



# Forward March!

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*With God's help  
we will  
live kindly,  
love each other,  
learn and  
laugh together!*

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Dear Parents,

This half term is one of my favourites in school as we will be busily preparing for all of our lovely Christmas activities, Nativity shows and church services. This year we will be looking forward to seeing all of the children's hard work with their Christmas Nativity, which I know has already been started in Key stage 1 as I hear the wonderful singing. We will also be having our Christingle services, at St Peters led this year by Rev Helen and our talented choir will be singing at the Nursing Homes, School Christmas Fair and Winter Festival on the evening on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Peters. Tickets are available from the church. In addition to these Christmas events there will also be the value of peace being explored at such a special time through our curriculum teaching.

As the time of advent approaches we will be discussing the meaning of this with the children in worship and RE Lessons. Celebrating Advent involves spending time in spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. In Western Christianity, the season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through to Christmas Eve, or December 24. Reverend Helen whom you see at the gate and takes our worship on a Monday will be running Advent classes at school for parents on a Monday morning at school. We will be sending you information about this next week on the app.

**On Remembrance day** last Friday, we had a very special visitor to the service. Anne Holt is the Diocesan Director for Education and she enjoyed a tour of the school and thought the song the children sang was thought provoking. Anne and her team were very complimentary of our lovely pupils and school and we look forward to being involved in the Christianity Project for Church schools led by Miss Coyne.

### **Football Champs bring home the Trophy**

Our wonderful football team of boys and girls from Year 6 took part in the Chichester schools inter-football tournament last week with Mrs Bird accompanying them. They came back after winning all the games with the shield held high!! A huge congratulations, we are so proud of you! Mrs Bird said "I felt incredibly proud of each member of the team today. They showed a wonderful team spirit on and off the field. They encouraged one another and supported one another and deserved their success."





### **GAS Football Tournament**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8 Year 6's went to the GAS Football Tournament. We won all 5 matches 6-0, 1-0, 5-3, 3-1 and 3-0. We then beat Parklands 1-0 in the Final. We played lots of easy and tough games. We were a great supportive team and a really convincing team. We had a really fun time and scored lots of good goals. Thank you to Mrs Bird for taking us!

**By Isaac Hughes  
Year 6**



### **Beating Hearts in Year 6**

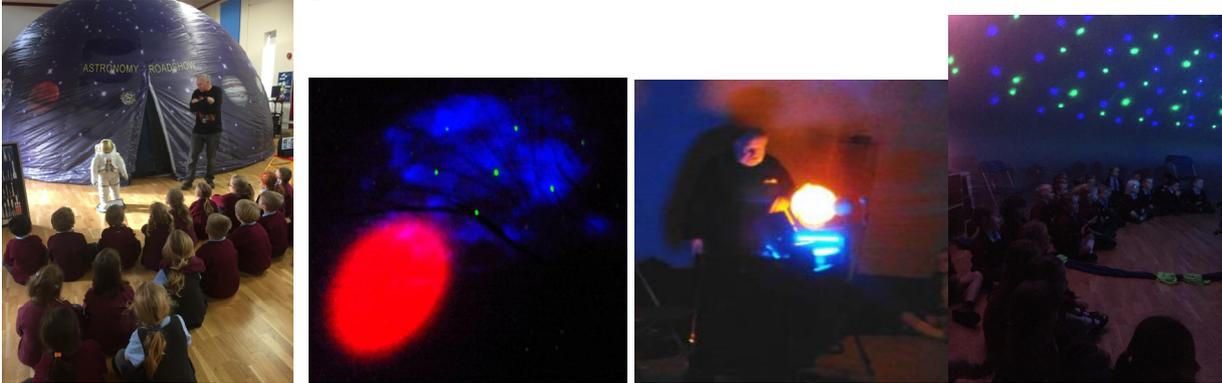
The topic in Year 6 this half term is learning all about the heart and blood in the body. We kindly had an ox heart, lambs and pigs hearts donated to us by Henry Bastable's grandfather for the children to investigate and dissect!

