## **SUTTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## Whole School Newsletter

**FEBRUARY 2024** 





Well, January has flown by and we are now half way through this academic year already! I am seeing lots of fantastic progress across the school. The children are telling me they are really enjoying their learning - especially their Science, Geography and History learning, which is really shining this year. The leadership team has been observing lots of high quality teaching and learning throughout the school, demonstrating improving outcomes and targeted support for children.

There continues to be so much to celebrate across the school. Comments about impeccable behaviour on school excursions are a regular occurrence. It is pleasing to know that children are so respectful when representing Sutton Green on educational visits and at sporting events. A school advisor, on a recent visit, was compelled to comment on the outstanding behaviour and the nurturing ethos of our school. They were also blown away by how enthusiastically the children spoke about their learning and the pride they had in their work and the school.

Next half term we will have our Parents Evening (13th March) and a Book showcase so you can discuss your child's progress with your child's teacher and have a look at their wonderful learning.

Have a great half term.

Mr Stark

## **Internet Safety Week**

"Altru Drama company" came to perform "play post repeat"! The performance highlighted the potential dangers and risks when online. It covered apps like Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Roadblox and Minecraft! Year 6 and Year 5 explored this further in drama workshops.

In classes, we explored different scenarios through role-play and discussions. We identified what was having a positive or negative effect on us! In assemblies, we identified better ways of responding to a variety of online situations.

In KS1, we read the story "Pop-up Gremlins". We focused on the age limits and appropriate games to play! We also looked at the dangers and rules around talking to strangers on online games!

## **Mental Health Week**



On Wednesday 7th February Hattie & Liam attended a Mental Health Champion course to learn all about the connection between a healthy lifestyle & positive Mental Health.

They will be training the other Mental Health Ambassadors in the techniques & after half term, all the MH Ambassadors will be running sessions to support their peers in positive Mental Health & Wellbeing.

Attendance to date

94.9%

(National 94.2%)

Letters are being sent out regarding persistent absences and frequent late arrivals.

Rachel and Becky from the Children's mental Health team led the assembly this week.



The message for Children's Mental Health Week is 'Your voice matters'

We listened to the story of Emeline Pankhurst who used her voice to campaign for Rights for Women.

Article 12

You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.



"Finding your voice and purpose in life is one thing, but, very often, when it is time to use that voice and make a change, you will need a bit of teamwork to make things happen."

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#### REMEMBER...



NO MATTER HOW BIG OR

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



Our Mental Health Ambassadors are raising money to buy Worry Monsters for EYFS/Key Stage 1 and worry tins for Key Stage 2 classes. They are organising a cake sale.

Bring your 50p to buy your cake- Let's raise money and remember that everyone's voice matters.





TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 – BREAK TIME & AFTER SCHOOL IF ANY CAKES LEFT!! 50p EACH!

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WAS IMPORTANT; WORRY MONSTERS & WORRY JARS FOR ALL CLASSES

— TO ALLOW ALL CHILDEEN TO BE ABLE TO SHAPE THEIR WORKES.









# BETTER BEHAVIOUR PARENT GROUP - DROP IN SESSION



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port continues to offer this evidence based intervention in a small group setting for parents of Primary aged children who want to encourage better behaviour at home. The group runs for 7 weekly sessions.





We have arranged a drop in day for interested parents to attend - on MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024! There will be a 1 HOUR TASTER SESSION about the group, followed by time for questions. The same taster session will run twice - at 09.30am and then again at 2pm so please attend whichever session suits you best. We hope to run the next group after the Easter break at Kingsley Resource Centre each Wednesday morning 09.30am - 11.30am. This will run from Weds 1st May - 26th June 2024 these dates include breaks for half term etc. The taster session looks at; What is Challenging Behaviour? Understanding Children's Behaviour, Factors Impacting Child Behaviour & What Happens in a Group Session.

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 @ KINGSLEY

RESOURCE CENTRE (CORONATION ROAD,

ELLESMERE PORT, CH65 9AA – by the Fire Station)

Please come along, we would love to meet you! It is a



## **EYFS**

# What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

#### **Phonics**

Ash and Oak have been working really hard to read green words speedily and spot red words in our ditty's and books. We're also super impressed with how the children have been using their Fred Fingers to spell words!

