Mrs George says, “It has been a very busy week in *Nursery*, we have started our new topic - ‘Space!’ We have been talking about where the children think space is, whether it's light or dark and also how they think you would get to space... the children have then made their own interpretation of what they think a rocket looks like from different shapes. As well as this in expressive arts we have been looking at different colours and what happens when you mix them!”

Mrs Snow reports, “This week in *Reception* we have begun learning about 'Space'. We have talked about the different planets and about where we live. The children were able to make a planet using a variety of resources. It's been fantastic to see the children coming back to school full of enthusiasm for reading and writing. We would like the children to start bringing pictures and information into school for 'show and tell' that tells us about what they do at home. It will be a great opportunity for the children to share all the things they are good at. In Reception we would like to start planting some flowers (weather permitting), so we would appreciate any bulbs or seeds if anyone can spare some. Finally, a special mention must go to Jackson and Theo for working hard to improve their writing this week!”

Mr Foster says, “This week, *Year 6* have started their topic, Alchemy Island; a fun and creative topic that encompasses science, fantasy and music. For our ‘Hook Day,’ we journeyed through a 'magic portal' to Alchemy Island, where we investigated the properties of jelly marbles (or 'gem fruits' from the Crystal Hedge Forest) and ball bearings (or nuggets from the steel mines). We then created a fantastic-looking map of the island for our topic wall. In English and guided reading, we've explored poetry and written five-line cinquains.”

Welcome to a chilly but exciting start to this half term! The hook days that have taken place this week have really engaged the children in their new topics and caused much excitement (as well as mess!) A huge thank you to our lovely team of cleaners led by Mr Roberts for their extra work in cleaning up!
Miss Davies says, “This week Year One had a wonderful time on our Muck, Mess and Mixtures hook day. They had lots of fun making slime, experimenting with different combinations of ingredients and absolutely loved playing with it! They carried out some science experiments, first making predictions about what would happen. Everyone loved watching the chemical reactions even though they smelt very vinegary afterwards! In maths, they have been learning about fractions, working really hard to find 1/4 and 1/2 of objects, shapes and numbers. In English they have been looking at the features of a recount and planning one based upon our super hook day.”

Miss Rodwell reports, “The Muck Mess and Mixtures topic has begun with a seriously slimy start! On Tuesday Year 2 had a lot of fun mixing and feeling the slime and gloop we made and describing how they felt. In English this week we have started exploring instructions again. The children have really enjoyed testing out ways to give good verbal instructions with a blindfolded obstacle course. Well done to Lauren and Liyah who worked so well as a team to give clear instructions. In maths, we have been looking at length, weight and capacity. We have really enjoyed practical learning this week; a special well done to the children pictured for their work in measuring the length of a child using cubes!”
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Miss Richman reports, “Our week ended with a voyage through a portal into Alchemy Island. Year 5 really enjoyed learning about islands around the world before embarking upon the design of their own island. In English, we started our poetry unit with alliteration and year 5 wrote some creative poems about a range of animals on different islands. Place value is the focus in maths, ordering and comparing 5, 6 and 7 digit numbers. Next week, we will continue our poetry unit by looking at additional poetic devices including metaphors and personification. Well done year 5!”

Don’t forget it is World Book Day on Thursday 1st March! Please come to school dressed as a book character!

Well done to the KS2 dance team who also came third at their competition on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Abu-Rish who organised it all, including the rehearsals at lunchtimes and attended on the day. The children will be dancing again soon in the final!

A few reminders...

Please sign some more of your KS2 children up for the free taster session for American ‘Flag’ Football on Thursday 8th March after school! It is a bit like tag rugby and does not involve rough physical contact like the adult version! There is no obligation but if your child likes it, then they can attend a club after school next term.

Please access the school in the morning with your children from the playground and not the main entrance. The office is becoming really congested with people bringing their children in that way unnecessarily!

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Well done to Year Five for achieving 100% attendance this week!
Miss Atkins says, “This week in **Year 3** we had a fantastic hook day introducing our topic ‘Mighty Metals.’ The children designed and made their own amazing metal robots. We went to the park on Wednesday not just to have fun, but to learn about forces. The children had an exciting time. I even had a go on the zip wire! In English this week, we have been studying Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions. Next week the children will be inventing their own Cracking Contraction and writing an explanation text. In maths, the children have been looking at fractions, understanding equivalent fractions, ordering fractions on a number line and solving fraction word problems. In topic the children designed their own cart and have started to make them; we will be painting and having a race with them next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this week. Well Done Year 3.”

Mrs Hopkin reports, “**Year 4** have had a brilliant first week of the new half term. The robots that the children created with the 'junk' were spectacular! The children worked really well as part of a team - we are very proud of them! Our visit to the park was delayed to Wednesday because of the weather, however the wait was worth it! The children, whilst having fun, were able to talk about the forces that they were using to make the equipment move. In our English lesson on Tuesday we had a special delivery; a letter from Wallace and Gromit requesting our help! In the next few weeks we will be designing and writing explanations for our own 'Cracking Contraptions'. Roman numerals have been our focus in maths this week and the children have really enjoyed learning a completely new concept. They have been using Roman numerals to order, calculate and reason! A super week Year 4 - Well done!”