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Year 6

Summer Term 2025

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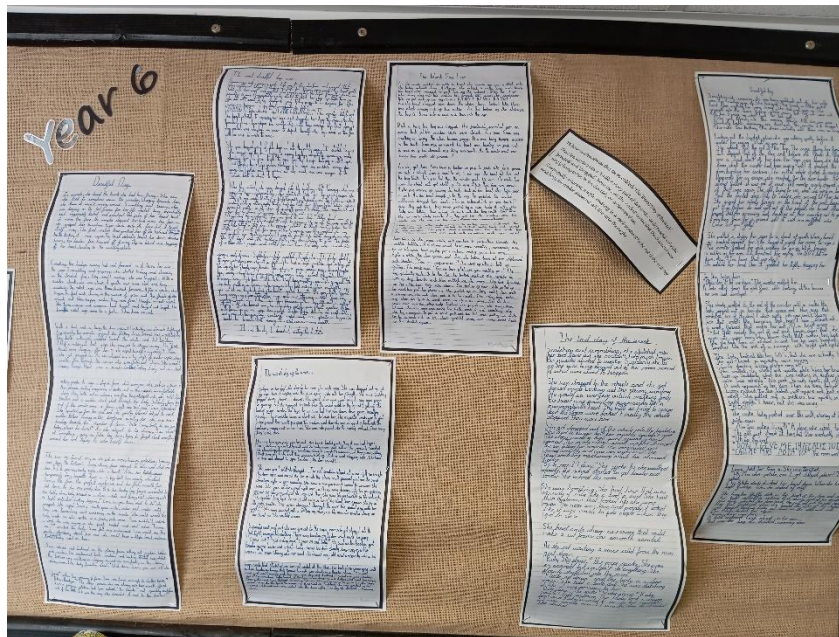
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English

The first half of this term involved plenty of revision of grammar, spelling and punctuation as well as practicing answering questions in reading comprehensions, all in preparation for the children's SATs.



This term the children wrote and edited stories about someone having a really day day, when in actual fact, they were doing something harmless like having a ballet class. The children had to keep their writing formal, detailed and include different sentence structures.

Y6 were also inspired by an animation to write thoughtful, first person narratives. The animation was called 'The Astronomer's Sun'. This is the story of a bear and a man who visited an abandoned observatory in the middle of the night.



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The astronomer's sun

The observatory stood alone on the windswept cliff. Its domed roof formed a striking silhouette against the midnight sky. There was a strange tension in the air. As Henry arrived at the old raggedy house he noticed how much it had changed since it was a place of bad memories.

Following a few steps behind him was his old beaten up teddy bear. Urging him to enter, the bear looked unsure whether to go in or stay outside. As the beckoning doors screeched open, a cold breeze swirled around them. A million little specks of dust appeared to dance in the air. Henry looked nervous as this was his first time visiting the raggedy building in decades. He had dressed all fancy for the special occasion. It was supposed to give

him confidence but it wasn't successful. Clutching hold of the bear's hand, Henry took a breath and entered.

All around him were concrete walls covered in graffiti and scraps of paper covered in peculiar symbols. Rusty metal pipes shot up from the floor up to the roof. There was the sound of a ticking clock coming from the far corner. As Henry was about to explore further he noticed a sudden tap on his shoulder. The bear's eyes told him he needed him. Searching in his pocket, Henry found the key needed to wind him-up.

Every few minutes, Henry looked at his watch. What was he waiting for? The bear wondered. Slowly Henry cast his eye over an object that was very familiar to him. It struck terror into his soul. The chest was painted red and was slightly open. Instantly,