#### English/Understanding the World/Topics

We started this half term with our new topic, based around the book 'Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek'. We found out about three animal friends who decided to take a shortcut through the creepy crooked creek. This text provided us with lots of opportunities to learn new vocabulary and the children enjoyed using these words during adventure time - very impressive! We also had a visit from 'Reptiles Offroadin' which was a wonderful opportunity for the children and a very big hit! During the last two weeks of the half term we celebrated Chinese New Year, where the children enjoyed tasting Chinese foods and taking part in a dragon dance! Next half term we will begin our new topic based around the book 'The Pirates are Coming'.

#### Maths

We began the half term learning all about 'length, height and time'. Within this small step, children explore objects and begin to use the language of length to describe them. During Maths sessions, the children hunted for objects around the classroom and outdoor areas, looking for long objects, such as a long pencil, or short objects, such as a paper clip. We also sorted natural items during our Welly Wednesday time in the woods! In our next block of learning the children explored different representations of 9 and 10. The children continued to match the verbal number names to numerals and quantities, recognising that the final number they say is the quantity in that set. They also wowed us by making their own representations during adventure time as they become more familiar with seeing 9 and 10 in different ways. Next half term we will begin to explore numbers beyond 10.

#### Adventure Time

As well as direct teaching, the children will continuously explore all areas of learning through play in our learning landscape, during which their learning will be supported and extended by the teaching staff. Please continue to add any home learning experiences to your child's Classdojo portfolio as we love to share these with the children!

Please see the EYFS curriculum map on our website's <u>curriculum page</u> for more information.

## OAK & ASH CLASS



What a busy half term we've had in Oak and Ash Class! The children loved our first topic and were fully immersed in our reptile visit. They showed how nurturing and gentle they were when handling the animals (some children even had a snake placed around their neck!) and asked our visitor some fantastic questions, too.

We continue to develop our fine motor skills through lots of hands-on activities, with play doh making always being a favourite! The children have also been creating masterpieces with our loose parts and have shown excellent imaginative skills when designing and planning. I'm really impressed with the animal habitats that they have been making, inspired by our 'Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek' text.

The children have been putting their phonics skills into practise and really enjoyed listing ingredients for a very special recipe... We talked about the qualities that a good friend might have and put the words into a magic potion - with a sprinkle of magical friendship dust, of course!

It's been great to see the children develop their knowledge of numbers to 10 and observe them consolidating their learning during adventure time. Lots of mathematical language can be heard, particularly during sand and water play and when playing with the big blocks outside. I'm really proud of the enthusiastic attitude that I've seen from the children this half term - well done Oak and Ash Class.

Have a great, relaxing break everyone - don't forget to upload photos of any adventures to your child's ClassDojo portfolio!

## KS1

## What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

#### Spring A:

#### English

We have been reading the story about the meakist, quietest mouse and the meanest, bravest lion who wasn't very brave when he met the mouse. It proves that no matter how small you are, you are important. We have written our very own stories. You can read them at our showcase session.

Next term we meet a character who will take us on a trip to a museum, it's no ordinary trip though!

#### Maths

In Year 1 we have continued our learning about addition and subtraction. Next we will be learning about place value.

In Year 2 we calculated the value of money. We are now working on multiplying and dividing using the 2x,5x and 10x tables.

#### Science

In Science, we have been learning about materials. We have investigated their properties and changed their shape. We were able to set a bear free from an iceberg, bend metal spoons and float boats made from different materials. We had some amazing homework from those who chose the science task. Next half term we are learning about seasonal changes.

#### History

In history we found out about a significant person who had an important link to the area. Do you know what Thomas Telford did? We do! We had some amazing homework presentations and posters displaying fantastic facts about EP in the past. Next we will focus on Geography, learning and reviewing our knowledge of the UK.

#### **PSHE**

In PSHE, we have continued to read No Outsiders stories and discuss their message. We found out about the world of work and even discovered some jobs we didn't know about.

#### Computing

In Computing, we have been learning about imputing data and producing graphs and charts. We have also continued learning about e-safety and how to stay safe online.

#### Spanish

We have been learning the names of the four seasons and how to say which is my favourite season and how to respond.

#### PE

We have been using our skills to control, dribble and kick the football. On wet days we have taken part in agility and Yoga sessions. We have worked as a team, a partner and individually. We have been following the dance unit with Mr Clyne, the VARA Sports coach.

#### RF

We have been exploring how and why Allah and Muhammad are important to Muslims. Next term we will explo**re what it means to belong**.

