



CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this celebration newsletter finds you in good health and consciousness.

Long, long ago, in a land far away, storytelling was a way to pass the time, entertain, and teach each other about the many facets of life. Ships on choppy waters, dragons lurking in sparkling caves, dark forests, punishing queens, hags and fairies and jealous nymphs. Except that people still do, and in this land as well!

National Storytelling Week now takes place in theatres, museums, storytelling clubs, hospitals, spoken word venues, care homes...and this year at Avanti House Primary School! We have so many devices built specifically for instantaneous entertainment and educational purposes. We have videos and books and radio and TV and, of course, the internet for all of that. But storytelling remains an incredibly important practice that is just as valuable today as it was in history. It is the ultimate person-to-person interaction.

Throughout the week, children have been immersed in presenting their favourite stories to their classmates using their creative and artistic skills to produce storytelling props such as puppets, paintings, story sacks and more. On Wednesday, children were challenged to act as their favourite character from a chosen story all day! They had to think carefully about how they ate, communicated, looked and behaved. Absorbed in various writing opportunities, children brought their book character to life and you will be fascinated by the way they have presented themselves. Children have stretched their imagination, smoothly streamed their ideas, and articulated them clearly and captivantly. Avanti House Primary is blessed with 420 natural-born storytellers! "Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today." – Robert McKee

With best wishes,

Miss Patel and Mrs Joshi
English Leads



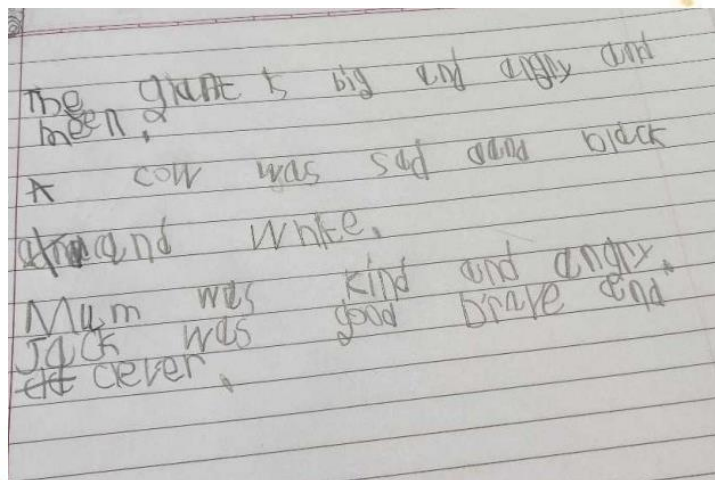
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Excellence · Virtue · Devotion

Reception Busy Bees

Aansh



Super star **Aansh** has been very busy this week! He made a giant mask and worked with his dad to make a very creative face mask incorporating our story, Jack and the Beanstalk into it and is planning to use it to act out the story! Very inventive-we can't wait to see your acting! Aansh was also asked lots of questions by his mum, about the story to which he gave some brilliant answers. Some examples are: how big was the castle?: "ginormous", Why do you think both Jack and the cow felt sad when the cow was sold?: "because they were close to each other". He even changed some of the story and said that Jack should ask the giant for help as he was poor! Some great answers and ideas here Aansh- Keep up the amazing work!

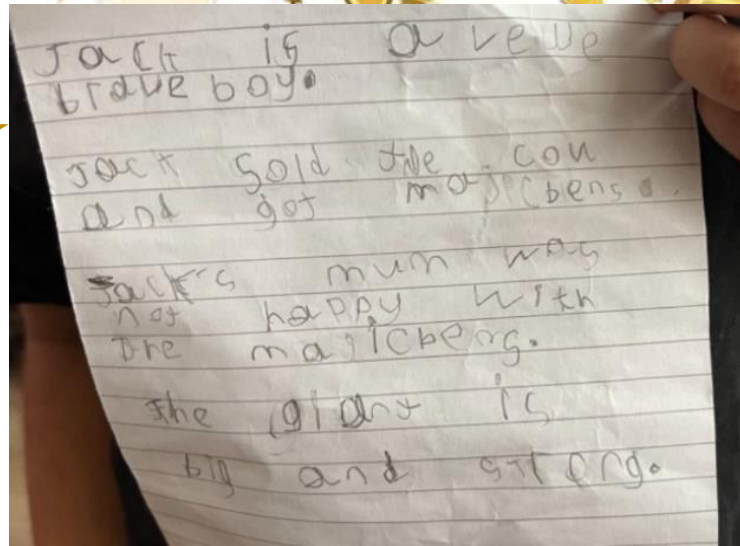


Saanvi

Saanvi has been working very hard this story-telling week! She has written some fabulous descriptive sentences about our story, Jack and the Beanstalk, using some brilliant describing words like 'angry', 'brave' and 'clever'. She also had lots of fun making some character lollipop stick puppets and using them to act out the story, very enthusiastically, with her family! Fantastic work Saanvi! You are a superstar! Keep up the amazing work!

Reception Laughing Ladybirds

Dylan



Dylan has been working really hard this week, he has been doing lots of lovely writing about our focus story. He has used great descriptive words in his sentences. During our Zoom call,

Dylan dressed up as Jack and talked about his upcoming acting debut. He is going to be putting on a show of Jack and the Beanstalk with supporting roles from his brother and sister. He has worked hard on completing his story map which I am sure he will use in his role play.

