



OUR Newsletter *Spring edition*

Each term we issue a Newsletter, to give families and communities an insight into life in the Pre Prep School!

What a busy term we have had! Looking back it is hard to believe that in the ten school weeks since the Christmas Holidays we have successfully delivered the Term 2 Curriculum and managed to have so much fun as well. Both Year 1 and Year 3 have enjoyed a theatre trip. Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 have all attended scientific workshops at the wonderful MUNCYT in Alcobendas. We have loved watching the Year 2 performance of 'Everyone Belongs' and Year 3 really rocked us with their Show 'The Rocking Romans'. We were proud of all of them for their performances. Reception have also enjoyed an educational visit to Faunia, even Pre Nursery have visited a local library. There will be even more trips next term.

As every year World Book Day was the event of the term, all the children and staff had a great World Book Day dressed as characters from books. We all read the moving story of 'We Are All Wonders' by R.J. Palacio and the results of this Big Write Project can be seen displayed all around the Pre Prep building. The standard of the children's writing across the school is testament to the great teachers we have at Runnymede. We have most definitely demonstrated our Core Value of Curiosity.

Kindness is another of our Core Values and for the most part we have been kind to each other. We have helped children who are recovering from cancer by running the Charity Run and raising funds for Fundación Aladina. We have learned about 'Empathy' and thought about the ways we show empathy to others and what a difference it can make.

In assemblies we have talked about the other Runnymede Value of Respect. Learning about cultures from around the world, celebrating Chinese New Year and learning why Muslim people fast at Ramadan. We have talked about the importance of listening to each other and realising that everyone has a voice that matters. Years 1, 2 and 3 listened respectfully to the story of 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival and we talked about how important it is to tell someone if you are worried about anything.

Finally we hosted parents interested in choosing Runnymede as the school for their children in the future and as we showed them around I couldn't have been prouder! Well done to all the children and staff. Wishing everyone a well deserved Easter Holiday.

Ms Barr (Head of Pre Prep)
Miss Mashford and Miss Walker (Deputy Heads of Pre Prep)

OUR VALUES

RESPECT

CURIOSITY

KINDNESS

In this newsletter you will find:

A range of highlights from our second Pre Prep term including trips, performances, and work to be proud of.

OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

The Year 3 House Captains for term 2 had a hard act to follow but they all rose to the challenge. They have announced the House points at the end of each month, at the last count Locke were in the lead but with one term left there is plenty of chance for Newton, Keynes and Austen to catch them! They were wonderful ambassadors for the school when prospective parents came to a recent Open Day event and the House Captains proudly showed them around our school. The visitors were both grateful and impressed. We thank them and are looking forward to seeing who will take up the role next term.



Harry, 3E



Gael, 3F



Paola, 3D



Hugo, 3E



Amelie 3F



Pascual, 3E



Sol, 3D



Mia, 3F



Work To Be Proud Of..

Pre Nursery



Jaime in Hedgehog class created a wonderful nest in the Enchanted forest!



Jacobo and Juan in Hedgehog class made delicious bear treats after reading 'We're going on a bear hunt!'



Juliana, Connie and Nico in Wallaby class created Easter nests!



Sid, Ventura and José in Wallaby Class with their 'sad', 'happy' and 'shocked' faces.



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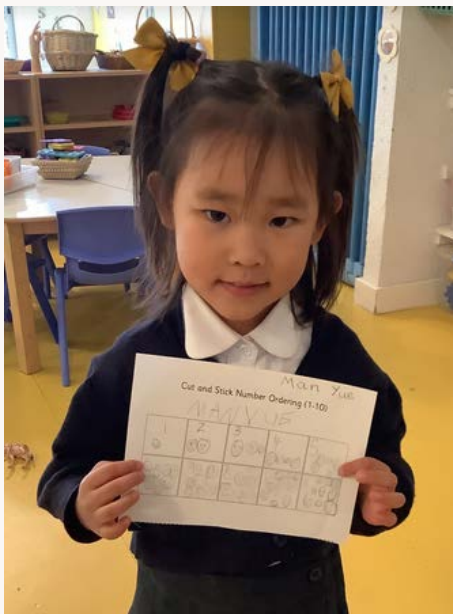
Nursery



Álvaro in Meerkat Class tried his best to copy the number two independently on his ten frame!



