

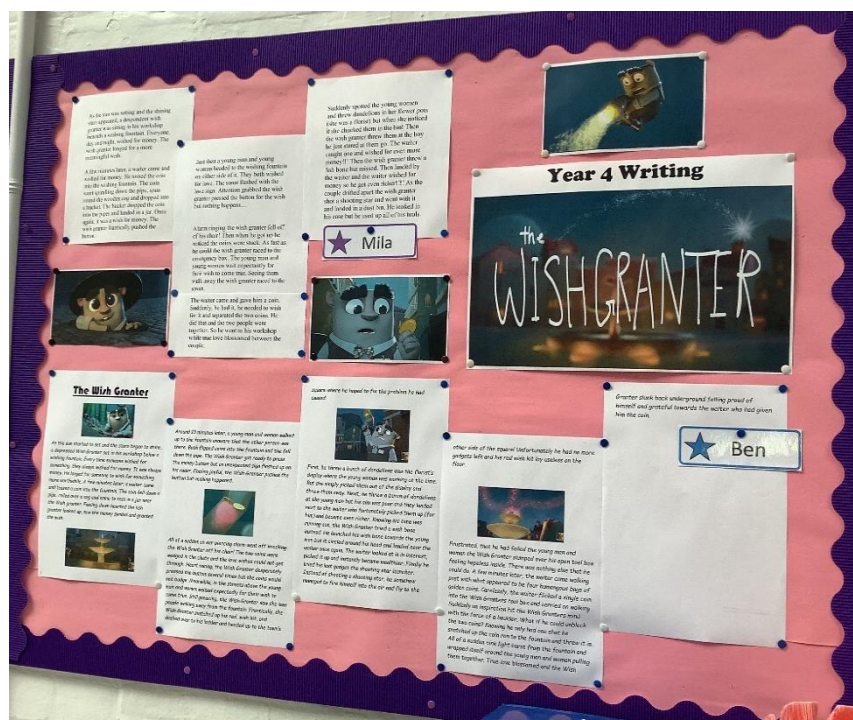


April 2021

### Return to school

It has been great to welcome all our pupils back to school! Lots of children came in with huge smiles on their faces, really happy to see their friends and classmates again. We have been providing the children with plenty of time to talk and play with their friends as well as getting back into class and school routines. We are still operating in bubbles so it may still be some time until we can enjoy some of our whole school activities like singing assembly, but it is still great to have all the classes back.

There has been much discussion in the media of children falling behind and missing out on learning but we have been really impressed by the children's resilience and adaptability. Over the summer term the teachers will be continuing with the curriculum and supporting individual children as necessary, but we would like to reassure our parents and families that the children have made a fantastic return. Thank you for all your home learning support!



### Year 4 - The Wish Grantor

In year 4 we have been using a short animation called The Wish Grantor to inspire our writing. We recounted the day of a hard-working wish granter who tries desperately to make 2 wishes come true after his wish machine stops working. The children produced some fantastic writing which they then published for display. Great work year 4!

### INSET Days for summer 2021

Following the postponement of our planned INSET days, we have rescheduled to the following dates:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

During these days staff will be working on a range of improvement strategies. These will include developing a relationship charter, developing the teaching of reading, subject leadership and curriculum planning.



**Year 5** As part of Science, year 5 have been lucky enough to be involved in a frog study using frogspawn from our own pond! Over the next few weeks the children will monitor the stages of the life cycle and hopefully be witness to our very own army of Craneswater frogs!





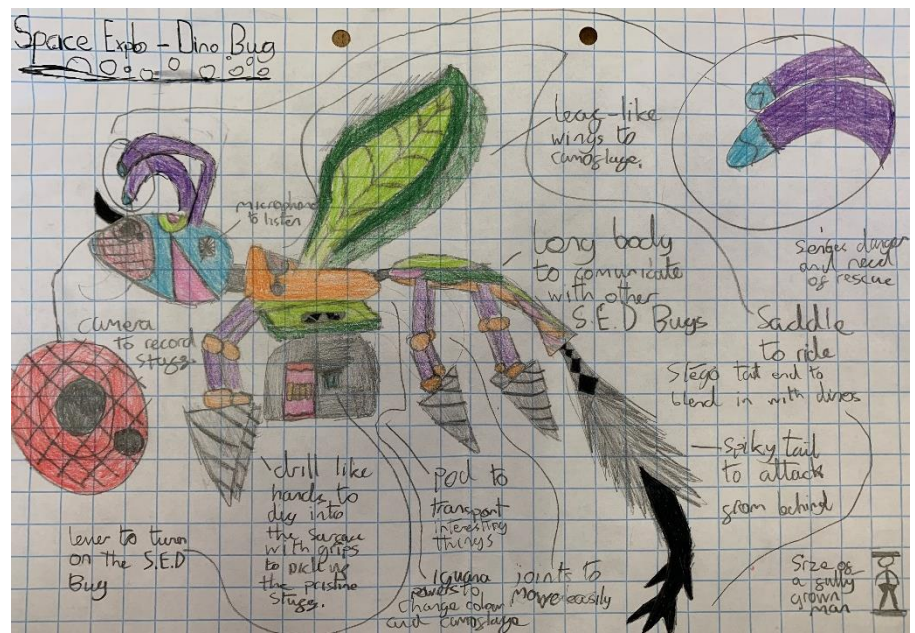
**Year 5** - Daisy and Allannah from 5V created some really positive messages to welcome everyone back in March. They focussed on the importance of kindness and encouraged everyone to support each other. Lovely work!

