



Elmhurst Junior School

Motivated and empowered; influencing the world we live in to bring about positive change.

Spring Term 2
Week 1
WC 23/2/26



A message from Ms Airey



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is time to dust off those bookmarks and get ready for a bit of literary magic.

This year we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March.**

We would love to see all our students come to school dressed as a character or concept from their favorite book.

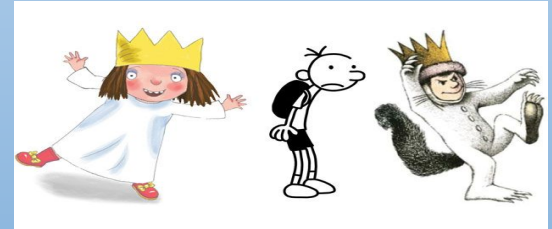
Please don't feel any pressure to buy expensive or elaborate shop-bought costumes. We are looking for creativity and heart, not a price tag. Some of the best outfits are the simplest ones—for example:

- A plain T-shirt with a favorite dictionary definition or a page of text written on it.
- Pyjamas for those "bedtime story" vibes.

★ The Year of Reading

This celebration is just one chapter of our journey. We are excited to continue our **Year of Reading** throughout both the Spring and Summer terms, with plenty more activities and events designed to foster a lifelong love of books in every child.

Thank you for your continued support in making reading a priority at home and at school. We can't wait to see the wonderful "living stories" walking through our gates on the 6th!





Red Nose Day



Get ready for some fun as Elmhurst Junior School celebrates Red Nose Day 2026! We're inviting all pupils to join in the spirit of giving by wearing something red to school on **Friday, March 20th, 2026.**

Whether it's a red top, socks, or even a silly red hat, let's turn Elmhurst into a sea of red to support this fantastic cause.

To make donating super easy, we've set up a QR code for all contributions. Your generous donations will help make a real difference to people's lives in the UK and around the world.

Thank you for helping us support Comic Relief and for encouraging our pupils to think of others.

Here's to a fun and impactful Red Nose Day!



Red to Toe

From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape (or just a classic Red Nose and Red Nose Day T-shirt combination).

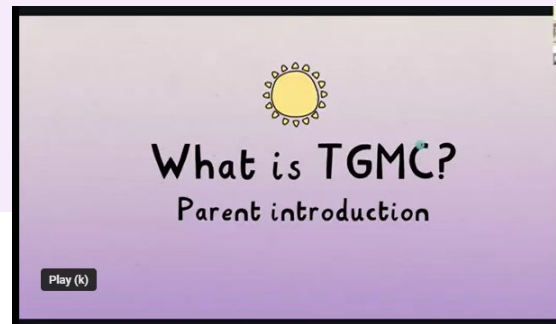
Join in the fun and go red for a day!



The Good Morning Club (TGMC) is a digital encyclopedia of research-backed strategies designed to help us understand the 'why' behind children's behaviour.



To support you at home, we will be using this platform to share links to helpful videos—ranging from de-escalation strategies to supporting big feelings (and more!)



Click the links above to find out more and keep a close eye on our TGMC newsletter posts...

Elmhurst Student Blog



Hello, Isabel and Hope here. We are going to tell you what everyone has been up to lately.

First up is Fir Class. In Guided Reading, they have been exploring and seeing what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians. In Maths, they have been working on their measurement unit and have even been measuring books in the library.

In Ash Class, pupils have been learning about newspapers in English. They had to label the different features, such as headings, subheadings, photos, and bylines.

Meanwhile, Willow Class has been busy in PE. They have been playing netball and learning how to perform chest passes and shoulder passes. In History, they have been learning about King Tutankhamun; he started ruling at the age of 8 and died at just 18, before being buried with vast amounts of money and treasure.

Yew Class has started their "Pandora" topic (Pandora is a fictional planet filled with mythical creatures). In Art, they have been sketching their own land art and writing descriptions of the different textures.

Over in Oak Class, they have been learning about mammals in Science. In Maths, they have been focusing on polygons and calculating their perimeters.

Hazel Class has been studying History, where they created a timeline of the events surrounding the Titanic. In RE, they have been learning about Easter Day and the resurrection of Jesus.

Finally, in Rowan Class, we have been busy in English. We got to act out the story of the Titanic using our very own tickets. In Science, we have been busy labeling different electronic components.