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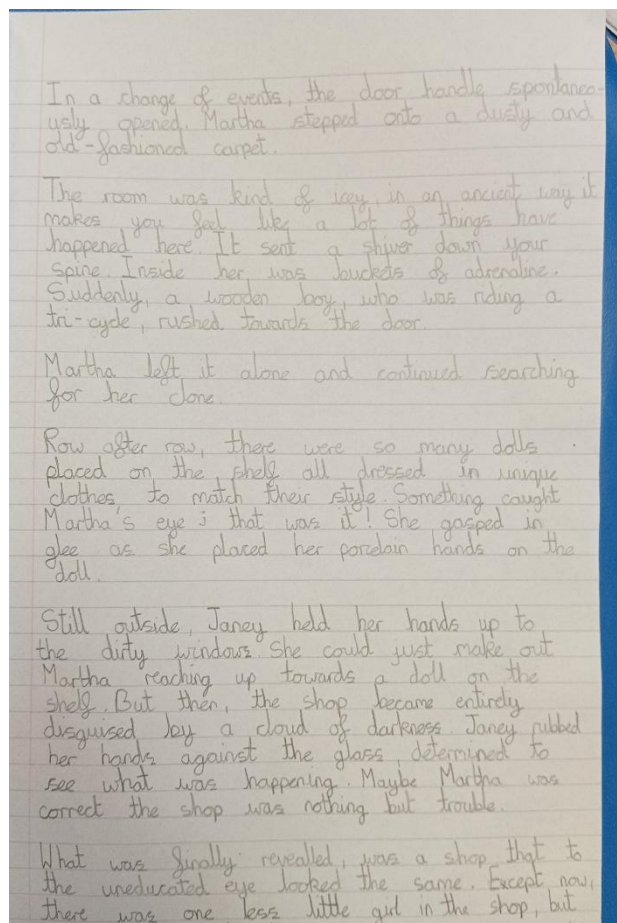
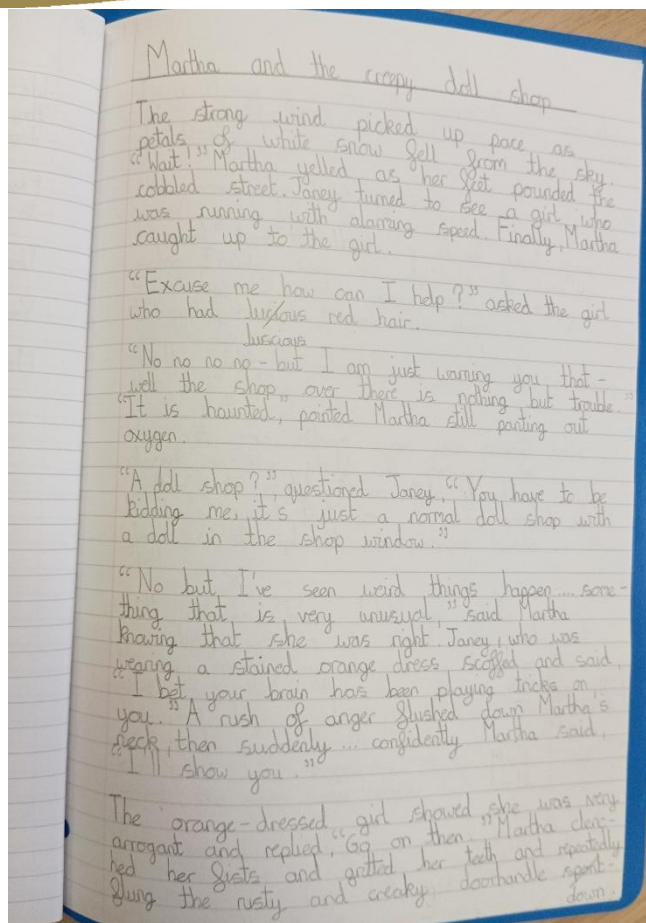
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The class enjoyed the book 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow. It is a story of a boy in Y6 who has to cope with his brother being ill. It is written as a series of poems and had some very emotional parts.



The class enjoyed a drama workshop with Mr Bowman based on WW2.



