

Mars Class' Designers



The children watched videos on making shadow puppets and shadow puppet performances. They had a go at making simple puppets using cards and art straws.

Our DT this term is shadow puppets. The children started this unit by making shadows with their hands.




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Mercury Class' Designers

Design an Apron

Use the box below to design your own apron. What colours and patterns will you use? Will you have a pocket? How will it fasten? Don't forget to label it!



Fabric:
soft cotton and the straps
are made of velvif.


Fastenings:
it has straps.

Pocket(s):
it has a big pocket
at the front.

Colour(s):
blue green perfl orange silver

My favourite part of my design
is the pockets
because I like pockets

Patterns or pictures:
I had half sun patterns.




Thursday 20th November 2025

We are asking the question "what is an apron?" and we have looked at all sorts of protective clothing that people wear for different jobs.

Over the next few weeks, we shall be planning and producing an apron that can be worn by our favourite soft toy!

Our inspiration for this has been Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and why they wore aprons.

What is the purpose of our chosen apron?

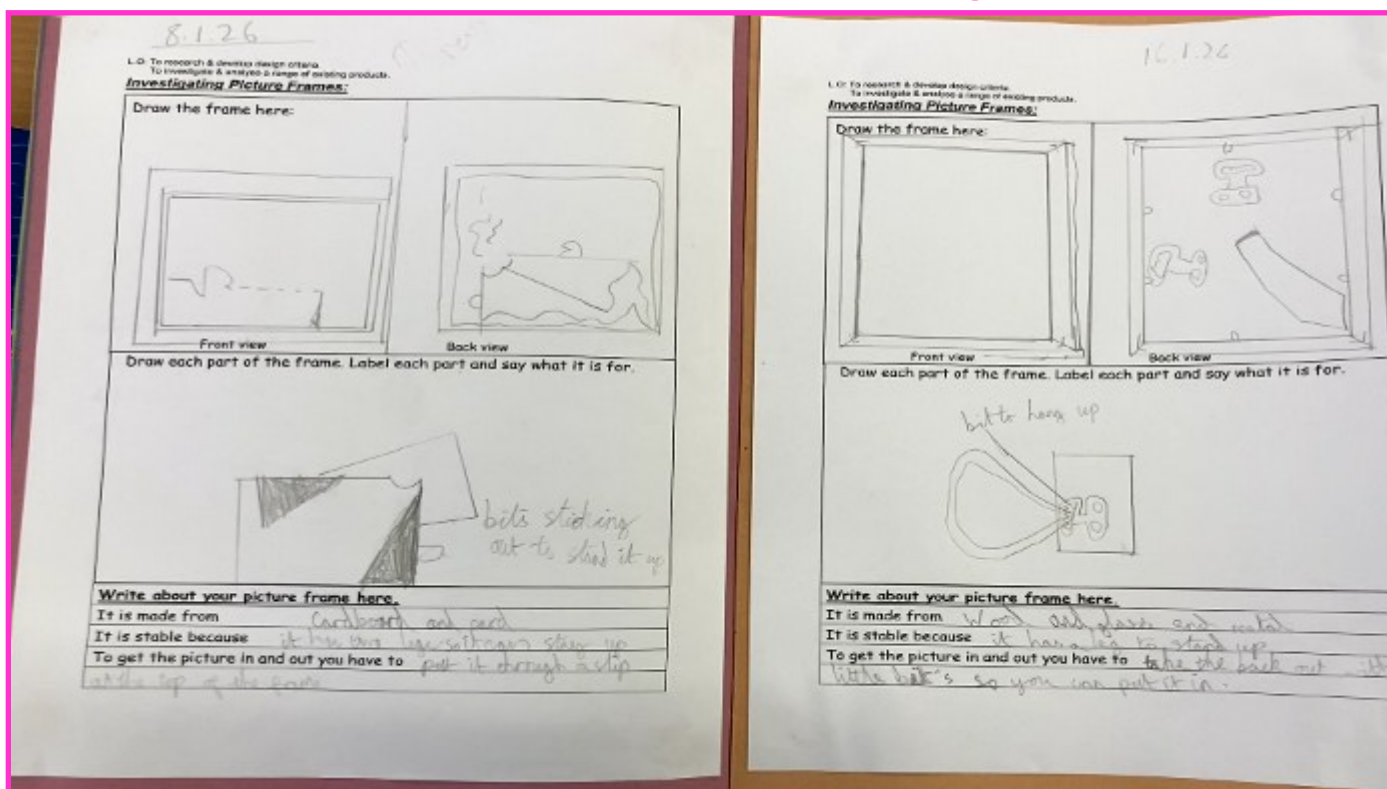
Who could wear it?

