

# SUTTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Whole School Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023



Dear Families,

Thank you for all of your continued support this term. There have been so many exciting learning experiences, many of which you can read about here. In response to the Parent Views, we have made our class newsletter pages even more informative about what has been learned and what the children will learn next term. I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. FELIZ NAVIDAD!

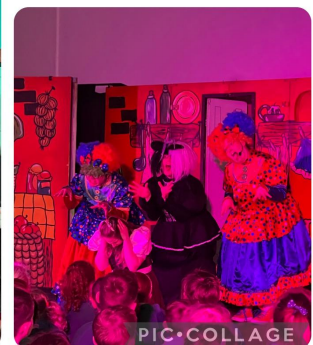
On 24th November, we had the remarkable Bart Gee in school. He wowed us all with his life story and talents. His perseverance and resilience in managing his disability was truly inspiring.

Here is a link to his video that promotes his message: [Turning Disability into Possibility.](#)



We enjoyed a performance of Cinderella from M and M Productions! It really inspired us for our own Christmas productions!

Mrs Winterson and Mr Davenport wowed us when they joined the cast for a musical number!



Attendance to date

94.1% (National 94.6%)

We're just in line with National attendance. Here's hoping we see the back of those nasty winter viruses in the New Year..

# JSO UPDATE

The Junior Safety Officers have been busy since the start of term - they have talked in assembly & they have run a competition in October 'Be Safe, Be Seen'.

They presented their prizes in assembly.



In November, they met with the local PSCO Amanda Hughes and discussed ways to help encourage safer parking outside our school.



As a reminder, if possible, please walk, cycle or scoot to school. You could park a few streets away & walk to reduce the parking & pollution outside that school gates. This will also help everyone to stay fit & healthy.

A graphic titled "5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE" for Sutton Green Primary School. It features a map of the school area with a blue circle indicating the 5-minute walking zone. The graphic includes the following text:

- 5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE**
- #StaySafeGetActive on your journey to school**
- Protect our children**
- If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school**
- If you have to drive, park at least 5-minutes away**
- Sutton Green Primary School**
- MODESHIRE STARS EDUCATION**
- Supported by the Department for Transport**

At the bottom, it says: "For more hints, tips and information please visit [www.modeshirestars.org/staysafegetactive](http://www.modeshirestars.org/staysafegetactive) This 5-minute walking zone represents a Page 1 / 2 average walking speed of 3-miles per hour"

Look out for their next competition in the new year



# SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The following children are this years School Councillors

Ash	Lilja
Oak	Blake
Bay	Quinn
Elm	Albie
Fir	Louisa
Rowan	Nate
Willow	Rex
Maple	Halle
Sycamore	Esmae
Chestnut	Hunter
Cherry - Council Leader	Sophie
Cherry - Deputy Council Leader	Jake
Cherry - Deputy Council Leader	Joseph

We have discussed assemblies, golden time, improving our school grounds, the new adventure, the school field, lunchtimes, toilets and council projects to raise money for our school.

# PARENT FEEDBACK

Please see these extremely pleasing results below. Thank you for your responses. It really helps us to reflect on good practice and improve where needed. I would be interested in meeting with the 1 or 2 anonymous people that are currently unhappy in order to try and put things right.

98% of you feel your child is happy at Sutton Green
100% say that your child feels safe at this school
98% feel that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved
Where applicable, 100% feel that any bullying behaviour is dealt with quickly and effectively
92% feel that we makes you aware of what my child will learn during the year
99% feel that when concerns are raised with the school they are dealt with properly
Where applicable, 99% feel that the school gives your child the support they need with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities SEND
99% feel that the school has high expectations for your child
99% feel that your child does well at this school
96% feel that the school lets me know how my child is doing
100% feel there is a good range of subjects available at this school
100% feel that your child can take part in clubs and activities at this school
98% feel that The school supports your child's wider personal development
98% would recommend this school to another parent

