

FLORA NEWS



Subject Specialism

Following our first week of subject specialist teaching, we asked the teachers for some feedback:

Ms Graham

We were feeling a little nervous at lunch time the first day, but there was a real buzz in the air! Teachers were sharing their best top tips and making last minute preparations for their lessons. After school on Tuesday, it was all anybody wanted to talk about! All of us thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of the children even better than before. I was so impressed with the high level discussions in Year 6, especially from Nadir and Xela ("Africa is divided by unnatural borders created through European colonisation") and how independent Year 1 are with their learning. Thank you to all of the classes for such fantastic geography learning!

Mrs Asserati

I have loved this week! The highlights have definitely been re-engaging with all of the children again in classes I didn't go to often before. The classes were all so amazing and every pupil was so excited.

Year 6 in particular were fab as they were the first class I taught this week and after a few initial nerves, they really proved the whole point of this approach and helped to settle any future anxiety!

A lasting highlight of the week, Amelia Rose in Year 1, writing "the sail gets moist in spring ready for trees growing in summer." I was so impressed with her word choice!

Miss Earley

I have discovered that Year 3 are rock stars! I was so impressed with their knowledge (and love) of rocks. My highlight of the week was exploring the wildlife garden with Year 1. We saw bees, frogs and gorgeous green trees! Year 2 are learning to be climate busters by finding out how we can improve our planet. Year 5 are super excited to be learning about space and the planet. They had to read evidence and decide whether the earth was round or flat based on the strongest evidence. Two brave Year 5 pupils (Saoirse and Ayan) even proved to Mr Naismith that the Earth is spherical.

Mrs Sultan

I was looking forward to this week as the thought of teaching all classes from Year 1-6 was exciting to me. My highlight was being given the opportunity to share my expertise in Maths in different classes, catering to the needs of all pupils. It was very enjoyable working with different children of all ages, especially Year 2 who were fantastic in their first Maths session with me. They were excited throughout the day and really impressed me with their Maths skills and perseverance when answering some challenging questions.

Shout out to my two Maths stars, Sam and Syon, for their amazing participation and work in the lesson.

Miss Horne

I had a fantastic week teaching Spanish in the afternoons! Having previously taught after breaktime, I was nervous about the change to afternoons and wondered whether engagement would be different. However, the children were amazing! Some highlights were singing la curaracha in Year 1, playing kahoots in Year 4 and being blown away by the fantastic writing in Years 5 and 3. Well done everyone!

Special shout out to Nazim for his fantastic attitude and incredible understanding of writing plural sentences including demonstrating and understanding of noun and adjective agreements!

Mrs Grippman

"Aw yay! Will you teach us every week?"

"Yes, I can't wait!"

How delightful it was to leave six smiling classes this week as opposed to just my usual one! The highlight was the rich discussion in Year 6 based on the concept of peace. I loved how each class interpreted their class concept differently, particularly Year 3 and 'identity'. Special shout out to Lou in Year 1 who was brilliant when it came to explaining why we should remember things and strategies for doing so.

