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The week got off to an energised start with 4S leading assembly with a focus on Social Responsibility. All pupils presented in teams around numerous issues including Global Warming, Recycling and the Australian Bush Fires to name but a few. They had each researched and written scripts, filmed news and weather reports using the Green Screen technology. Being Mrs Sutton's class there was inevitably a musical element and 4S did not disappoint with a wonderful song sung in both English and Spanish. To cap things off, the new lighting system was deployed to provide a new and exciting element to assemblies; one I am sure staff and pupils will look to use more and more. I was delighted with the effort, the willingness to look at our responsibility to our wider community and the message of hope, one of encouragement and determination. An excellent effort from 4S, Mrs Sutton and ably supported by Señor Torres.

With the theme of thinking of others and social responsibility our Woburn Charity Team, assisted by Mrs Johnson, created a Koala image using change brought in by Duncombe pupils, parents and staff. In creating the image, a very pleasing £329.56 was raised to be added to the ongoing Woburn charity collection. This is an exceptional effort and the timing could not have been better given the assembly message at the start of the week. Thank you and well done to all involved.

I was delighted to meet with a Treetops parent Mrs Cooper today who very kindly has donated over 60 signed children's books for both our Library and Treetops Reading Café. This was an extremely kind thing to do with pupils and staff delighted not only to see the wonderful new books but also the inspirational quotes and encouraging words from leading children authors such as Robin Stevens, Paul Gamble, Sophie Anderson and Mo O'Hara. Mrs Cooper kindly forwent her usual Christmas wine and chocs from her author clients opting to have signed books for Duncombe instead. Absolutely lovely!

We have been involved in dance workshops across the week and today a music assembly. Please do look out for the reports in the newsletter. Next week is Safer Internet Week. In assembly, Mrs Micele-Jones and Señor Torres will be looking at the importance of staying safe whilst using the internet. I have added the link to our website E-safety pages <https://www.duncombe-school.co.uk/parent-portal/e-safety/> Please do take a look at the documents and links including the regularly updated CEOP and parent info zone. These sites give a very useful and practical approach to getting the best from the internet whilst keeping safe. It provides a great starting point for discussions with children. Next week is action packed with Year 1 involved in Glass workshops, numerous matches and the Parent Info Evening on Relationships Education and Diversity on Wednesday. We certainly will be ready for half term when it arrives on Thursday 13th! *Mr Phelan.*

Well done to these pupils who received a Headmaster's Award today.



Well done to the Lower School Stars of the Week



Thank you to 4S for a Brilliant Assembly this week!



Here is Mrs Cooper receiving a thank you for donating over 60 signed books to our library.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th February

Year 1 Glass Workshop in Ware.
Years 5 and 6 Swimming.

Wednesday 12th February

Year 1 Glass Workshop in Ware.
Parent Event - Relationships, Education and Diversity. 7pm in New Hall.

Thursday 13th February

Last day before half term.
School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be running as normal.

Friday 14th February - Half Term begins. School closed.

Looking Forward

Monday 24th February

School resumes

Tuesday 25th February

Year 4 York Meeting and Come Dine with Us. 4.30pm in 4C.

Monday 28th February

Upper School Bake Off (Round One). 2pm in New Hall.

Thursday 5th March

Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

Friday 6th March

6T Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in New Hall.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 12th February

U11 Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.
U11 Rugby v Manor Lodge (away). 2.30pm start.

Thursday 13th February

U11 Rugby v Kingshott (away). 2.30pm start.

Friday 14th February

U11 IAPS Netball Tournament

Wednesday 26th February

U11 Boys' Hockey v St Joseph's in the Park, at Broxbourne.
Time TBC.

Thursday 27th February

U8 Rugby v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.15pm start.

Important Notices

Year 4 Sikh Temple Trip—Cancelled.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 4 Sikh Temple trip due to take place on Tuesday 11th February, has had to be cancelled. We will advise you of a new date as soon as we have it.

Classroom Access

In the interest of safety, parents should not be going into any classroom or the PE shed first thing in the morning. If you need to speak to a teacher please either email them or go to the School Office. Thank you.

Upper School Swimming Gala

Our Upper School Swimming Gala will be taking place on the morning of Tuesday 24th March at Haileybury. As usual, parents are invited to come and watch and support their child/children. We will be sending full details out about this event very soon.

In the meantime we would like to inform you of the following changes to swimming lessons:

Tuesday 11th February

Years 5 & 6 will be swimming
No swimming for Years 2 & 3

Tuesday 24th March

Upper School Swimming Gala day
No swimming for Years 2 & 3

Mrs Johnson

Nursery Goal

Well done to Elijah who reached his class goal this week!





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Music Assembly write-up 7th February

This morning were treated to a showcase of Duncombe's music talent in our half-termly music recital.