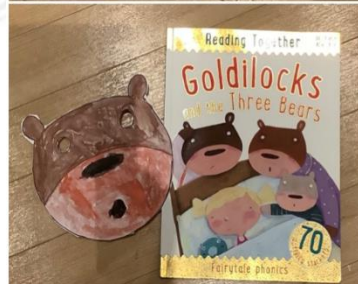
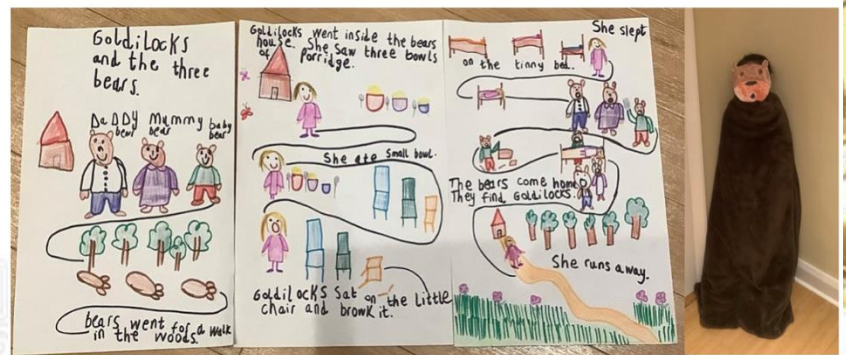
Harit



Harit has been working hard learning about story structures this week. He has made a great story map telling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. He has been contributing well on our Zoom calls, sharing ideas on his role play, making masks and planning on making a beanstalk using junk modelling. He also used his 'giant' voice to say hello. We are looking forward to seeing your role play.

Year 1 Dancing Dolphins

This week the learning in 1DD was outstanding! Miss Patel & Miss Raval were mightily impressed with every single child and found it too difficult to choose just two! Have a look at some of the incredible learning the **Dancing Dolphins** have produced this week – story sacks, story maps, puppets, masks and more!



Year 1 Talented Turtles

Mrs. Peshawaria & Mr. Patel were blown away with the quality of learning produced by the **Talented Turtles**! The children were super creative with their costumes using different materials and masks helping to bring their stories to life!

Well done to all the 1TT children!



Year 1


On Wednesday 3rd February, the Year 1 children dressed up as their favourite characters for the day! They ate, drank, spoke, and behaved as their favourite character all day. They even attended their live lessons as their character – yoga was a little tricky, but the children had lots of fun.

The next day, they wrote diary entries of their day...

4.2.2021
Dear diary,
→ Today I was so excited to represent myself as a giant in the first zoom lesson. But when my turn came, I was bit shy! I was looking handsome wearing smart clothes.
→ It wasn't comfortable to do yoga wearing giant's clothes. It looked like I was dancing!
→ It was very nice to move around and have fresh air. I went for shopping and said hello. Thank you in giant voice to the shop-keeper. He was laughing at me. What an embarrassment!
On way back to my home, I lost my balance when walking like a giant!
→ In the evening, I got stomach ache because of chewing fast and had to eat carom seeds.
→ Do you think it's easy to be a giant all day? It was a memorable day being a giant for me. 😊

Dear diary
My day being a doll was fun because I dressed up like a doll and I made some paper dolls and I danced and jumped.
The scary dinosaur tried to eat my paper dolls which I got upset about because I liked to play with the paper dolls.
Then my brother soaped my paper dolls into tiny little pieces so me and mum made them again. This was really fun!
Love milly

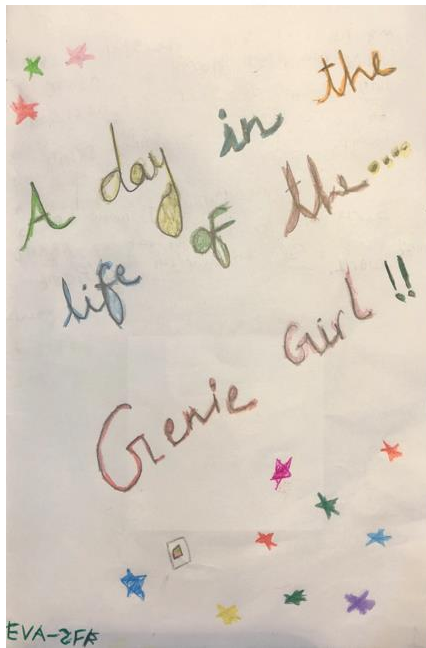
4.2.21
Dear Diary,
Today I was happy being Elsa, but it was tricky. When I tried to eat my breakfast, I kept freezing it. I kept falling over my long gown and my family were cold because our home has been turned into an icy castle. But I had lots of fun! In wonder who I will be next year.


Dear Diary,
I had lots of fun being Anna for the day. I had a royal breakfast. I did dancing like Anna and sang song for my sister Elsa. I enjoyed little things like playing with my brother, dancing in the garden.

Year 2 Fabulous Flamingos

2FF were all really engaged with this year's Storytelling Week. Children had fun listening to others share their favourite story book and character. The children took pleasure in dressing up too, we had a Genie, Spiderman, Willy Wonka and many more other wonderful characters. We even had a visit from Mr Gum, Little Red Riding Hood and a Martian!

