

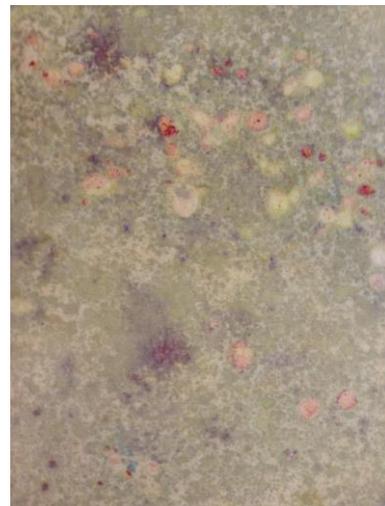
Year 5 Newsletter

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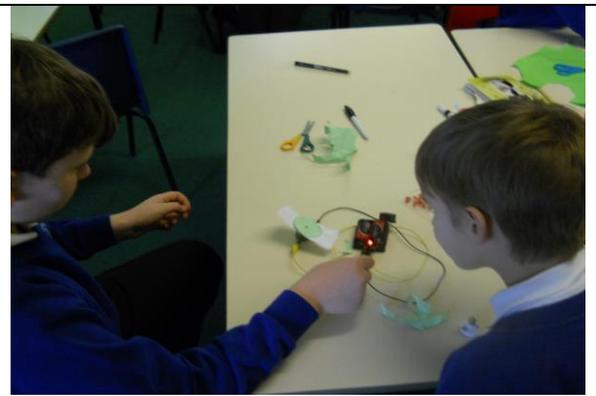
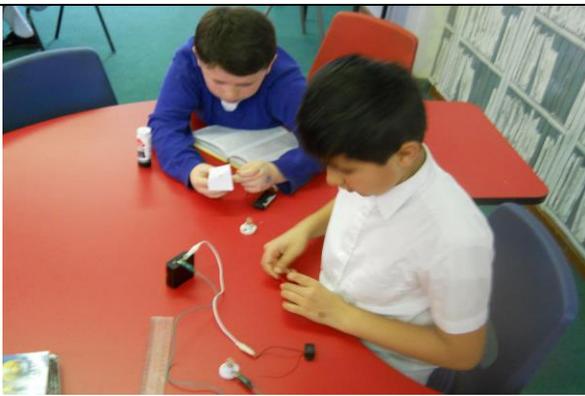
Dear Parents/Carers,

Our annual 'Science Week' begun on Monday; children across the school were 'wowed' by the experiments presented to them by our visiting 'Science Boffin!'

As a school we have continued this theme and, on Wednesday afternoon children across Year 5 were busy experimenting with the properties of oil and water by producing marbled paper. The results were amazing! They also investigated and created their own electrical circuits as part of a carousel activity across year 5.

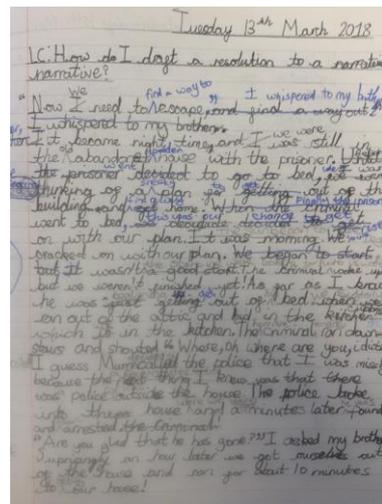
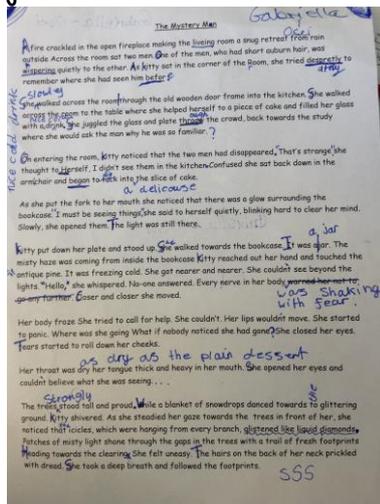


Children used their creative skills to experiment with the properties of oil and water. Their conclusions were that the oil expelled the water based colouring agents and in those areas left a lighter colour on the card.



Pupils used a range of materials and components to create their own functioning circuits. Here circuits have been made to operate a light and buzzer.

Our English focus this week has been proof reading and editing our own work. As well as being an extremely important part of the writing process - it is also one of our targets that requires development. Common mistakes generally consist of spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as looking for ways to up-level our work and focussing on sentence features we have been using. Fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, similes, metaphors, complex sentences and internal dialogue. We have been working really hard to add effective language to our work using thesauruses to identify the most suitable adjectives and verbs.



Pupils used a blue pen to proof-read and edit a piece of writing with deliberate mistakes including spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as areas for improvement to sentence structure and figurative language.

A self-edited piece of work. Joshua has read over his own work spotting mistakes and making corrections. Working thoroughly this can be a lengthy process but is a critical component of a writers toolkit.

During Maths, we have been revisiting the four operations which include formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Many of us have been mastering formal column multiplication - 4 digits by 2 and 3 digits. Some of us have been practising using the bus stop method to solve problems involving 4 digits by 2. As well as developing these skills some of us have been playing 'Zig Zag' with each-other using algebraic terms to create 'Cheats!' Please talk to your children about what they have been learning during their Maths lessons and encourage them to practise these skills at home. 'Mathletics' can be used at home by the children to support the learning that has taken place at school. 'Little and often' is usually a very effective approach.

Homework

Children have been given their weekly homework - please ensure it is returned by Monday. Homework club is now held on a Wednesday lunchtime. Wishing you an enjoyable weekend, Mr Wells, Mr McMahon, Mrs Tong and Mrs Malam.