

History 2023 – 2024



Year R

The children in Year R got the chance to turn into palaeontologists!

They had a visit from 'Dinosaur Chris' and had the chance to explore many different fossils. The children loved learning about what a fossil is and how they are formed. Year R also learnt about who Mary Anning was and why she is a significant figure from the past.



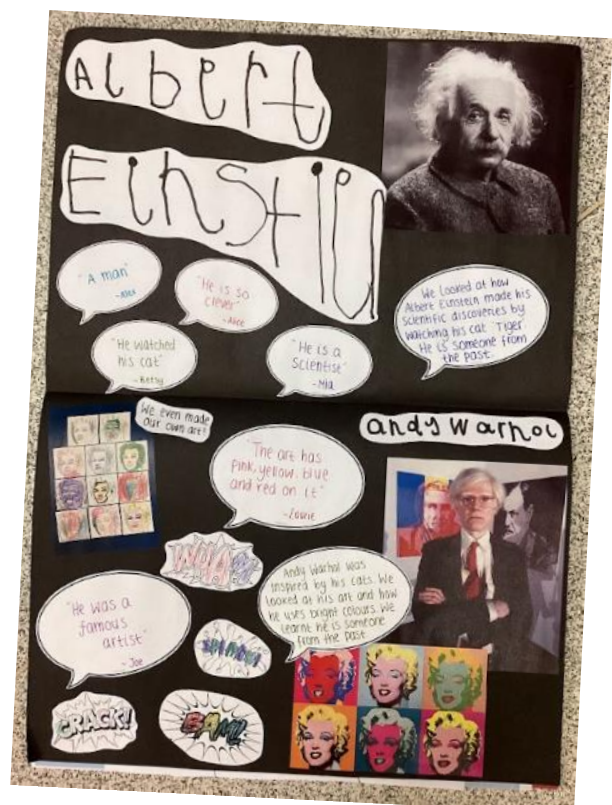
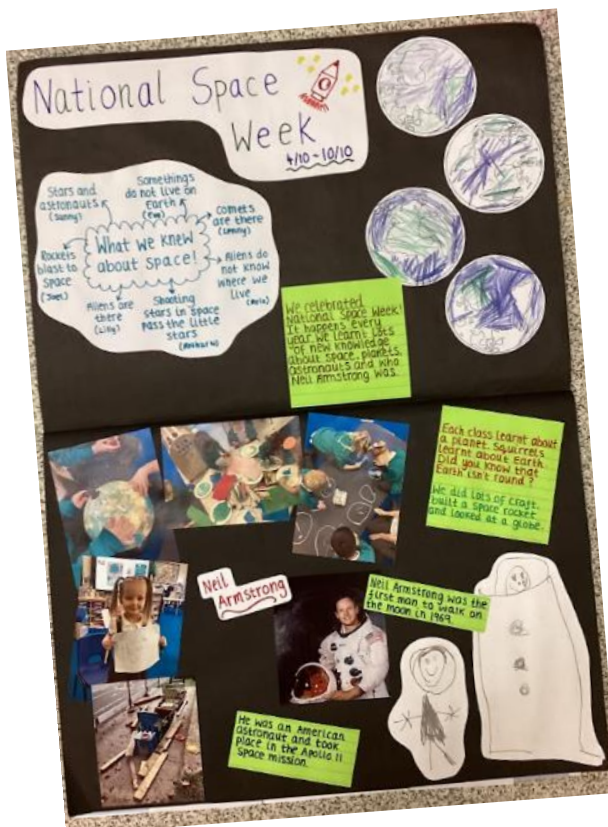
In October, Shirley Infant School celebrated National Space Week. The children learnt about what an astronaut is, how many planets there are in the solar system and the names of some famous astronauts.



Each class had the challenge to learn about a different planet. Squirrel class learnt about Earth, Otter class learnt about Mars and Hedgehog class learnt about Venus. Then the children discovered the names of some famous astronauts. Squirrel class loved learning about the first man on the moon - Neil Armstrong!



Take a look inside our floor books! These are used to show our History journey in EYFS.





In the Spring term, Year R have loved going down to the big History timeline in the KS1 corridor. In our 'people who help us' topic, the children have learnt about the significant figures Florence Nightingale and Grace Darling. They were so quick at spotting them on the timeline!

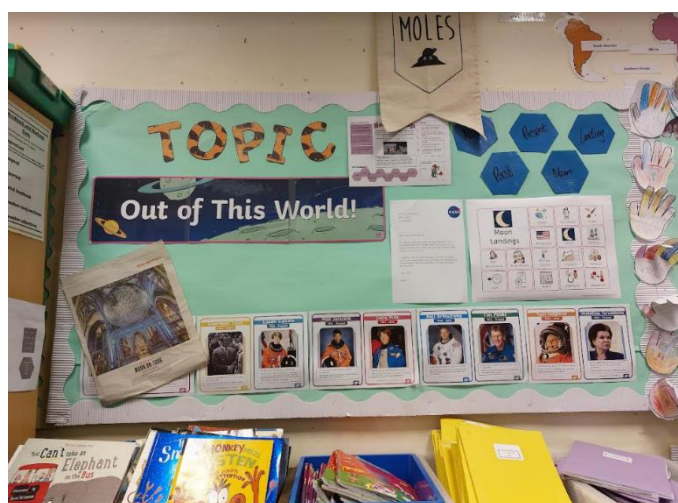
They even have their own 'working' timeline in the Year R corridor.

Year 1

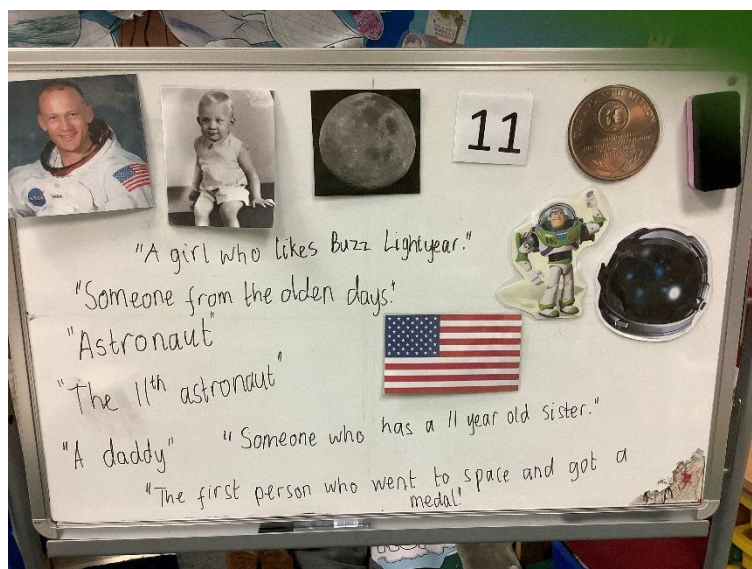
Just like Year R, Year 1 also celebrated National Space Week. Mole class learnt all about Jupiter, Rabbit class researched all about Neptune and Owl class learnt all things Saturn! The children really enjoyed watching the star gazing video clips.



In Spring, the children in Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about the Apollo 11 space mission, which happened in 1969.



The children had been left a mystery bag with lots of clues in! Year 1 had to predict who they thought left the bag and why. Can you work out who left the clues? Take a look at what Rabbit class thought.

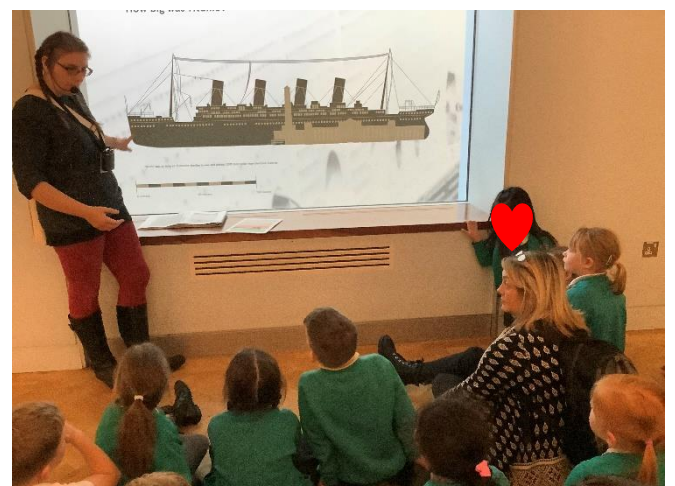


Year 1 also used different sources to find out information about the space mission. They also read a newspaper article from 1969!

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy learning about all things Titanic!

The children were so lucky and got the chance to visit the Sea City museum in Southampton. They learnt about what life was like on board the Titanic, why the boat crashed and how life today has been impacted by this significant event.



After visiting the Sea City museum, back at school, the children dressed up as passengers from the Titanic. They spent the day experiencing what it was like to be a first-class passenger, a second-class passenger and a third-class passenger. The children looked brilliant and so did the staff!

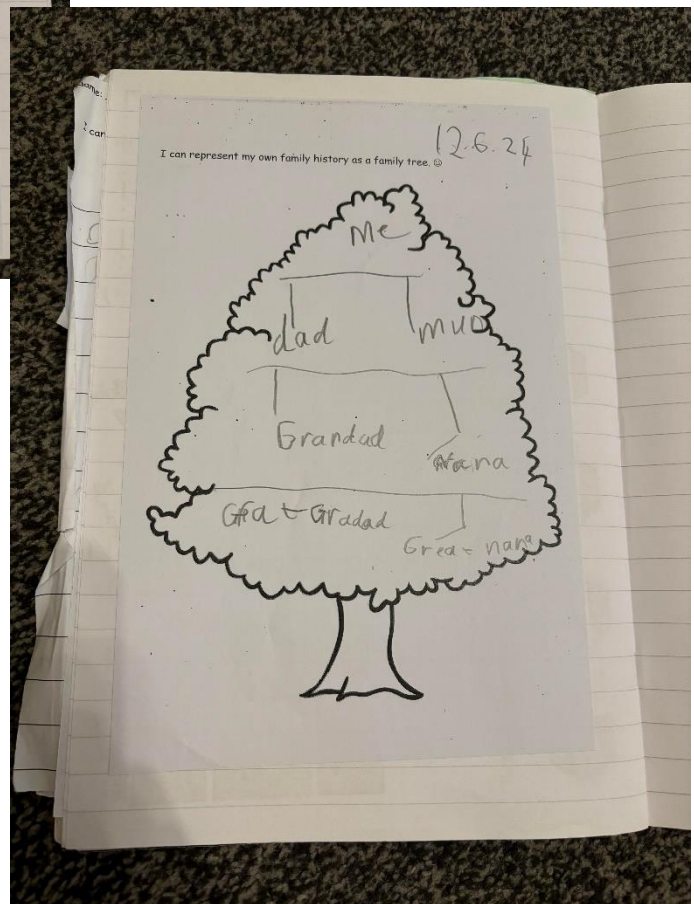
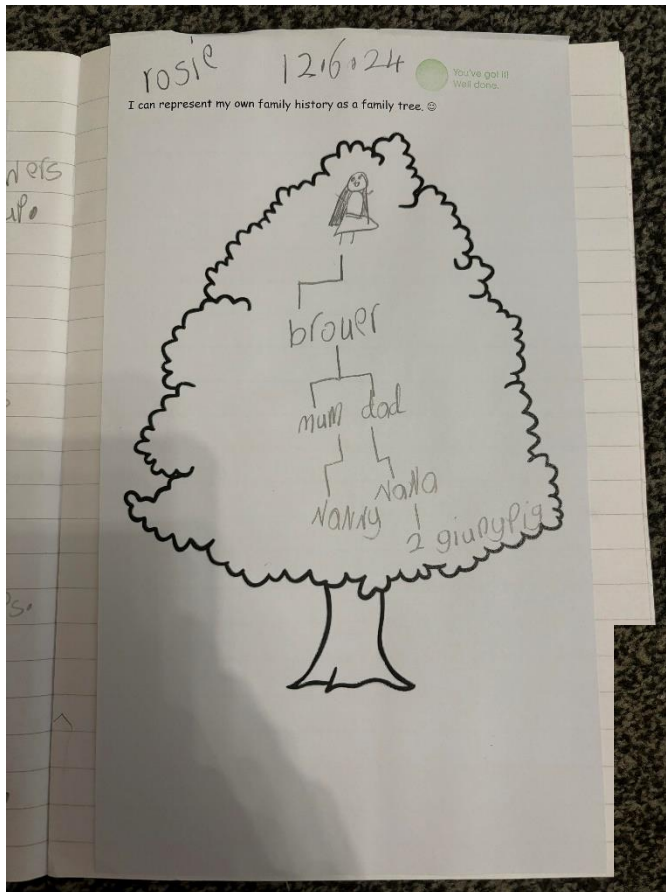


What have we been up to recently?

Children at Shirley Infant School have been very busy recently with all things history! Children in EYFS have been learning about some famous inventors and creators of things we use every day - such as who designed the Dyson Hoover! (It was James Dyson).

Year 1 have been hooked by their new topic 'Kings and Queens'. This unit of work links in with one of our three main concepts - 'monarchy'.

Within this brand new unit, the children were introduced to the concept of a 'family tree'. They looked at how a family tree is organised, the current Royal Family's family tree and they also had a sneak peek at their teacher's family tree! A family tree is used to show what people are in someone's family. Take a look at some of their brilliant work.



In Year 2, the children have been learning about the key significant figure - Rosa Parks. She was famous figure of the past because she refused to give up her seat on a bus in favour of a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955.

The children have really enjoyed this unit of work, and have especially enjoyed generating questions they would have asked Rosa Parks. Have a look at their work below.