## Overview of actions based on the main themes from your 'Even Better If...' suggestions.

Issue	Actions	Intended Impact
<i>General Communication - too much, too many formats.</i>	Review in Jan Possible daily drop Office to collate messages daily - set preferred email/text Ensure Facebook alone is not used for communication.	Parents feel that communication is more structured
<i>Homework - more clarity and communication around homework</i>	Homework policy review Homework club Book change process to be quicker Promote challenge trees	Regular homework with clear expectations - support increased outcomes and engagement with wider curriculum.
<i>Progress of child - informing</i>	Parents evening review Regular book showcases More opportunities to liaise with teachers	Parents feel more informed about progress of children
<i>Curriculum - Informing of what will be taught and what has been taught.</i>	Whole School Newsletter Review Signpost to website Regular Gallery updates	Parents feel more informed about what is being taught and what will be taught
<i>Trips</i>	Share the information with parents, such as: Rationale Break down of payments	Parents feel there is a clear rationale and breakdown of costs.

# EYFS

## What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

### Phonics

We have now taught all of the set 1 sounds and have been practising blending these sounds together to read words and segmenting the sounds to write words. After Christmas we will be introducing handwriting books.

### English/Understanding the World/Topics

We started this half term with our 'Room on a Broom' topic, which focussed on rhyming. Following this we learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali and then moved on to our 'Three Little Pigs' topic. After Christmas we will be starting our new topic based on the book 'Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek' which is about three animal friends who decide to take a shortcut through the creepy crooked creek. As part of this topic we will be having some reptile visitors.

### Maths

This half term our maths started with the phase '1,2,3,4,5', where the children were finding, subitising and representing numbers to 5, as well as exploring the composition of numbers to 5 and finding one more and one less. We also explored shapes, mass and capacity. After Christmas we will start the topic, 'Alive in 5' which will consolidate our previous learning and then extend this in the topic 'Growing 6,7,8'.

### Adventure Time

As well as direct teaching, the children will continuously explore all areas of learning through play in our learning landscape, during which their learning will be supported and extended by the teaching staff.

Please see the EYFS curriculum map on our website's [curriculum page](#) for more information.



# ASH CLASS



What a busy half term we have had. From completing spell books and making potions during 'Room on a Broom' week to celebrating Diwali with our Deva lamps. We then went on to discover and investigate a crime scene from the 'Three Little Pigs'.

We had lots of fun at our PJ party and Winter disco, the children love showing us their dance moves. Over the last few weeks the children have worked so well to learn lines and songs for our Christmas show, we are so proud of them and we hope you enjoyed it! Have a lovely Christmas!

# OAK CLASS



Oak class have had another fabulous half term! We enjoyed lots of potion making when we shared the 'Room on the Broom' story and even had a go at creating our own spell books (they included rhyming words too!). We also enjoyed investigating a crime scene in our classroom!! We think that it had something to do with a certain Big Bad Wolf...

The children loved our Winter Disco and showed us some great dance moves! They continued to impress us when practising for our Boogie Woogie Nativity too - they were all superstars and I'm extremely proud of how hard they worked and how brave they were to get on stage! Christmas fun has hit EYFS with a bang this year... we've been getting stuck into lots of craft activities, making snow dough and keeping an eye on Buddy, our very mischievous Elf!

All of the staff and children in Oak class wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

# KS1

## What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

### English

We have been reading the story about a very cheeky book monster called Nibbles. He likes to eat books, soap, toes, anything he can nibble through. Year 2 have been using commas in lists and writing diaries to record the events. Year 1 have been linking their ideas using 'and'  
Next term we find out about a lion character ! What will the lion get up to?

### Maths

We have continued our learning about addition and subtraction. Next we will be learning about 2d and 3d shape, measuring and money.

### Science

In Science, we have been learning about humans. We have investigated germs, found out that a healthy diet and exercise are important. We agreed that less screen time and more green time is important.  
Next half term we are learning about materials.

### Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about maps. Next we will focus on history and learn about the local area.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we have been learning about how everyone is different but everyone is important and welcome in our school. Next we will learn about living in the wider world.