Marco in Seahorse Class made a Billy Goats Gruff scene



The children in Penguin class were practising counting pictures and ordering the numbers. When Man Yue had finished this, she found a blank ten frame and write the numbers herself!

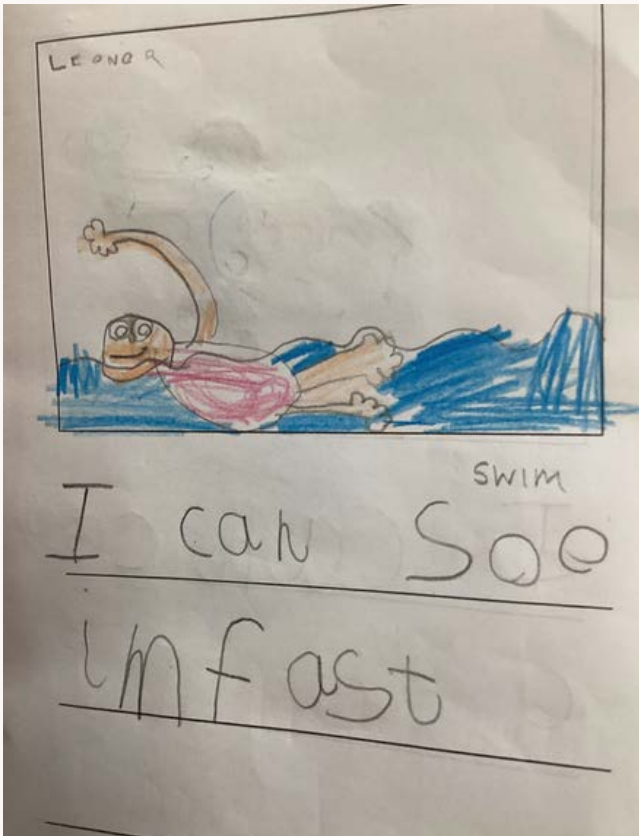


Emily and Adriana in Seahorse Class worked hard at writing numbers!