#### DT

In DT we completed our project on designing and making Baby bear's chair. Then we learnt about wheels and axles. One of our homework tasks next half term will be to make a vehicle.

Next term we will focus on Art and colour mixing.

## **BAY CLASS**



Wow Wow Wow, what a great half term we have had! How can it be better than last term!

It has been amazing to see the children love learning all about Thomas Telford and the amazing things he designed and built. One of the favourites is the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near Llangollen. The children were fascinated about its height, distance and length. Some of the homework has been fantastic and the children have enjoyed having a choice.

We have also had lots of fun with our science lessons and design & technology lessons. We have been investigating materials and designing our own cars.

We have been writing our own version of a Lion inside and the children planned their own version of the story. It took a while for them to write but they all managed it and were able to read their published version to the year 6's who were very impressed. Well done!!!

Year 2 parents please remember the Tattenhall Residential meeting on the first Monday back after half term. Come and see where we are going and find out the exciting things we will be doing.

Enjoy your break, relax and have lots of fun! We are looking forward to welcoming you all back after the holiday.

### FIR CLASS



#### What a fantastic half term we have had!

Everyone has been so engaged in our English lessons and I think we could all read the story off by heart. We even came up with actions and put ourselves in the characters' shoes. The children voted on which characters we would change in the story for our big rewrite! After much deliberation we settled on the littlest, meekest, brown meerkat and the year two's also changed their lion to the fastest cheetah in town......I am so excited by their final stories and the illustrations look incredible too!

It has been truly wonderful to see the children excelling in their maths learning, we have had lots of celebrating to do. The children's attitudes and confidence in maths has been exceptional and I have had so many positive notes from other teachers about our Fir class stars, which is wonderful. The year twos have been mastering money, looking at the value of coins and notes (an alien concept for some in this day and age). The year ones have been consolidating all their knowledge to become really secure with adding and subtracting numbers from 0-20, learning additional skills such as doubling.

The children (as always) have been energetic and curious around our Science lessons and it has been wonderful to see many have continued our learning about materials and how they behave at home with floating and sinking and other material testing activities ......definitely lots of scientists in the making!

Our History learning has linked really well with our local area as we investigated the canal networks and the important role they played in transporting essential goods in the past. It has clearly piqued their interest with many wonderful optional homework projects being brought in, the children are always so proud to share.

Everyone loved using their imaginations to design their own vehicles. They used everything they have learnt over the half term to add axles, axle holders, wheels and a main body to their vehicle. I think you will all enjoy looking through the childrens books at our next 'book look'. As always the children have continued to impress me with their computing knowledge and have enjoyed exploring different graphs and charts to display and sort data.

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## **ELM CLASS**



Well that was a busy half term in Elm Class! We have really enjoyed our science lessons, especially when we investigated what would happen to materials when we rolled, twisted, pulled and stretched, someone even managed to bend a metal spoon! We saved the bear who got frozen in an iceberg and tested what would be a suitable material to make a boat for the toy to sail across the ocean (well the water bottle crate.)

We have learnt how important Thomas Telford is. Did you know he designed the Menai bridge, an aqueduct and canals? If you see the rain rolling off the road thank Thomas Telford.

We were lucky to meet a real author Helen Stewart and listen to her telling us stories in Storytelling week. We then became authors and illustrators creating our very own story books.

Thanks to Mr Stark we were allowed to play in the snow, it was a good job because it had melted by the time we went home.

Mrs A has been amazed at the homework tasks completed and is really looking forward to the next half term tasks. Look out for the email coming to parents at the end of the week letting you know the three challenges for Spring B.

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## LKS2 Years 3 & 4

# What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

#### **English**

We have enjoyed our class text Stone Age Boy and Iron Man. We have worked on including speech in our writing- ask us about "speech sandwiches" We have enjoyed writing "show not tell" sentences.

#### Maths

We have enjoyed our learning about length and perimeter and we have started to learn all about fractions in Year 3 and 4!

#### Science

We started with our trip to Explore, we loved the chance for lots of hands-on experiments and workshops! We have learnt about forces including magnets and friction! We have enjoyed looking at the uses of magnets in real life!

#### History

In History, we have explored our local history and the significance of the Ellesmere Canal for the Industrial Revolution.

#### **PSHE**

We have been learning about our human rights and what they are. We have also been exploring the 'No Outsiders' characteristics in more detail and learning about how we can support one another when they are experiencing different emotions.