A few squeamish shrieks at first, cries of "ohh yuck", "is that's what's inside us?" " can I have a go" but ... by the end of the lesson nearly all the children were involved in dissection and learnt first hand the purpose of the heart and function of the parts. Such an amazing opportunity which brought the science to life and has resulted in opportunities for investigation, diagram work and even poetry! Well done Year 6 for embracing your learning.



## **Discovery under the dome !**

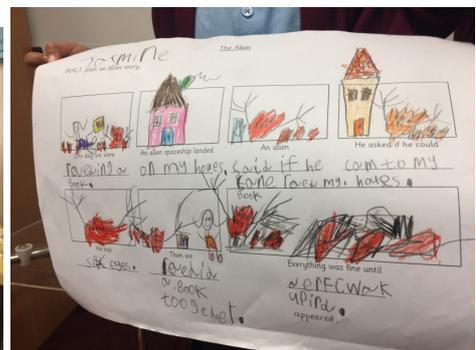
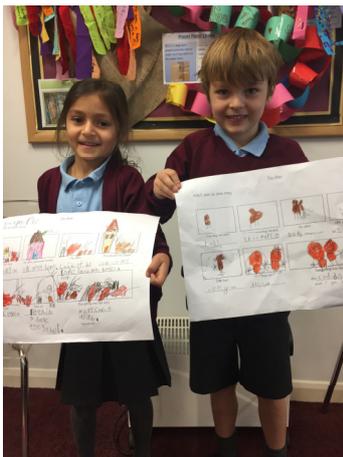
Year groups across the school this Wednesday were able to step inside an astro dome and experience the most wonderful star systems, constellations and displays projected across the ceiling. The children were speechless at the display and information they learnt. The Space Show took them, all on an imaginary space-flight from Earth to the outer edges of our solar system, teaching the all-important movements that affect our everyday life. Over 18,000 stars are projected together with models, music and moving picture views of the planets, a stunning effect inside the inflatable black dome.

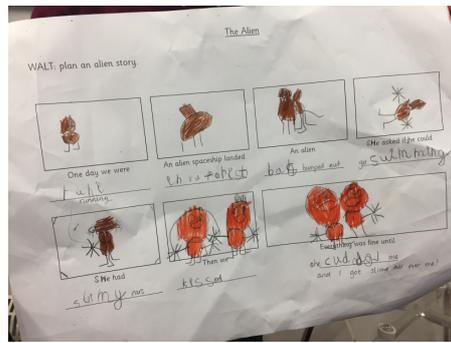


## **Find the Alien!!**

Year 1 had a special visitor this week in the shape of an alien hunter who came in to work with the children to search for the alien that may have landed in the spaceship in our Peace Garden! We were shocked to find out that parts of a rocket had landed at our school and the Alien Hunter helped us learn about the solar system planets and what aliens may or may not look like. An exciting event in Year 1.

**Louie, Jasmine and Emmy** have been working very hard in Year 1 this week creating their own story boards and writing about their adventures with an alien. I sure that you agree their writing, spelling and drawing is really good! Well done to the 3 of you!





## Year 2 and the Big Red Engine

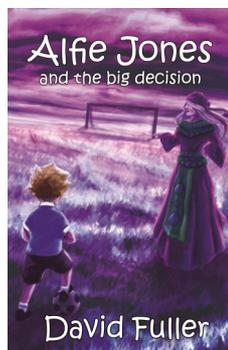
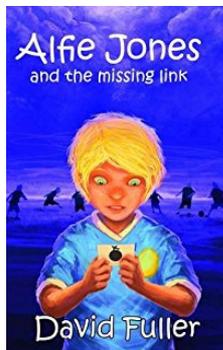
Year 2 had the opportunity to have a look around a fire engine on Monday and learn more about what the Fire Brigade do. They were able to go inside the fire engine and try out all the gadgets, including putting the siren on, and had a go at using the hoses. They learnt about what the fire fighters do and were surprised to learn that they do rescue lots of animals, especially cats stuck up trees! It was a really exciting start to the week for the children.



