

The Lady with the Lamp

Today in Mars class, we were introduced to our first hero from the past, Florence Nightingale. We listened to her story and discussed what made her a hero. We then transported ourselves to her time and recreated a hospital from the past. We took on different roles and thought about how we might care for and look after the injured. We also made our own Florence lamps! We were blown away with the creativity of Mars class - well done!



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Mars Class Go Wild for 'Green Peace'

Mars Class have been utterly captivated by the book *Green Peace* this week, and their imaginations have run gloriously wild! Each child chose an animal that would be rather unlikely to live in their house or garden — and Mrs Reynecke-Raybould certainly didn't stop those who decided their creature should take up residence in the TOILET!

We are enormously proud to share that every single child in Mars Class wrote their very own sentence about their chosen animal — a wonderful achievement for our youngest learners. We've shown off a few examples below, but we would have loved to share them all. Rather than squeeze everyone in here, we'd much prefer you to see the children's work in all its glory at our Showcase Afternoon on Wednesday 15th.

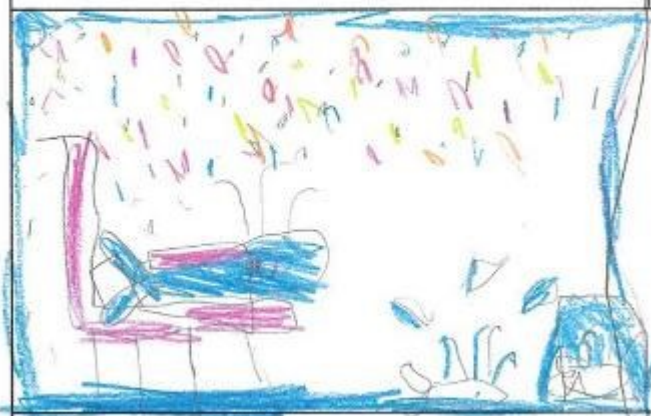
Please do come along and have a look — the children can't wait to show you what's been living in their bathrooms!

My Animal

Which animal would be unusual to find living in your home, garden or pond?

How can you describe it?

What do you know about it?



The ^{whale} ~~flooded~~ ^{Wagol} ~~flashed~~ my bedroom.

I found my animal living in my bedroom

My Animal

Which animal would be unusual to find living in your home, garden or pond?

How can you describe it?

What do you know about it?



The ^{whale} ~~Wale~~ in my pond ^{spreads} ~~sprets~~ water.

I found my animal living in the pond

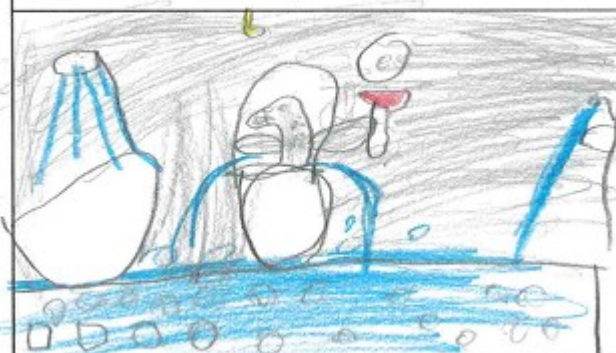
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My Animal

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How can you describe it?

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THE SLOOL
is my
toilet
is slooling the bath

I found my animal living in my toilet

My Animal

Which animal would be unusual to find living in your home, garden or pond?

How can you describe it?

What do you know about it?



The fish is in
my bed tank.
The fish is in
my bed swimming

I found my animal living in bed

My Animal

Which animal would be unusual to find living in your home, garden or pond?

How can you describe it?

What do you know about it?



The ^{chicken} ~~chicken~~ is
plunging the
toilet and it
explodes loads.

I found my animal living in my bath room

WWI Workshop

Jupiter class had an amazing time at our WWI workshop run by Portals to the Past last Monday. We started the day by exploring the build-up to WWI and how the conflicts between the different countries came about. For example, we learnt about the different kingdoms, such as Prussia, that combined to become Germany as we know it today. We also got to act out of the scene of the assassination of Franz Ferdinand and considered whether we think WWI would still have happened if he hadn't been killed. The children beautifully articulated and explained their reasoning. In addition, we learnt to understand Morse Code and we also got to handle and try on lots of WWI artefacts. It was an amazing and informative day!



