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LAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SPARK EDUCATION TRUST

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been fantastic to be back in school and to see how rested, refreshed and ready to learn the children are. It has been wonderful to see them settling straight back into their routines and immersing themselves so enthusiastically in their learning. There is certainly a real sense of purpose and positivity across the school as we begin another busy half term.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff to the Layfield team, and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr Conroy. Mr Conroy brings a wealth of experience in supporting and working with children in Early Years and will be working alongside Mrs Smith in Reception. We are delighted to welcome him to our team and look forward to the experience and enthusiasm he will bring to the role.

Unfortunately, this half term also brings a number of farewells as we prepare to say goodbye to two long-standing members of our team who will be leaving us over the coming weeks. Mrs Fawcett has worked at Layfield for over 10 years, and throughout this time has dedicated herself to ensuring that every pupil she has worked with has had the opportunity to flourish, grow in confidence and become the very best version of themselves. Mrs Fawcett will be leaving us at the end of this month to explore a completely different career path. Whilst we will be very sorry to see her go, we fully support her decision to embrace this new opportunity and wish her every success and happiness for the future. She will certainly be missed by both colleagues and children alike.

Miss Pickering will also be leaving us to pursue a new opportunity, and we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank her for the important role she has played in supporting our school over the last few years. Although the children may not see Miss Pickering very often, as she works hard behind the scenes to ensure the school is clean and ready for the start of each day, the care, commitment and pride she takes in providing the very best possible environment for our children and staff are unquestionable. Her contribution is greatly valued, and we are very grateful for everything she has done.

We would like to wish both colleagues the very best of luck as they move on to their exciting new opportunities. They have each made a valuable contribution to our school in their own way and we will miss them both.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another positive and productive half term together.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week (Thurs-Thurs) is summarised below. Well done to Nursery for having the highest attendance this week!

Nursery	100%
Reception	97.41%
Year 1	99.14%
Year 2	97.28%
Year 3	89.29%
Year 4	91.52%
Year 5	90.38%
Year 6	96.43%

Whole School Attendance: Cumulative attendance, since September, is shown below:

Nursery	100%
Reception	96.71%
Year 1	96.85%
Year 2	97.23%
Year 3	94.69%
Year 4	93.88%
Year 5	97.79%
Year 6	94.08%

Cumulative whole school attendance:
95.8%

Attendance	Description
98-100%	Excellent
95-97.9%	Good
92-94.9%	Caution (Below national)
90-91.9%	Cause for concern
89.9 or below	Presistent Absence Serious Concern

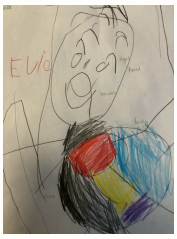
SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

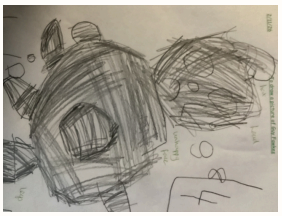
Please contact Miss Lock, Mrs Smith or Mr Pinkham if you have any safeguarding concerns.

THIS WEEK IN

NURSERY

Nursery's learning was based around important events happening this week. They listened to a story about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They drew pictures of Guy Fawkes and used IT to create firework pictures. They also painted printed pictures of poppies for Remembrance Sunday.







RECEPTION

This week Reception learned about Bonfire Night and created some firework pictures. We also made some edible fireworks,!





YEAR 1



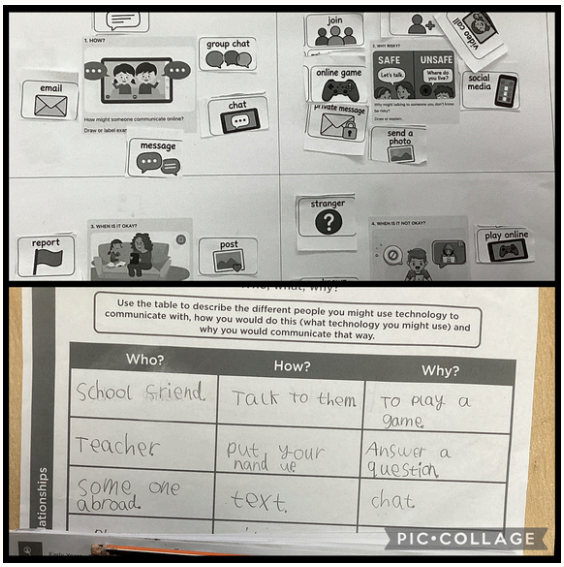






PE unit, ‘Gymnastics’, where they have been exploring how to move and balance using different ‘big’
parts of their bodies. They have also been working hard to consolidate their addition and subtraction
skills through a range of practical maths activities.

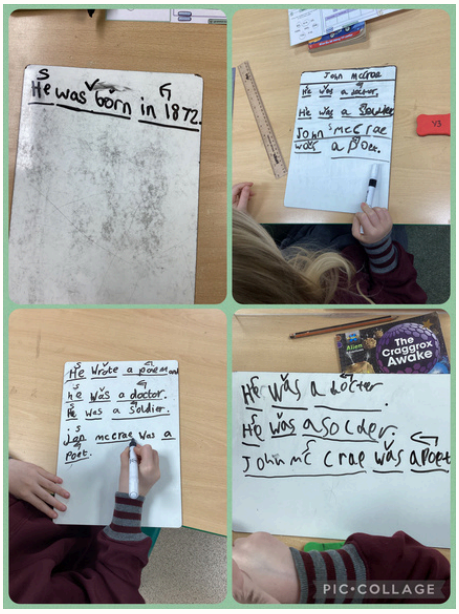
YEAR 2



This week in Year 2, we have been discussing online relationships during internet safety sessions. We have had several discussions regarding how someone might use technology to communicate with others. We have then worked in small groups to discuss when this may be a risk, but also when this may be okay to do.

