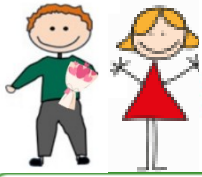
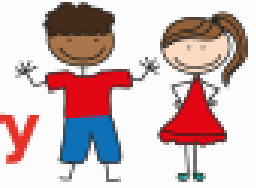


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**Holmesdale Community
Infant School and Nursery**



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February



TAKE A PEEK

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day

Mon 10th March - Science Week

Tues 18th March – Open Doors

Thurs 20th March – Open Doors

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief & iRock Concert

Monday 24th March – Book Fair

Tues 25th March - Yr 1 trip Hever Castle

Wed 26th March – Yr 1 trip Hever Castle



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families

February has been a fantastic month at our school, filled with exciting activities and valuable learning experiences!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Samuel for leading Children's Mental Health Week. The children took part in a variety of workshops and activities that helped them explore and understand their feelings, supported by our wonderful volunteers.

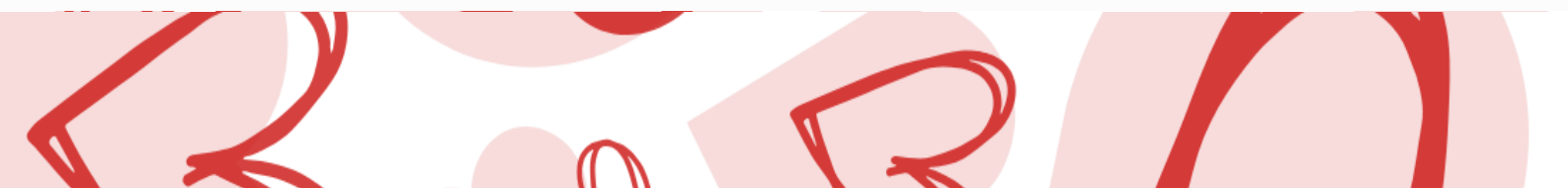
Alongside this, the school was buzzing with engaging events, including a fantastic Victorian Day, Paul Cezanne-inspired artwork, storytelling, and even some delicious pizza-making!

A special thanks also to Mrs. Hughes for her work on internet safety, providing valuable resources to help children in staying safe online.

We appreciate the dedication of our amazing staff, supportive families, and enthusiastic children who made this month so special. Thank you all, and we look forward to many more memorable moments ahead.

With best wishes

S. Mullarkey



Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

3-9
FEB
2025



The theme for Feeling Good Week was **'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'**. During the week we explored the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.



At school, we use the story 'The Colour Monster' to support children with identifying their emotions. We talk about making 'Marvellous Mistakes' and how we can 'bounce back' so that the children are able to develop their resilience.

On Friday, the children enjoyed wearing clothes that made them feel happy.



Reception enjoyed taking part in mindfulness workshops.



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Mrs Claire Hill organised nature appreciation workshops. The children were transported when she read an extract from 'The Secret Garden' and enjoyed imagining their own gardens. They also planted seeds and enjoyed a spot of tree hugging.

Throughout the week the children practised mindful movements based on Pilates.

At the end of the week, we had a 'Terrific Trios' session – an opportunity for the children to spend time with their peers from other year groups – and the children practised their movements together.

Year One enjoyed a fantastic strengths-based mindfulness workshop, incorporating movement and music.



A huge thank you to all the fabulous volunteers who ran workshops!

Celebrating Eco Achievements

We know that our children are passionate about looking after the environment, and we would like to encourage them to care for the natural world around them. If your child has done any eco related activities such as litter picking, growing their own fruit or vegetables or building a bug hotel at home, we would love to hear about them and celebrate their achievements in the newsletter. Please email a picture and details of your child's green efforts

to: eco.school@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk

There are a few litter pickers available to borrow from the office.

Plastic Bottle Lid Recycling



Holmesdale is participating in the SchoolCycled initiative which is designed to educate the children about recycling by turning plastic bottle lids into equipment for the playground. Our Eco Club has been busy sorting a huge amount of bottle lids which are ready to be recycled!

A special mention goes to **Hedgehogs class** for collecting an impressive amount of bottle lids – well done!

Please continue collecting as many **plastic** bottle lids as possible. For more details please visit:

<https://mygrouppltd.com/schoolcycled/>



INTERNET SAFETY

On the 11th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This is a national event celebrated in schools across the country and it is an opportunity to share all the fantastic things we can use the internet for, whilst also highlighting the important messages around safe internet use.



This year's theme was about protecting ourselves and others from online scams. We touched on this message during a whole school assembly and talked about the importance of telling a trusted adult if anything 'pops up' or you come across anything you are unsure of or that makes you worried when you are on the internet.