"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. ... We will remember them."

Resurrection Lesson

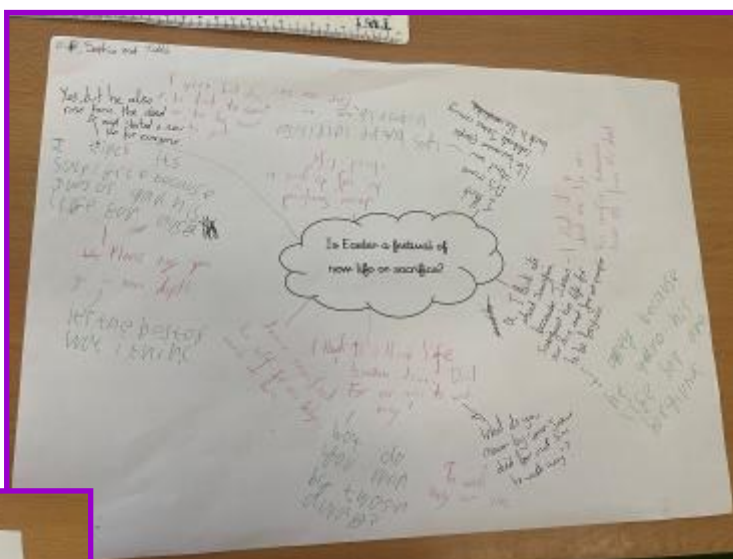
In RE this term, Jupiter class have been considering the question: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? This week, we debated the question of whether Easter is more a festival of 'new life' or 'sacrifice', and we did this via a silent debate. Each child wrote with a different coloured pen and expressed their own response to the debate question, before responding to the ideas of their peers. Each group then chose a 'spy' to send to the other groups to have a look at their ideas and bring new ideas back to their own group to add to their silent debate sheet.

ZM: I think Easter is more about new life because me and my family were reading the Bible and it says that Jesus died so that we could have eternal life.

TK: I think Easter is about sacrifice because Christians believe that Jesus died so we could be forgiven, but he came back to life.

ES: I think Easter is more about new life because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

BAB: I think Easter is more about new life because Jesus rose from the dead and was given new life. It is both really because his sacrifice gives people new life.



Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is vital for your child's academic success and personal development. Each day offers unique learning opportunities and social interactions that cannot be replicated at home. Consistent attendance helps children build relationships, develop essential skills and maintain learning momentum.

We understand children become genuinely unwell and will of course report such absences fairly. However, minor ailments like sniffles are not always a reason to miss school, and we encourage attendance wherever possible.

Missing school creates learning gaps that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education.

Congratulations to Jupiter Class for having the highest attendance last week. They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.

Jupiter Class: 96.7%

Saturn Class: 88.1%

Mercury Class: 80%

Mars Class: 93.8%

Stars of the Week!!

Every Friday, we come together to celebrate our Stars of the Week – children who have truly lived our school values. Whether they've risen to a challenge with determination, shown genuine care for others, or given us something wonderful to celebrate, our Stars remind us of everything that makes Ashdon special. Well done to all our shining Stars – keep making us proud!



Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Monday 6th July - Year 6 out at Airhop all day**
- ✓ **Tuesday 14th July - End of Year Performance @ 14:00 and 18:00**
- ✓ **Wednesday 15th July - End of Year Showcase @ 15:30-16:15 (parents are invited to come and look at the work the children did in their classes this year)**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July @ 09:15 - Leavers' Assembly**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July @ 13:45-15:00 - Summer Disco**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July - Year 6 School Sleepover**

A Kick Above the Rest!



Huge congratulations to Phoebe, who proudly showed us her new yellow belt in karate at Celebration Assembly this morning. This was no small feat — Phoebe told us it was the hardest belt she has ever worked towards, requiring weeks of dedicated study and practice. Her two-hour grading included 40 push-ups, 40 press-ups and 40 squat thrusts, performing a kata, and demonstrating techniques and their meanings — much of it in Japanese! Phoebe's determination and perseverance are a wonderful example of our school value of Challenge in action. We are all so proud of you, Phoebe — osu!