Eva



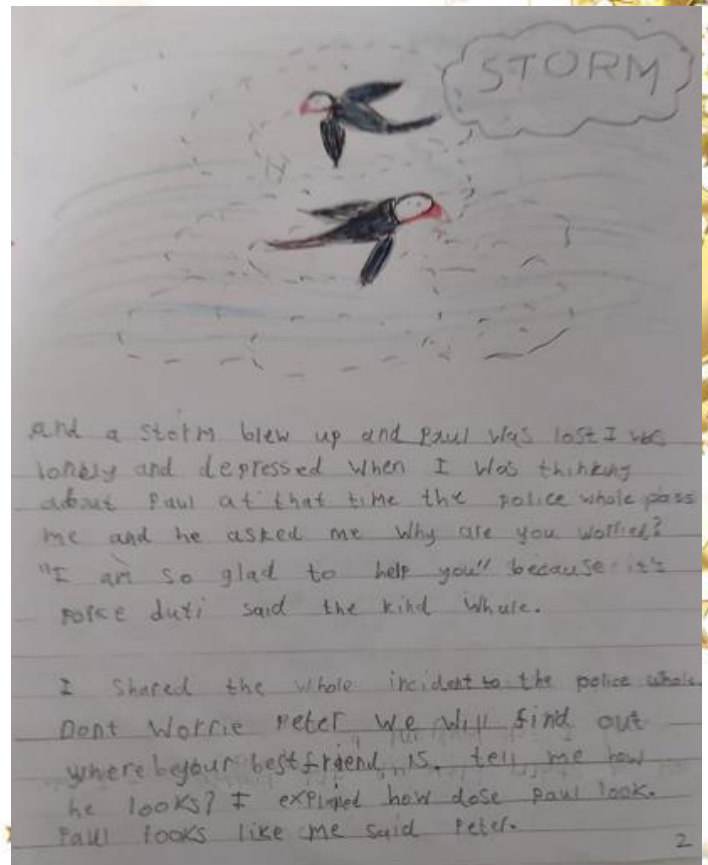
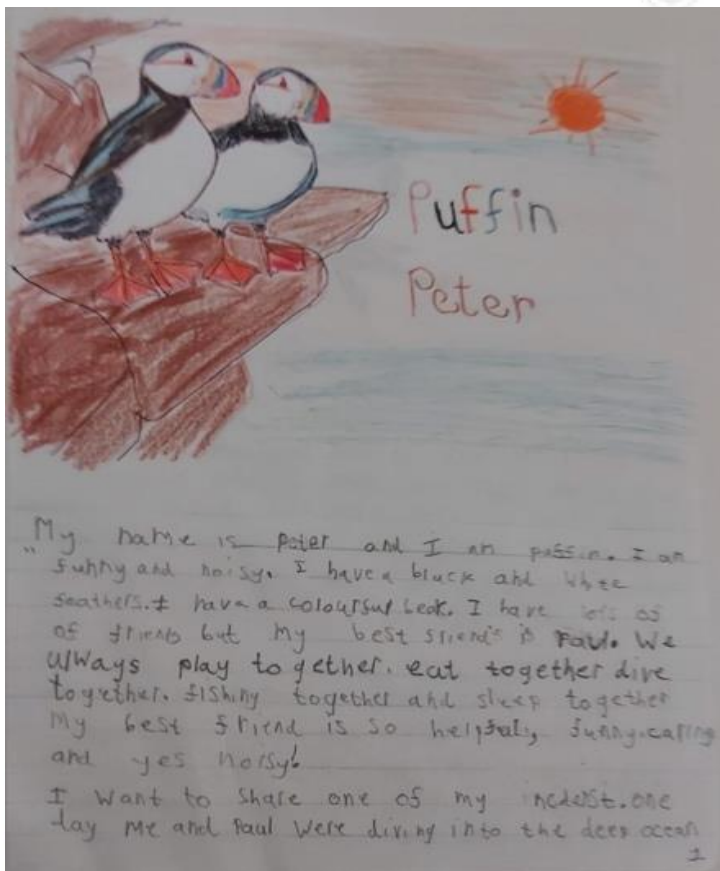
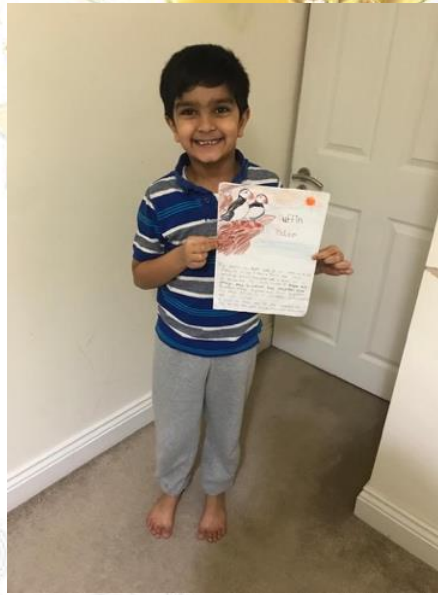
One morning when I woke up I found myself upside down on something so comfortable like a fluffy white cotton cloud. I didn't know what it was, so I began my alien-tastic day by using a mini broomstick to clean my teeth and make them stunningly fresh.

Excerpt of 'A Day in the Life of..An Alien that Loves Underpants' by Niam 2FF



Niam

Krishiv



Eva, Krishiv and Niam earned their place as Stars of the Week. For really engaging with their characters and creating imaginative pieces of writing this week. Well done everyone!

Year 2 Precious Peacocks

Aadhya and **Sneh** produced some wonderful work as part of our Story Telling Week this week. The children were asked to think about one of the characters in their favourite story and become that character for a day or more. Then they wrote about an adventure as their character!

A day in the life of my character

Hi my name is Jasmin and I come from a city called Agra. I have a friend called Dalia. She is very kind to me and looks after me.

When I walked the palace and went in the market I saw a poor boy. I think he is bad but after work he is a nice person.

My pet is called Ravi. He has beautiful back strips on his body. He is a very nice tiger. Everyone is scared of him but he's my friend.

A man called Jafar is not a very good man. He never respects people and he's rude to everyone.

My dad is a Sultan and he is a very old man. He protects me from Jafar.

Aadhya





Sneh

My name is Joe Spud and I am the richest 11 year old on the planet you heard me right richest. I have everything you imagine, : a 100 inch tv, a formula 1 race car with a race track in the backyard.

Last but not least a £100,000 pocket money every week, today I got my £100,000. I thought my life is a miracle with everything that I need and want but it's not easy being a billionaire.

Today I'm going to France and we'll go to business class in our plane to France and back. It will take 1 hour from London to France and we're going with other friends [Tom Jack and Simon].

Off we went to France, I played on the screen with my friends, and in 1 hour we arrived.

There were so many people here.

For breakfast we had croissants and hot chocolate.

After breakfast we went to a mall called Mega store.

I had no idea what that meant except France.

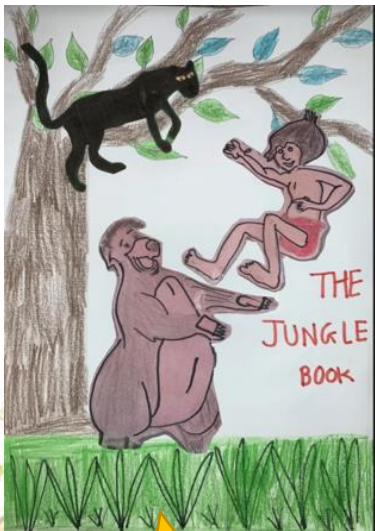
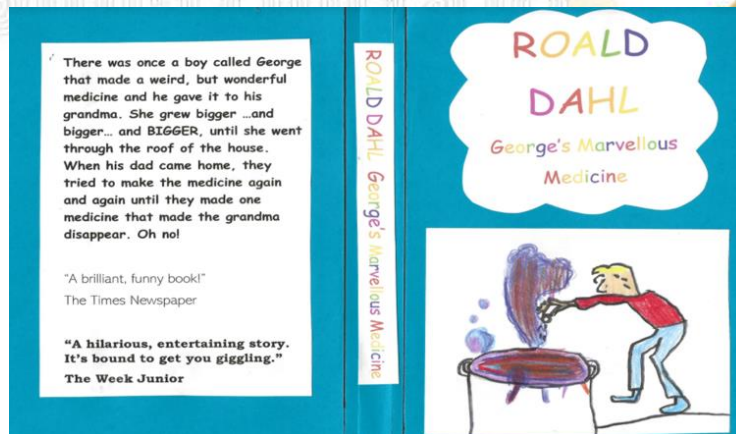
We went inside, it was insanely huge.

Year 3 Gentle Giraffes

To celebrate National Storytelling week with creativity 3GG started with illustrating the front cover of our favourite book. This was followed by making shadow puppets and mask that they shared on the virtual tea party. They dressed up and acted as their favourite book character. Well done 3GG for being so enthusiastic and inspiring! A special drum roll for **Kiana** and **Saavan**



Saavan



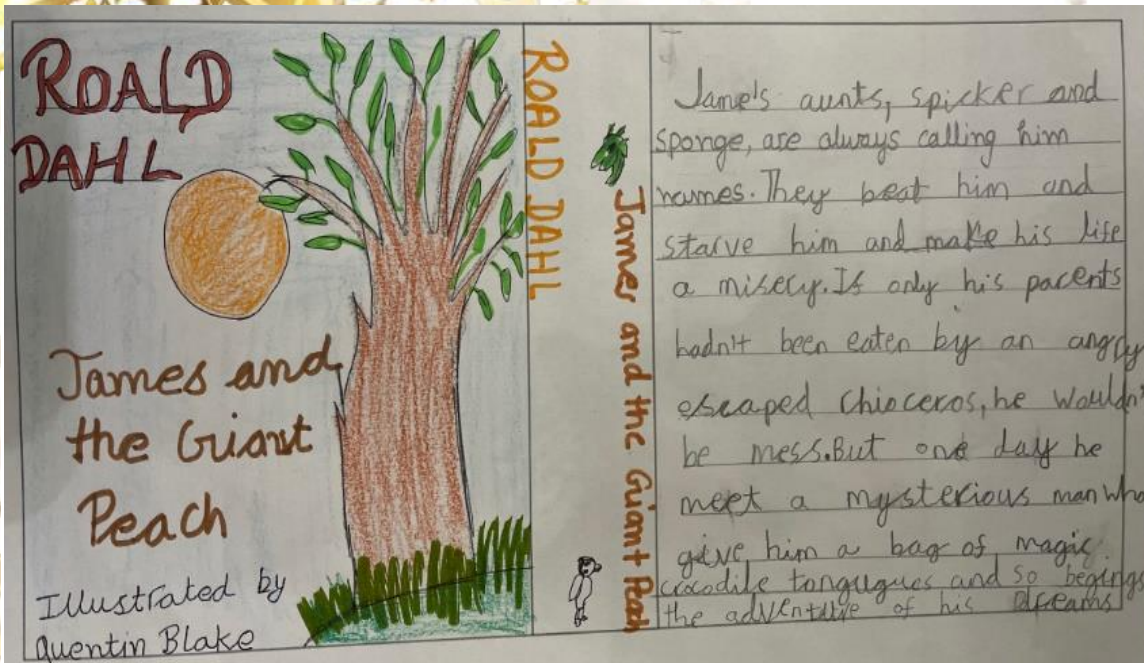
Kiana

This story of A wolf pack who adopt a man cub when the tiger shere khan hunt's outside of his territory against the law of the jungle. mowgli, the boy grows up with the animals. so he learns the law of the jungle from baloo the bear and bagheera the panther is his protector