Children were also introduced to the NSPCC character 'Techosaurus'. Techosaurus introduces children to key messages to help them stay safe online;

Play and be kind

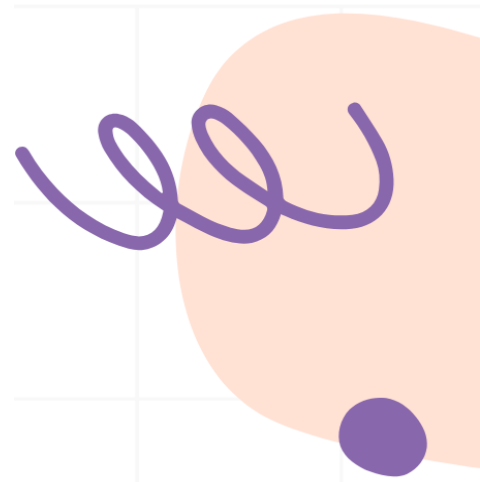
Protect your personal information

Ask a trusted grown up before you try something new online

Ask a trusted grown up if you are at all unsure about anything you see on the internet

Further information can be found at:

[Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)



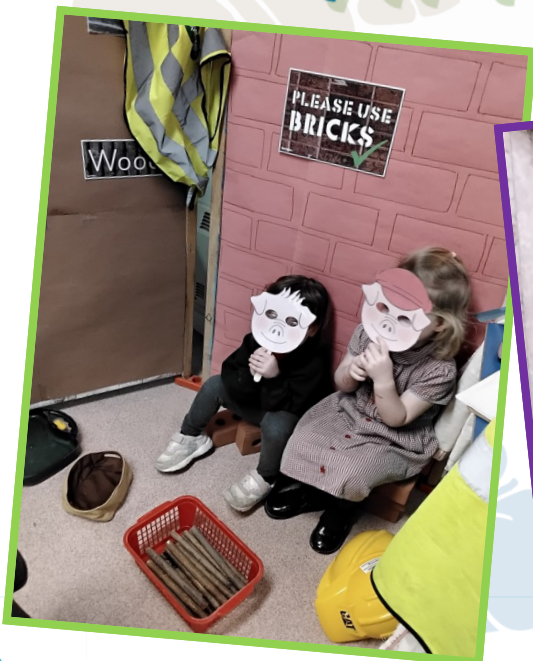
WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

This month we have had lots of fun exploring traditional tales. We have developed our vocabulary, creative skills, fine motor, speaking and listening skills.

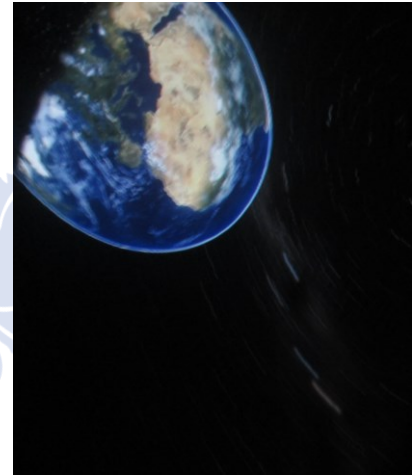


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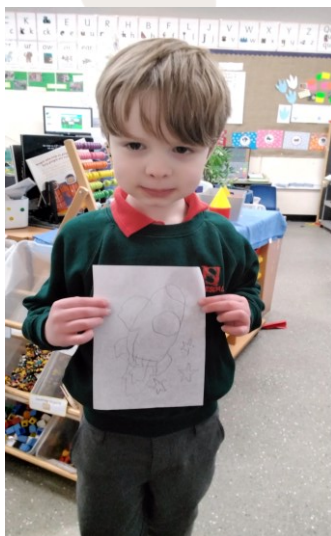
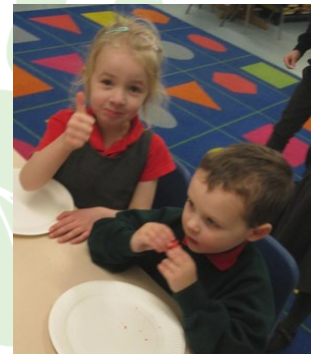
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This month we have been learning about space! We had a visit from the amazing space dome and got to explore the different planets.

The children had a blast comparing fresh fruit to the freeze-dried versions astronauts eat in space! It was a fun, hands-on way to explore how food is preserved for space travel.



Children showcased their creativity and fine motor skills by tracing space-themed images and using mixed media to craft vibrant Solar System artworks.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Year 1 has been learning about Queen Victoria and how schools have changed since the Victorian era. We travelled back in time to 1895 to experience what a school day might have been like during this time.