We began with our young pianists. Xavier opened the concert with *Arabesque*, coping with the fast left-hand notes smoothly and including an array of tempo variations and dynamic contrasts. Samuel played next with *The Echo*, confidently tackling the changes in dynamics and movement around the keyboard. Toby then performed *Lesson in C* with great speed over the keyboard and lovely melodic shaping. *Egyptian Level* performed by Olivia followed, capturing the mystery of Ancient Egypt with some dramatic shaping and confident pedalling. James then performed *Arabesque* with a gentle touch and incredible fast pace over the keyboard. Next, with *The Echo*, was George, demonstrating confident shifts in hand position between the higher and lower notes on the keyboard. Hexia followed, playing *March of the Lion* from memory, a confident performance which was a 'roaring' success. Isla then played the duet *When the Saints*, a familiar favourite, and captured the joyful melody with impressive confidence. *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* was next, played by Lucy with both hands working really well together and capturing the delicate nature of the piece beautifully. She earned the loudest applause of the morning! Moving on to our brass players, Jamie played the moving piece *One Hand, One Heart*, from *West Side Story*. He showed incredible breath control, with lovely crescendos through the long notes, and captured the emotion of the piece beautifully. Our brass group, Xavier, Jamie, Kavian, and Shivom then played *Old MacDonald*. They kept together very nicely, showing great listening skills and teamwork. A lovely performance! Next were our two flautists. Tillie played first with *The Easy Winners*, a jazzy number where she showed great control of the complex dotted rhythms. Estelle followed, with *Click Here*, an unaccompanied piece which showed off her gentle playing beautifully. Our guitarists then performed, beginning with William who played *James Bond* with great confidence, demonstrating good finger technique on the strings. Harrison then played *Spanish Dance*, perfect for a cold February morning as he evoked the sunshine through the fabulous Spanish tune! Josh then played *James Bond* with great speed over the strings and lovely rhythmic shaping. To finish the morning we enjoyed the vocal talents of some of our young singers. Ava began, with the beautiful *Seagull*, a lilting melody showcasing Ava's delicate tone and emotional awareness of the lyrics. Bella then sang *Skye Boat Song*, a well-known tune with a very pretty melody that demonstrated excellent breath control over the long phrases. Monty then performed *Osprey*, which showed off a powerful voice with a clear tone. This was an emotional song, beautifully performed. Eloise then sang *Mi Caballo*, a bouncy, summery number which demonstrated her great accuracy of pitch. *God Be In My Head* was the next number, performed in a haunting and very moving style by Reece. A hush fell over the room as he held us spellbound. He was followed by Ellis whose crystal-clear top notes in *Swing* sent goosebumps down the arms! Xavier then sang *Pirates*, a toe-tapping number with great feeling behind the words – a super performance. To end the morning Toby sang *Let's Go Fly A Kite*, demonstrated a lovely gentle tone with a joyful performance that had the whole room swaying along! As always, our thanks to the children for a joyful start to the morning, the family members who came to support, the fantastic Mrs Turner for her superb accompanying and to all the instrumental tutors for their continued support and encouragement.

Mrs Sutton, Head of Music





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Duncombe School Book Week

During Duncombe School Book Week (**Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March**) we will be celebrating books and sharing our favourite stories in the hope of instilling a lifelong love of reading. With the help of our Patron of Reading, **Alice Hemming**, we will be encouraging our pupils to get involved with an exciting array of reading activities because...READING ROCKS!

'Reading Rocks' Competition

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day, there will be a competition to represent a beloved book on a stone or pebble, by painting on a front cover or a key character etc. Some examples of book extracts, front covers and characters painted on pebbles are below for some inspiration! Each pupil may enter up to two Reading Rocks into our competition. The closing date for the competition is **Tuesday 3rd March 2020**. All the entries for Treetops, Lower School and Upper School will be judged later during Book Week. Please be aware you are being asked to **donate** your reading rock, so that it can form a collection to be laid in the Duncombe Garden. As the stones will be placed outside, please use paint or a similar product to permanently immortalise your book. Please do not affix any items to decorate the stone. You may wish to varnish it to keep your artwork in perfect condition. There will be lots of time during and after the half term holiday to prepare your painted stone but please remember to clearly **paint your child's name and form on the underside of your stone**.



Send us Your Shelfie! - Help us create a display for Book Week reflecting the books you really enjoy to read. Share a photo of you against the backdrop of your bookshelf at home, with us here at school! The 'shelfie' is the perfect way to showcase your most treasure titles. Please email pictures to: office@duncombe-school.co.uk by **Tuesday 3rd March**. Prizes will be on offer for fantastic photos!