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Reading with our Reception Class buddies



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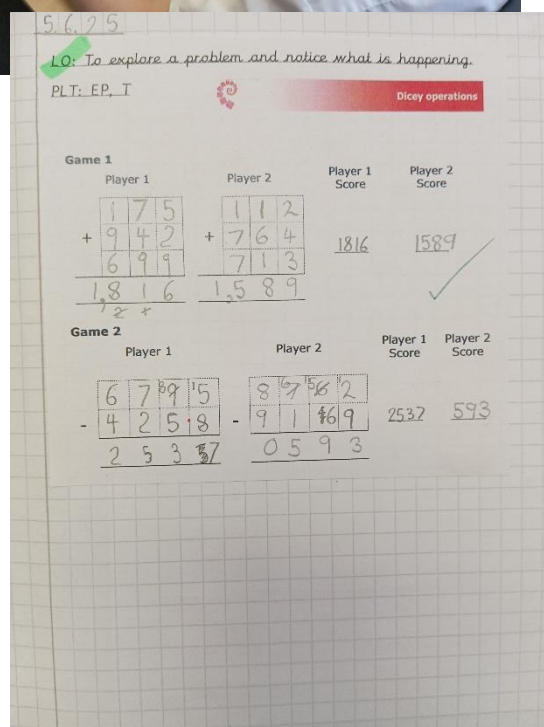
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Maths

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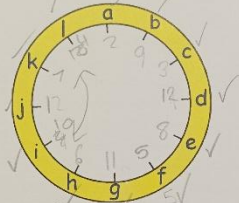


LO: To find a definite answer to solve a problem.

The Mixed-up Clock

There is a clock-face where the numbers have become all mixed up. Can you find out where all the numbers have got to from the ten statements below?

Here is a clock-face with letters to mark the position of the numbers so that the statements are easier to read and to follow.



1. No even number is between two odd numbers.
2. No consecutive numbers are next to each other.
3. The numbers on the vertical axis (a) and (g) add to 13.
4. The numbers on the horizontal axis (d) and (j) also add to 13.
5. The first set of 6 numbers [(a) - (f)] add to the same total as the second set of 6 numbers [(g) - (j)].
6. The number at position (f) is in the correct position on the clock-face.
7. The number at position (d) is double the number at position (h).
8. There is a difference of 6 between the number at position (g) and the number preceding it (f).
9. The number at position (j) is twice the top number (a), one third of the number at position (d) and half of the number at position (e).
10. The number at position (d) is 4 times one of the numbers adjacent (next) to it.

LO: To explore strategy


Dotty Six

Here's a game to play with a friend, a 3 by 3 grid and a six-sided die.

It's your turn to throw a die, then draw that many dots in one of the boxes on the grid. You can't split them up and a box can't contain more than six dots.

The person who completes a line of three dots wins!

You need a partner, a 16 dice and a grid like this:




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Mystery Matrix

Can you fill in the multiplication square?

The numbers 2 to 12 were used to generate it, with exactly one number used twice.



| x | 8 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 9 |
|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 4 | 32 | 20 | 8 | 40 | 28 | 36 |
| 7 | 56 | 35 | 14 | 70 | 49 | 63 |
| 11 | 88 | 55 | 22 | 110 | 77 | 99 |
| 3 | 24 | 15 | 6 | 30 | 21 | 27 |
| 12 | 96 | 60 | 24 | 120 | 84 | 108 |
| 6 | 48 | 30 | 12 | 60 | 42 | 54 |

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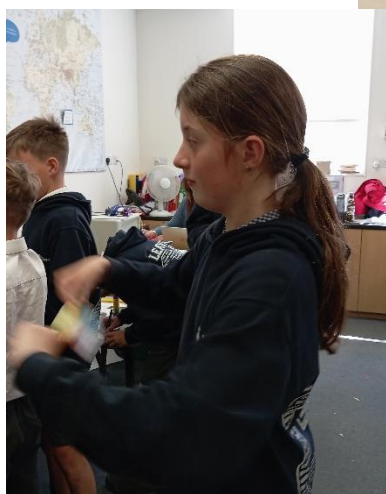
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Science

The children have learnt how light travels and created colour spinners to show the full visible spectrum and to learn that light is in fact white.