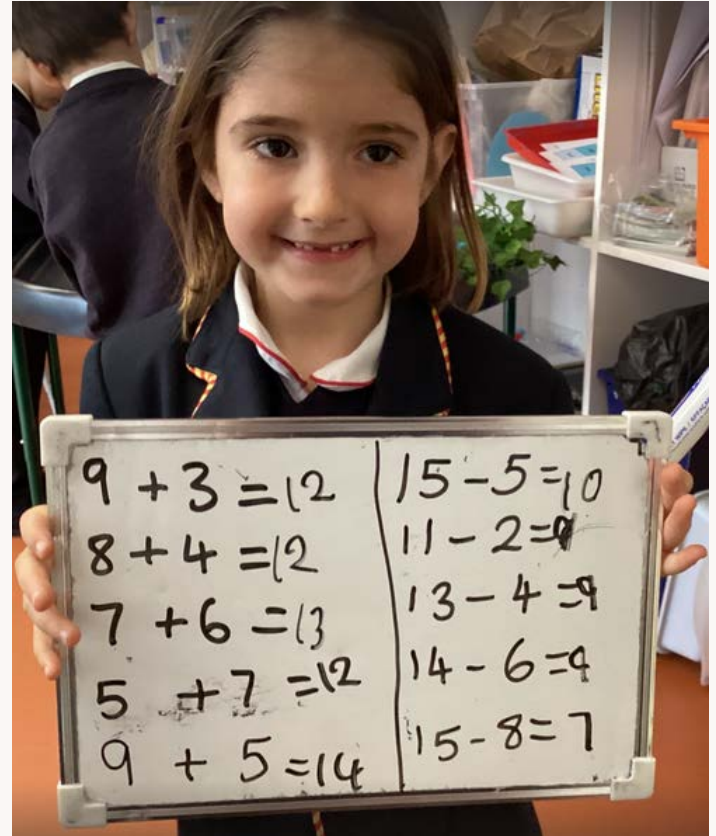


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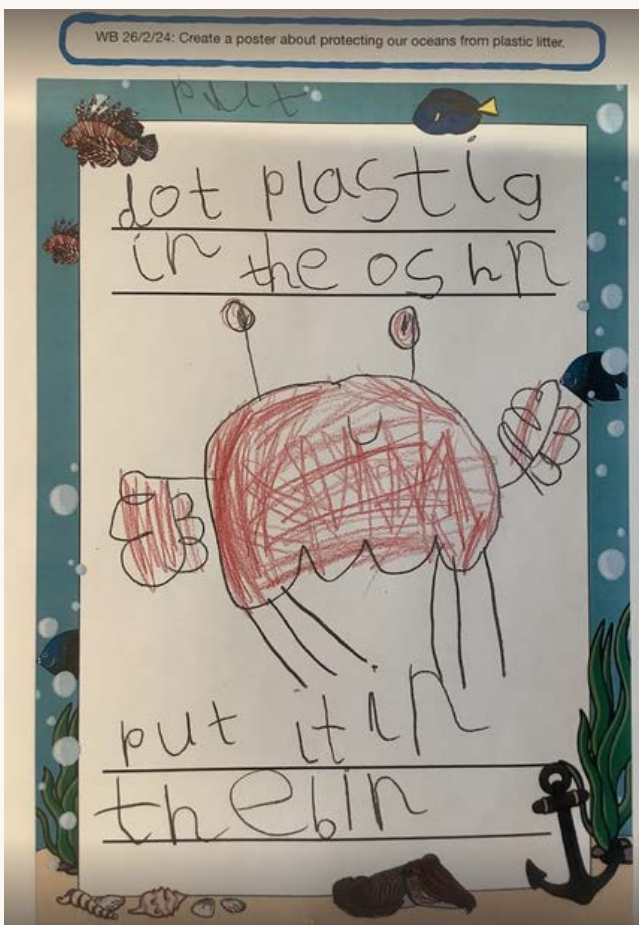
Reception



Inspired by the book 'We are all Wonders' Leonor in Goldfish Class wrote sentences to share what she can do!



After completing her Maths work, Sol in Wolly Mammoth Class then asked for more challenging addition and subtraction number sentences!



Daniela in Tiger Class wrote a beautiful poster encouraging others to dispose of their plastic responsibly to avoid it ending up in our oceans.

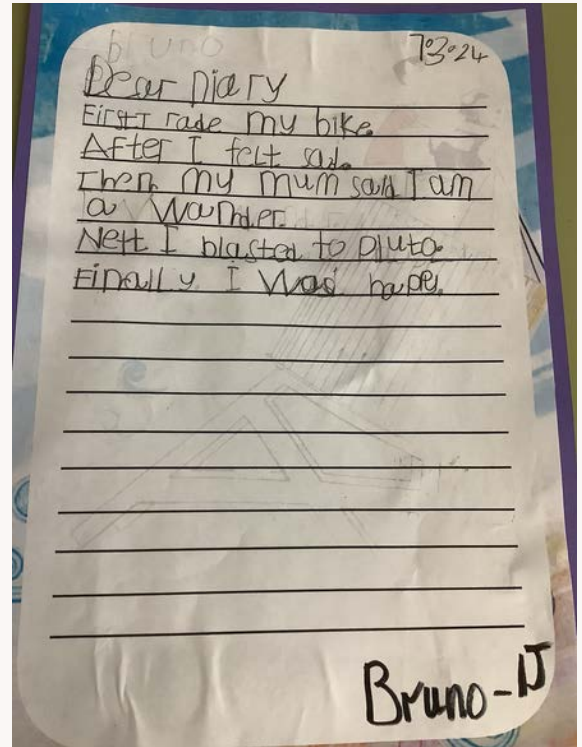


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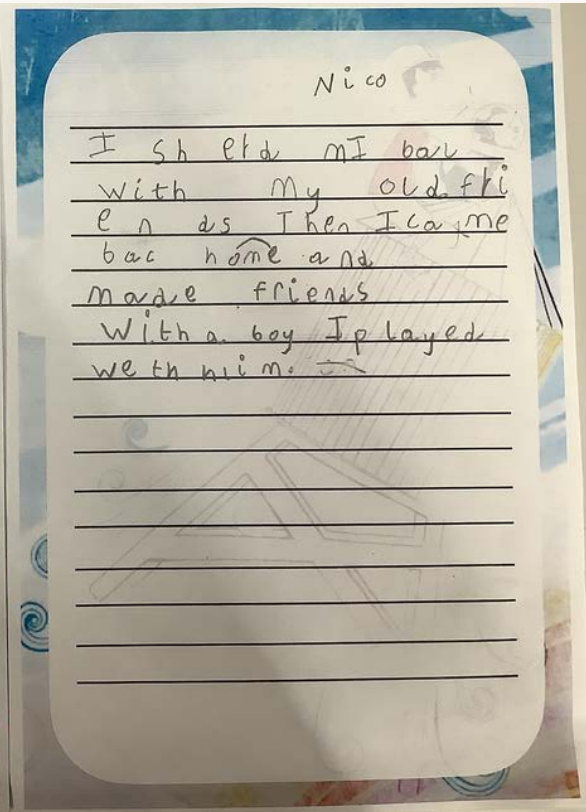
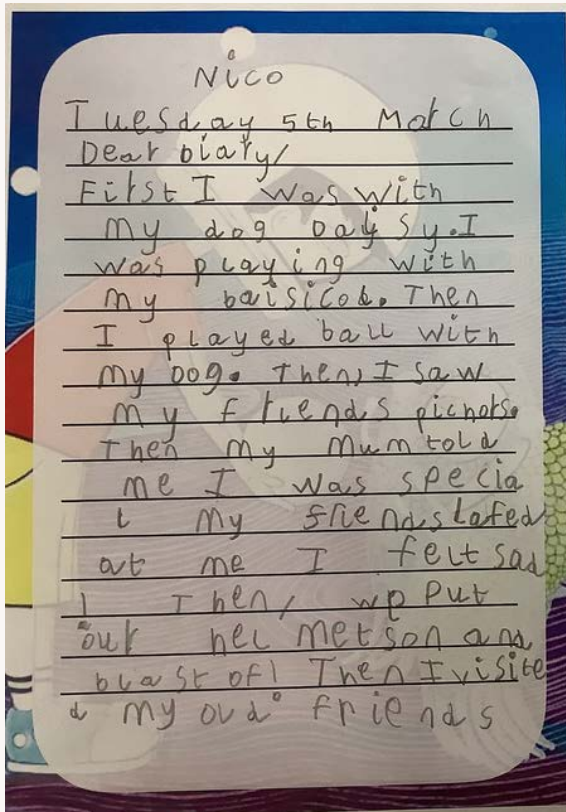
Year 1



Fairy tale castle by Amalia in Leopard Class



Bruno in Jay Class worked hard at writing a diary based on the book 'We Are All Wonders' in Literacy Week.



Diary writing by Nico in Squirrel Class.

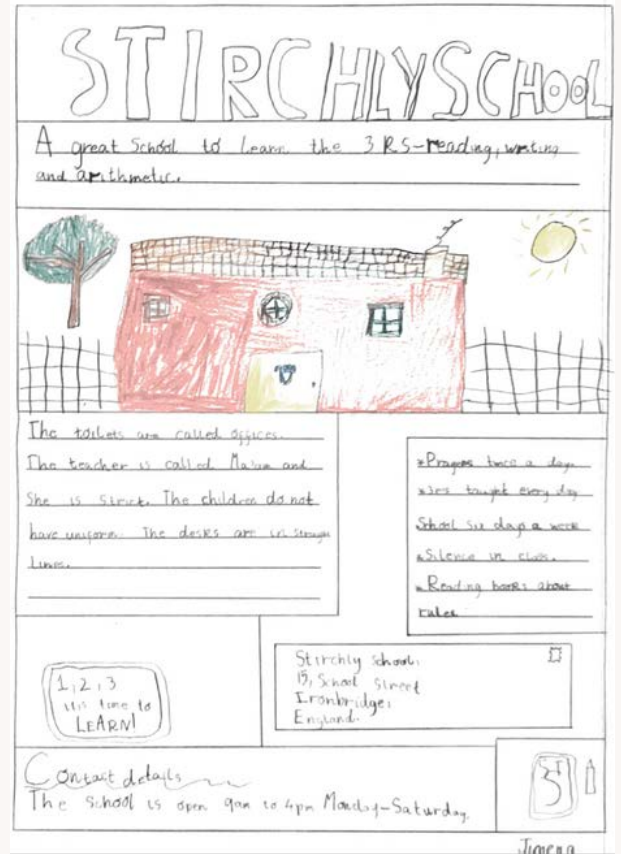


Work To Be Proud Of...

Year 2



Camilo in Kangaroo class and his super Materials Morph Science experiment!



Jimena in Dog Class wrote a fantastic advert in Literacy Week.



Clara in Seal Class made her own Rangoli Pattern.

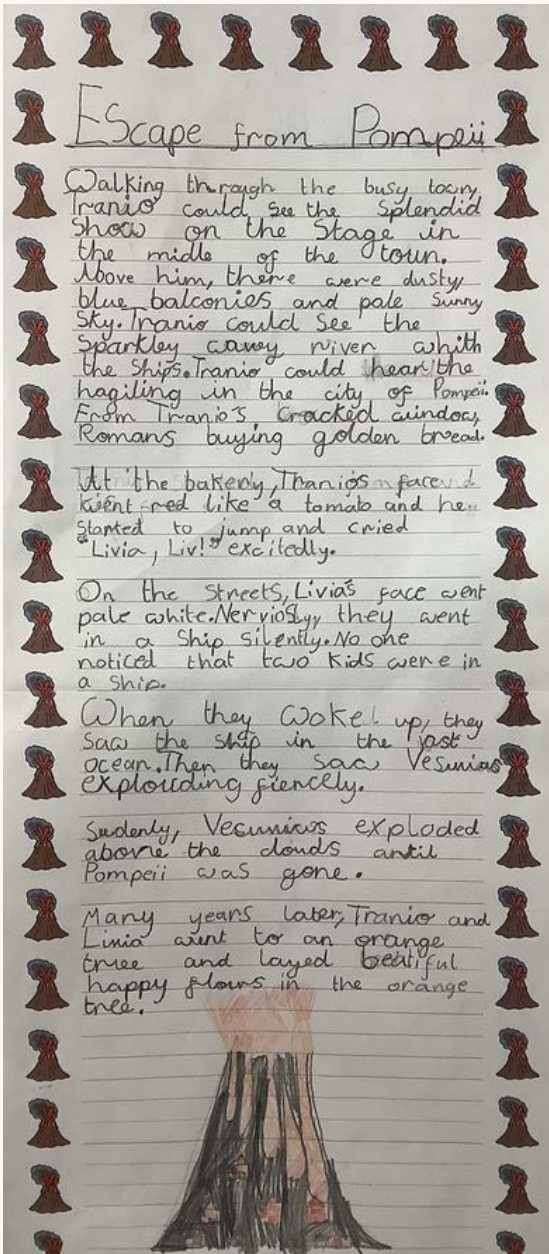


Leo and Laura in Seal Class used plasticine to create Indian landmarks, inspired by their 'Amazing Asia' topic!

