



# PITMASTON POST

## REFLECTION



On Wednesday, 1W impressed their grown-ups with an outstanding performance of their class assembly. The children spoke with clarity, danced with enthusiasm and sang beautifully whilst acting out the story of 'Billy's Beetle' written by Mick Inkpen. All of the staff in 1W are so proud of each and every one of the children! At the end of the assembly, the children were able to share their original alternative story writing from last term based on Billy's Beetle. Excellent work 1W! Mrs Watson.



## Go Pitmaston!!

Huge congratulations to the 'Pit-Pom' cheerleaders who performed at the Droitwich and Worcester School Games Dance Festival, and have been selected for the final, as one of the top five schools. They will perform at the final in July.

This week they performed at St. John's Sports Centre at the U16s Basketball Match supporting Christopher Whitehead's Team. We all learned a lot about basketball and it was an amazing experience!

Two teams of pupils attended Regency High and the University of Worcester Arena last week to represent Pitmaston at the Primary Inclusion Festival and Boccia. The Pitmaston team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Boccia School Games and were a credit to our school with comments made about their teamwork and excellent behaviour. Well done!

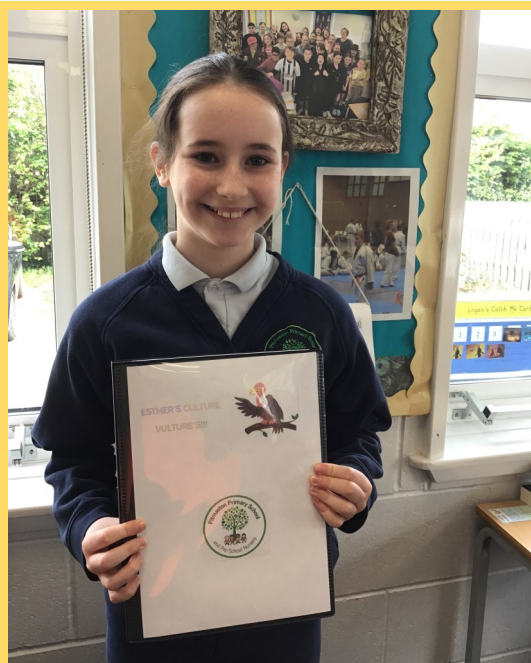




This week Pre-School have been reading the story 'Katie goes to London'. The children have enjoyed looking at all the different landmarks in London including The Shard, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London and Tower Bridge. They worked as a team to turn Pre-School garden into London, making lots of the buildings from junk modelling.



3T had a wonderful day at Lower Smite Farm on Tuesday linked to our Plants topic in Science. We discovered how healthy soil is an important requirement of plants for life and tested the soil structure of the compost in the veggie patch. The children were brilliant at remembering the parts of a flowering plant and applied this when learning about the role that insects play in the process of pollination. A big well done for your excellent behaviour and enquiry skills!



Congratulations to Esther Fleet in year 6 who has earned her Pitmaston Culture Vultures badge. Not only has Esther been out visiting all of Worcester's cultural hotspots, she has even created her own portfolio of photographs and memories which will be a treasure forever. Great idea! Now that Spring is here, perhaps we could all take inspiration from Esther and get out and visit some local amenities like the libraries, parks and museums.



What a weekend it was for Worcester Wolves academy last weekend! A huge well done to the Under 9's who won all four of their games in Shrewsbury to become the undefeated YBL league winners. What an amazing season they have had! Well done to all of the players, especially the Pitmaston squad: Leonardo, Oscar, Laith, Jaxon and Rafey who joined in the very last game.

## Word of the Week

To get children excited about words the whole school is starting 'Word of the Week.' Each week we will be displaying an interesting word and setting a small associated word challenge for you and your child. The challenges are small spoken tasks that do not require pen or paper. They just need you and some talk time, so easy to do on the way home or before bedtime. Get involved, have fun, and your child's vocabulary will grow!



Our Word of the Week is...

It means...

Your challenge is...

Y1  
Y2  
Y3



blend

To mix something together so it makes one thing.

Listen and look out for the word. Where might you see it or hear it?

Y4  
Y5  
Y6



berserk

Crazy and out of control.

Slip **berserk** into conversation with a classmate or family member and see if they notice.

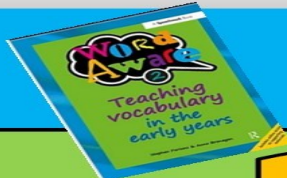


### Weekly Top Talking Tip

**Build a story:** One person starts a made up story with one sentence, such as 'once upon a time an enormous giant was sleeping when....' Other players then take turns to build on the story one sentence at a time. This is great to play in a group but is also fun when there are just two of you. Get creative and see what twists and turns you can add to your story.



## Concept Cat



As you will be aware through Tapestry, we have recently launched an exciting new whole class programme in Pre-School and Reception called **Concept Cat**.

Verbal concepts are the words that shape how we think about the world. They are particularly important in Early Years because at this age children are making sense of the world and verbal concepts give them the means to talk about, interact and expand their understanding. Our Early Years team have had training from our Speech and Language therapists to deliver Concept Cat, which will really support this important word learning process.

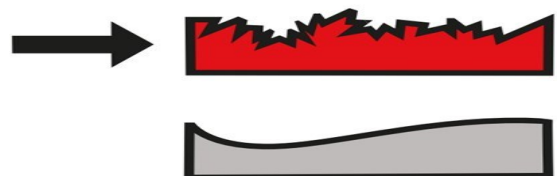
Our Concept of the Week is...

Pre-School

Reception



Empty



Rough