## Predators, Prey, skins and scales.

Year 3 also had a visitor in this week to show them different animal skins and scales from predators and prey. They were certainly interested to hold them, discuss why they were different and why camouflage was important to the different animals. Year 3 have also been investigating food chains this week and became part of these as they dressed up as animals, consumers and producers.

**Hands on learning** is so important and is especially important in the classroom because it allows pupils to engage in kinaesthetic learning. Studies have shown that kinaesthetic learning, where a pupil carries out physical activities rather than just listening, is the most popular type of learning. 'Doing' helps them to gain a better understanding of the subject. It allows pupils to experiment with trial and error, learn from their mistakes, and understand the potential gaps between theory and practice. Most importantly, it provides us as teachers with a unique opportunity to enrich the minds of our pupils in new and engaging ways. We certainly have had an exciting week of hands on learning!



### **Author visit - On Thursday 8th December 2016**

Children's author David Fuller will be visiting The March Primary School to talk to the KS2 children about his popular Alfie Jones series and explain what inspires him as a writer. He will also be reading a chapter from his first book and asking the children to engage in some role playing activities.

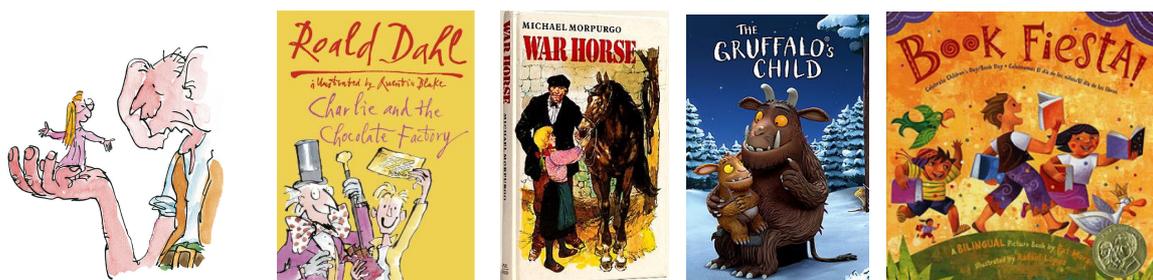
The Alfie Jones series centres around a football-mad boy whose chance meeting with a mysterious fortune teller at a fun-fair is set to alter the course of his life. Please visit the website:

[www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) for more information.

**David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy.**

## Reading Competition

This month's competition will be to write a book review of one of your favourite books and draw a picture of your favourite book character. The best entries will be put up on display in our library. Reading is so important and books seem to become a lost treasure with some children as they use Kindles and Ipad in preference to picking up a book or visiting the library. The joy of a new book, turning the page and stopping on a cliffhanger only to wait until the next bedtime story session is so important. If you would like to borrow books from the library to share with your child, please speak to Mrs Lee who will be only too happy to help you sign out a book or two!



## Requests

- Please make sure you name all your child's school uniform carefully so that we can return clothing to owners.
- Could all parents please ensure that they check their children's hair for head lice each week and if needed treat effectively. Thank you.

## Important dates for your diary.

Children in Need Dress in Spots or stripes day	18 <sup>th</sup> NOV
SEN Clinic with Mrs Smallwood 1-3pm	30 <sup>th</sup> NOV
Friends Christmas Festival celebration Evening	2 <sup>nd</sup> DEC
<b>ALL Staff led clubs finish from the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec due to performances</b>	
Nativity performance to Year R 1 2 parents 2-3pm	6 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Nativity performance to Year R 1 2 parents 2-3pm	7 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Last Sama Karate	7 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Nativity Performance to Year R 1 2 parents 6-7pm	8 <sup>th</sup> DEC
SEN Clinic with Mrs Smallwood 1-3pm	14 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Term ends	16 <sup>th</sup> DEC

Finally ...

If you would like to talk to me about anything, please do stop and chat or make an appointment if you would like more privacy or a longer length of time. I am here to help and support you all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher