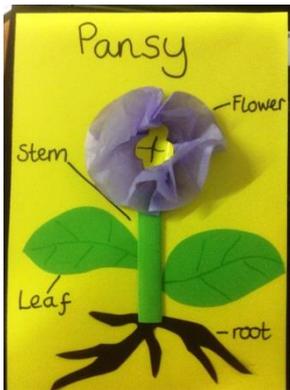




Welcome back to the first full week of school of 2018 and Happy New Year to you all. The children and staff have come back to school feeling very excited about their new topics for the term ahead.

Fabulous floristry



Children in Year 1 and 2 have been busy looking at flowers this week as part of their science topic. They dissected the leaves, stems and roots using their hands and looked at them under the magnifying glass. This was fascinating and the children absolutely loved it! They were then able to produce their own model and name the main parts of the plant.

The children have also been writing poems about friendship in RE and have created wonderful word banks. This really helped them to draft their fantastic poems about their friends inside and outside school.

"Slowly, slowly, slowly" said the sloth

EYFS have been enjoying learning all about the rainforest. This week they read the story 'Slowly, slowly, slowly said the sloth' and created rainforest animals in the style of Eric Carle.



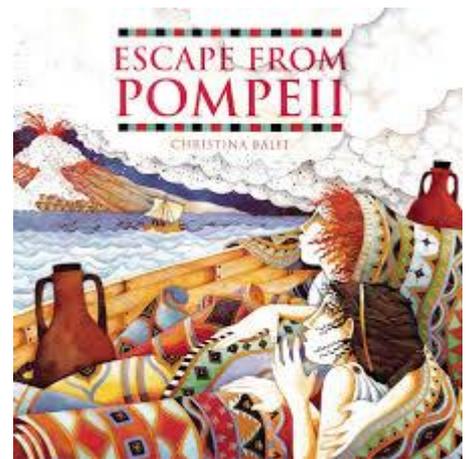
A Journey Back In Time To Ancient Greece

This week in Year 5/6, the children have worked extremely hard and shown great enthusiasm towards our new topic – The Ancient Greeks. We have been looking at different myths in English including Persephone and Demeter and the Ice Bear. In science we have been researching polar bears in preparation of writing a non-chronological report.



Writing Inspiration from Ancient Italy

This week, Year 3/4 have been working on the story 'Escape From Pompeii' in English. The story focuses on a fictional character called Tranio that lived near Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii in AD79. They were able to write first person accounts of the events leading up to and around the eruption of the volcano, through the eyes of Tranio. The children worked hard on adding detail to their sentences and editing their work for improvement.



A great start for football!

The Y5.6 football team kicked off the season with a triumphant win against St Augustine's. The boys were a little nervous at the start but soon got into the swing of things and managed to win their first game with a winning score of 2-0! Thank you to all parents/grandparents and children for coming to support.

Next week's game is away at Ryhall - we'll keep you posted!



Successful Eco Collections

The Eco Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has brought in bottle tops and also 2 litre bottles for our eco campaigns. We now have plenty in school so no further contributions are needed. However, if you still have Christmas cards at home, please bring those into school for recycling.



The Nutcracker

A huge thank you to all the children involved in the Nutcracker Project! Their dance was shown during a whole school assembly for everyone to enjoy. They celebrated with a well-deserved trip to Grantham Cinema to meet a member of the Royal Opera House and enjoy a screening of 'The Nutcracker', which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was enchanting! The Royal Opera also house sent its own personalised message to St Gilbert's which clearly shows how impressed they were with the children.

Congratulations St Gilbert's Primary School on your wonderful Nutcracker inspired dance. I loved your music choice. You created your own Land of Snow. Love the tutus! I hope you all enjoyed the creative progress and that you will keep dancing...forever. I think you should dance your piece in a school assembly as it is absolutely fantastic. Bravo!

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 3!

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE DIARY AS THIS IS UPDATED REGULARLY

02/02/2018 Y1.2 Collective Worship 9:00am-9:30am

02/02/2018 Green Morning 9:30am - 11:30am

06/02/2018 Safer Internet Day

06/02/2018 Open Afternoon 2:30-3:00pm All Welcome

09/02/2018 Term 3 Ends