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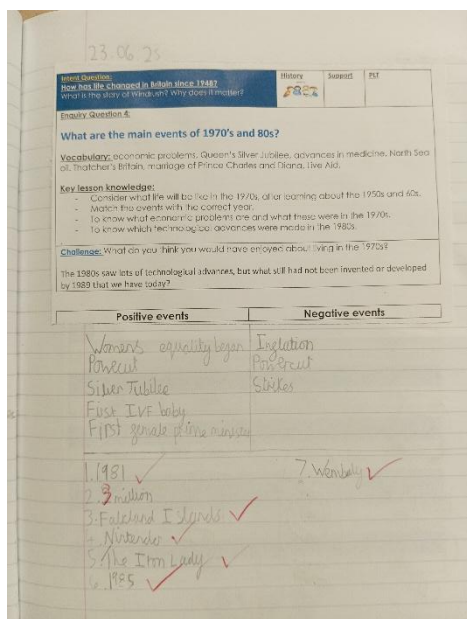
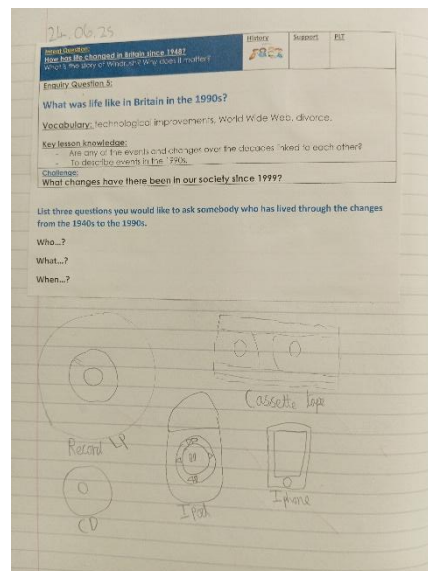
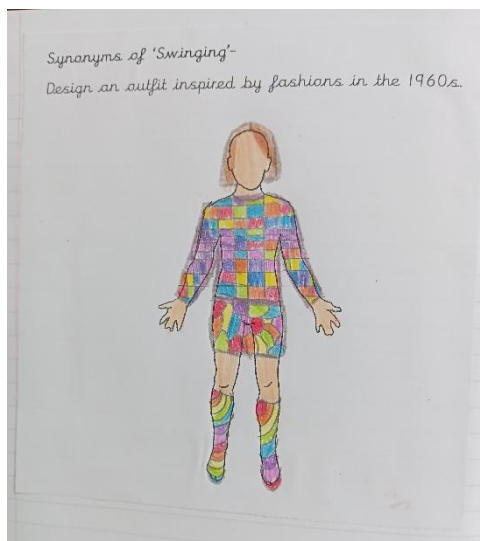
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History

Life in Britain since 1948

This final unit of work saw the children bringing their historical knowledge right up to the 21st Century. The children looked at themes, such as how work, food, music and the lives of women have changed,



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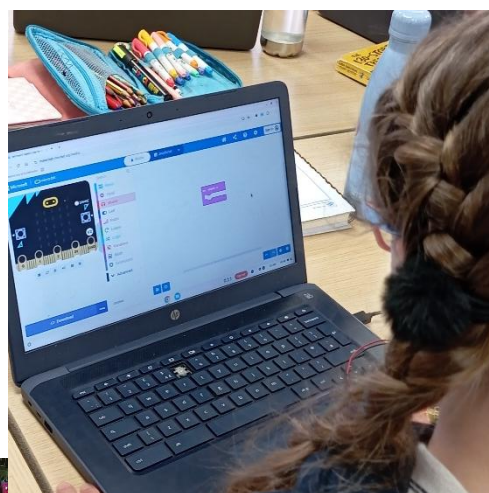
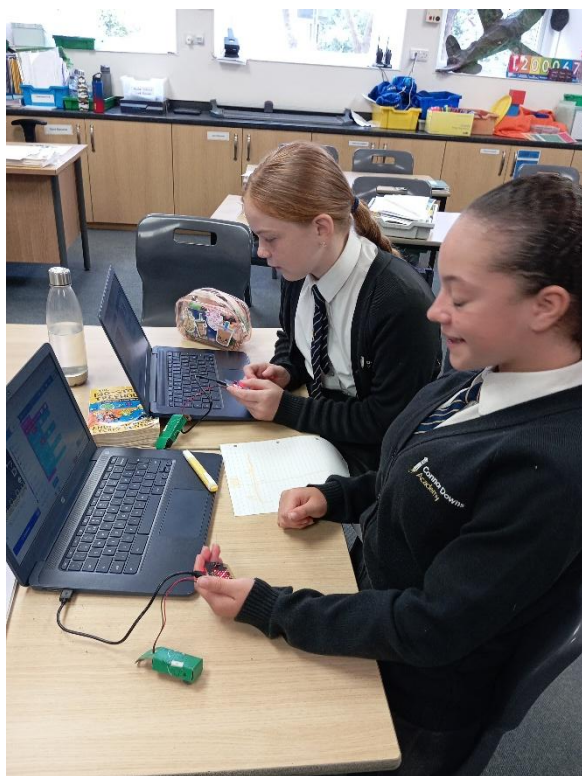
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Computing

