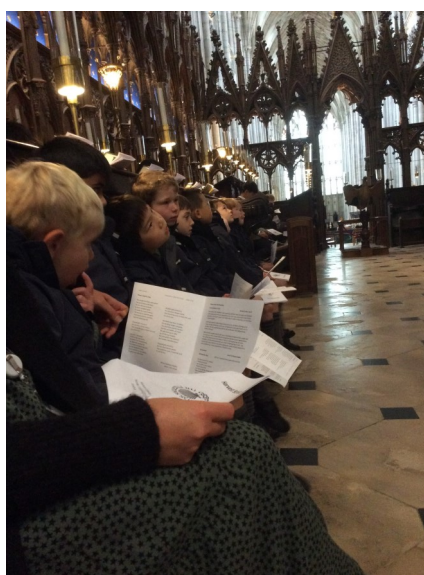


From Mrs Ross

Years 1 and 2 experienced their first Cathedral Harvest Festival service this week. It was wonderful to be part of the whole school celebration. The boys' behaviour was exemplary and their sense of awe and wonder within such an exceptional setting was a joy to behold.



Dr Essex, the Pre-Prep boys and staff were treated to a very special assembly when Angela Moody visited with her assistance dog Odessa. Odessa demonstrated how she helps Ms Moody at home by picking up her blanket on command.

The boys were fascinated and keen to ask questions.

Odessa was wonderfully calm and friendly. We hope that Ms Moody will bring Odessa to meet the boys again soon.



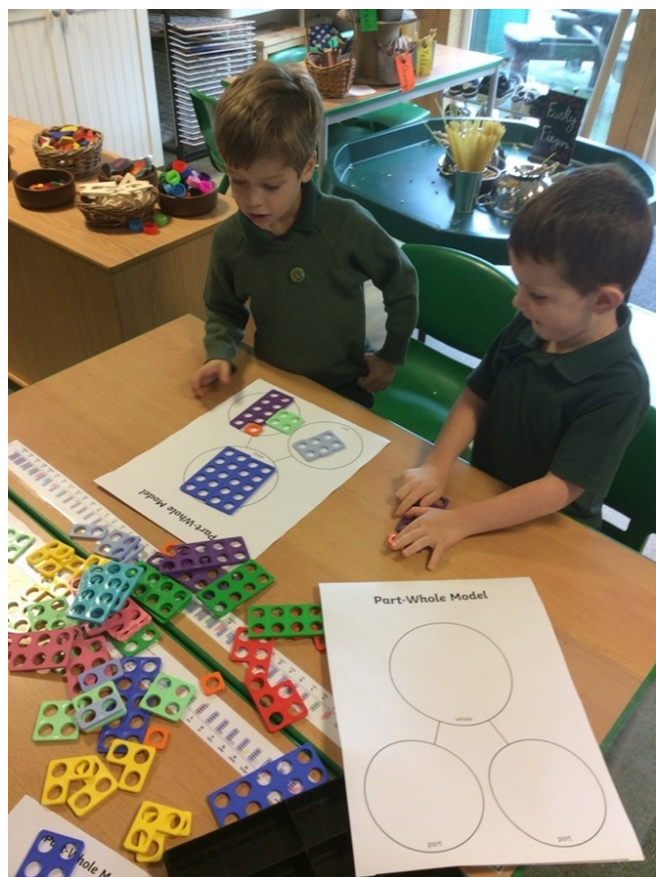
Year 1

This week, year 1 have been learning about the Space Race and the key events that occurred in space travel history. The boys have really enjoyed learning about space and all the cross curricular links with this topic, such as making their own papier-mâché planets.

We have also been working really hard with writing and maths too.

Well done, Year 1, what a super week!

Miss Kunzer

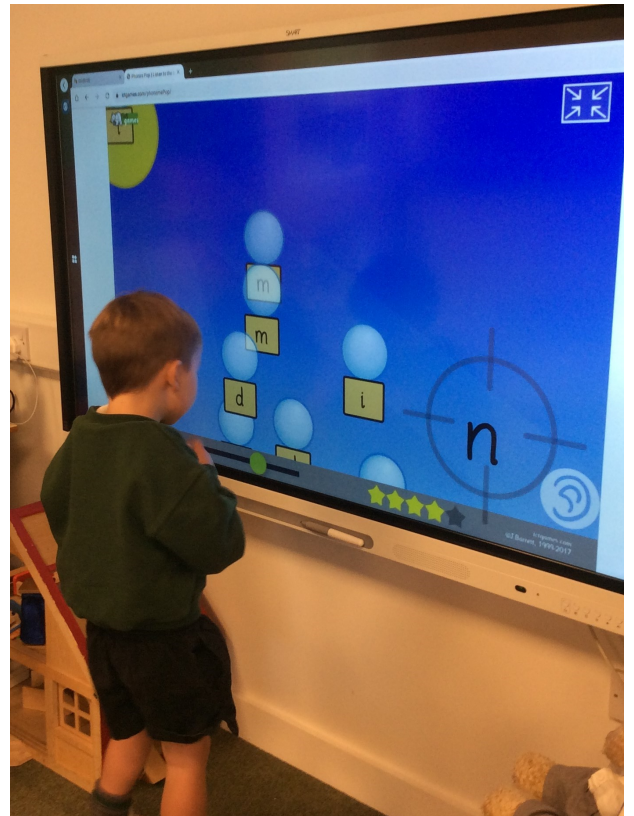


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For Reception class, this week I have chosen three areas of learning to share with you.

