

Author visit

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed an assembly led by local author, Katie Sahota who read her recently published children's book, *The Cat's Who Wanted More*. The children asked Katie lots of questions about what it like to be an author. We have purchased a signed copy of the book for each class so that all of the children can continue to enjoy and revisit the story. Thank you to Katie for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit us.



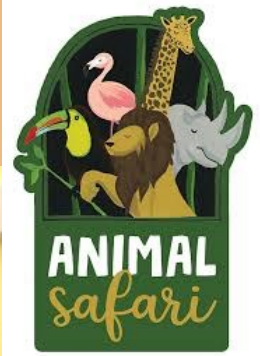
At the vets...

The children in Reception and Nursery were delighted to welcome Caroline Peacock, one of our school governors, into school this week to find out more about her job as a veterinary nurse.

Caroline told the children what it was like to be a veterinary nurse and let them handle some cuddly animals and try out a real stethoscope.

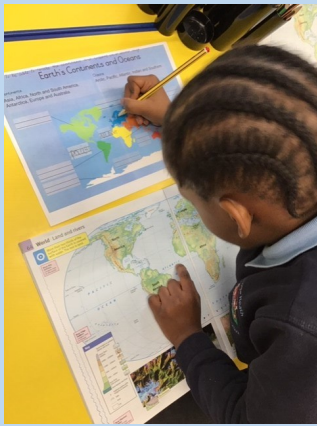
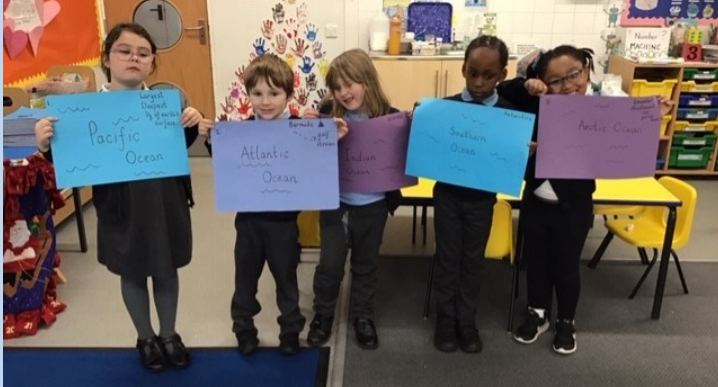
It was also a chance for the children to practise asking questions.

Thank you very much to Caroline for volunteering to come to see us.



Muck, Mess and Mixtures!

Year 1/2



This week in our geography lessons, the children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning to locate the 5 Oceans and 7 Continents on a world map.

We learned a song to help us recall the different names and some key facts about each ocean and have worked together to order the oceans from largest to smallest.

The children used an Atlas to help them to locate and label the oceans and continents. We worked very hard and really enjoyed our learning.

The largest ocean is
The Pacific Ocean
which is also the
deepest.

By Stefan

The Indian Ocean is
the warmest Ocean
and the water is
very salty.

By Caiden

The Atlantic Ocean has the Bermuda
Triangle where a number of aircraft
and ships are said to have disap-
peared under mysterious circum-
stances

Year 3/4

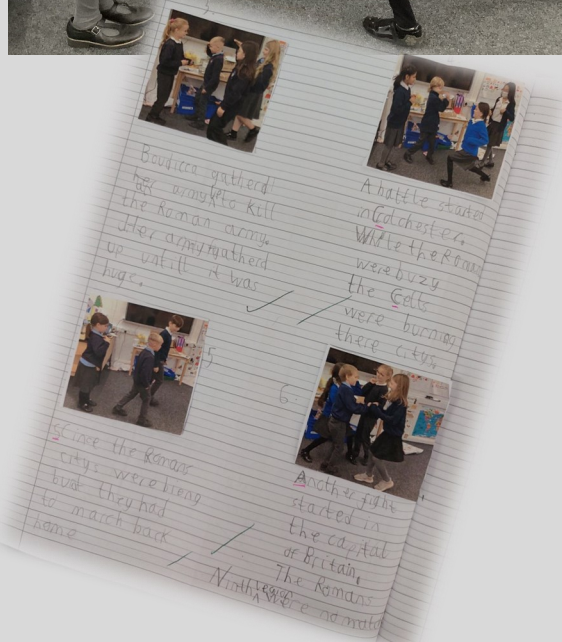
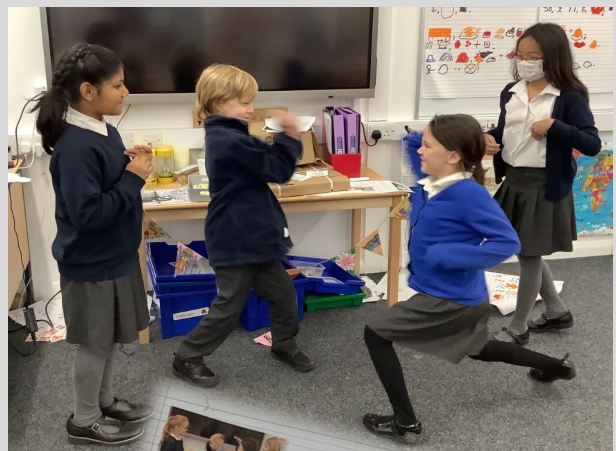
This week in Years 3 and 4 the children had a history lesson where they listened to the story of Boudicca, ruler of the Iceni tribe and the territory of East Anglia.

