



Altmore News



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Dear Children and Families,

What an amazing term it's been, seeing everyone so happy and safe back in school. You have all obviously enjoyed your learning very much: your work displayed around school, the discussions you have had with each other and the learning you have taken part in so enthusiastically together have all been EXCELLENT! I am very proud to be your Headteacher.

I'm sure, like me you want to say a huge "Thank you", to every member of staff for making such *special things* happen for you all. I hope you have a lovely break.

Sarah

Attendance Awards



Highest Class Attendance Week Ending 11.12.20

Our Target: 96%

Nursery – Blue Class am	93.3%
Reception – Class 2	97%
Year 1 – Class 10	98.3%
Year 2 – Class 14	97.2%

Nursery

With our return to Nursery we looked at a book called *The Worrysaurus* which focussed on the feeling of worrying and being anxious. The children decorated their own butterflies and the class got to see some real caterpillars which will soon transform into beautiful butterflies.



As a school we then started a whole school project and read the story 'The Dot.' This book encouraged children to make different marks and create their own dots. The children experimented with using different mark-making tools and mixing colours together to create new colours. We have also been learning 'The Dot' song with fun and exciting actions which we will perform next week wearing our brightly decorated t-shirts.



Reception

We have been very busy in Reception. We have been artists, scientists and great thinkers!

We had a special delivery of caterpillars to Reception this term. We have been fascinated watching them change and grow. We can't wait to see what happens next!



As part of the whole school project 'The Dot', Reception created some amazing pieces of artwork using many different techniques.

We became Scientists during 'Science week' and conducted lots of experiments focusing on colour. The children made predictions based on their previous knowledge and watched closely as changes occurred!



Year 1

The Dot

In Year 1 children have been taking part in a whole school project focussed around the story 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds. In English, children began by making predictions about the story, using the front cover and illustrations as clues. After reading the story, children created freeze frames of the characters from parts of the story, and thought about what the characters may be thinking or saying.



In Art, the children created their own dots in frames, just like Vashti in the story 'The Dot'. They also created pictures of dots using hot and cold colours, and placed them together to make big collaborative dots. Children visited a 'pop up' Art Gallery to see artwork by Kandinsky, and made some sketches of his work. They then created their very own abstract piece of art with concentric circles inspired by the work of Kandinsky.

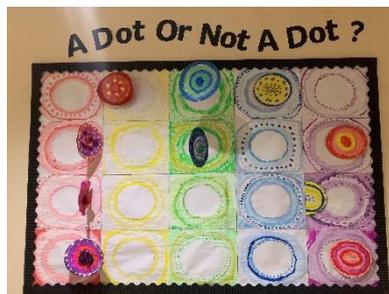
In Science, linked to our theme of colours and dots, children carried out science experiments to explore chromatography using coffee filters, and density through mixing oil and water with food colouring! They also learnt about how plants absorb water by placing cabbage leaves into coloured water and seeing how the water travels up the stems.



Year 2

The Dot

In Year 2 we have been reading the story 'The Dot' and researching the Artist Wassily Kandinsky. The children in Year 2 have been very busy researching the artist as well as producing some fantastic artwork linked to the story!



Grow Your Own Potatoes

This term, Year 2 are taking part in an exciting project called Grow Your Own Potatoes. This learning experience will allow the children to understand where potatoes come from, how they grow and their health benefits. On Tuesday 2nd March, children spent the afternoon planting the potatoes. Each week the children have been looking after the potatoes by making sure they have enough space, enough water and light in order to grow. They have also been making observations and predicting what they might see next week.



Other News & Events

Science Week

Skittles Experiment

This term the children have enjoyed celebrating Science Week as they took part in exciting experiments. These experiments have also allowed the children in Key Stage 1 to develop their working scientifically statements as they made predictions and observations.

The children in Key Stage 1 observed what happened when they added warm water to skittles.



Wax Resist Experiment

The children in Year 2 also used oil pastels to draw a picture and then used watercolours to paint their picture. This experiment allowed them to understand how waterproof materials work. They understood that oil pastels are made from wax. Wax is waterproof and therefore does not absorb water.