The children completed a unit of work learning how to use spreadsheets. They planned their own parties and used formulae to calculate totals. They then learned how to program Micro:bit computers to show flashlight sequences and to play games.



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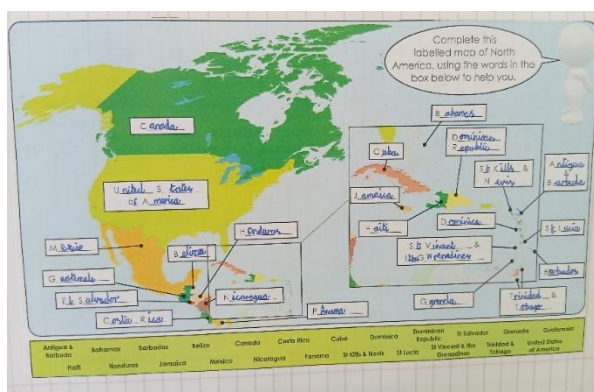
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Geography

The children explored North America this term. They took part in solving cryptic clues to identify countries and labelled maps. They also researched tourist attractions in North America and discovered what time zones are and how they are calculated.



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PE

Y6 enjoyed a surfing lesson at Gwithian beach this term which built on their skills and water confidence from Y5.



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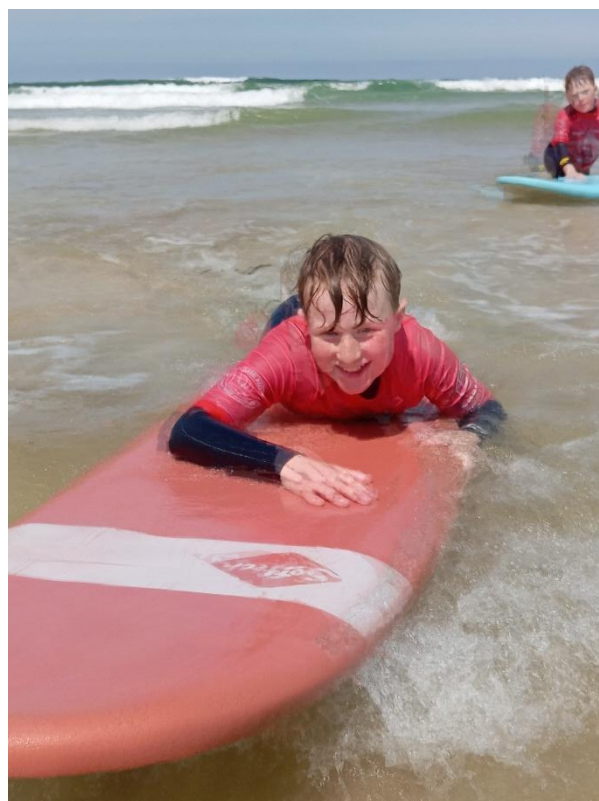
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Cricket and athletics PE lessons.



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Cornish Pirates Rugby Event



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Cricket

The Y5/6 outdoor hardball cricket team had superb success making it to the country championships! Well done boys for your magnificent 2nd place!



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Sport's Day



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DT

The children designed and made their own healthy burgers. They chopped the ingredients, combined them and then shaped them into tasty burgers. They were delicious!



