



# Newsletter

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## Art Room News

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We have had a great start so far to the Autumn term with boundless excitement shown by all the year groups. Year 1 took their topic learning to the Art Room this week. Their topic is 'Endangered Animals' and so far they have been exploring mark making with pencil, pen, crayon and oil pastel within their sketch books and on large pieces of card and paper, created individually and as a group in preparation for the models they will make later this term.



Year 2 have been exploring Van Gogh and Lowry, they are looking at the stories and feelings behind the pictures to become critical artists. Commencing with the exercise of 'Austin's Butterfly' they have enjoyed whole class discussions about self-belief, the power and importance of using their imagination and explored the works of Van Gogh through storytelling, working independently and with their partners.

## Nursery and Reception

The Foundation Stage team have been amazed at how well the children have been settling this week. The children have shown such resilience in coming into a new environment independently.

The team have been busy building new relationships and establishing the routines of the day. We have also been observing the children in their play.

The children have been so busy exploring and playing with their new provision, but also learning important social skills by sharing the space and equipment with each other.





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## Visualiser Update

### Thank you to everyone who donated

We wish we could send everyone who donated towards our visualisers fund a personalised Thank You message. This isn't possible through JustGiving so we are giving you a big shout-out in this newsletter:

Last week, we asked our families for help to purchase visualisers. Since then, the P&F have raised £ 2,350!

Our school can now purchase 20 visualisers so that each class and specialist teachers will have their own. All remaining funds will be used to improve computing equipment at the school.

If you haven't donated yet but would still like to contribute, please visit our P&F JustGiving page:

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/help-heber>

The school and the P&F are very grateful for all, small and big, donations. Thank you so much.



## Weekly Music Awards

**Key Stage 1:** We are learning to use our voices with accuracy and skill in Year 1 at the moment, including learning about solo and ensemble singing. Charlie from 1DJ started strongly with encouragement, with different pitches and good timing. We have a young Adele in our midst, and she earns this week's Key Stage 1 music star of the week.

**Lower Key Stage 2:** Alice in 4P is our Lower Key Stage 2 music star of the week this week. Such a keen musician is going to shine in many music activities, and on beginning her learning of Mamma Mia, combining her xylophone instrumental learning from last year with her already burgeoning musical skills, she shone like the North Star. Alice, you are going places.

**Upper Key Stage 2:** For our Upper Key Stage 2 music star, it has to be Raehim from 5A this week. He has a natural flair for music and entertainment. His creative suggestions for our class summer song were fun and inspiring, and our chorus so much better for it. Well done, Raehim!

## Mr Treen's Music Update

It is so amazing to see the eagerness and excitement on the children's faces that it is difficult to believe we are running a "different" style of music lesson at Heber at the moment. With safety a priority, the format of the sessions has changed, but seeing the children take up the new musical challenges that come with starting a new academic year, alongside the arrangement of learning in a safe bubble, has been really inspiring. The children are building on their skills from last year, and doing so safely, calmly and creatively. A particular highlight so far were the pop-song compositions made exclusively of content from our summer holidays!



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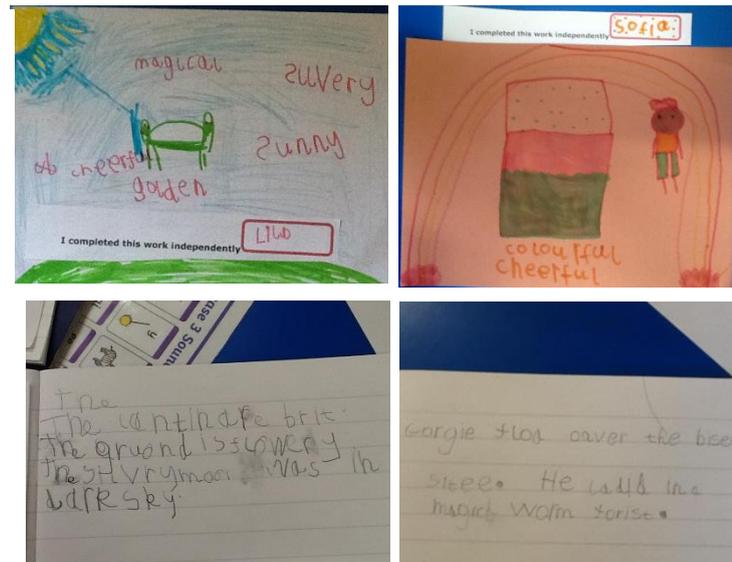
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## The Magic Bed - Year 1

1H have been describing the different settings in 'The Magic Bed' and drawing and describing their own imaginary settings. The drama sessions that they took part in last week have led to some fantastic writing with rich vocabulary.



By Lila, Sofia, Luca and Imogen

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week this week:

- Reception – Gabriel (RC) and Grayson (RE)
- Year 1 – Grace (1DJ) and Jonas (1H)
- Year 2 – Amelie (2L) and Jack B (2B)
- Year 3 – Anika (3LE) and Swizz (3C)
- Year 4 – Payton (4W) and Noah (4P)
- Year 5 – Raeha (5S) and Ethan (5A)
- Year 6 – Robyn (6F) and Leon (6K)

Stars of the Week and other achievements have been celebrated in class this week. Once our visualisers are up and running we will be starting up our weekly Merit Assembly on Fridays.

## Moria Emergency Appeal - Help Refugees

Following camp lockdowns, Covid-19 outbreaks, and the devastating fire in Moria camp, the need for nappies and other hygiene supplies in camps across Greece has never before been more urgent. Since the fire broke out, almost 13,000 people have been displaced from the camp, and thousands are thought to have lost their shelters and all possessions. We would like to do what we can to help and would like to offer our school as a drop off point for our families to donate items. Tiffany Cole, who is mum to Jack and Thomas, has kindly offered to collect the donated items from school and deliver them to the charity.

To support distancing measures around our school, donations will need to be dropped off by the door to our office, where a table will be placed between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Please do not come outside of these times and only donate the items listed. The final date for donations is **Wednesday 30th September**. If you would like to donate items but cannot make the time slot, please contact Tiffany directly on: 07717750211

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please visit the [Help Refugees](https://www.helprefugees.org/) website





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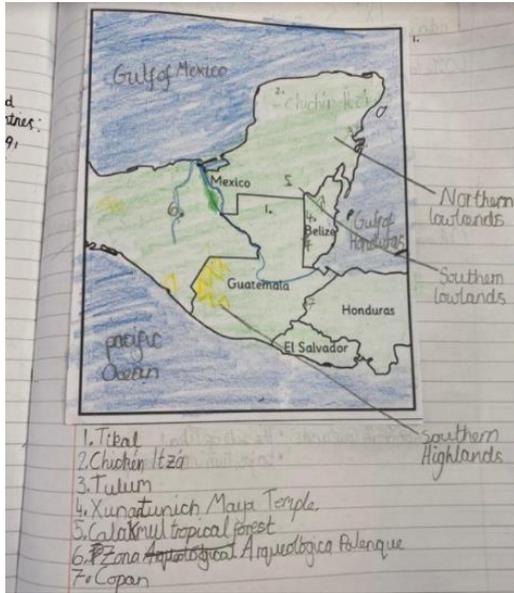
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## Home Learning

**We're a huge fan of this brilliant masterpiece!**

One of our fabulous Year 5 students took the time to create this exceptional artwork during lockdown. It looks so real and lifelike that we had to do a double take and check it wasn't real! What a great piece of work - it looks amazing!

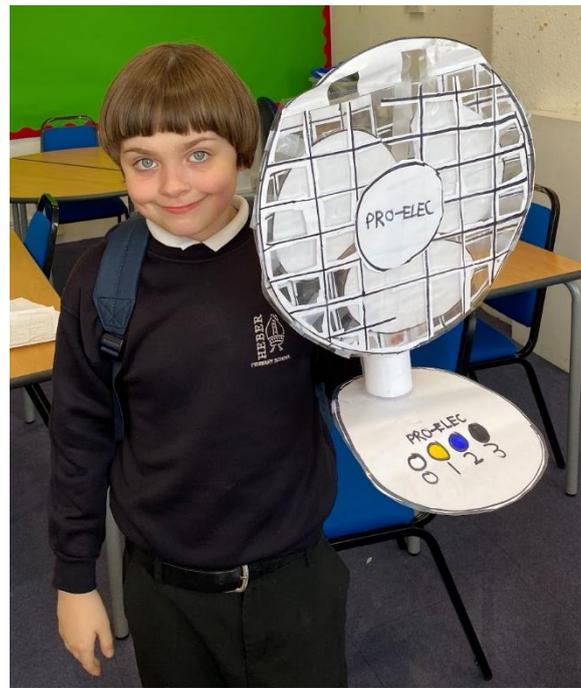


## Year 6

**Who were the Maya and what have we learned from them?**

Year 6 are busy researching the Mayan civilization for their new topic. They have been locating ancient cities on maps and learning about where the Maya lived and what their physical environment was like. Iona even brought in some photos to share of her parents' trip to some of the countries they have been studying.

Map work by Helena



## September

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Last day for hygiene donations to Help Refugees

## October

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> School Closed – INSET Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Secondary school application deadline



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