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In science, Class 1 made wind socks to measure wind strength and direction. Wind socks are a hands-on way to teach children about weather and wind patterns. Making them helps children understand:

- Wind direction: The sock points in the direction the wind is blowing toward
 - Wind speed: The angle of the sock indicates strength (horizontal = strong, drooping = light)

This activity combines science learning with craft skills, making it engaging for classroom settings.

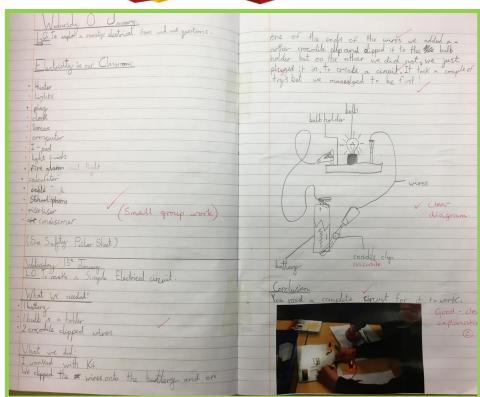


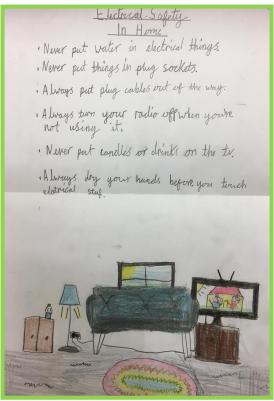
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Students in Class 2 have been exploring the fascinating world of electrical circuits. During hands-on sessions, they learned to construct simple circuits using batteries, wires and bulbs. The children demonstrated their understanding of electrical safety by creating an informative poster highlighting key precautions when working with electricity. This engaging project combined practical science skills with important safety awareness.

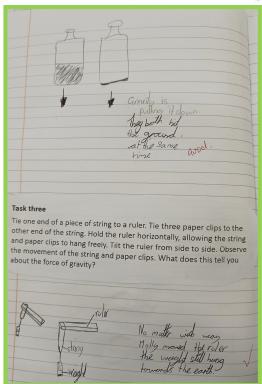
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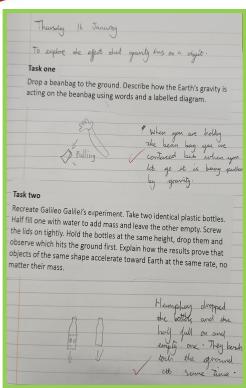


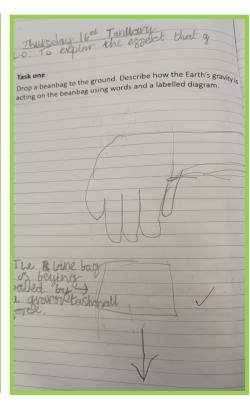
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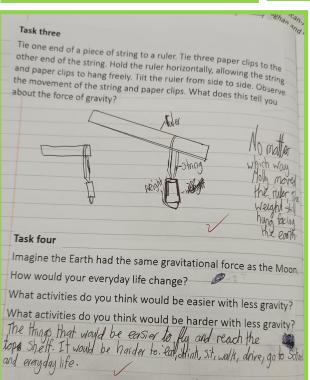
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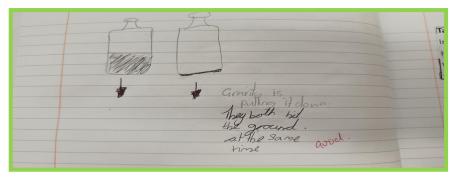








Ms. Winning's Class 3 children recreated Galileo's famous gravity experiment. Children dropped beanbags, full and empty bottles etc. containing different weights simultaneously, while their classmates recorded the landing times. Through this hands-on demonstration, children from Class 3 discovered that despite their varying weights, the balls hit the ground at the same time just as Galileo had shown centuries ago. The experiment sparked excited discussions about gravity and helped demystify one of physics' fundamental principles.





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Children in Class 1 have embraced the magic of poetry this week, exploring rhythm, rhyme and creative expression. Their collective creativity shone through as they crafted a heartwarming poem about winter. Their words painted vivid pictures of frost and cozy beds - showing just how beautifully they can express their thoughts through verse.

Winter

Bare trees, Total freeze.

Squelchy mud,

A líttle bít dud.

Freezing frost, Colours lost.

Let it snow, Let noses glow.

The sun has gone, It has shone.

Sleepy heads, in little beds.





By Class One



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New Football Kit Brings Pride to School Thanks to PTA's Generosity

Thanks to the remarkable efforts of our dedicated Parent-Teacher Association, our school football team is stepping onto the field with newfound confidence in their gleaming new kit. The pristine uniforms, featuring our school colours and emblem, have transformed our young athletes into a truly professional-looking squad.

The children's faces lit up with excitement when they first tried on the new kit. The perfect fit and high-quality material not only enhance their comfort during matches but also boost their team spirit. Each player now stands a little taller, knowing they can proudly represent our school at every competition.

This wonderful initiative would not have been possible without the tireless fundraising efforts of our PTA members. Their commitment to enriching our pupil's sporting experience demonstrates the strong sense of community that makes our school special. Through various events and the generous contributions of parents and local supporters, the PTA raised the funds needed to provide every team member with a complete new kit.



Stars of the Week!

congratulations to our Stars of the Week! These exceptional pupils have shown outstanding dedication, kindness and leadership across all year groups. Their positive attitudes and hard work inspire us all. Well done on your remarkable achievements! We are very proud of you!



Reader of the Week

Children at Ashdon have two additional opportunities to read to staff. This is in addition to their guided reading sessions as well as other reading opportunities in class. Ms. Winning and Mrs. Davies run these clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They had so many children that wanted to have additional reading sessions.

Here is the reader of the week:



Well done Reader of the Week! I award you a House Point for working hard on improving your reading!



Pawsome Reading

Our friendly school dog, Jaffle, is available during break times to listen to children read. Reading to a dog can help build confidence and make reading more enjoyable! If your child would like to spend some break time reading with Jaffle, please remind them to speak to their teacher to sign up to his timetable. Not everyone will have the opportunity to read to him every week, but we will try our best to fit children in to see him often.

Well done to the Pawsome Reader of the week! You deserve a certificate and a house point to show you that I (Jaffle) am proud of you!



Important News and Information:

- Friday 31st January @ 09:15 Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 5th February Road Safety Training for Reception Children
- Wednesday 5th February Road Safety Training for Class 3
- Friday 7th February @ 09:15 Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 11th February Parent Consultation Meetings Day 1
- Thursday 13th February Parent Consultation Meetings Day 2
- Parents Evening appointments for 11th and 13th February will be bookable via your Scopay accounts from 7:00pm on Wednesday 29th January.
- Thursday 13th February End of Spring Term 1
- Friday 14th February Staff Inset Day
- Monday 24th February First Day of Spring Term 2