*Good, better, best
Never let it rest
Til your good is better
And your better, best*



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

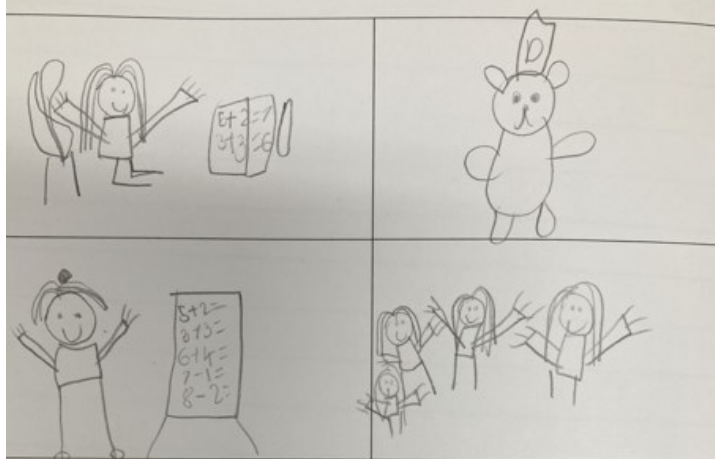


Eyes to the front

Sit up straight



VICTORIAN DAY



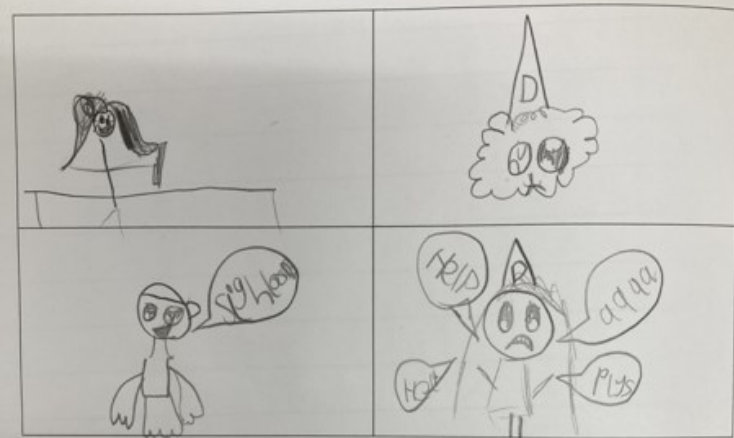
What did you most enjoy about our Victorian day?

I enjoyed doing Maths and handwriting because we used chalk.

What did you least like, or find unusual, about our Victorian day?

I didn't enjoy Playtime because we had to play separately.

VICTORIAN DAY

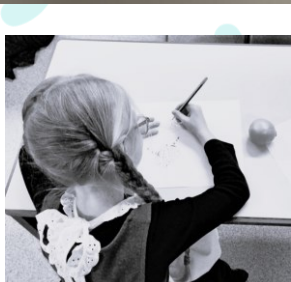


What did you most enjoy about our Victorian day?

I enjoyed Miss Bamyool being strict because strict is my favourite thing!

What did you least like, or find unusual, about our Victorian day?

I didn't enjoy playtime because girls and boys had to play separately and I was the sad boy because I like playtime.



There were many different rules!

Girls and boys sat separately, and we had to stand up when an adult entered the room.

WELCOME TO
YEAR 2 NEWS
HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 have been learning about feeling good and being healthy. We loved playing the Djembe Drums, practising 'call and response'.



We designed, made and tasted healthy pizzas. They were delicious! A big 'thank you' to the ladies in the kitchen who cooked them for us.



"this is my favourite pizza because it is the first pizza I designed myself"

"I was excited to make it"

"it was the best day ever!"

"it was fun making the dough with your hands"

WELCOME TO
YEAR 2 NEWS
HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We learnt about Paul Cezanne and created our own still life pictures in his style. Look at our fabulous artwork!



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►

Even though the weather is cold outside, don't forget to keep active! Maybe you could give these ideas a go.

1. Winter-Themed Obstacle Course

•**Activity:** Set up a simple obstacle course that mimics winter activities, like pretending to "ski" (sliding on socks), "snowball throw" (soft balls or beanbags), and "ice skating" (gliding across the floor).

•**Skills:** Balance, coordination, agility.

2. Snowball Toss (Indoor version)

•**Activity:** Create "snowballs" from crumpled paper and have kids throw them into different-sized bins or hoops placed at varying distances. You can make this a challenge by adding different point values depending on the target.

•**Skills:** Hand-eye coordination, throwing accuracy.



3. Winter Animal Yoga

•**Activity:** Lead the kids through simple yoga poses inspired by winter animals, such as "penguin pose" (squatting and balancing), "seal pose" (lying on the belly and lifting legs), or "snowman pose" (standing with arms wide).

•**Skills:** Flexibility, balance, relaxation.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Do you have a sporting achievement you'd like to share? Have you completed your first length of a pool, or learned to ride a bike? Send us a photo and a bit of text and we'll feature you in next month's newsletter.

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