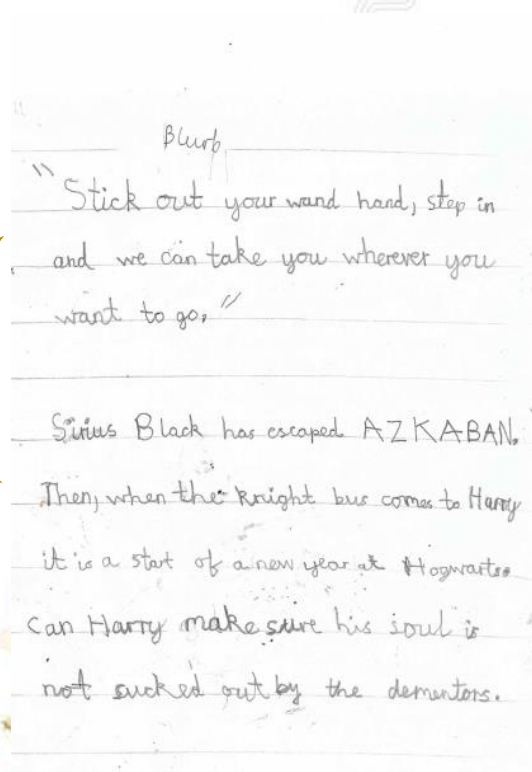
Year 3 Kind Kangaroos

Hriday and **Parshva** both made fabulous book covers of their favourite books as part of the activities during National Storytelling Week.



Hriday

Parshva



Hriday also wrote a wonderful summary of his chosen book.

James and the giant Peach

Book Summary

James and the giant peach is the story of a young boy who escapes an abusive home in a magical peach. Along the way he make new friends and discovers the joys of freedom and friendship which previously been alien ideas to him. A young English orphan boy who enters a gigantic magical peach, and has a wild and surreal cross world adventure with seven magically altered garden bugs he meets.

Parshva made extra effort with his costume and props to dress up as his favourite character. He also wrote an excellent character description using the different language features taught in the lessons.

Harry Potter has his mother's eyes, a scar and the rest of his body is his father's. His scar is lightning-shaped. He is small and skinny for his age and has knobby knees and is slim. He wears round glasses, and wears a red and gold scarf.

Harry is strongly guided by his conscience. He is innately honourable, brave and he's a fighter. He is determined. For example, Harry defeat Voldemort in the chamber of secrets because he didn't give up.



Year 4 Respectful Rhinos

Yashvi Patel

For writing a great description of her favourite book as part of storytelling week explaining why it's her favourite book and what she has learnt from reading it -Keep it up!

Yashvi

The Worst Witch (1st book)

I like the worst witch because it is a very adventurous book.

I like the worst witch because it shows me to never give up on my dreams, because, at the beginning of the story Mildred never gave up on riding the broomstick.

I like that the worst witch is a very imaginative and a little comedy type of book.

My favourite part is when the children come back from holiday and present their projects and Mildred is the winner.

*The books focus on Mildred Hubble, a young **witch who** attends Miss Cackle's Academy for **Witches**, a school of magic. Although well-intentioned, Mildred's clumsy personality leads the girl to disastrous situations, and she is thus considered the **worst** student in the school.*



Divyata Nakshigara

For passionately getting involved in Story telling Week, describing why Harry Potter, sure to become a modern Classic, is her favourite book and who her favourite characters are and why. Keep up the enthusiasm!

Divyata



My favourite story is Harry Potter and the Goblet of fire because the author wrote the book in detail and explains as if this was non-fiction and J.K Rowling is the witness. My favourite part of the book is how dramatic it gets when everyone found out Harry's name was in the goblet of fire. How it was that under the age of 17 they can't join in the goblet of fire and Harry has no choice. My favourite characters are Sirius Black and Hermione Granger because Sirius was so kind to protect his godson and Hermione is sassy plus smart- if she was on YOU-KNOW -WHOS side then then they would win with Hermione's smart brain!

Harry would be in the position of his parents. J.K Rowling's imagination of creating Harry Potter inspires me alot because the way she had explained how the boy who lived had his happily ever after after the dark lords appeared to try and kill him. The author explains how YOU -KNOW-WHO tries to communicate with Harry even though they are enemies.

Year 4 Humble Hippos

Sienna

Showing great engagement and enthusiasm throughout the whole of storytelling week. She wrote a great reflective piece talking about her favourite book and wrote in depth notes about her day entirely in the character of Hermione Granger. She also made an amazing video showing us how she helped her professor to find her glasses by using a magic spell!



This book is called Harry Potter and the goblet of fire. It is about a 14-year-old boy who goes for his 4th year at Hogwarts (His wizard school) When he arrives at the great hall his headmaster Dumbledore announces the tri - wizard tournament. It is for 17+ so he would not be able to join. To join, you would need to write your name on a piece of paper and drop it in the goblet of fire. When it is the day when the goblet picks out the candidate's name, Harry's name is picked out. He would have to face dangerous challenges including swimming in the dark lake for an hour, fighting dragons, and going through the perilous maze of danger. On the 3rd task when Harry finds the Tri -wizard cup. He would touch it and teleport to Lord Voldemort's graveyard. There he would face Lord Voldemort once again.

-Sienna Raniga

Sienna also had a great time on Wednesday acting out as Hermione Granger from Harry Potter the whole day! Look at some of the magic she got up to, using a magic spell to help levitate her professor's glasses!





Matilda is my favourite book because I like when Matilda and Miss Honey goes inside Miss Trunchbull's house and Matilda and Miss Honey steals some chocolates and when Matilda hides under the table where Miss Trunchbull is eating her cake.

-Tanay Rajput

Tanay

Tanay created an amazing story sack including some great and unique items from the story including Matilda's red ribbon, and the chocolate cake that Bruce had to eat!



Doll
Miss Honey has a favourite doll when she was a little girl.



Car
Her dad steals cars and sells them.



Red ribbon
Matilda wore a red hair ribbon every day to school.

Matilda Wormwood
Objects related to the character

Money-Her family loves money.



Money
Her family loves money.



Books
Matilda likes reading books.



Cake
Miss Trunchbull eats lots of cakes and she makes other children eat lots of cake.