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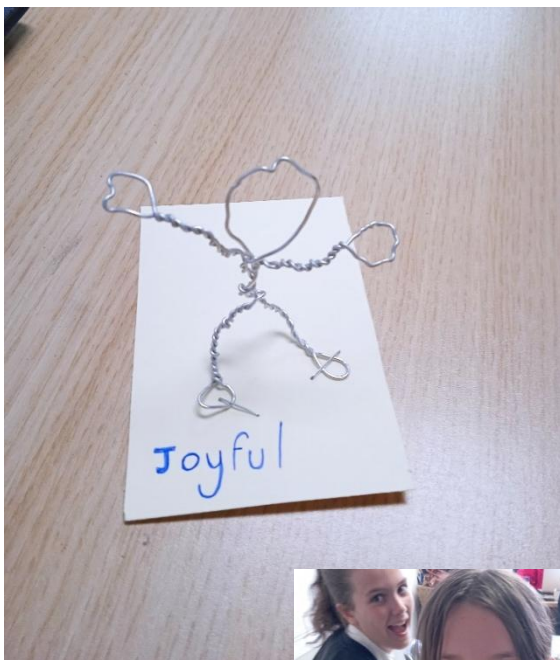
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Art

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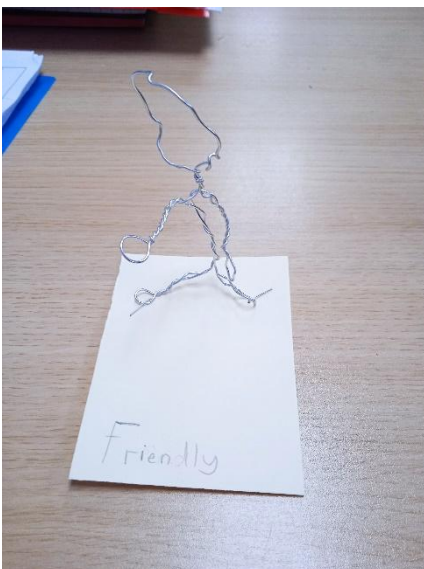
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Falmouth University Arts Week

At the beginning of July, we were lucky enough to be invited by Falmouth University to take part in a film making project. The children learned about all the many careers open to them in this industry such as script writing, directing and lighting engineering. On the last day, we visited the Penryn Campus where we had a tour of the studios and were presented with our certificates. The pupils were also treated to a pizza party!



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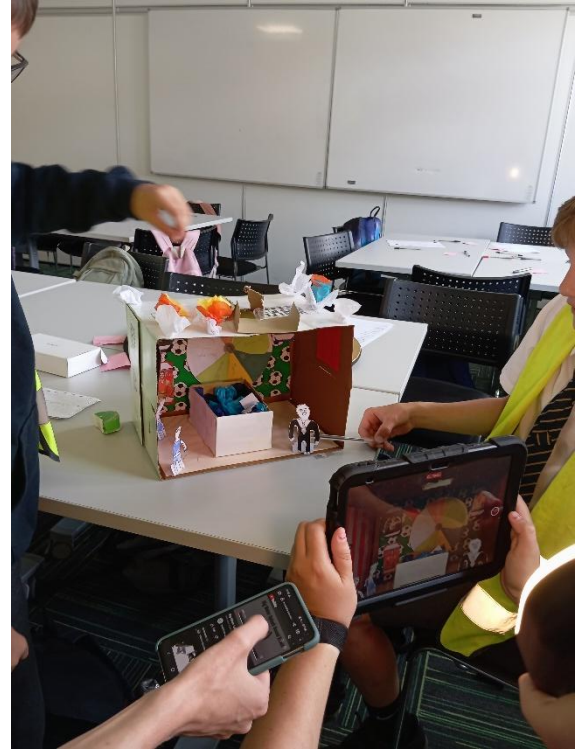
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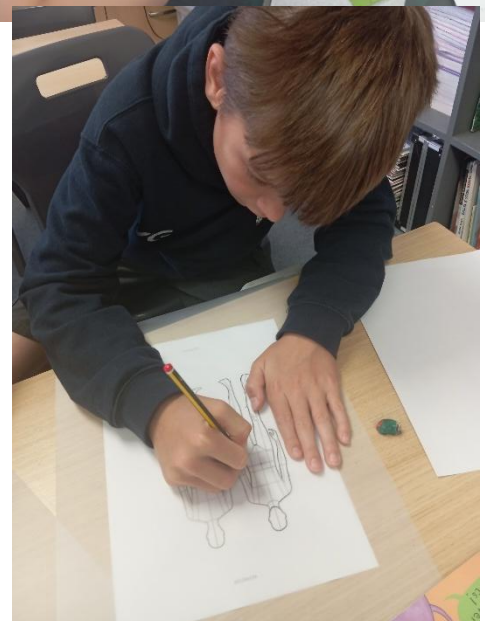
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Y6's flower bed is looking beautiful this term!
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PSHE