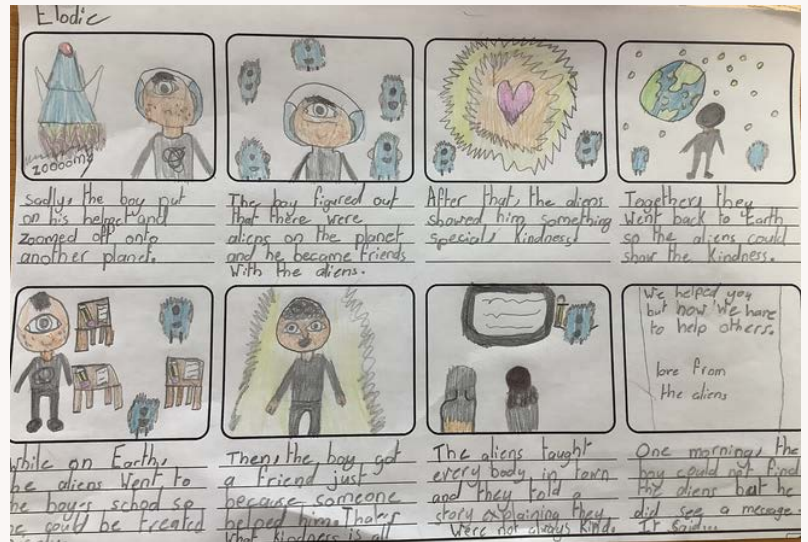


Work To Be Proud Of..

Year 3



'We Are All Wonders' Comic Strip by Bruno, Elephant Class (above) and Élodie, Fox Class (below)



Escape to Pompeii writing by Blanca in Fox Class



Dog Class have worked so hard at creating their Roman shields!



Pre Nursery Library Trip



On Wednesday 13th March the Pre-nursery children enjoyed a delightful trip to the 'Mediateca' at the 'Miguel débiles' library in San Sebastián de los Reyes. They enjoyed exploring the books and then were mesmerized by an amazing story telling session kindly given by the librarian Clara Porras.



Y1 trip to the theatre



Year 1 went to watch the exciting show Jack and the Giant. The play was in English and it was very interactive, the children thoroughly enjoyed singing along and engaging with the actors on stage as they were following through the familiar story.

Y2 trip to the Science Museum



The children had great fun today when they became Scientists for the morning, during our trip to MUNCYT called 'Off to the Laboratory!'

They carried out a series of experiments which included: exploring the density of liquids, identifying acids and alkaline solutions, the chemical reaction of mixing alkaline bicarbonate of soda with acidic lemon juice.



Year 3 trip to the Science Museum



Our children in Year 3 explored light at the MUNCYT in a workshop called 'optical games'.

Year 1 Choral Poetry

A really well done to 1L for their performance of 'And Now It Is Spring', 1J for performing the Spanish poem 'La Primavera' and 1S for sharing the poems 'Spring Time Magic' and 'The Squirrel' this week!



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Reception trip to Faunia

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Faunia last week, linked to their learning about animals in the rainforest. The highlight was feeding the lemurs!



World Book Day

We love to see children diving deep of books and sharing their love of literature across the year groups!



Congratulations to our costume winners in Year 2 and Year 3! (above)



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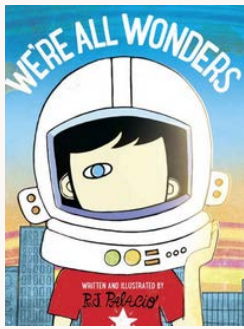
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Literacy Week

We celebrated Literacy Week this term, where all children in the Pre Prep School read the book 'We Are All Wonders' by R. J. Palacio, a book full of positive messages about respecting differences, being kind, and showing empathy. Each class responded to the book in a different way...



Our Reception children reflected on what makes them unique and created little books sharing all the things they can do! They also practised their weaving skills when making these fish - each one is unique, just like us!

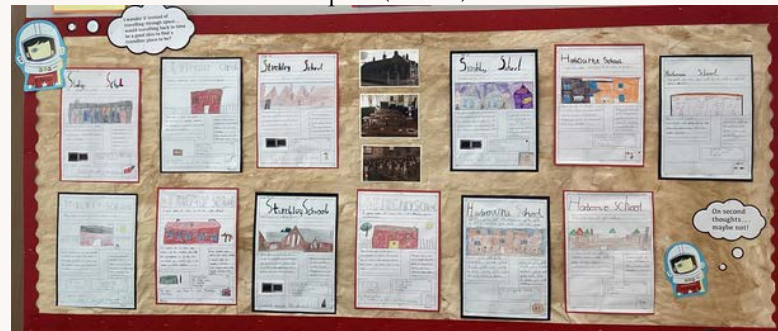


Pre Nursery Children learnt about kindness, and created their own self portrait (above and right).

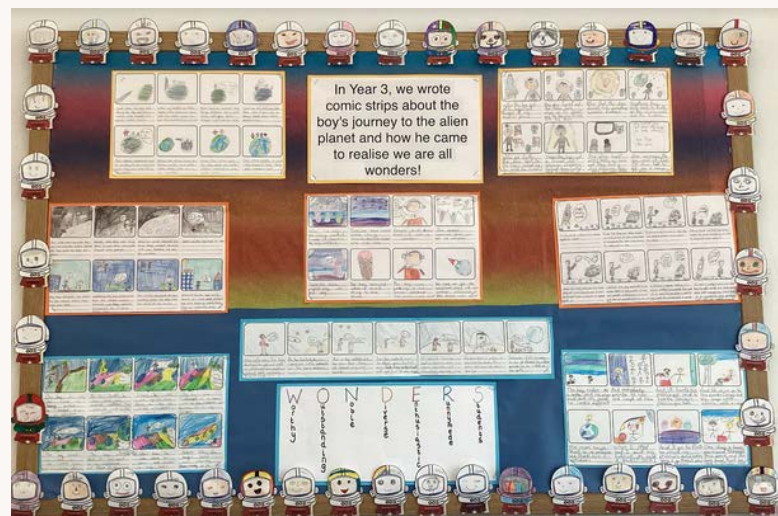


Year 1 children wrote a diary entry from the perspective of the boy in the book (below).

Year 2 children wondered if travelling back in time might be a friendlier place to be! They wrote an advert for a school in the past (below).



In Year 3, the children wrote comic strips about the boy's journey to the alien planet and how he came to realise we are all wonders! (Below)



Mural Competition



In our last newsletter we informed you that we are transforming this wall in our Early Years playground.



The design by **Matías in Squirrel Class** won our competition and we are excited to be painting it onto our wall.



Thank you to the children in Pre Prep who have helped paint the mural. It is still a work in progress but will be finished soon!



Year 2 Show 'Everyone Belongs'



Set in a fictional village where the inhabitants give out stars to one another if they do something that is good, and dots to those who do bad things, 'Everyone Belongs' showcased the importance of diversity.

Year 2 performed spectacularly in their production entitled 'Everyone Belongs'. They demonstrated fantastic acting, singing and dancing skills as well as showing their fluency and eloquence in the English language through their articulate delivery of their lines.



We can happily say that Year 2 gave a shining performance and emphasised a vital message: love and embrace yourself and everyone around you for who you all are. Well done Year 2!



Year 3 Show

Year 3's performance of 'Rockin' Romans' really did rock! The children entertained their audience for an hour of fun filled facts with brilliant songs. The lyrics were a lesson in themselves from the roman numerals to the Gods. Each child had their moment to shine on the stage but everyone was involved throughout with responses, cheers, boos and sound effects. They had certainly learnt a great deal whilst having a lot of fun!



Chinese New Year



Children across the Pre Prep School loved learning more about Chinese New Year, including lots of fun music with Miss Lawrence!



Year 2 Tour of the new Prep School



In February, a delighted group of Year 2 children were the first ever Runnymede pupils to have the privilege of visiting the site of the new Prep School building. The children had been learning all about how to write Newspaper reports and they were preparing an article about the new building. In true roving reporter style, the children created interesting questions, put on safety hard hats and jackets and were led around the site by Project Promotor, Mr Manuel Powell. They also met one of the project Architects and the Site Manager, to whom they asked lots of insightful questions. The children were thrilled with the visit and came back to the classroom filled with enthusiasm for completing their newspaper reports.



Have a lovely Easter break, Runnymede families! We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8th April.

