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Year 3

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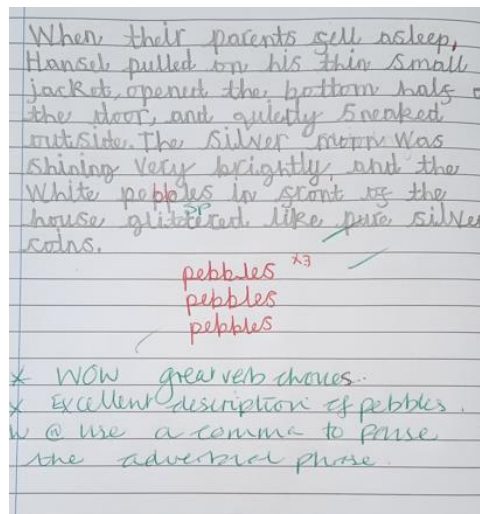
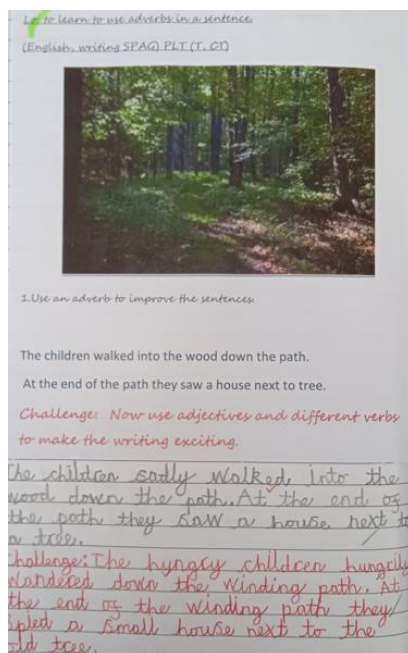
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English

Year 3 began the spring term, reading extracts from our class reading book, Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne. We looked at the grammar of the words the author used such as adjectives, exciting verbs and prepositions before writing our own descriptive paragraph.



Through reading comprehension linked to Geography the children have learned about the workings of earthquakes, volcanoes and how fossils are formed. It has been great to see the children learning and using new vocabulary such as magma chamber, vent and tectonic plates in their answers.



Later, the children looked at the features of non-chronological reports about volcanoes around the world. They learned how the writing is organised into paragraphs with headings and subheadings before planning and writing their own report to explain how a volcano erupts.

Continuing the theme of volcanoes, the children wrote exciting kenning poems about volcanoes using the pattern of noun verb, noun verb on each line.

We were thrilled when Cornish poet: Sally Crabtree came to work with us. The children were really interested to learn how she made and wrote her own books to send to the publisher.

They enjoyed listening to her poems and joining in with her songs.





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The children were inspired by Sally to create and write in their own word books about friendship before learning how to write their word collections in a cinquain poem .



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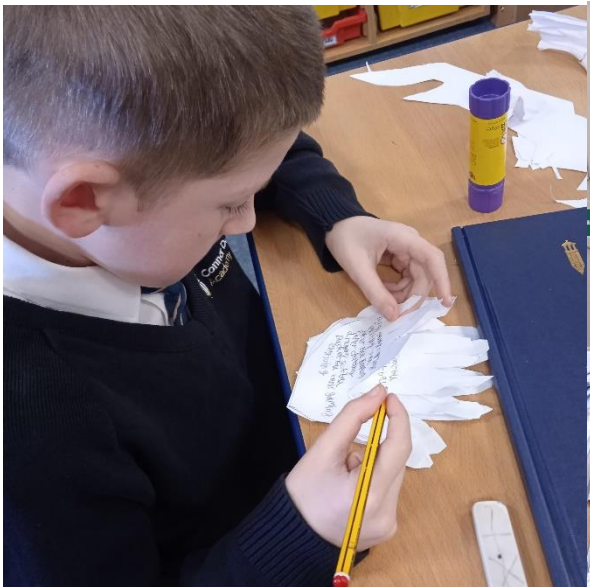




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The children have also learned how to use a marking ladder to help them retell the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur.

The children learned to write paragraphs in chronological order including exciting adjectives, verbs and adverbs to add interest to their writing and speech.