Elmhurst Events

Spring Term 2



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Thursday 5th March	WORLD BOOK DAY (dress up as a book character if you wish!) Book Fair after school (all books £1 - card payment only)
Monday 16th March	Year 5 - Glastonbury Abbey Payments to be made on MyChildAtSchool by 27th Feb
Tues 17th & Thursday 19th March	Parent teacher consultations (times and booking slots to follow)
Friday 13th March	(Non-uniform in exchange for Easter bingo prizes (Please note the change of date due to red nose day).
Monday 16th March	Year 5 Trip to Glastonbury Abbey - Information of My Child At School - payments and consent due .
Friday 27th March	Lower School Egyptian Day Payments to be made on MyChildAtSchool by 5th March
Friday 27th March	Easter Bingo in the hall - eyes down 7pm



Elmhurst Sports Events



Tuesday 3rd March	Cross Country at Downside School - First race will start at 4pm - please be aware of traffic and be at the school by 3.45pm to walk the course and warm up.
Monday 9th March	Netball at Strode 1pm-3pm (weather dependent) we will let you know as soon as possible if it is cancelled.
Tuesday 17th March	Cross Country at Millfield Prep School, Edgarley first race 4pm
Monday 30th March	Year 6 Parents SATS information evening at 3.30pm in the school hall

Each week, we invite family of a member of each class to join us in our Celebration Assembly.

Dillon (Fir)



(Ash)



Cayden (Willow)



We value you!



Amelia and
Maisie(Oak)



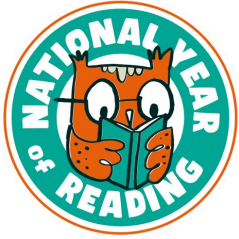
(Yew)



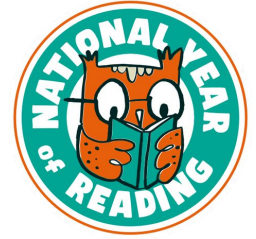
Alfred (Hazel)



Narla (Rowan)



Reading Champions



Year 3

Xavier
Esme

Year 4

Dexter
Lottie

Year 5

Faeryn

Year 6

Tom
Jaydan

These pupils were chosen for their commitment and attitude towards reading this week.



We celebrate the most improved statistics over the last 7 days for...



Accuracy

Coins

Correct Answers

Minutes Played

Studio Speed



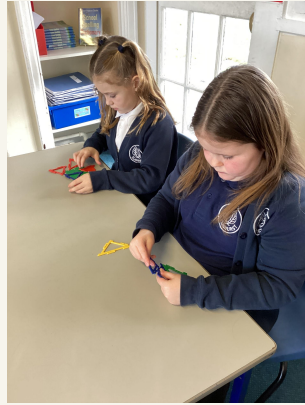
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Year 3

Jack H
Year 3

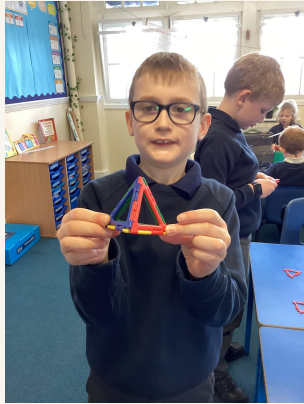
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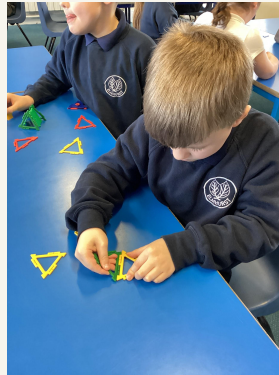
Luella S
Year 3



In English, we learnt how to mummify a dead pharaoh and played a game in teams to help us remember the steps. We then wrote our own instructions.




In Maths, we looked at the properties of different types of pyramids and used shapes to create our own 3D models.



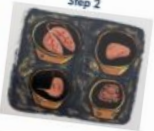
Wednesday 25th February

How do you mummify a dead pharaoh?


By Pharaoh Torin I




Step 1
First, clean the body with palm oil and water from the Nile.




Step 2
Cut out the internal organs (except the heart) and put them in canopic jars to dry.




Step 3
Next, pull out the brains through the nostrils using a hook. Fill the skull with sawdust or resin.




Step 4
Cover the body with natron salt. Leave it to dry for 40 days.



Step 5
After the 40 days, remove the natron and pack the body with straw, dried grass or linen.



Step 6
Wrap the body in linen fabric, adding amulets and a book of the dead.



Step 7
Finally, place the mummy in a sarcophagus and move to the pyramid.