How could it protect our clothes?

First, we need to plan the pattern for our apron...



Saturn Class' Designers



This term, Saturn class are exploring the design and creation of photo frames. The children have investigated different frames, examining various materials, construction methods, and decorative techniques. They learnt about joining methods such as gluing, slotting, and corner joints, and identified what makes an effective frame by considering both structure and appearance.

The pupils then designed their own photo frames, sketching ideas and thinking carefully about measurements, materials, and assembly. They considered their frame's purpose and audience to inform their design choices.

The children are now in the process of constructing their frames, selecting appropriate materials and tools, measuring accurately, and using joining techniques to assemble their work.

Throughout the process, they are demonstrating problem-solving skills and resilience, adapting their designs when needed.

Jupiter Class' Designers

In Jupiter Class we have been hugely busy creating our electric vehicles. We started by learning about developments in sustainable travel, before designing our own vehicles. We explored pulley systems using construction kits before starting to build our vehicles. Next, we each created a wooden chassis, then carefully measured holes through the cardboard frame to allow the axles and wheels to be attached. We then attached the pulley wheel and elastic band and this week we have been experimenting with using an electric circuit, including a motor, to independently move the wheels. The children have demonstrated a lot of perseverance and ingenuity!



DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE 2026 ASHDON 10K, 3K AND FUN RUN!



ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA ARE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A NEW LOGO TO BE USED ON ALL THE PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THIS YEARS RUN, AND WE ARE ASKING ALL THE PUPILS OF ASHDON PRIMARY SCHOOL TO GET CREATIVE AND GET INVOLVED!

PRIZES FOR THE WINNER AND RUNNERS UP!

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME IN THE COMING DAYS

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY, 30
JANUARY 2026



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Attendance Winners of the Spring Term!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

Congratulations to Saturn Class for having the highest attendance last week! As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

Jupiter Class: 83.3%

Saturn Class: 96.4%

Mercury Class: 91.7%

Mars Class: 92%

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- **Monday 26th January - Individual and group photos!!**

PLEASE BOOK YOUR CHILD'S APPOINTMENTS FOR PARENTS CONSULTATIONS THROUGH SCOPAY. IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES DOING THIS - PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMIN TEAM.

- * **Tuesday 10th February @ 15:40 -18:00 - Parent Consultation Evening 1**
- * **Wednesday 11th February @ 15:40-18:00 - Parent Consultation Evening 2**
- * **Thursday 12th February - End of Spring Term 1**
- * **Friday 13th February - Non-pupil Day**

Help Us Bring Our PE Display Board to Life!

We would love to bring our PE board to life and use it to celebrate how amazing our children are in sport, whilst also inspiring others to get involved. Our idea is to create a photo display showing children taking part in their activities, alongside the contact details of the clubs they attend. This way, if other children are interested, families can easily find out how to get involved too.

We already know we have footballers, rugby players, dancers, tennis players, gymnasts, ballet dancers, horse riders, swimmers, duathletes (Running, cycling and running again), and so much more!

If your child takes part in a sport or activity outside of school, and you're happy to share a photo and the club details, we would love to include them on the board. And if any adults would also like to add themselves to the wall, please do – sport is for everyone, and it's great for children to see positive role models being active too!

Thank you for helping us showcase our fantastic sporting community.

Kind regards,

Mr O'Sullivan