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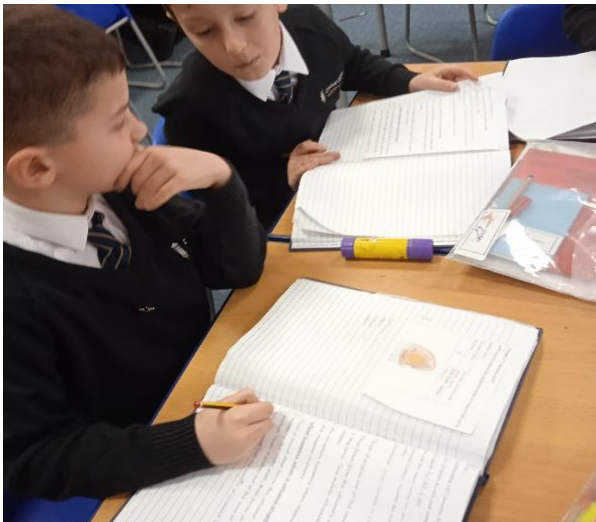
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Once their writing is completed the children have begun to mark and improve their written work using a marking ladder . Year 3 really enjoy working together to use dictionaries to edit spellings and find the meaning of words. Teamwork skills are always needed to work with a partner and suggest improvements to each other's writing.



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Maths

In Maths the children have continued to develop their skill and confidence working with number facts in Spiral Maths in the morning.

Year 3 are keen to practice in their times tables books. Our chanting of times tables out loud is making a difference to the children's quick recall of facts. Our focus has been on the 3, 4 and 8 times table.



Our main maths focus this term, was to learn how to use real life arrays to multiply and divide.

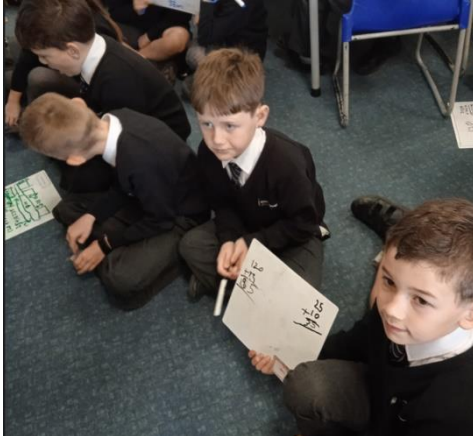
The children then used this knowledge to multiply a two digit by a one-digit number using the expanded method.



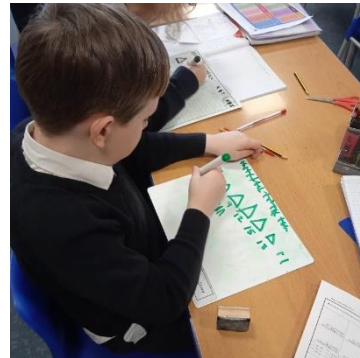
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The maths theme then linked to dividing 2 - digit numbers by a 1- digit number. using partition into hundreds, tens and ones.



Later in the term, year 3 learned how to measure and compare lengths. They have converted centimetres into metres and millimetres and learned how to find the perimeter of 3d shapes such as rectangles and squares.

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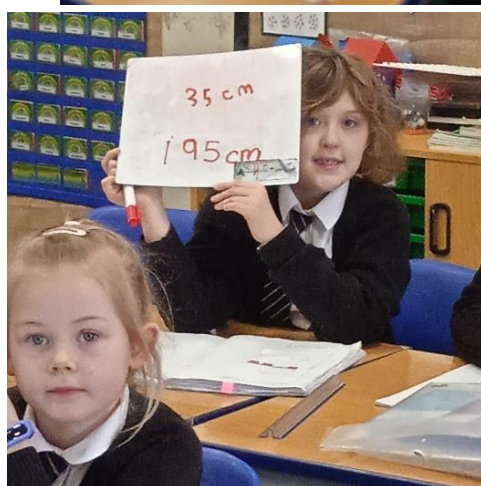
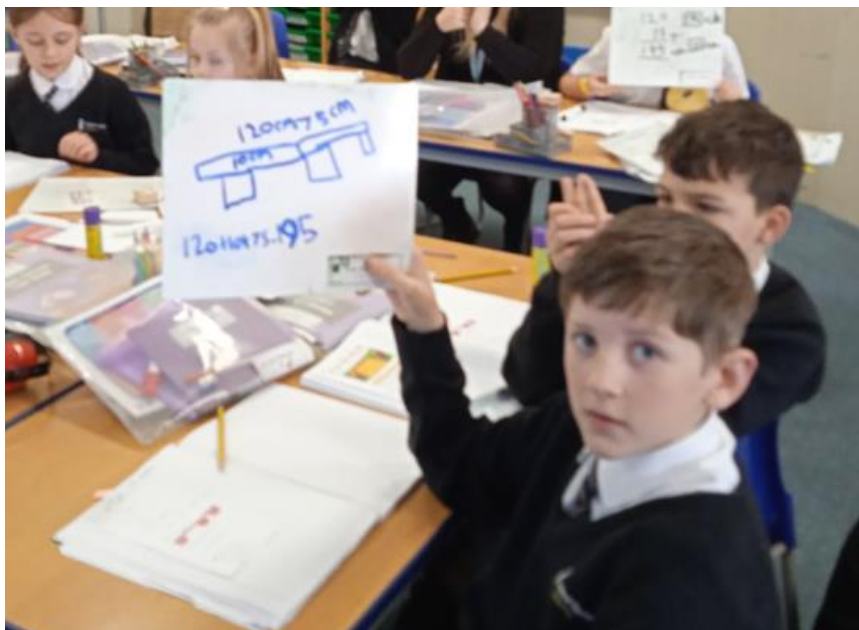




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Science



In Science year 3 began the spring term organising an investigation how plants grow.

They worked together in teams to plan beans and observe as the shoots and roots began to appear. We learnt about the different functions of a plant and how it uses chlorophyll to turn air and sunlight into food.

Linked to Geography the children have learned about rocks and minerals. They have observed and learned the names of different kinds of rocks such as flint, granite, slate, and obsidian. We learnt how to sort them into metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary. Later in the term the children learned about fossils and how they are formed.

During British Science Week the children took part in an investigation to see if water could travel. There was great excitement as the children observed the coloured water moving and changing each minute.

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R.E

In Religious education year 3 learned about the People of God in the Christian religion. They have looked at the bible and how it is separated in to the Old and New Testament. The children have learned how Jesus is represented in the bible.

We were very pleased to visit our community church at Phillack to support the children's learning about places of worship,

Mrs Annette Claridge, a minister at the church explained to the children about the history of the church and the key features. The children were excited to explore the church to find the font, lectern altar and admire the stained-glass windows.





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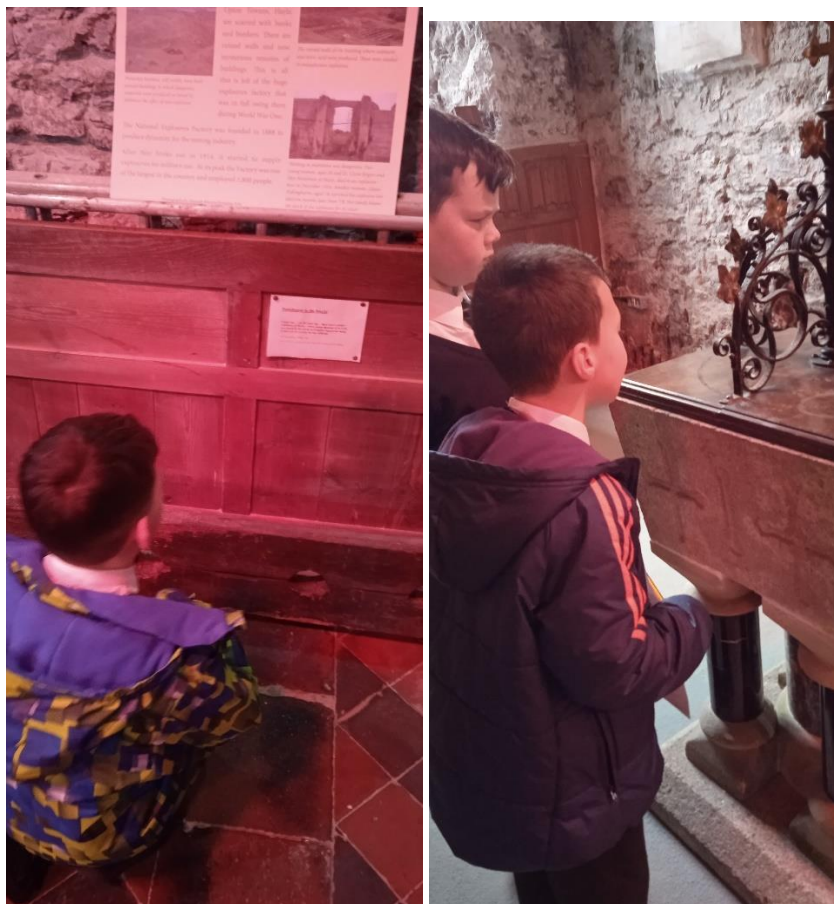