After they had listened to the story, the children discussed why they thought Boudicca initially made peace with the Romans and why she later changed her mind.

Working in groups, the children created freeze frames which depicted each part of the Boudicca story. Once perfected, they presented their freeze frames to the class and whilst they were presenting, Miss Singh took some pictures.

Next, the children looked at the digital images taken and sequenced them according to the story. They then wrote sentences for each image so they could retell the story in their own words.

The children discovered that when King Prasutagus died, the Romans demanded the Iceni land and wealth. Queen Boudicca and her loyal army destroyed Colchester (the capital city of Roman Britain), London and St Albans. Unfortunately, as the battle raged, the well-trained Roman army fought harder, and Boudicca's army was defeated.



Year 5/6

Looking at Learning



Monday 5th December 2022



Lo: To explain the role of pilgrimage in Hinduism

Today in RE we have been learning about the Hindu pilgrimage Kumbh Mela. We made notes from news videos and used the information to write quiz style questions. Then we made and played our own 'Kumbh Mela' board games



The Kumbh Mela takes place once every twelve years. There is an Ardha Kumbh Mela (half Kumbh Mela) that takes place every six years and Maha Kumbh Mela (Great Kumbh Mela), which takes place every 12 years. There are four locations where the Kumbh Mela is held: Hardwar, Prayag (Allahabad), Trimbale-Nashik and Ujjain.

The last Kumbh Mela took place in 2013 in Prayag (Allahabad), and the next one will take place in Prayagraj in 2025.

Hindus go to bathe in the rivers at the location – the most sacred being the Ganges. This is all part of the ritual of cleansing one's sins and starting afresh. They also spend time praying and speaking to Sadhus (holy men). In 2013, it was estimated that around 120 million pilgrims participated in the festival. Logistically, this requires the state to erect a temporary city on location with tents, toilets, medical facilities and security for the pilgrims.

By Spencer

Cake Sale

Please don't forget our cake sale which will be held immediately after our school Christmas Performance on **Thursday 15th December**.

We welcome donations of home made or shop bought cakes and other treats.

Please bring these into school on either the afternoon of 14th December or the morning of 15th.

Please make sure that any containers that need returning are named and please bring some small change on the day to make



Selection Box Raffle

We will be holding our annual selection box raffle at school on **Friday 16th December**.

Raffle tickets are 50p each and a winner will be in each class.

Please bring your 50p to school in a **named envelope** and hand it to your teacher on Thursday or Friday .



Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

Nursery and Reception

Mrs. Manley and Mrs. Hartley have chosen Leo as their class learning hero this week. Leo has shown a fantastic attitude to learning this week. He is started to show a strong interest in writing his name and is beginning to blend sounds to read words. Leo has been keen to complete his learning activities- often coming to a grown up before even being asked. Well done Leo!



Co-operate



Have a go

Year 1/2

This week, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Munday have chosen John as their hero because of his fantastic enthusiasm for learning. John really enjoyed our Geography lesson this week, telling us all "this is the best school because learning is so fun!"



Persevere



Concentrate

Year 3/4

Miss Singh has chosen Toby as this week's hero for his excellent attitude towards learning and his willingness to give everything a go. He really got involved with drama work this week and did an excellent impersonation of a Celtic warrior. Well done, Toby!



Keep on improving



Year 5/6

Mrs. Cox has chosen Tyler as her Hero this week. Tyler has made a fantastic contribution to our Geography lessons this term. Mrs Cox was particularly impressed with his weather report.

Super Star Reading!

This week our star reader is
Amelia H. Congratulations.



Use your



Enjoy learn-

Winter Theatre Trips

Children in all classes have enjoyed their trips to the theatre this half term.

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and Years 2 attended Warwick Art's Centre to see Stick Man.

Children in Years 3 and 4 visited The Belgrade Theatre to watch Jack and the Beanstalk and children in Years 5 and 6 attended the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford Upon Avon to watch A Christmas Carol. Here are some photographs of the children enjoying their shows!



Be Bright Be Seen!

Congratulations to Leroy, Adan, Amelia H and Falak, the winners of our recent Road Safety competition. Mrs Cox was pleased to have 22 entries into the competition. Prizes are to be given in assembly on Friday.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 3, best interests of the child

Diary Dates

December 2022

Friday 9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day / MUFTI Day
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Play 2.15pm
Thursday 15 th December	Cake sale after School
Friday 16 th December	Selection box raffle 50p entry
Friday 16 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
19 th December–2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays

Last week the Children and family Centre hosted a Christmas Craft workshop at school. This was well attended by our families and was a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to join their children in school. We look forward to working with other agencies to host similar events next term, keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.



With best wishes from Mrs Westwood and all the staff at Lighthorne Heath Primary School.



Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



This wonderful 'Do good December' calendar has been produced by Action for Happiness.

All of the staff agree that it is a wonderful initiative that is certain to boost the mental health of anyone who takes part. Scan this QR code to take you to the website.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	 8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	2 Contact someone you can't see with they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

Happier · Kinder · Together

Mrs Manley has chosen these kind acts to complete this week.

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Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

11
Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

13
See how many different people you can smile at today

December Kindness 2022