#### Computing

Our computing topic was "journey through a computer". We made paper laptops and tablets! We have learnt about the different components and how they work together.

#### **Spanish**

In Spanish, we have been learning about hobbies. We have begun to use the conjunctions "and" and but" to extend our sentences!

Se hablar espanol y bailar - ask us what this is

#### DT

We have created slingshot cars, and applied our Science learning about friction to help us understand air resistance.

#### **English**

We are going to read the Michael Morpurgo book "This Morning I Met a Whale" and the Nichola Davies book "Big Blue Whale" to help us to write an amazing persuasive and informative article about whales.

#### Maths

We will continue learning about fractions and soon move on to decimals.

#### Science

In science, we will be exploring plants. We are going to be completing a number of different experiments that explore what a plant really needs in order to grow.

#### **PSHE**

We are continuing to look at internet safety and how advertisements can be portrayed online.

#### Computing

We are going to be focusing on collaborative ways to use technology! This will include editing and creating Google Docs, slides and forms together. We will work as a team to share, create and gather data.

#### Geography

In Geography we will be learning all about the human and physical geography of Spain, including its Climate!

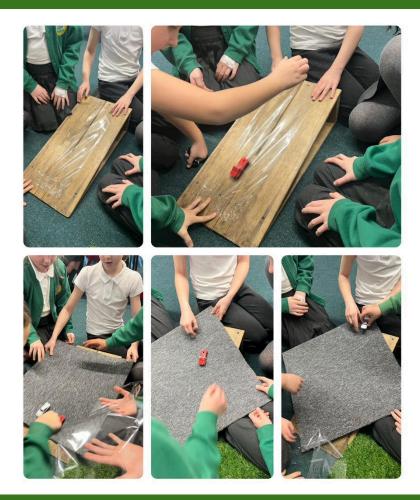
#### **Spanish**

We will be learning new vocabulary for fruits in Spanish, and describing our preferences!

#### RE

In RE we have been exploring how Christians use the bible to help them with their lives Next term we will look at how Jesus is portrayed in art with a focus on El Salvador Crosses.

## **ROWAN CLASS**



#### What a short but sweet half term!

We have loved our class texts Iron Man and Stone Age Boy. We worked hard to learn new skills and apply them in our writing! We have been able to retell the "Stone Age boy" story with our own spin - we all changed one part of the story.

In Science, we have learnt all about forces! We kicked this off with an exciting trip to the Explore museum in Wrexham! We have learnt about magnets, friction and gravity with investigations!

In History, we have been learning about the industrial revolution! We have focused on the impact of canals, especially the role that Ellesmere Port and the Ellesmere Canal played in developing the local area.

In PE, we have enjoyed learning about invasion games, improving our ability to defend, work as a team and score points! We have enjoyed "lost boys Vs pirates" game!

In computing we looked at the "inside of computers". We enjoyed learning about the components and the roles they play inside our devices! We also continued to focus on the dangers of the internet and how we can keep ourselves safe online!

### WILLOW CLASS

Another half term in the bag for Willow Class. Even though this has been a long half term, the time has flown by. The children have continued to constantly represent the class to a high standard, showing that they value the ready, respectful and safe rules of Sutton Green.

In English this half term we have gone back in time and read 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. We have loved this book and enjoyed writing about the Stone Age. The children have been practising incorporating speech into their written work along with using th represent perfect perfect tense. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their Stone Age stories the children completed for their final pieces of work.

History this half term has also been a blast! Children have been exploring the Industrial Revolution and how it links to Ellesmere Port. We have learnt that Ellesmere Port was key to the success of the canal links being built during that time. I have honestly been blown away by the homework completed about Canals by the class.

The children have worked hard in all subjects but I have seen such an amazing excitement in our Spanish lessons. Children have been learning how to say different skills they can do such as 'Se bailar' - I know how to dance. Well Done for another brilliant half term Willow Class.



## **MAPLE CLASS**

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## UKS2

# What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

#### **English**

We have been reading the story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', looking at Gods such as Thor and Loki and creating mystical myths. Next time, we will be looking at biographies when we learn all about Astronauts going to space.

#### **Maths**

In Maths, we have been learning multiplication and division skills as well as developing their knowledge of fractions and decimals. Next half term, we will be furthering our knowledge of decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and statistics.

#### Science

In Science, we have been carrying out investigations, looking at what makes an investigation a fair test, identifying variables, recording data and answering enquiry questions. Next half term, we will be learning all about Earth and Space.

#### **History**

In History, we have been learning all about the Industrial Revolution. We had a great day visiting Quarry Bank Mill where we were able to find out what life was like as a child who worked at Quarry Bank Mill. Next half term, we will be focusing on Geography; learning all about rivers and the River Mersey.

#### Computing

In Computing, we have been learning about how different search engines can give you different results when researching a topic. It has been interesting to learn about how businesses use search engines to their benefit when making sure that their website comes up first when searched online.

#### MFL

In Spanish, we finished our 'Mi Casa' topic and have been learning all about "Los Planetas - The Planets'. We have had lots of fun learning how to say the different planets in Spanish.

#### **PSHE**

In PSHE, Year 5 have been learning about what it means to belong to a community; what different types of media are & how they can influence us & they have been thinking about what type of jobs they might like to do in the future & what skills, qualities & qualifications they will need to achieve this.

Year 6 have been learning about valuing diversity, challenging discrimination & stereotyping. They have also been Cyber Detectives by looking at how to identify if information that they see on the internet is fake or real.

#### RE

In RE, pupils have been finding out about Sikhism and Why community and equality are important to Sikhs. Next term they will think about which concepts people find hard to understand in Christianity.

#### PE

In PE, pupils have been learning about different dance poses in the theme of 'The carnivale'. The children have come up with both their own individual and group performances which have been incredibly entertaining to watch.

## CHESTNUT CLASS



It has been another non-stop half term in Chestnut Class! In English, pupils have been reading the stories of 'Arthur and The Golden Rope' and 'Odd and The Frost Giants'. The children were amazed to find out that some of their favourite Marvel characters were based on Norse mythology. The class were able to complete some fantastic independent writing tasks that were full of expanded noun phrases, adverbials and speech which brought their work to life. In Maths, we have been learning about the column and bus stop method when multiplying and divining large amounts. Pupils did incredibly well during this tricky topic and it has been great to see them build on their times table knowledge.

In Science, the class have conducted their own investigations which has opened up a trunk load of enquiry questions. Pupils have even taken their investigations home when investigating how the contents of a tin affects how far it can travel and how the shape of a paper aeroplane affects its trajectory. We are already looking forward to our next topic of 'Space' after having a planetarium visit in the final week of the half term. We had such a great time at Quarry Bank Mill, learning about how the industrial revolution affected the way that products were made. It was amazing to see how each piece of machinery worked and the ways that they would have to be maintained. Seeing the working conditions of the children and how they lived their lives was incredibly eye opening to the class and left a lasting impression on them all!

## SYCAMORE CLASS



We have had an action packed start to the Spring term! The children have read 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and 'Odd and the Frost Giants" in their English writing and reading sessions. They have enjoyed learning about myths and Gods; developing some lovely mythical pieces of writing.

In Maths, the children have been building on their Multiplication & Division and Fraction knowledge - applying previously learnt knowledge! The children have had lots of fun in Science completing different investigations! As part of our History topic "The Industrial Revolution", we visited Quarry Bank Mill and learnt all about what children's lives were like during that time.

We have started our Brass lessons with Miss Whyle and can't wait to showcase what we have learnt! We have some very talented musicians in Sycamore! We had a snow day, where we had lots of fun on the school field making snow angels and snowmen!

We enjoyed listening to Helen, a storyteller who shared her wonderful stories with us.

During the last week, we experienced the Planetarium, looking at the formation of the solar system - we are now very excited to learn more about Space next half term! We also designed and built our very own playgrounds - making sure they were fun but safe!

A fantastic half term Sycamore! Have a great week off!

## **CHERRY CLASS**



## **EVENTS**

February	2nd -Number Day (NSPCC) 7th - EYFS Stay and Play 5th -9th Safer Internet Week 12th - 16th Mental Health Awareness Week 13th Wear Yellow & Pancake Day Lunch 26th Tattenhall Residential Meeting for Y2 parents 3:15pm
March	1st March EYFS Pirate Day 5th Y1/2 Showcase of books 3:15pm- 3:45pm 7th March - World Book Day - Send in a plain white T-Shirt to decorate and bring in a favourite book. 11th -15th Science Week - Details to follow 13th March - Parents Evening 21st - 22nd March Year 2 Residential trip to Tattenhall 27th EYFS Stay and Play 28th Easter Lunch and Bunny Hop (Hospice of the Good Shepherd)
April	24th Guide Dog Day & Special Lunch
Мау	20th - 23rd The Great Outdoors -Details to follow
June	17th - 21st Arts Week-Details to follow 28th Sports Day & Picnic Lunch
July	4th July SuperHeroes Day-Details to follow (Claire House Hospice) 12th Festival of San Fermin- Wear Red / Yellow

## **E-SAFETY**

Please see below for an e-safety guide that we have been looking at in assemblies! Ask your children what they can remember!



## **ESAFETY** @SYTTON GREEN 🔉



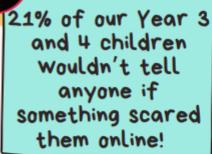
33% of our Year 5 and 6's talk to stangers online! 10% of them have arranged to meet them

50% of Ks1 believe that everyone tells the truth online



Miss Mooney's top tips!

- check your child's privacy settings on apps and devices.
- Discuss Who they can talk to if things are upsetting them.
- Be aware of age restrictions on apps!
- Review your child's location settings on their device.
- Check parent supervision tools on Instagram, WhatsApp and TikTok! discuss who they are talking Uto online and if they ar known person!



What are we doing in school?

- regular assemblies
- highlighting Esafety in weekly computing lessons
- bespoke Esafety lessons



## **SUBJECT NEWS**

Please see our website's <u>curriculum page</u> for more information.

#### **ENGLISH**

We have celebrated a range of special events in English this half term!

We welcomed a very special visitor - Helen - during Storytelling week. She was inspirational and helped us all with lots of ideas for telling our own stories.

Next half term we will celebrate World Book Day. All children are invited to bring in a plain white t-shirt and their favourite book!

We will be decorating the t-shirts throughout the day!

#### **MATHS**

Doodle Maths has well an truly taken over school this half term, children across all year groups have been working hard to earn as many doodle stars as possible. A special shout out to Sycamoore Class for earning the school doodle trophy 4 weeks in a row.

KS1 also had the maths 'RoadShow' from Liverpool University come in and teach the children fun ways to problem solve.

Next half term, we will be introducing Friday Fluency in each maths class to encourage children to retain all the learning they have.

Well done Mathematicians.

#### **HISTORY**

We've been really busy in school this half term learning all about the industrial revolution and its impact on Britain. We have been learning about canals and Thomas Telford and the amazing bridges, aqueducts and canals he built. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about canals and their importance and contribution to the industrial revolution. Year 5 and 6 went to Quarry Bank Mill and learnt about children working in the mills and the dangers. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to our school.

#### SCIENCE

I had the pleasure of looking at Science books and talking to the children about their lessons during the last week of term...wow! There has been some fantastic learning going on and it seems that we have a lot of budding Scientists here at Sutton Green! The children have been so lucky to have amazing hands-on experiences both in and out of school, including a trip to Xplore! and our very own planetarium in the school hall! I'm pleased to say that, after lots of interest, Mad Science will be running two afterschool clubs next half term. Clubs will take place on Wednesday's and will begin on Wednesday 28th February 3.15 - 4.15.

#### **ART & DESIGN**

Using the Kapow scheme of working, all year groups have amazed us with the quality of their art projects this half term, well done! Thank you also to everyone who ordered a product from Cauliflower Christmas designs, we raised a massive £321 which will go towards art projects in the future. We were also very impressed with the standard of entries for the Redrow Design a Christmas Card competition. Well done to Rosie who was our Sutton Green overall winner, winning a £50 Smyths Toy Store voucher.

#### **SPANISH**

We have continued to learn lots of new Spanish words and phrases this half term.

In Year 1/2, the children have been learning how to say the seasons in Spanish. In Year 3/4, the children have been learning how to say sentences 'I know how to...' and 'i don't know how to...'

In Year 5/6, the children have been learning all about the Solar System in Spanish.

Why not ask your child/ren to teach you the words and phrases they have been learning?

#### **PSHE**

We have continued to learn about different family types, respect for different cultures and welcoming everyone into Sutton Green. This term our focus is living in the Wider World. Pupils learn about the E-Economic. E-Safety and the World Wide Web.

Our No Outsiders project is helping us to understand differences through stories and poetry. Each half term we share and then discuss a picture book. Ask your child about the story their class has read this half term.