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Computing

On Internet Safety Day, the children learned how to keep safe on the internet at school and also at home through reading comprehension. It was great to see the knowledge the children had about age-appropriate games.

Each week, Mr Foulds works with children to develop their skills using the chrome book keyboards. This term they have learned to use the scratch program linked to sequences in music.

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Geography

Geography has been a strong theme this term. Year 3 have shown enthusiasm for learning about volcanoes and earthquakes around the world.

The children drew diagrams of a cross section of a volcano and also the different types. For example; shield composite and dome. They have learned about the Ring of Fire and were excited to mark on a flat map where the volcanoes were located and find the nearest volcano to England.



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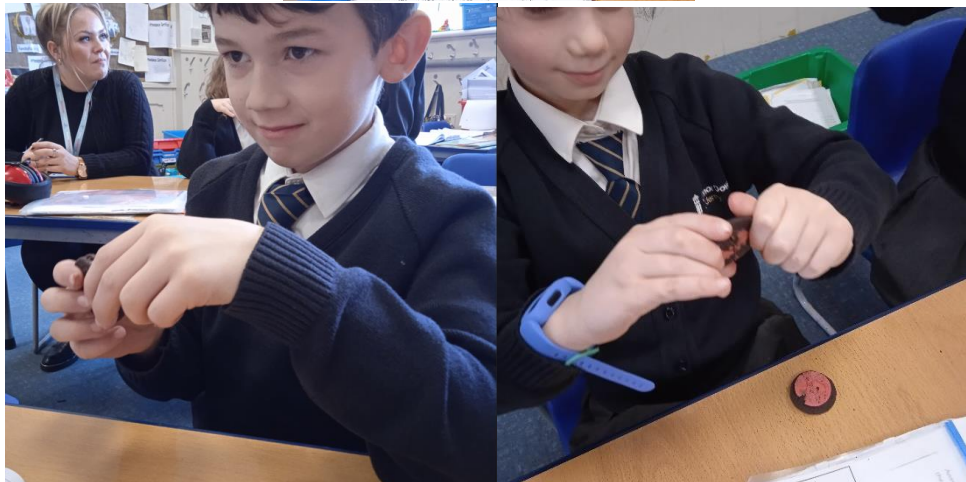


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Of course the children were keen to learn about tectonic plates using Oreo biscuits to understand how the tectonic plates were divergent, convergent and transform.



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History

The children have shown enthusiasm for learning the Roman invasion of Britain, They have learnt how the Roman soldiers-built roads to enable them to move about Britain, it was interesting to learn that there are Roman roads still in existence such as the Fosse way.



It was great fun marching as the Roman legions did in square and pigs head formation.

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Martin Luther King Day was an important event in History and also for year 3.

In our history lesson the children learnt how Martin Luther King campaigned against racism and segregation.

It was a great moment to see the year 3 children, speaking in KS2 assembly. They discussed the concept of fairness in our school community and how we aim to ensure that everyone has the same opportunities to play and work together.

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P.E has continued to be a highlight in year 3, as the class explored movement using the gym equipment. It was brilliant to see their teamwork, confidence and skill as they balanced in symmetrical shapes.



