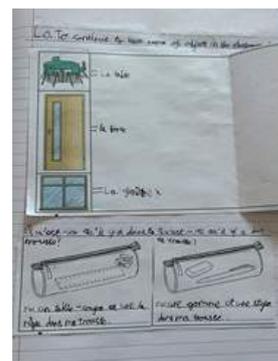
YEAR FIVE

Each year, we take a class of children to 'Lifepath' at Malvern Priory. Along with many children from local schools, the children learn about the history of the priory and take part in lots of activities. This year, Lifepath organised this as an online activity and Years 5 and 6 have completed some of the tasks. Year 5 showed their great teamwork skills again by playing the peel of St Paul's steeple on our handbells and learnt a little about the history of bell ringing.



YEAR SIX

Another busy week for year six. Alongside watching the assembly for Lifepath at Malvern Priory, creating formulae for spreadsheets and writing some wonderful descriptive narratives, we excelled with some fantastic french work. We focused on developing our conversational French skills, asking and answering the questions: What's in your pencil case?



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

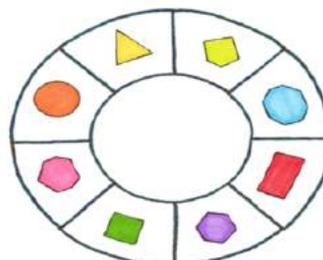
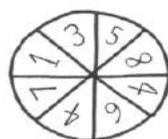
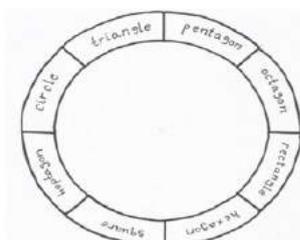
Congratulations to Finn (Year 6) for wonderful outcomes in writing and developing brilliant touch typing skills this term.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Here is a visual resource to help older children learn shape vocabulary. Cut out the wheels and attach them together, then spin them to line up the number of sides, shape and the shape name.

These resources can be downloaded from www.hacw.nhs.uk/childrens-speech-and-language-resources - look under 'Visual Support for Maths'.



If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills, please phone or email the school office (office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk), and I will call you back on my next visit to school. You can also contact me directly on 01562 752749.

Keren Somers (Speech and Language Therapist)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

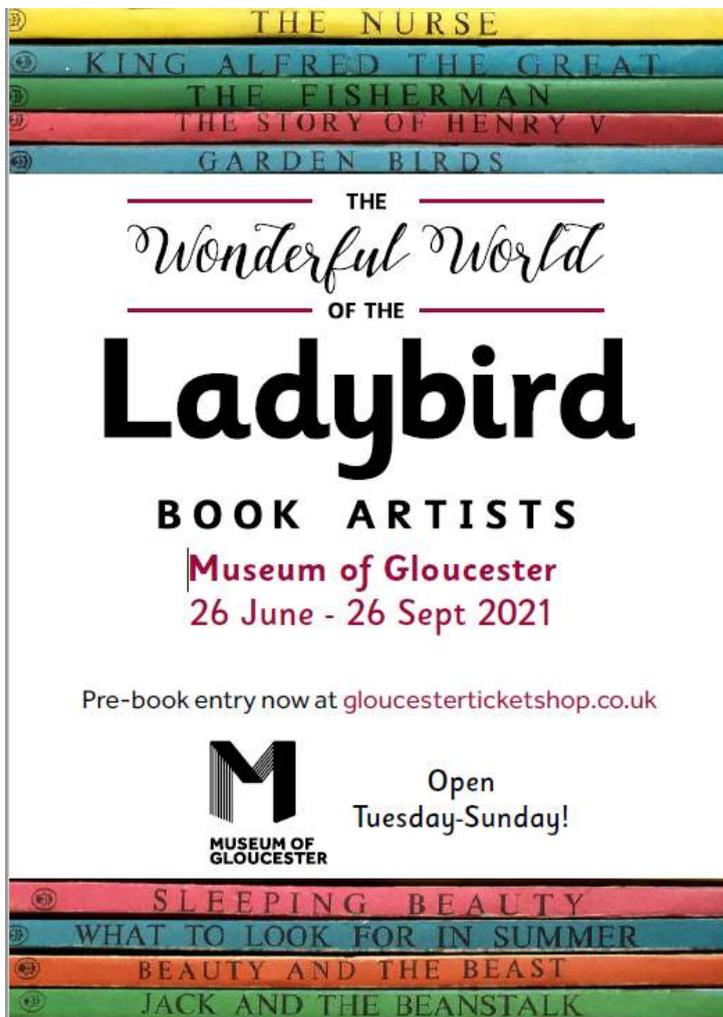
Saturday 10th July 2021

 **Upton Kids' Fun Run**
1km or 100m toddle

- ★ 10:50 warm up, 11am start
- ★ Medal & snack for finishers
- ★ Individual chip times for 1km
- ★ Covid secure event
- ★ Enter [online](#) by 8th July
 - ★ 1k = £5; 100m = £3
- ★ [No on the day entries](#)

Tri & duathlon entries close 30th June

Fish Meadow, Upton on Severn, WR8 0PB
For more details & to enter or volunteer visit
www.uptontriathlon.com



THE NURSE
KING ALFRED THE GREAT
THE FISHERMAN
THE STORY OF HENRY V
GARDEN BIRDS

THE
Wonderful World
OF THE

Ladybird

BOOK ARTISTS
Museum of Gloucester
26 June - 26 Sept 2021

Pre-book entry now at gloucesterticketshop.co.uk

 Open
Tuesday-Sunday!

SLEEPING BEAUTY
WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN SUMMER
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK