



Ludlow Junior School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that the first half of our Summer term has gone already! May has certainly been an exciting and busy month at Ludlow as the children have continued to build on the progress they have made from the start of the year. I am so lucky that most days I have different children arrive at my office door to share with me improvements in their learning and work which they are extremely proud of. I really hope your children come home and share their enthusiasm and the positive things from their days with you too. I do also wonder if this is slightly wishful thinking however, as if your children are anything like mine, you probably only find out what they had for lunch and then get told they can't remember anything else?! Hopefully this is not the case though.

We have all been incredibly impressed by the way the children have been approaching their learning, particularly our Year 6s during their SATs papers last week. They showed great resilience and determination and we are very proud of the calm and focused way they approached the week. This is a real testament not only to their hard work but also to the support they have received from staff and families - well done everyone!

We have also been enjoying the wider opportunities which Ludlow offers, through trips, sporting events, and a huge range of after school clubs which have been taking place. These experiences play an important role in developing confidence, teamwork and a love of learning beyond the classroom and we look forward to many more in the coming weeks!

Thank you so much for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely half term break full of family, friends and sunshine!

Kind regards
Ryan O'Hearn



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Year 3

Hill Head beach trips

Recently, the children have enjoyed a series of wonderful beach trips packed with curiosity, creativity and plenty of fresh sea air. They spent time exploring the shoreline, hunting for interesting shells, unusual seaweed, and even finding and collecting shore crabs. The children loved paddling in the sea, looking out across the water to the Isle of Wight. Later, they used their beach treasures to create unique artwork pieces, turning natural finds into imaginative creations.



These enriching experiences were made possible thanks to the Final Straw Foundation, who kindly funded the trips. Their mission focuses on protecting our oceans, reducing plastic pollution, and raising awareness about the impact of waste on marine life. Their work helps inspire communities — including our children — to care for the environment and understand the importance of looking after our coastlines.

We're incredibly grateful for their support and the opportunities it has given our young explorers.





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Year 4

What a superb half term it has been. We are incredibly proud of the children — their enthusiasm, resilience, and growing independence have shone through in every area of school life.

Multiplication Check Preparation

This month, the children completed their mock multiplication check to help ease any nerves ahead of the real assessment. They approached it with maturity and confidence, and it was a huge success. Any extra practice you can support them with over the half term would be fantastic, as the official check will take place in Week 1 when we return.

English – Narrative Writing

In English, the children have been crafting wonderfully entertaining narratives inspired by the skills we've explored through our class text, *Leopard's Tail*. Their writing has shown real imagination, thoughtful character development, and a growing command of descriptive language. It has been a joy to read their stories and see their confidence as authors flourish.

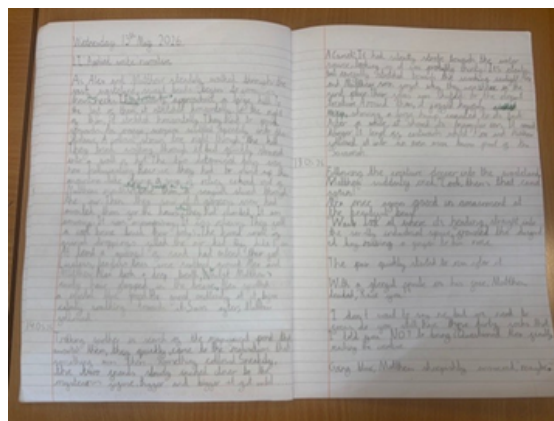
Maths – Time and Money

In Maths, Year 4 have tackled two essential life skills: time and money. These can be tricky concepts, but the children have shown great perseverance. They are beginning to apply their knowledge in practical contexts — from reading timetables to working out change — skills that will benefit them well beyond the classroom.

Art – 3D Bug Creations

Art has been a real highlight this half term. The children have absolutely loved designing and constructing their own 3D bugs. They explored how artists use texture, layering, and mixed media to bring creatures to life, then applied these techniques to their own creations. From wire legs and patterned wings to carefully sculpted bodies, each bug was unique and full of personality. The classroom has never looked so alive!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting few weeks of learning.





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Year 5

Diving into Shakespeare

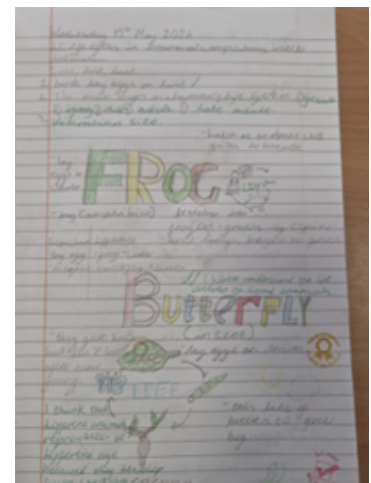
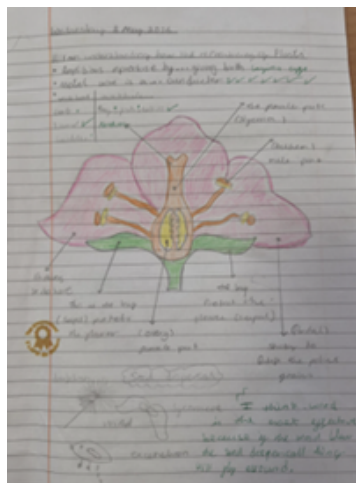
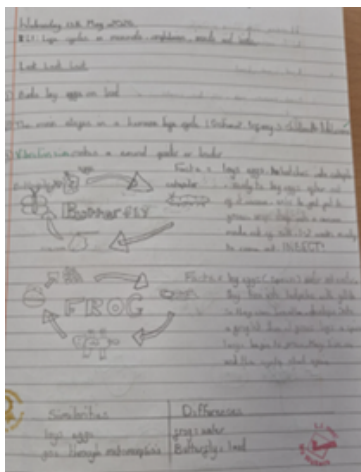
This month, Year 5 has explored Shakespeare's play, Macbeth. Engaging with classic literature fosters critical thinking and enhances comprehension skills. As students delve into characters and themes, they develop their ability to interpret texts, vital for their literacy journey. Alongside Macbeth, students have been honing their narrative skills through Curse of The Maya. This writing component encourages creativity, particularly through dialogue, essential for storytelling. Many students have shared their excitement about their favourite characters from Macbeth, enriching their learning experience and highlighting the significance of studying Shakespeare.

Shapes in Action

In Maths, Year 5 has explored shapes and angles, crucial for developing spatial awareness and geometric reasoning. Understanding position and direction through translation and symmetry enhances problem-solving skills and prepares students for complex concepts like decimals.

The Wonders of Life Cycles

This month in Science, Year 5 has studied life cycles in animals and plants. This hands-on exploration is fundamental to understanding biological processes and ecosystems, fostering curiosity and a love for science. Students have observed various life cycles, such as butterflies and plants, conducting experiments like planting seeds and observing growth. This hands-on learning illustrates the importance of understanding the natural world.



Art Through the Ages: The Mayans

In Art, Year 5 has explored the rich culture of the Mayans through creative projects. This study enhances students' understanding of history and culture while developing their artistic skills. The students have created clay sculptures inspired by Mayan art, showcasing their creativity. Learning about symbolism in Mayan art has made their creations more meaningful, reflecting our school's commitment to fostering creativity and cultural awareness.



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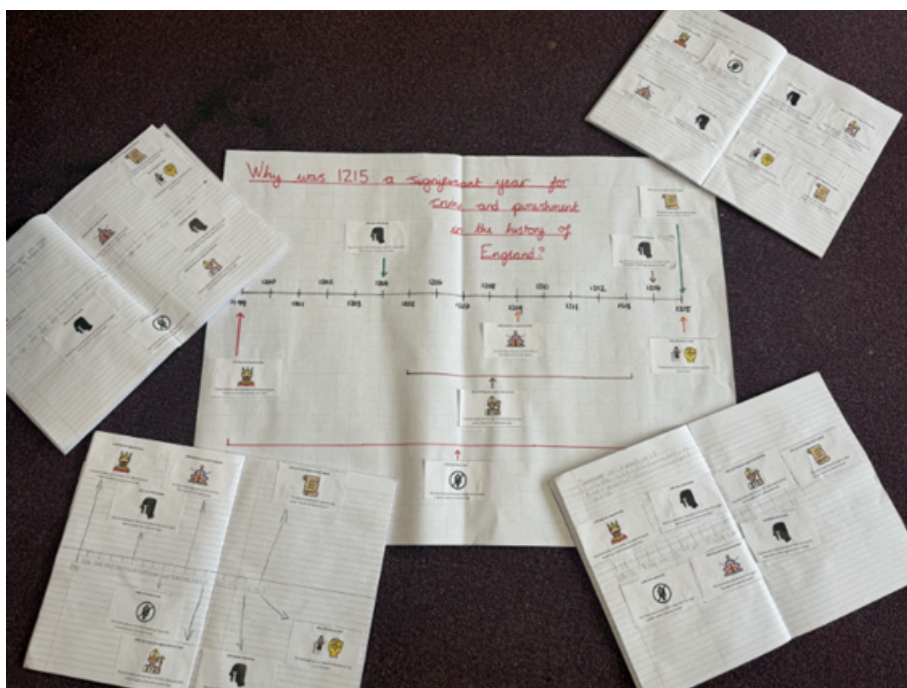
Year 6

SATs – A Huge Well Done!



A huge well done to all our amazing Year 6s for completing your SATs last week! We are incredibly proud of every single one of you. Your hard work, determination, and brilliant attitudes have shone through. Take a breath, smile, and feel proud — you've worked for this!

History – Crime and Punishment



Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying their history learning this half term as they explore how crime and punishment has changed throughout British history. From investigating trials and ordeals in Anglo-Saxon Britain to discovering the harsh punishments of Tudor England, the children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm. They have enjoyed comparing how laws, justice and punishments have evolved from the Roman period right through to modern-day Britain.



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Year 6



Year 6 have been exploring graffiti-style artwork this half term, with a particular focus on the famous street artist Banksy. The children enjoyed researching his work and discussing the messages often hidden within street art. Inspired by their learning, they were then challenged to design and create their own positive piece of graffiti artwork, using bold colours, creative lettering and meaningful messages to express themselves.



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Sporting Events

It has been another fantastic month of sport in school, with pupils showing excellent enthusiasm, teamwork and determination across a range of events and festivals.

Our girls' cricket team took part in a friendly fixture which provided valuable preparation ahead of their upcoming tournament. The team demonstrated great effort, improving their skills and confidence throughout the match.

There have also been extra football opportunities for both boys and girls this month. It has been wonderful to see the teamwork, respect and positive sportsmanship shown by all pupils during every game.

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children also had the chance to take part in friendly sports festivals, where they developed their racket skills as well as striking and fielding techniques. The children represented the school brilliantly and enjoyed trying new activities in a fun and supportive environment.





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Celebrating Success

We are delighted to share some exciting sporting news from Year 5!

Over the weekend, Sholing Whites U10s were crowned cup final winners after a fantastic performance from the team. Three of our Year 5 pupils — Kyran-James, Idris and Diego — all played in the final and helped their team secure the victory.

The boys showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement both on and off the pitch.

Kajetan, who is also part of the Sholing Whites U10s squad, unfortunately wasn't able to attend the final but has been an important member of the team during the season.

Well done boys!