### Uniform orders

Our uniform and PE kits are available to order from our website. Delivery times may be slightly delayed so if your child has grown out of anything, you may want to reorder before the summer term.

### British Science Week

British Science Week took in March and this year's theme was 'Innovating for the Future'. Across the school, children thought about useful ideas and changes that have been implemented around the world and discussed the important roles of people working in STEM jobs. Children then explored ways in which insect abilities have inspired technology and had a go at mimicking their features to design a robo-bug, suitable for a particular purpose. Here are some of the examples from year 4 and 5.

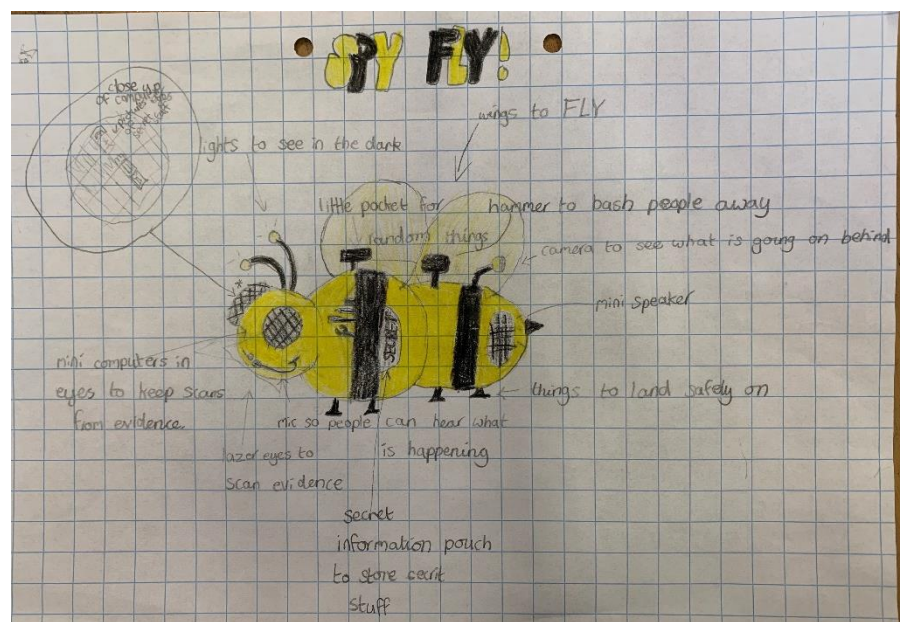


### SEND survey 2021

Portsmouth City Council, in collaboration with Portsmouth Parent Voice, have launched their annual survey.

The survey invites parents and carers of young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to have their say on the services and support available in the city. If this applies to you, share your views at

<https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/sendsurvey2021/>





### PE kits

We will be continuing to ask pupils to come to school dressed in their PE kits when they have PE or games scheduled. Currently the days are as follows:

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 5 - Monday & Friday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Thursday

### Drop off protocols

When we return after Easter we will be continuing to follow our COVID-19 drop off and pick up protocols. Please continue to wear a face covering and maintain a distance from other families.

### Happy Easter!

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope that you will be able to have a restful time over the holidays. Hopefully the summer term will offer more opportunities to return to something like normal. Thank you for all your support this term, whether with home learning, following COVID protocols or just keeping children feeling positive. It's been hard work but hopefully brighter times are ahead. Enjoy the holidays!

Aim: Characterisation

Miss Twit really was a sight! The main thing that stood out from her hideous face was her red, beady hair, which was ingested with mits like a crows nest. Her devilish eyes ~~it~~ would shot a searsome glare ~~from~~ to anyone who ventured to near. Below her beady eyes sat a squashed nose constantly squeaking out emerald, slimy snot, which dripped onto her purge ~~shades~~ purgent clothes. Her rubbery ears overglowed with ear wax. Surrounding it was a large amount of pringles. As you can imagine, her dirty, greasy skin was peeling at the edges.

Year 5 have been reading The Twits as part of their literacy. They have been looking at characterisation of Mr and Mrs Twit and 5B even created an example of a beard using real cornflakes, twigs and stilton cheese too to help bring the characters to life! The pupils used their knowledge of these characters to create their own. Take a look at the description of new characters! Warning- some of these descriptions are rather disgusting!



Aim: Characterisation

Miss Twit really was a sight! The daughter of the Twits ~~was~~ really a big sight! As you can tell the 1st thing you notice is her hair. Her malden, nit ingested hair was gilled with earwax from the tip of her head down to her the middle of her spine (this is because this is how long her hair is). Under her long gringe sat her black, beady eyes, which are always just open as she beady every sleeps. In the middle of her her eyes sat the crooked nose that was surrounded with crusty snot. (she can be hungry so she sometimes eats her snot). She had a very dirty mouth covered in snot. As you can probably imagine, the child was just as gross as her parents, who were super gross. Great start! 😊

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