Mr Carter

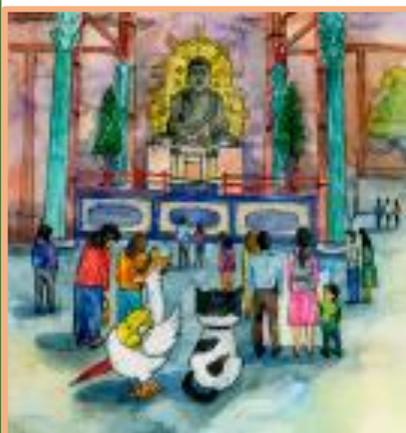
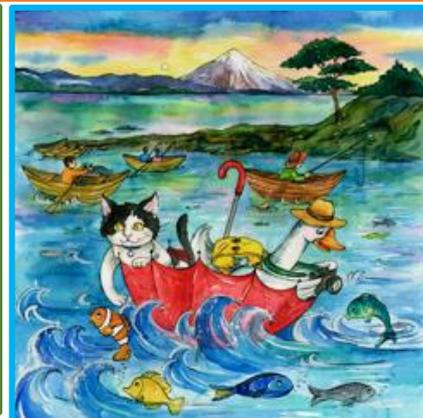
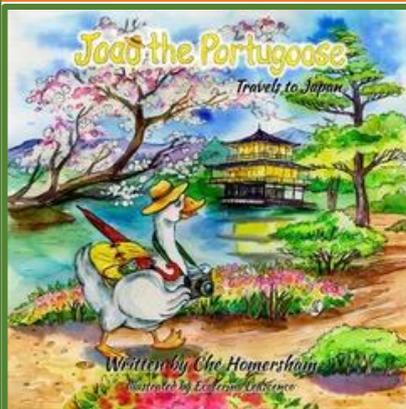
It was so amazing to spend time in all the different classes. After carrying out lots of research, the children surprised me with their wide History knowledge. It highlighted how engaged the children are and how much they want to learn. I really enjoyed the whole week. Year 5 were super interested in their Greek topic and made beautiful posters.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are the team behind the soon to be published children's picture book series, Joao the Portuguese. We have been invited to come to the school and host an event for your children on Monday 14th June. This will be the pre-launch of the first book in the series, and in honour of this, after the book reading, we will be selling the book for the discounted price of £5.

The book is called Joao the Portuguese travels to Japan. The series is about a goose from Portugal who has pen-pals from countries all around the world. In each book, he travels to a different country to meet his pen-pal and explore and learn about their country.

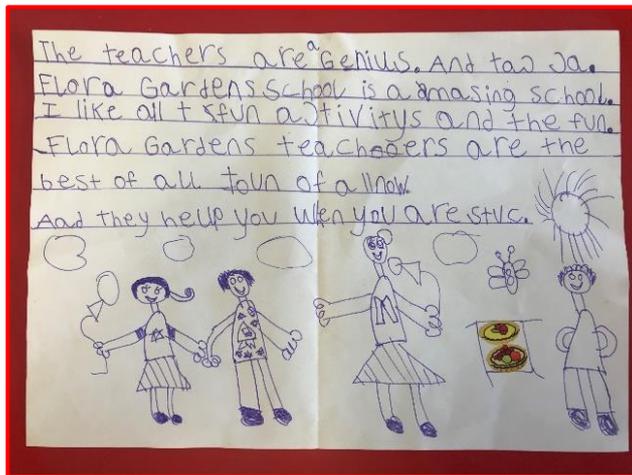
Kindest regards,
The team behind Joao the Portuguese



Year 2 have been learning about countries in Europe. They enjoyed trying Spanish food and made small Spanish baguettes called 'Montadito'.

Reception have been loving their new outdoor area makeover, especially the garden area! They have been planting a range of plants, flowers and vegetables and have been learning how to look after them





Marina Y1 created this wonderful picture for all staff at Flora as a thank you for their hand work and the foundation teaching.



**Nethercott House Trip
Reminder**

All current year 5 & year 4 students are eligible for a place on the next residential trip to Nethercott House in November 2021. These places are limited and filling up, a £25 deposit is required to secure your child's place. Any questions or queries about anything related to this fantastic opportunity, please see Mrs Brand.

- Value Award Winners**
- ★ Nursery
 - Isla & Clarence
 - Reception
 - Howard
 - Year 1
 - Lou
 - Year 2
 - Emily & Ruby
 - Year 3
 - Ibtisam & Kye
 - Year 4
 - Efrata
 - Year 5
 - Marley
 - Year 6
 - Hamza
 - PE
 - Ibrahim Y6
 - Spanish
 - Nazim Y3
 - Music
 - All of Year 3
- Well done, everyone !*