Year 5 Joyful Jellyfish

Shivani

Shivani gave a brilliant performance during the story telling session. She knew her lines by heart and focussed on expression. Well done Shivani, you are an actor in the making!

A day in the life of Sadie Kane

I woke up with a start, my ba (soul) returned to my body after seeing another horrible site. I went to my bathroom and saw how hideous my hair looked, my red dye was starting to fade out and even worse, I couldn't find any more in the cupboard! Luckily, I found a bottle of some at the back but when I used it, I realised it was brown dye. I chose to wear jeans and my combat boots as it was our day off and it was most likely that I won't have to do any magic.

I headed down stairs, Khufu our baboon was sitting on the couch watching basketball and eating cheerios (he only eats thing ending in an -o), Carter (my annoying brother), Uncle Amos and Bast were having breakfast while our crocodile - Philip on Macedonia - splashed about in the pool waiting for someone to throw him a slice of bacon. As I sat down, they stared at my streak of brown hair which told me that they realised it and that I looked different with it.

All of a sudden, two figures could be seen approaching us, they looked familiar, they were serpopards!

"It can't be," Bast murmured to herself.

"Run!" Amos told Carter and I, "Get your bags and open a portal, we have to inform the House of Life about this."

Bast got her knives out ready to do some combat while Amos got his staff out.

We put our bags in our locker in the Duat (magical realm). We rushed to Central Park, thankfully there were not many people there apart from a family having a picnic and a few people jogging. We managed to open a portal to The House of Life, but Bast and Amos didn't reach us intime. Nothing was worse than being stuck with only Carter by my side, even worse, we were in Egypt while Bast and Amos were stuck in America. Could this day get any worse?



Arya

Arya wrote and dressed up as Malala and shared her favourite quotes:

One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.
“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” It was a great performance Arya. Keep up your love for reading!

(From I Am Malala)

I woke up in the morning, worried about what is going to happen next. I went to the bathroom, brushed my teeth and then had a shower. I got ready for school and ate my breakfast as fast as I could. As fast as my legs could take me, I ran outside so the Taliban does not hurt me and I could get to school as soon as possible.

When I reached school there were barely any people ever since the Taliban started bombing girl's schools. It was a usual day of school and we started learning. We finished extra early as usual and the teachers forced us to get home immediately. When I got home I got changed and watched TV in the cupboard again. I hated it as it is so suffocating in there.

Year 5 Sensible Seahorses

A day in the life of... Hermione Granger.

Wingardium Leviosa! Wingardium Leviosa! Wingardium Leviosa! Oh sorry about that I didn't see you there! I was practising some spells for my horrible teacher Mrs Trunchbull. I had just finished getting ready for my class in the magnificent school, Avanti. Now I am having breakfast, my favourite (tea and toast). "Mum I cannot be late, please can you come down? Thank you." I shouted. "Coming Darling," mum replied.

I was wearing a black cloak with black shoes and I curled my long, brown hair. I said to myself that I was ready. My mum only helped me to get on zoom. When I was on zoom, everyone was dressed up in different costumes. Everyone was so surprised with eachother's. We had a little guessing game at first. You had to guess who some people were. I sat politely and waited for the lesson to start. For some reason, people were calling me Zara and not Hermione. At last the lesson finally started.

We had to get our wands and feathers out and practise the spell I was practising in the morning. We practised for nearly the whole lesson!!! But before we knew it, the lesson was over.

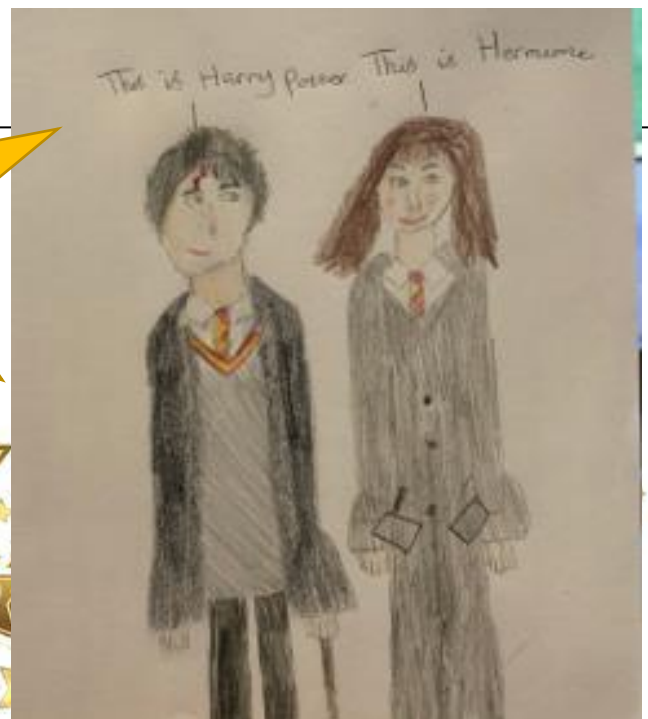
We had a couple more lessons that were not with Mrs Trunchbull. I was happy about that!! Hehe.

I had to do some more work for my mum later on and a couple of spells - my favourite one is 'Octo reparo'. it fixes things.

Then I played a bit on my computer and then it was dinner time. We had some nice, warm soup. If I am honest with you, everyone was slurping their food. I was drinking it very nicely and politely compared to the others. Then it was time to go to sleep. I actually felt a bit different today if I am honest!

Well goodnight everyone!!