1. the boys enjoyed making their own **fruit kebabs** combining their favourite fruits: what a delicious way to show their understanding of pattern.
2. **Phoneme Pop**: the boys have been reinforcing the sounds learnt in Read Write Inc.
3. Thank you, to **Richard Price**, our visiting storyteller. The boys all listened so intently and some appropriate questions linked to the story were asked.

Mrs Kent

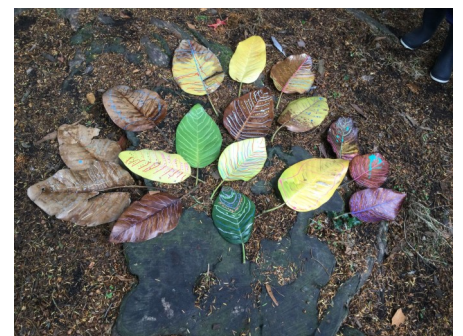


Forest School

This week in Forest School, Reception focused on leaves. We chatted about the importance of the veins in the leaves and had fun collecting a range of different types. The boys made rubbings and using some magical paint pens, they traced the veins and created some lovely decorated leaves. Year 1 took part in several outdoor mathematical challenges. The boys randomly chose a number and then had to decide how far in terms of steps that number would take them. They then enjoyed the challenge with some degree of success! Their ability to estimate improved as the session went on. The boys also had fun making some shapes out of natural items that gradually decreased in size.

Year 2 spent their afternoon down at the St Cross water meadows this week. Their session was led by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) and the boys had a wonderful time stream-dipping and making simple rush boats in order to measure the flow of the river. The Year 3 Forest School trip to St Cross was postponed so we spent a wonderful session in the Arboretum. The boys adopted a tree and over the coming months will observe the changes that will happen. They were also challenged with creating a natural magical square; maths skills were applied, and the boys chatted through the challenge within their small group. I was impressed with their perseverance.

Mrs Walker



Pre-Prep Notices

After School and Supper Club

- ◆ **Pick-up** is at 1630 or 1800 from the Pre-Prep Library
- ◆ **If you arrive** at any other time, please go to the Front Office and staff will bring your son to you.
- ◆ **If you are delayed**, please call the Front Office so that a message can be relayed to Mrs Anderson.
- ◆ **If you are collecting** an older son from a Commoner, please pick up your Pre-Prep son first and then proceed to the Yard.
- ◆ **Bookings** can be made on a daily basis. Please book places for supper by 1200. Go to [My School Portal, Bookings](#) to complete a form.
- ◆ For help, please email [Mrs Beverton](#).

Pre-Prep parents' evening - please book:

(copy of letter sent via *SchoolPost* is on the next page)

We are delighted to invite all Pre-Prep parents to our
Celebration Assembly
on
Wednesday 20 October
11:00 to 11:45
in The Octagon

Pilgrims' Shell Awards:

Year 2— to Daniel Hu, for his fantastic explanations during Maths lessons this week.

Year 1— to Alexander Over, for being polite and having good manners.

Reception— to Egbert Wang, for good listening at story time and for making good choices.

Wednesday 13 October	1630-1945	Pre-Prep parents' evening (see letter above and via <i>SchoolPost</i>).
Saturday 16 October	0930-1100	Virtual whole school open morning
Wednesday 20 October	1145	Pick-up time for start of half term.

Pre-Prep parents' evening, Wednesday 13 October

Wednesday 13 October 2021, 16:30– 19:45 (Live or Face-to-Face)

Dear parents,

The Pre-Prep teachers are looking forward to meeting with you on **Wednesday 13 October** to talk about your son's learning and development this term. Mrs Kent and Mrs Ross will both be available for Reception parents.

We are excited to be able to offer either live face-to-face consultations in your son's classroom or virtual meetings via Zoom. You will need to book an appointment for either option on [My School Portal](#). Please login, go to *My Children* to select your son, go to the *Bookings* tab on the menu, choose *Parents' evenings* and pick your preferred time.

If you wish for a Virtual meeting:

- please indicate this by clicking the green *Reply* button below to request a code (codes will be emailed to you on Tuesday 12 October).

If you wish to book your son into After School Club on that day only:

- please indicate this by clicking the green *Reply* button below

When arriving for your face-to-face consultation, please enter school via the Back Gate from College Street. Tea and coffee will be available in the Pre-Prep Library where your son's teacher will meet you at your appointment time.

Kind regards,

Debbie Ross
Head of Pre-Prep