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International Women's Day was celebrated with our girls enjoying a football skill session on the school field. It was great to hear the buzz as they returned to explain their new skills.



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Coastline Athletics games morning was also a great event, with the children developing their coordination, team work and cooperation skills.



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We were proud of the children who represented year 3 at the Mounts Bay Academy games event recently.

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Art and Design

Year 3 children and staff were thrilled to learn that 4 paintings by Leo, Tegen, Charlie and Isabella had won the chance to be exhibited at the Penlee Inspired exhibition at Penlee Museum and Gallery .

To our great surprise Charlie's watercolour had earned first prize in the under 12's category. It is amazing to see the 4 children's paintings hanging alongside the original Newlyn School painting; ' School is Out' by Elizabeth Forbes which was the inspiration for the children's work.



Linked to our work on famous buildings and architects the children sketched the interior of Phillack Church, looking at the archways, carvings and stained -glass window.

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It was fantastic to see year 3 children busy sketching in the whole school Art Assembly.



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Design Technology

Our Design Technology project this term was looking at pop up books. We evaluated different models of pop-up books before making our own using the concertina, pop out and window mechanisms. It was great to see the children's character education shining through with resilience, teamwork and persistence in making their own pop-up pages.

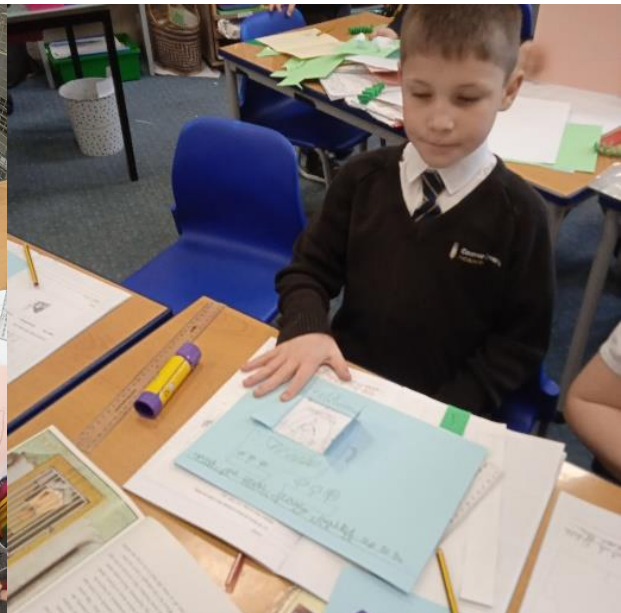
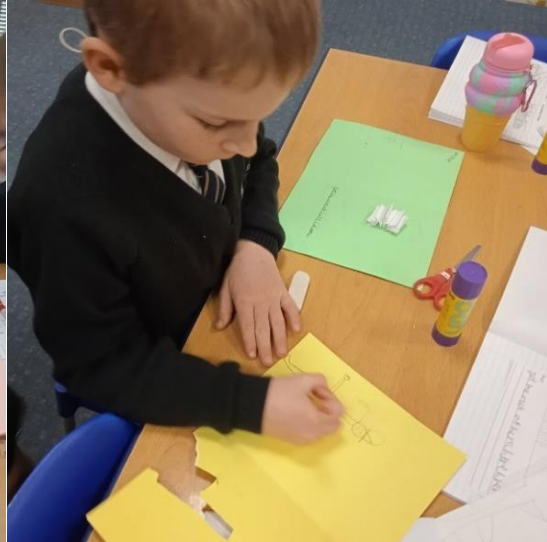




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PSHE

In PHSE Scarf lessons this spring the focus for the children has been keeping safe, naming their emotions and to how to share kindness and respect with our friendships.



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Music

Year 3 have listened to music composed by Bach and Mozart as they work in class . They had great fun with Mr. Foulds, learning to sing the contemporary song; Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. It was even more exciting playing the glockenspiels to accompany the Three Little Birds tune.





Modern Foreign Languages

In French lessons, the children have had great fun speaking the vocabulary with our resource; Rigoletto.

The children have learnt to pronounce the names of class objects and colours. It was lovely to see the children singing and playing head shoulders knees and toes in French.