Zara



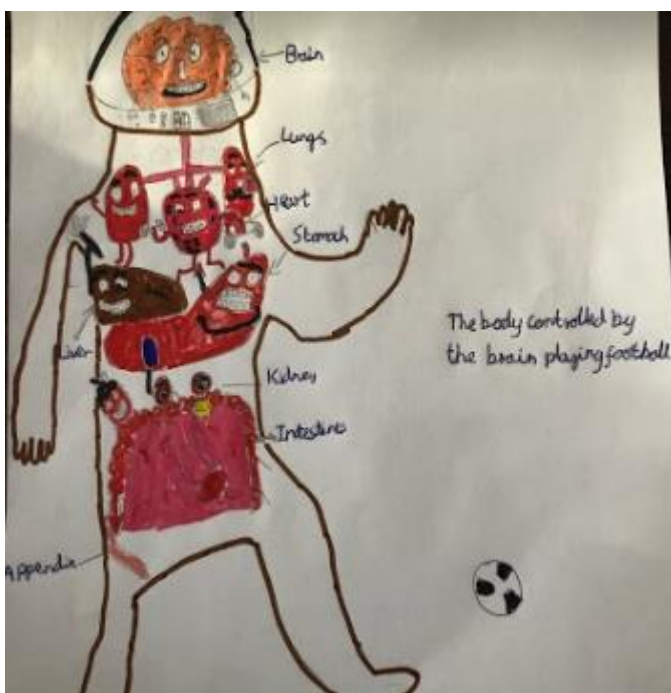
'A day in the life as... a Heart'

At the crack of dawn, I was woken up by my noisy colourful alarm clock. I was so peaceful in my warm cozy bed but also was so tired of pumping blood around this lazy body. I am sick of it that I want to walk away and let this lazy person pump his own blood! At last this person needed some food and went down stairs, I could smell the delicious hot chocolate and jam toast and I saw how scrumptious it was. Thank God I got some scrumptious breakfast because I need lots of food to help this weak person.

Everything was so colourful and I was so eager to join my zoom lesson. Then I heard that my dad was going to work and I was heartbroken, luckily he only went for three to four hours. Just then, I was let into my zoom meeting and I was jogging on the spot in between sitting down to get the blood pumping around the body. I saw all my wonderful buddies and one was a fierce fox! At that moment, I saw her - my teacher, Mrs Trunchbull and I was now beating super duper fast like lightning! To be honest (I hope she isn't reading this,) she is one parsimonious old grouch. She is like a bulldozer who can crush the world! I think she should be in the combined dangerous animal cage at the zoo! (I think she should be called Mrs Trunchbully)! Phew, at least Mrs Trunchbull was kind to us and she didn't send us to the chokey!

Finally, the meeting was over and it was time for relaxing fun yoga. In shock, we were doing lots of jumping and while this human body was doing it I smashed the timpani up and down making a humongous racket. I also heard my lungs say, "We should have got a house with walls!" I could finally play my instrument that I was longing to play for a long time. Now I was like sticking lightning and flash together. When that ended I ate a doughnut then it was time for me to do a run around so I ran up and down the stairs fifty times as I had lots of energy (a super rush). Then I drank lots of water. I felt that even if I am as small as a fist, I am very strong, I was feeling so relieved that someone was helping me.

Eventually my dad came home. I was starting to blossom as he was home early so we could play lots of games. Then I had supper with a delicious taste which made me pleased and we talked about how we spent our day. That made me so peaceful and I read an amazing book then went to bed, thinking about how the day went.



Dev

Year 6 Courageous Canaries

Year 6 have been sharing their favourite stories and looking at turning them into a comic strip. As much of a challenge it was, **Freya Mehta** (6CC) had worked extremely hard to turn a scene of her favourite story into a comic strip. She also produced an excellent two-minute scene of her character (The Daily Prophet) from the story. These videos can be found on the year 6 page very soon – keep your eyes out, you won't want to miss this! Freya's costume was a show stopper and we are incredibly stunned by the effort she put in!

THE DAILY PROPHET



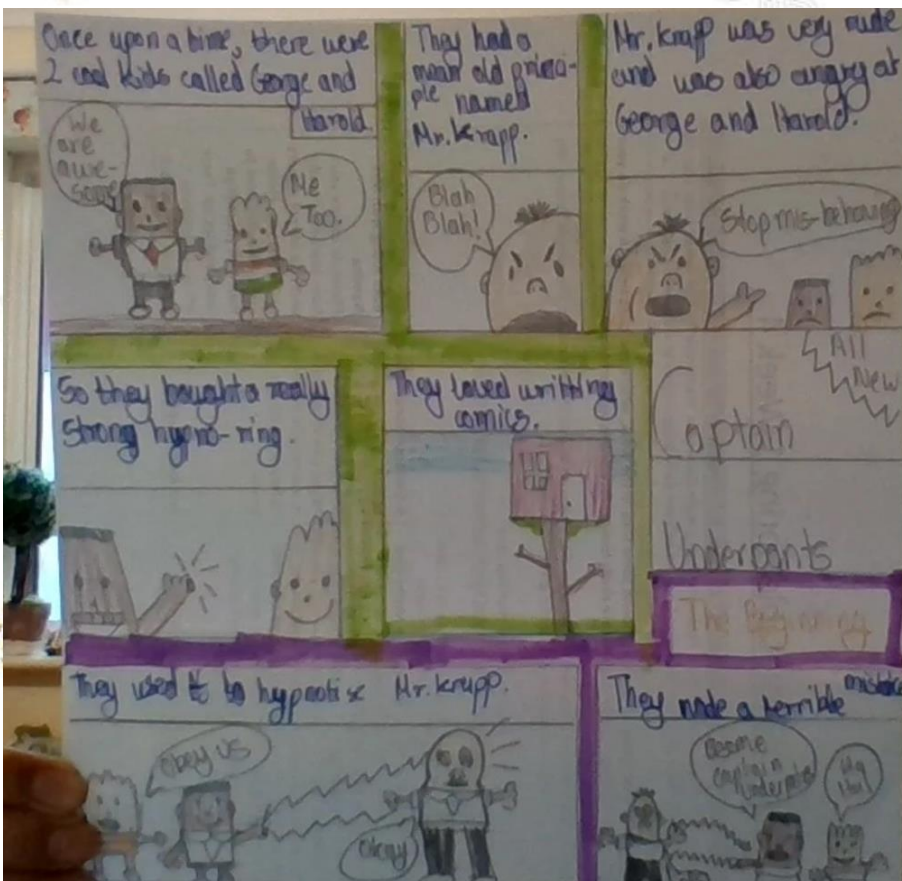
<p>Give me my time turner, let me save Cedric. How many people have died for the boy who lived? Let me save one of them!</p> <p>Playing with Harry Potter. No, it's dangerous.</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Delphini Diggory. Amos's cousin. Come and visit us one day.</p> <p>Ok.</p>	<p>We want to help you.</p> <p>Oh yes, Delphini will come with you.</p>	<p>You.</p> <p>We are silly.</p>
<p>Albus is at home for the Summer holidays. Meanwhile, Amos Diggory is questioning Harry about a time turner that the Ministry of Magic seized. Amos wants to use it to go back in time to save his son, Cedric.</p>	<p>Albus is listening at the stairs where he meets Delphini, Amos's niece and cousin.</p>	<p>Scorpius and Albus volunteer to help save Cedric after finding out that the time turner exists.</p>	<p>The three break in to the Ministry of Magic and get the time turners from a biting baboon.</p>
<p>Well, he died in the Triwizard tournament finals. So if we can stop him passing the first round, we save him!</p>	<p>Oh no! My wand is broken. I have lost it.</p> <p>Excellent.</p>	<p>But we saved Cedric.</p>	
<p>The three of the plot how to use the time turner.</p>	<p>They use the time turner to go back and then...</p>	<p>Together, they saved Cedric!</p>	

Freya

Year 6 have been sharing their favourite stories and looking at turning them into a comic strip. As much of a challenge it was, **Radhe Patel** (6CC) put his artistic skills to great use and produced a well presented and thought-out comic strip. His comic strip showcased the scene from his favourite story so very well! Radhe used his video editing skills and excellent acting skills to show a scene from his book. His effort this week has been amazing and it has been great seeing Radhe show his skills. Watch out for his video on the year 6

MR. KRUPP WHEN HE IS ANGRY AT GEORGE AND HAROLD!

Radhe



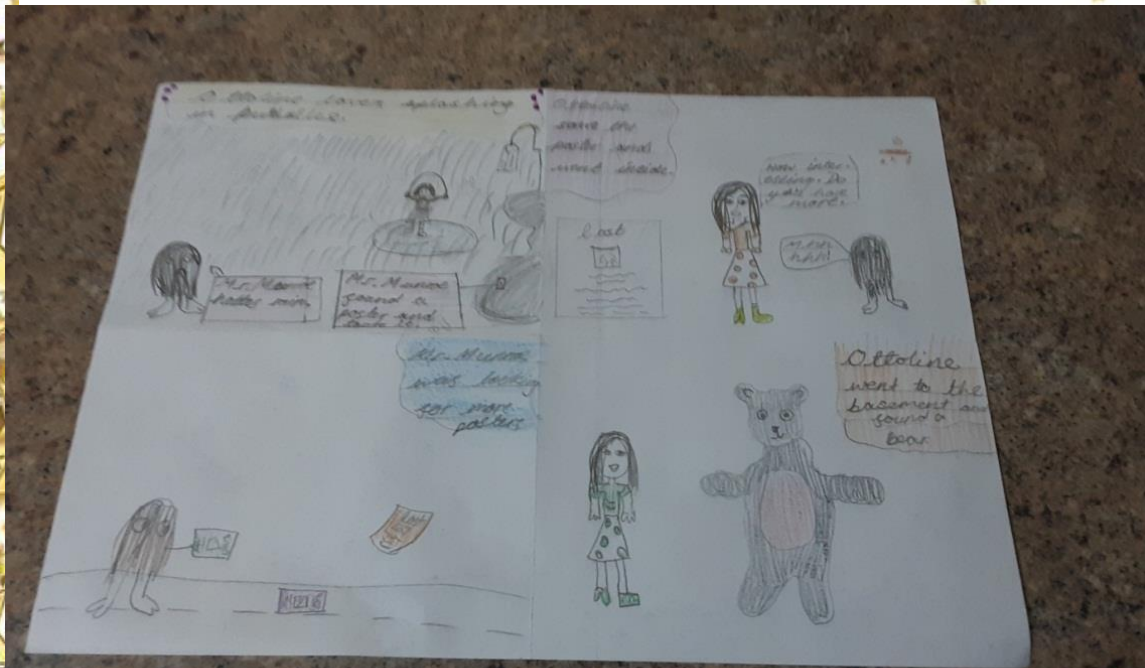
Year 6 Optimistic Owls

Prisha

Ottoline

My comic strip was related to Ottoline's qualities and resilient personality.

My chosen book, 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' was part of my English task where I had to create a comic strip relating to a book - for World Book Day. I chose this book because I liked how determined Ottoline was to help others find their lost pets and other items. She was very confident and made a lot of sacrifices for the benefit of others.



This week we dressed up as our favourite character. I dressed as Cruella de Vil. Cruella de Vil is a fictional character and the main antagonist of English author Dodie Smith's 1956 novel The Hundred and One Dalmatians. She loved wearing fur coats. In this story she wanted to have a dalmatian coat and needed 101 dalmatians but doesn't have enough so she has to 17 doggies from somewhere.

I chose this character because she is a funny looking person. Half of her hair is white and the other half black but not only is the colour hilarious- her hair is messy and wild.

I will leave the rest for you to find out on your own. Grab one!



Shania