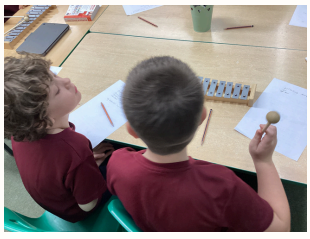
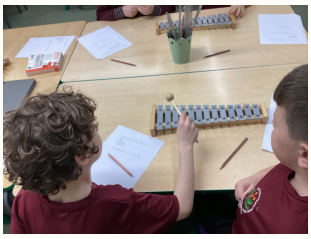
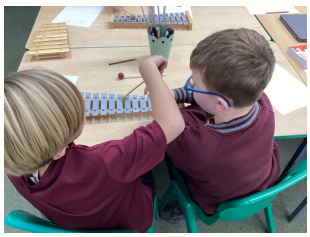
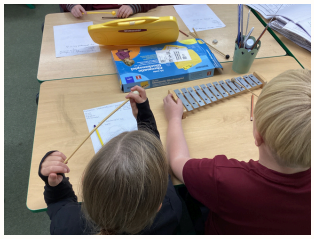
YEAR 3

In our English work this week, we have been applying our knowledge of identifying the subject, verb and any leftovers with a sentence. Our sentences have been about the famous poet John McCrae, who we have been learning about in our history work in preparation for Remembrance Day.



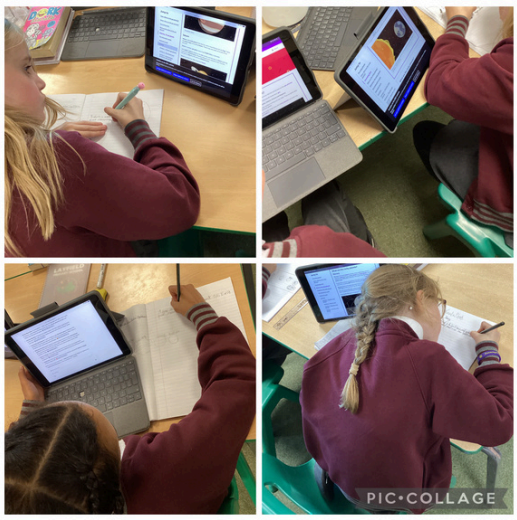
YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time enjoying their first music lesson with Mrs Turton! They explored the differences between xylophones and glockenspiels, learning how each instrument produces its own sound. The children loved having the opportunity to try out the instruments and are looking forward to next week, when they will try to play a piece of music.

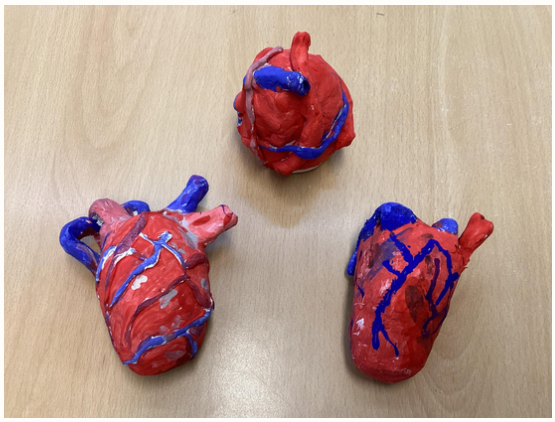
YEAR 5

Year 5 have begun to learn about Earth and the Solar system. In our first lesson, we researched the 8 planets and created factfiles about our favourite planets.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have begun the final stage of their clay heart models, carefully painting them to bring their creations to life. They're already looking fantastic and we can't wait to see the finished results!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday 2nd November - Friday 11th December 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 6 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6
THURSDAY	Sports Stars – Year 1 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)
FRIDAY	Dodgeball – Year 1 to Year 3 (DF Coaching) Football – Year 3 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)

COFFEE MORNING



Monday 9th November 2026
9:10 am

Join us for a cuppa and a chat.
We will be welcoming members of the Alliance Mental Health Support Team, Family Hubs and Early Help, who will be available to offer advice, support and information about the services they provide for families.

WEEKLY MENU 2

Weeks beginning – 7th September, 28th September, 19th October, 9th November, 30th November & 21st December, 2026

Dish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional	Margarita Pizza Oven Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans Garden Peas	Minced Beef Pie Creamed Potatoes Swede Broccoli	Beef Burger in a Bun Roasted Potatoes Baby Sweetcorn	Chicken Curry served with Rice Mixed Vegetables	Fish Goujons Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Popular		Cheese Omelette Baked Jacket Potato Broccoli	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Roasted Potatoes Baby Sweetcorn	Pork Meatballs In Tomato Sauce served with Pasta Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato filled with Tuna
Vegetarian	Tomato Pasta Bake Homemade Herby Bread Garden Peas	Minced Quorn Pie Creamed Potatoes Swede Broccoli	Quorn Burger in a Bun Roasted Potatoes Baby Sweetcorn	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese Baked Beans
Sandwich Selection	Egg Mayonnaise Oven Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Jacket Potato	Cheese Oven Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Potato Wedges	Egg Mayonnaise Oven Baked Chips
Dessert	Vanilla Sponge & Custard Sauce Angel Delight Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Eve's Pudding & Custard Sauce Chocolate Muffin Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Jam Sponge & Custard Sauce Decorated Iced Sponge Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge & Custard Sauce Jelly Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Creamy Rice Pudding & Jam Sauce Ice Cream Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit

Available daily – Salad bar, milk and drinking water

All our menus are compliant with the School Food Standards - we only serve farm assured meat, MCS fish and free range eggs.
Low fat milk. If you require advice regarding allergens, please contact the School Catering Supervisor.

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