Our weekly SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) programme, has focused on Staying Safe, which included learning first aid and understanding what risks are and how we can reduce them. Y6 have also been learning about *Changes and Relationships*.

The pupils have also completed work to help them think about their transition to secondary school.



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Healthy Cornwall

In June, Y6 were visited by Sadie and Kate from Healthy Cornwall. The children had the chance to sample healthy foods which they may not have tried before. They also learnt about how our food choices affect our blood sugar, which in turn affects our mood and concentration. The children learnt about energy drinks and about the dangers of smoking and vaping. It was a really engaging, interactive workshop which will help ensure the children make informed choices about looking after their body and mind. Thank you Healthy Cornwall!



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Thank you to Mrs Sleeman for our
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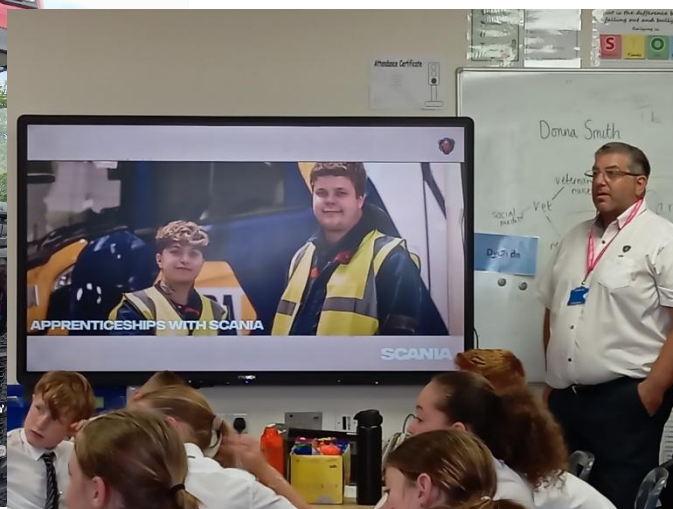
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Career's Day

We welcomed a huge SCANIA truck onto the carpark and enjoyed a talk with the Depo Manager, Jim and Technical engineer, Kevin who explained to the children about the exciting apprenticeships SCANIA offers.



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We were also visited by professional athlete Donna Smith, who is the captain for the Welsh hockey team. She had just returned last week from the Hockey Masters Competition in Spain where she secured a silver medal. Donna was happy to answer lots of questions the children had about hockey and her career in marketing working for Chelsea FC and a soft drinks manufacturer. Thank you Donna for inspiring us!



We were also visited by Miss Medcalf who talked about her previous career as a professional footballer playing for England. She brought to life how the values of sport: including teamwork, punctuality, dedication and kindness are all crucial as well as raw skills.

Next time you see her in the playground ask her to show you some of her skills!

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Y6 School Camp

Y6 spent a lovely evening on the beach and then returned to school to camp in the tents on the field. What a special time we had!



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St Michael's Mount

As an end of term, Y6 visited St Michael's Mount for the day. They walked across the causeway in the morning, before visiting the castle and enjoying the surroundings. We returned in the afternoon via the boat. What a lovely day it was- made all the better by stunning weather and an ice-cream!



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