Altmore Art Gallery

As part of our whole school project linked to 'The Dot' story, the children have been learning about different artists. In Key Stage 1 they have been learning about Wassily Kandinsky and had the opportunity to go on a 'school visit' to an Art Gallery, which Charlotte kindly put together. The children put on their High-Vis jackets, had their clipboards at the ready and set off on a tour around the gallery. The Art Gallery displayed some of his famous work and the children had fun completing a worksheet all about Kandinsky. They enjoyed learning about the artist himself and learning about the materials he used to create his paintings and what inspired him to paint them. They also used 2D shapes to create their own artwork. As Educational Visits are not taking place at the moment, this was a great in-house experience, we hope to do many more experiences like this for the children!



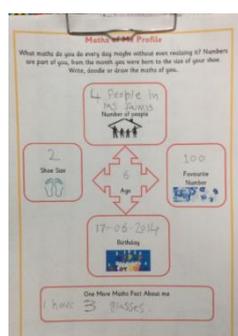
Maths Day

World Maths Day is a Worldwide celebration and provides children with an opportunity to engage in maths activities in a fun and exciting way.

This year all children participated during National Lockdown. Activities were planned to take place during our Screen Free Wednesday session, so all activities involved were practical.

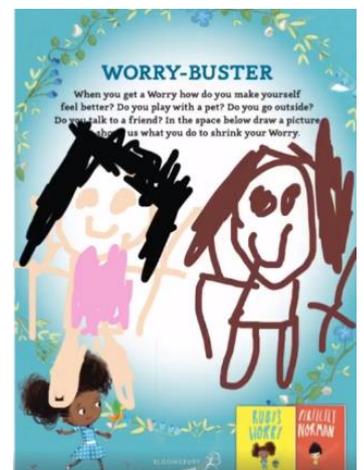
An assembly took place in the morning to remind children of the screen free afternoon and to talk about the activities and what they would like to take part in.

Thank you to everyone who took part.



World Book day

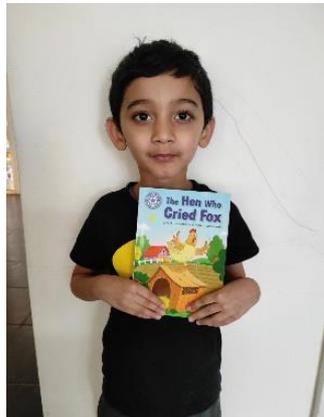
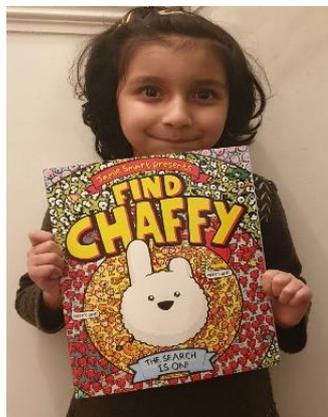
This year we celebrated World Book Day remotely. We listened to stories that encouraged the children to think about their worries and anxieties about returning to school. We also used some of the time to talk about living through a pandemic and the effects that it had on individual children. Here is some of the work the children completed.



London Children's Book Project

We were very lucky to be chosen by the London Children's Book to help them celebrate World Book day. The children were asked to send in a photo holding a book that is special to them. We had a huge response from children, receiving 142 photos. Photos can be viewed here: <https://we.tl/t-IP3tnuH13E>

Here are some examples of the children's photo entries:



Red Nose Day

On Friday 19 March 2021 children were asked to come to school dressed up as their favourite Superhero and were reminded that not all Superheroes wear capes!

Children were encouraged to come to school dressed as a Nurse, Doctor, Paramedic or Police Officer.

Thank you to everybody for kindly donating £1. We raised an amazing **£314**



Dates for your diary...

April	
1 st April	Last day of term
19 th April	First Day of term
May	
6 th May	School Closed
28 th May	Last day of term
June	
7 th June	First day of term

Please note these dates are subject to change