### Computing

In Computing, we have been learning about simple instructions and animation. We have also continued learning about e-safety and how to stay safe online.

### Spanish

We have been learning the names of twelve different fruits and learning to say : I like (Me gustan), and I don't like (No me gustan).

### PE

We have been using our skills to pass, catch and roll a ball. On wet days we have taken part in agility and Yoga sessions. We have worked as a team, a partner and individually. We have been doing gymnastics with Mr C, the Sports coach.

### RE

We have been exploring why Christmas is celebrated by Christians.  
Next term we will find out how and why Allah and Muhammad are important to Muslims.

### Art

In Art, we have been designing and creating 2d and 3d maps. Next term we will focus on design technology.



# BAY CLASS



What a busy Half term!!! Bay class have enjoyed writing about Nibbles the monster who nibbles through other people's stories. We have been using capital letters and full stops, commas in lists and connecting words such as but, or . We have also been discovering human and physical features of our school grounds and local areas, the map homework that the children completed was amazing I was so impressed. Children in Bay class have been using their art skills to design 3D maps in art. Performing the Christmas Nativity has been the highlight of this half term. What a pleasure it was to watch the children work hard and perform so well. The children have been expanding their vocabulary too with the introduction to Word Aware raps [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=428l9PIED\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=428l9PIED_I) which they love, we have looked at words such as intruder, decay, clambering. So with that I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a lovely

New Year and see you all in the New Year for another busy term.



# FIR CLASS



What a busy half term we have had in Fir Class! We have loved being mini scientists, we made predictions about what we thought might happen, before carrying out our investigation. We observed how germs would react to the soap on our hands by using glitter water and the results were AMAZING!

We located our home and school on Google Earth in geography and looked at different maps, spotting all the 'aerial view' maps (one of our new word aware words). We really enjoyed getting outdoors for some fieldwork and locating the direction of all the main points on our school grounds.

We have started a new WordAware session each day which has taught us so many more WOW words. We get to sing, act, shout and whisper the words. We really enjoy thinking up the actions for each new word and it helps us to remember them. We have done a brilliant job including our new vocabulary in our lessons and writing. Ask us what we've learned and we are sure to impress you!

We said a sad goodbye to a special member of our class. We wish him and his family lots of luck in his new home and school. He will be very missed.

We were inspired by exceptional visitors this half term. We had a brilliant time with James Lyons who helped us to make a noise in the Anti Bullying assembly and in the workshop that followed. This really inspired the musicians among us and it was fantastic to see the confidence of the children who participated. We were also lucky enough to have an incredible man visit our school and share what having a disability has meant for him. He showed us that anything is possible with the right mindset and he has definitely motivated us all in a really positive way.

Finally, Christmas has landed in Fir! We have had the most magical time. We have enjoyed tree decorating, sharing stories of our cheeky elves and christmas plans, as well as practising hard for our performance (voices of angels!).

Fir class would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and new year. Enjoy making some special memories and we can't wait to hear all about your fun and adventures in the New Year.

# ELM CLASS



Well that was another busy half term in Elm Class! We have really enjoyed our science lessons, especially when we investigated what would happen to germs when we add soap to our hands. Why not try this at home, you can use glitter or pepper for the germs.

We located our home and school on Google Earth in geography. Like all good geographers we learnt how to use maps and the compass points. We even carried out fieldwork.

The introduction of a 5 minute WordAware session each day has enabled us to add new words, WOW words. to our vocab. We can sing, act, shout and whisper the words. Ask us which words we know, you'll be amazed.

We have said goodbye to a very valuable member of our class. We wish him and his family lots of luck in his new home and school. We will certainly miss him.

We were very lucky to meet two inspiring people who visited school this half term. Bart Gee was inspiring, he taught us that having a disability is not a barrier to doing activities. James Lyons helped us to make a noise in the Anti Bullying assembly and in the workshop that followed.

Finally, the sound of singing sheep, camels and even a donkey can be heard from the classroom and school hall. We are excited to be telling the Christmas story and performing in front of a live audience.

The staff and children in Elm Class would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forward to a happy, healthy 2024.

See you in January for another busy term.





# LKS2 Years 3 & 4

## What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

### **English**

We have been learning about how to write a fantasy story, using *A Winter's Child* by Angela McAllister and *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells as inspiration. Our lessons have included work on similes... icicles hung like diamonds from the tree.

### **Maths**

We have continued our learning about addition and subtraction, and have moved on to learning how to multiply!

### **Science**

In Science, we have been learning all about teeth, digestion and food webs! We learned about the journey of food through the body and how to properly care for our teeth!

### **Geography**

In Geography, we have been learning about our region and our local area! We are going to do a traffic survey soon.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, we have been learning about how families all look different. We been looking at different relationships within families and the importance of having a family.

### **Computing**

In Computing, we have been learning about databases and comparison cards. We even learned how to use sort and filter to find the perfect holiday!

### **Spanish**

In Spanish, we have been learning the words for a range of different animals.

### **Art**

In Art, we have been learning how to create different effects with paint!

### **RE**

In RE we have explored how Hindus view God and how Diwali is celebrated. Next term we will find out how Christians use the Bible to help them with their lives.

### **English**

We are reading the *Iron Man* book by Ted Hughes! We will work on our inference skills to explore how characters feel! We will also be reading *Stone Age* by Satoshi Kitamura. We will focus on using speech marks, tenses and expanding our vocabulary.

### **Maths**

We will continue learning about multiplication and division! We need to be fluent and speedy in our Multiplication facts! After we will be moving on to length and perimeter.

### **Science**

We are looking at Forces and Magnets! we will be looking at why magnets attract and repel! We will be looking at the uses of magnets in our everyday life!

### **PSHE**

We are looking at the values of rules and laws in our community. We are going to be looking at internet safety and making decisions about money!

### **Computing**

We are going to look at a laptop in-depth! we will be recognising inputs and outputs. Learning about the parts of a laptop and their purpose.

### **History**

In History children will be exploring 'The Industrial Revolution' and all the new inventions that came. Including inventions that can be found in Ellesmere Port.

### **Spanish**

We are learning about verbs and how to say I can and I can't. We are learning how to share opinions in Spanish!

### **DT**

This half term we will create slingshot cars.

### **RE**

In RE we have been exploring how Christians use the bible to help them with their lives.

# ROWAN CLASS



What a busy half term it has been in Rowan!

We have really enjoyed our learning this half term, especially in Science and Art. We learned all about our digestive system, including the role of each tooth type and the journey our food takes through our body! 🍌

We have had lots of special visitors, including the musician James Lyons, who taught us to make a noise against bullying; Bart Gee, who taught us that nothing is impossible; and the fantastic M and M Productions who dazzled us with a production of Cinderella.

In the run-up to Christmas, Year 3 enjoyed a lantern-making workshop and Year 4 visited Little Sutton Methodist Church. We loved learning the lyrics and dance moves for our Christingle service and seeing the mischief our class elf got up to each day.

Happy Christmas and see you all in the New Year! 🎄 🎆



# WILLOW CLASS

What a busy half term it has been. Willow class has explored so many different avenues this half term. We absolutely loved our English texts, *Winter's Child* and *Ice Palace*. These books helped to explore so many English skills such as prepositions, clauses and using direct speech.

Willow has particularly enjoyed science this half term. We have been exploring the human body. We completed an experiment where we left eggs to soak in different drinks for a week to see the effect they may have on our teeth. To finish off a great topic we then used plaque disclosing tablets to see where we may be missing when we brush our teeth.

We also met some great people over this term including author and motivational speaker Bart Gee, who showed us all that he has achieved after being born with Arthrogryposis.

Amongst all the learning, the children have been working hard to create a 'Christingle Concert' for their parents and carers to celebrate Christmas time!

★ Well done Willow Class! Another brilliant half term completed. ★

🎄 Have a Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year! 🎄





# MAPLE CLASS

Maple has had a very busy half term!

We have been learning about the digestion system and what happens to our food. We conducted a science experiment to observe different drinks' effects on our teeth.

In English, we enjoyed the book *Winter's Child and Ice Palace*. We have been writing letters and retelling the story!

Geography was all about our local area, we looked at how the land has changed over time. We conducted a traffic survey to look at the changes in traffic.

In computing, we learnt about databases and how to use them to book a holiday to Paris!

We enjoyed lots of extra PSHE including first aid and a visit from Bart Gee.

We have enjoyed lots of singing and preparing for our Christmas performance too!



# UKS2

## What have we been learning about and what is coming soon?

### **English**

We have been reading the story 'The Lost Happy Endings', creating some fantastic descriptive pieces of writing. Next time we will be writing mystical myths based on our new book: Authur and the Golden Rope.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we have been learning about how to convert, order and compare fractions. It has been a great opportunity for the children to build on the knowledge that they had already developed. Next, we will be furthering our knowledge of multiplication and division.

### **Science**

In Science, we have been learning all about forces. We conducted several investigations on the effects of gravity and how air resistance can slow it down. Also, we created streamlined boats to compare the effects of water resistance on an object. Next term we will be carrying out more investigations, looking at data, validity of an investigation and the technology that can be used when we work scientifically.

### **Geography**

In Geography, we have been learning how to plot human & physical landmarks on a map as we plotted our own routes and went on a local area walk around Little Sutton Village. Next half term, we will be learning all about the History of the Industrial Revolution in Ellesmere Port.

### **Computing**

In Computing, we have been learning how to create our own stop motion animations. We started by creating a flipbook of a simple animation and then used the school's chromebooks to plan an interactive animation. Next half term, we will be learning the power of search engines and how they can be best used to find information.

### **MFL**

In Spanish, we have been learning all about "Mi Casa - My House". We have been learning how to say where we live and what rooms we have in our house. Next half term, we will be learning how to say the planets in Spanish.

### **Art**

In Art, we studied the work of the artist Cai Guo-Qiang who creates his pieces using gunpowder and explosions. We then had a go at creating our own installation art using some of his techniques. In the Spring term, we will be looking at macro-photography and photo montage.

### **RE**

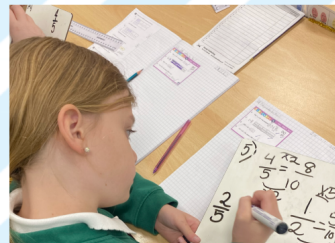
In RE, we have been learning about how Baha'i expresses unity through prayer and service. Next term we'll explore why community and equality are important to Sikhs.

### **PE**

We have thoroughly enjoyed improving our cardiovascular system and muscle strength through our weekly circuits. The children have looked forward to our sessions and have not complained once ..... maybe a little! We have also enjoyed gymnastics with Mr Clyne, our VARA sports coach. Next half term, we will be improving our invasion skills with our teachers and dance with Mr Clyne, our VARA coach.



# CHESTNUT CLASS



It has been an action-packed half term in Chestnut Class! The children have been reading 'The Lost Happy Endings' in their English writing and have created some fantastic pieces of work. Our door is always open if you fancy having a look through them, I know how excited the children are to share their writing. In Maths, pupils have been building on their knowledge of fractions and have shown great determination and perseverance whilst negotiating around this difficult topic. We have been investigating the effects of air and water resistance in Science; children have created their own parachutes and streamlined boats to test the best materials for the job. Lots of great teamwork on show! It was great to go on a learning walk around Little Sutton Village to develop our mapping skills. The children created their own routes and plotted key human & physical features that they saw along the way. It was so much fun performing in our Christmas performance, so many memories made which we will all treasure in the future. Finally, Miss Whyte has been visiting us for the past 10 weeks to teach the class how to play a brass instrument. We invited the parents/carers of Chestnut Class to join us on the final week of the term to listen along to what the class had been working on. We are all already looking forward to the next half term.

# SYCAMORE CLASS



We have had a very busy but fun filled half term leading up to the Christmas season! The children have been reading 'The Lost Happy Endings' in their English writing and have developed their writing skills, creating some amazing pieces of work! In Maths, the children have been building on their Fraction knowledge - persevering with what has been a tricky topic! We have been using our investigative skills in Science - learning all about air and water resistance by creating our own parachutes and streamlined boats. We worked with musician James Lyons who is a fantastic beatboxer and rapper. He inspired us to create our own raps! We met author and motivational speaker Bart Gee, who showed us all what he has achieved after being born with Arthrogyrosis. He inspired us to never give up and persevere with obstacles we might face in our lives by adapting how we might do things. As part of our Geography topic, we went on a local area walk around Little Sutton developing our map skills and identifying 6 figure grid references. We have had so much fun rehearsing for and performing our Christmas performance. We are so proud of all the children for being so enthusiastic and displaying their many talents. We hope you all enjoyed it!

Well done Sycamore! We are so proud of all your hard work!

The staff and children in Sycamore Class would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



# CHERRY CLASS



It has been a really busy half term with lots of trips, special days and interesting visitors. Our book, *The Lost Happy Endings*, has inspired some beautiful setting and character descriptions with excellent use of expanded noun phrases and dialogue to convey character. Please make sure you pop in to read their writing pieces, I am sure you will be impressed. We have enjoyed my favourite geography topic: map reading. We plotted a route to walk around Little Sutton and looked at the human and physical features, adding them to our maps using the correct symbols. We met author and motivational speaker Bart Gee, who showed us all that he has achieved after being born with Arthrogryposis. What an inspiration! He inspired us to never give up and persevere with obstacles we might face in our lives by adapting how we might do things. We also worked with musician James Lyons who was absolutely incredible. He had the whole school mesmerised when he took us through the history of music and then came to our class to teach us to beatbox and rap. We thoroughly enjoyed (ha ha - not!) improving our cardio and strength fitness in our PE lessons. We look forward to these sessions every week and have not complained at all! I think the best part of the year has been practising for our last Xmas performance at Sutton Green. It has been a lot of fun and we hope you all enjoyed watching it.

# OTHER NEWS TO CELEBRATE!

Back in November, Ava had her hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust to make a wig for a poorly child. She has had 14.5 inches of hair cut off and raised £335!

Well done Ava!



# EVENTS

<b>December</b>	15th - LAST DAY - Christmas Jumper Day - 1.30pm Finish
<b>January</b>	8th - Y3/4 Science Trip 10th - Willow Class Start Swimming 12th EYFS Reptile Experience 18th - Winnie the Pooh Day & Special Lunch 22nd - Bingo- Doors Open at 5pm 29th - 1st Feb Storytelling Week 31st - Y5/6 Quarry Bank Visit
<b>February</b>	2nd -Number Day (NSPCC) 7th - EYFS Stay and Play 5th -9th Safer Internet Week 12th - 16th Mental Health Awareness Week 13th Wear Yellow & Pancake Day Lunch
<b>March</b>	1st March EYFS Pirate Day 7th March - World Book Day - Send in a plain white T-Shirt to decorate and bring in a favourite book. 11th -15th Science Week - Details to follow 27th EYFS Stay and Play 28th Easter Lunch and Bunny Hop (Hospice of the Good Shepherd)
<b>April</b>	24th Guide Dog Day & Special Lunch
<b>May</b>	20th - 23rd The Great Outdoors -Details to follow
<b>June</b>	17th - 21st Arts Week-Details to follow 28th Sports Day & Picnic Lunch
<b>July</b>	4th July SuperHeroes Day-Details to follow (Claire House Hospice) 12th Festival of San Fermin- Wear Red / Yellow



# E-SAFETY

Please see below for an e-safety guide that we have been looking at in assemblies! Ask your children what they can remember!



## ESAFETY @SUTTON GREEN

33% of our Year 5 and 6's talk to strangers online!  
10% of them have arranged to meet them

50% of Ks1 believe that everyone tells the truth online

21% of our Year 3 and 4 children wouldn't tell anyone if something scared them online!

What are we doing in school?

- regular assemblies
- highlighting Esafety in weekly computing lessons
- bespoke Esafety lessons

Miss Mooney's top tips!

- check your child's privacy settings on apps and devices.
- Discuss who they can talk to if things are upsetting them.
- Be aware of age restrictions on apps!
- Review your child's location settings on their device.
- Check parent supervision tools on Instagram, WhatsApp and TikTok!
- discuss who they are talking to online and if they are a known person!



# SUBJECT NEWS

Please see our website's [curriculum page](#) for more information.

## ENGLISH

We have celebrated a range of special events in English this half term!

On 29th November, we celebrated No Pens Day! Every class developed their oracy skills through a range of drama activities including hot seating and conscience alley!

Each class has also been developing their drama skills when preparing for their Christmas productions.

Well done to everyone for producing excellent writing this half term!

## MATHS

What a great half term it has been in Maths! Children came to school dressed as rock stars to celebrate learning times tables.

KS2 also had the maths 'RoadShow' from Liverpool University come in and teach the children fun ways to problem solve. KS1 will do this in the new year.

Each class has been focusing on addition and subtraction this half term with the Ks2 children then going on to explore multiplication.

Well done Mathematicians.

## GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Wow what a Half term of Geography, as a school we have been focusing on our local area. In year 1 & 2 we have been concentrating on our school grounds, looking for human and physical features. We also produce some great homework about our local area. In year 3 & 4 they have been looking at our local area and collecting data over time. In year 5 & 6 they have been learning lots of geographical skills and applying them in our local area, 6 figure grid references - so they'll never be lost again.

Next half term we will be Looking at History and concentrating on the industrial revolution with a focus on our local area. I am looking forward to the work the children produce.

## SCIENCE

There have been lots of exciting experiments taking place across all year groups this half term! I've really enjoyed going into classes and talking to the children about their investigations and have been blown away by the vocabulary that is being used - well done, super scientists!

Next half term, Mad Science will be coming into school to deliver an exciting assembly. The children will then have the opportunity to sign up for an after school club. The club has been really popular in the past and the children have lots of fun, covering a range of themes including physics, chemistry and engineering! More details to follow in the New Year.

## ART & DESIGN

Using the Kapow scheme of working, all year groups have amazed us with the quality of their art projects this half term, well done! Thank you also to everyone who ordered a product from Cauliflower Christmas designs, we raised a massive £321 which will go towards art projects in the future. We were also very impressed with the standard of entries for the Redrow Design a Christmas Card competition. Well done to Rosie who was our Sutton Green overall winner, winning a £50 Smyths Toy Store voucher.

## MUSIC

Our music this half term has focussed on our Christmas songs and performances. A big well done to all of our Year groups, all making us so proud during their shows. Also, well done to Chestnut class who wowed parents with their brass instrument performance on Monday, letters were given out if you are interested in continuing this tuition. Choir also were great representatives of our school during their Christmas performance at Smithy Court. RAD continue to offer tuition in a variety of music instruments within school time, if you would like to know more about this please click on the below link:

[https://pz33vs6xqa6.typeform.com/to/AKBJU2om#school\\_name=Sutton%20Green%20Primary%20School&school\\_id=recrMMXcNAH2GgVhR](https://pz33vs6xqa6.typeform.com/to/AKBJU2om#school_name=Sutton%20Green%20Primary%20School&school_id=recrMMXcNAH2GgVhR)

## SPANISH

We have been learning lots of new Spanish words and phrases this half term.

In Year 1/2, the children have been learning how to say different fruits in Spanish. In Year 3/4, the children have been learning how to say different musical instruments and in Year 5/6, the children have been learning how to ask and answer the question "Donde vives?" = Where do you live? in their My Home topic.

Why not ask your child/ren to teach you the words and phrases they have been learning?

## PSHE

We have continued to learn about different family types, respect for different cultures and welcoming everyone into Sutton Green. The children were really inspired by Bart Gee and other visitors to our school.

Our No Outsiders project is helping us to understand differences through stories and poetry. We are very proud of some pupils who have had their poem published in a No Outsiders Poetry book.