Year 3: Ash & Fir Class

Trees Collapse Animals Dead!

by Daisy



Cat Chaos!

by Joe



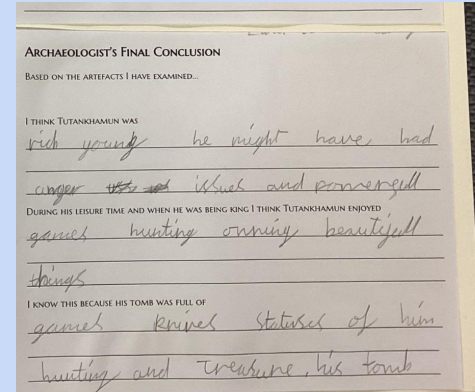
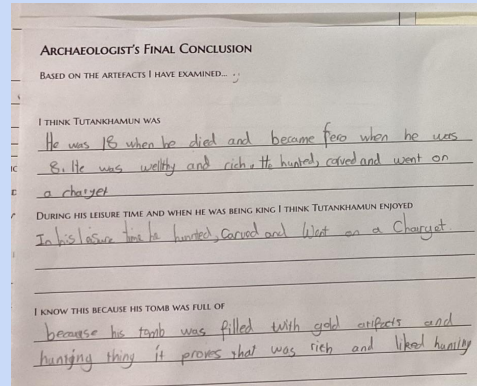
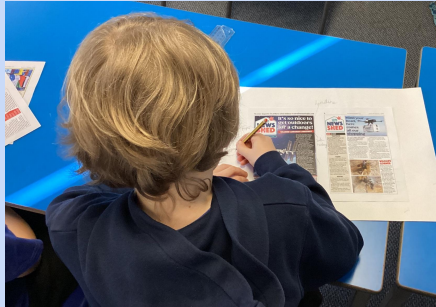
Disaster Strikes A Cat Is Stuck!

by Zak

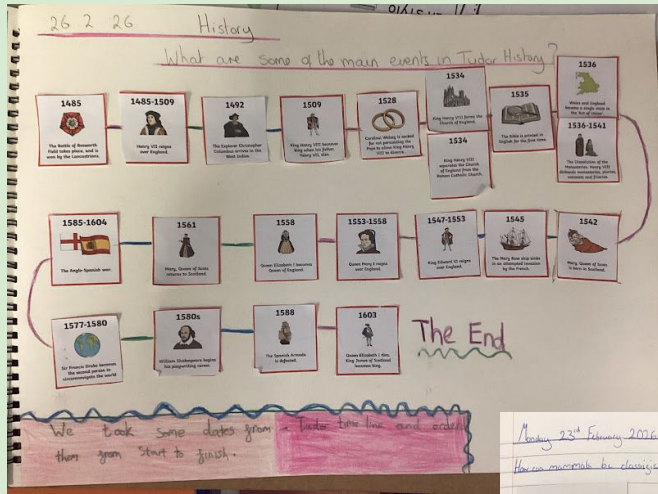
In **History**, we started our **Ancient Egyptians** topic by becoming archeologists. We investigated the artefacts found inside Tutankhamun's tomb and thought about what they tell us about Tutankhamun. In **English**, we started our newspaper unit. We identified the features of newspapers and had a go at writing newspaper headlines.

Cruel Humans Tear Down Forest!

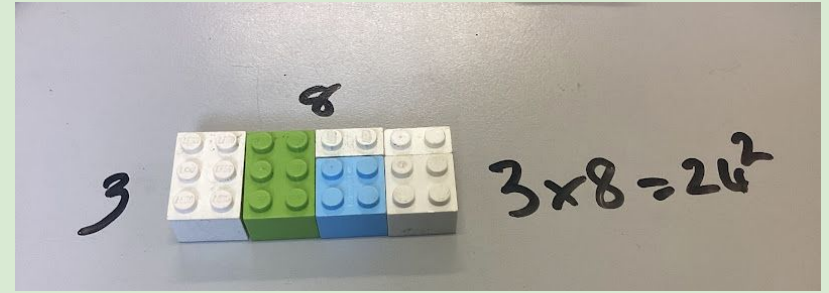
by Harla



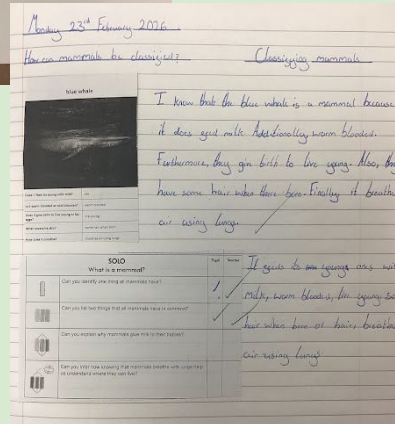
Year 4: Ash & Willow Class



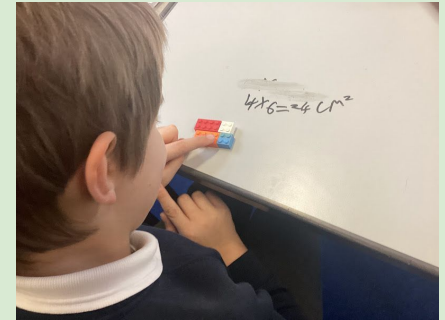
In science we have been learning what are the key features of a mammal.



