

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship, we explored more about our Value of Trust. We started by taking a moment to remember David, and how he fought Goliath. I reiterated to the children that the gifts and talents that they have are great, and we value them just as they are.

We then went on to read two short verses from the Bible. The first was from the Old Testament, Genesis chapter 1, verses 26 and 27 –

‘So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.’

And the second was from the New Testament, a letter to the Galatians, chapter 3 verse 28 –

‘There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’

These verses initially reinforced what we had learned last week, about the uniqueness of each of us and how we are all special and all equal.

We then went on to think about Martin Luther King. He used who and what he was to fight for equality for others. Martin Luther King trusted in the gifts that he had been given and he used them to great effect. We did however note that Martin Luther King did not carry out the work on his own, he trusted in the people around him.

Although we are all given unique gifts, and we should trust in them and put them to good use, we are also part of a community and we can draw on the gifts and resources of those around us to support and encourage us.

For Christians such as Martin Luther King, they are not trusting just in their own strength and talents, they are also trusting that God will take what they have and what they give in his service to really make a difference.

In our world there are multiple problems that seem too big and impossibly complicated. The problem of racial discrimination in America was also very complex and people believed it could never change. Martin Luther King, like David, about whom we thought last week, did not focus on the problem, he decided to be part of the solution. Maybe we are not called upon to make a difference to international or even national issues, but we can all use the talents that we have been given to make a difference where we are.



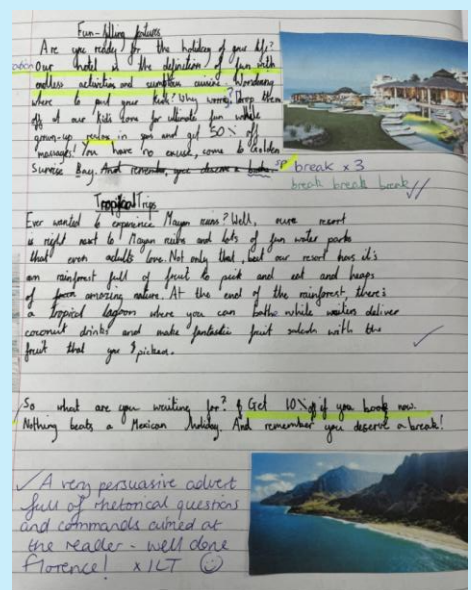
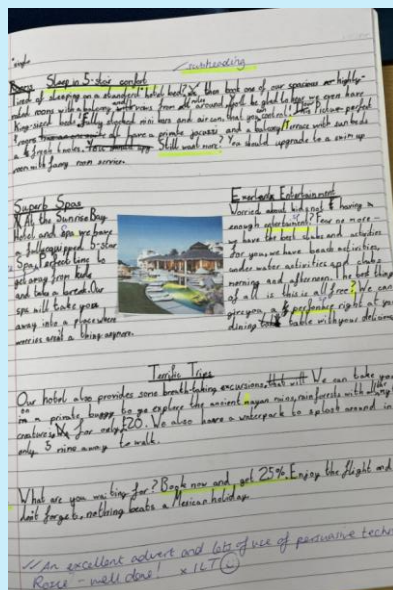
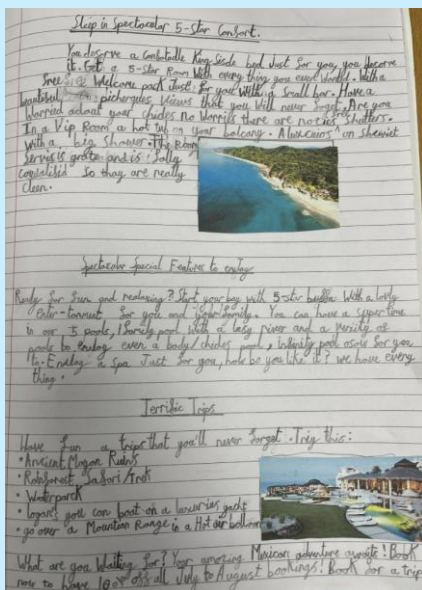
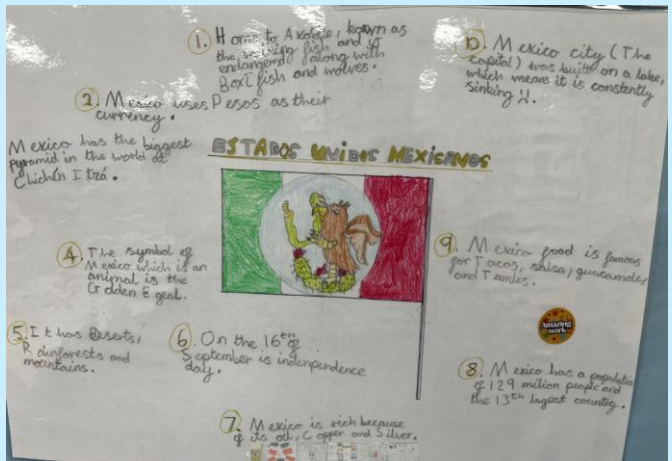
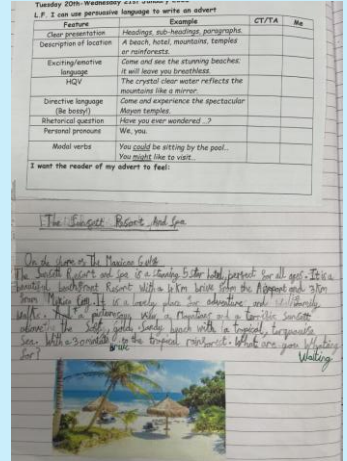
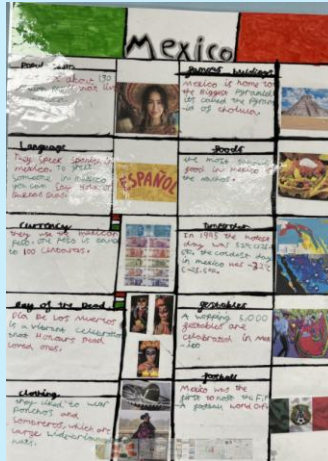
## Values Awards

There are weeks when it feels harder to live by our Values than others, and a grey and wet week in January is one of those!

Well done to all the children working hard to live by our Values, even when it is hard – every one of you is making our school community a better place.

# News from Around the School

This morning in Collective Worship we all enjoyed looking at work produced by Year 5. The children in Year 5 are learning all about Mexico, they have been working on pieces of persuasive writing, endeavouring to persuade their readers to visit Mexico. As we left the hall, we all agreed that their writing had been successful and we would love to visit Mexico! The children have also produced some posters, which look great on the classroom walls.





## News from Out and About

On Monday of this week, a team of children from Yeat 6 took part in a partnership hockey tournament. Despite having only had minimal training and never having played as a team, before, the children performed brilliantly. There was amazing team work and great sportsmanship. The children came second in their group and a very impressive third overall.



### World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Children will be able to dress up on the day – more details to follow.

### Diary Dates

Year 1 Pirate Day – Weds 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 and 4 performances – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March evening and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon.

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### Celebrating progress

During Collective Worship this morning we took a moment to celebrate two children in Year 3, Ezra and Ilda.

Mrs Hayes wanted to highlight the amazing progress that both children have made in their writing. Looking back at their work in September and comparing it to the work they are now producing the difference was amazing! It was clear that they have both been working really hard and have been applying their learning well.

As we approach the half way point of the year, it is a good time to look back and celebrate the progress your children have made over the past 5 months. Perhaps this weekend you could ask your children where they think they have made progress and spend some time celebrating their hard work.