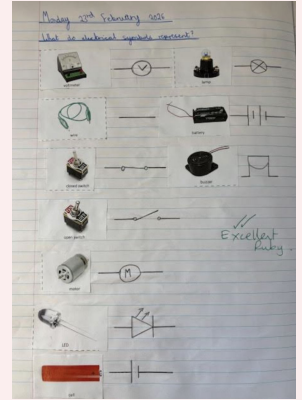
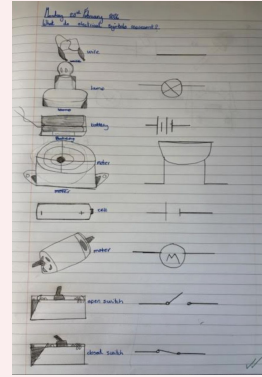
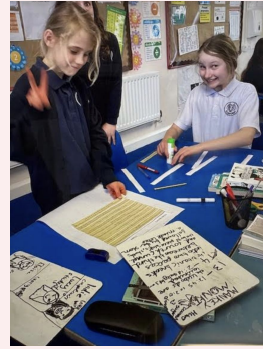
We started our Tudor history topic and looked at key events in Tudor history to order and create a time line.



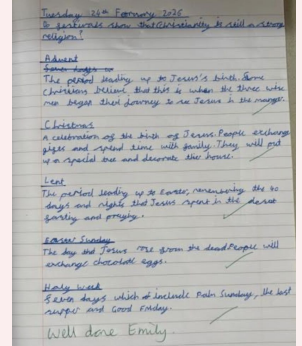
We have also been looking at how to calculate area and some of us have been using lego bricks to help us calculate this.



Year 5: Oak & Yew Class



We have started our Titanic History topic in year 6 and this week we have been learning about why the sinking of the Titanic was so significant. We have also been reminding ourselves of how to represent and draw electrical components as symbols in Science and in RE we have been considering what the five most important Christian festival are.



The Titanic was built from 1909 to 1912 by the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Ireland. She cost £1.5 million (£111.5 million in 2018) to build. She was launched on the 31st May 1911 without her engines, funnels or superstructure built. It wasn't until 2nd April 1912 that she began her sea trials.



This is Thomas Andrews. He was the architect in charge of designing and building the Titanic.



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Year 6: Hazel & Rowan Class



Elmhurst Sports News



Well done to Olivia in Willow Class who has passed Level 3 of Learn to Swim.

Well done to Torin who has been awarded his grey belt in Jiu Jitsu after training at Element 22 for the past 2 years.

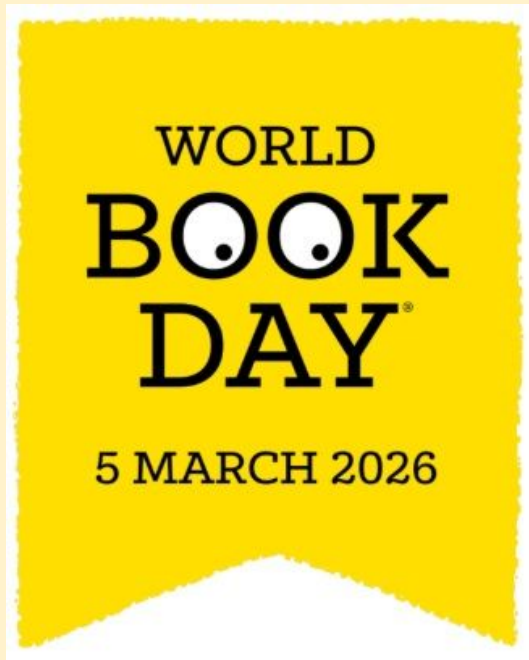


National Year of Reading Challenge

To celebrate 'Going All In,' we want to see you reading in the most unusual places! We have created a special School PADLET Page online.



Simply click the link above and ask an adult at home to help you upload a photo of your most creative reading spot.



THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

*optional

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character! *



We will be hosting a book fair after school on World Book Day. All books £1. Card payment only.

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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