Character Silhouette Hunt - In their classes, pupils will navigate their way around the school and grounds finding some shadowy figures – the silhouettes of mystery characters from the world of children's literature. They will then be challenged to name them and recall the book in which the character appears.

Monday 2nd March – Buddy Reading - Children across the school will be enjoying books together. Pupils in different year groups will be buddying up and sharing a story to celebrate the importance of reading.

Tuesday 3rd March - Treetops pupils will be treated to a book tasting experience in the Reading Café.

Wednesday 4th March - Book Swap - If you have any children's books that are no longer age appropriate, then please do donate your books for our book swap on Wednesday 4th March. Please bring them to the Old Hall and leave them in the relevant area on the tables provided. Children will be given the opportunity to swap books throughout the day.

Sharing a Story at The Dell - A group of Duncombe pupils will be spreading the joy of reading with the local community, by taking part in an intergenerational buddy read with some residents at The Dell, sheltered accommodation centre in Bengo.

Thursday 5th March - As well as enjoying a variety of World Book Day activities and quizzes with Alice, pupils will be learning how to write fantastic setting and character descriptions.

World Book Day Token - Each child will receive a World Book Day token in their book bags.



World Book Day Fancy Dress - To enter into the spirit of celebrating World Book Day, we are inviting both staff and pupils to dress as a book character on **Thursday 5th March**. Children can wear costumes of any character from children's literature. The outfit can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish! Some ideas can be found on the following website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery/>

Alice Hemming will be joining us to celebrate with a special assembly and children and staff will be invited to participate in a Costume Parade at breaktime to showcase their efforts. Please could children bring in £1 on the day, as a donation to our House Charity. We look forward to seeing the children in character and on the playground catwalk!

Throughout the week, we will be enjoying a variety of cross-curricular activities to celebrate reading across many subjects. From 'Reading Relays' in PE to vlogging book reviews in ICT, our children will have lots of opportunities to discover just how much READING ROCKS!





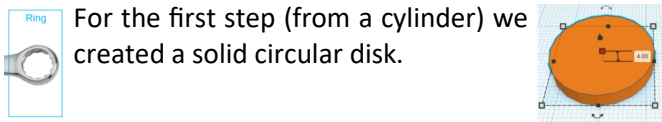
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This week Year 4 & 5 have been learning how to build a **wrench** in 3D. They were not only able to design the wrench themselves but now also have the skills to design any simple 3D model that they wish.

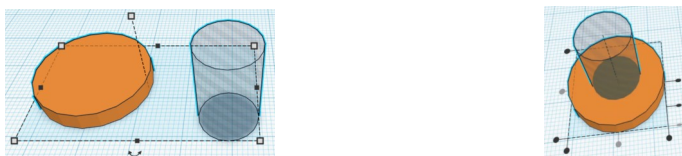
They learnt how to “divide and conquer.”, dividing our wrench into smaller geometric shapes and then designing these smaller units individually. In the final step, they put these small units together, making modelling of a complex object easy.



Applying this principle to the wrench, we divided it into three basic units: The ring, The handle and the jaw.



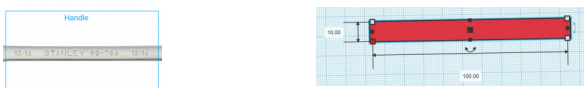
Then with a cylinder-shaped hole and the solid disk, we used an align tool to bring it in the middle of the solid disk and grouping



At this step children learned:

1. How to change the dimensions of basic shapes
2. How to create holes
3. How to align shapes
4. How to group (or merge) two shapes together.

Then we designed the handle using a simple box shape and changing its size



Thirdly, we created the jaw. It was very similar to the ring that we designed before. The jaw is also a circular disk, but with a polygonal hole carved out at an angle.

We dragged a Polygon shape and we turned it in a hole shape and adjusted its dimensions.

Using the same tool, we aligned the shape and group to create the jaw.



Señor Torres

Cognita Projects

NITA is Born!

Nita is an International Education Project based on three-dimensional design, connecting Cognita Schools students and teachers through a design contest. The main purpose is collaboration, sharing and taking advantage of our global education team, which gives Cognita students an international perspective of their schools. Promoting Cognita Global Students is one of the factors of this adventure. The world Nita comes from CogNita. Creating a logo will help to identify and visualize Cognita. The goal is to connect students and teachers with the project.

Children have Four Challenges where they can participate:

1. **A toy for everyone**
Promoting social help and raising children's awareness of the value of things
2. **Self-watering pot**
Water saving awareness. Encourage logical thinking by solving problems.
Self-watering containers have an inner pot that holds the plant and soil, and an outer pot or bottom reservoir that holds extra water.
3. **Flower pot**
Encourage logical thinking by solving problems. Motivate children to have plants.
Educational skills of computing and maths. Developing design and creativity skills.
Also personal skills such as patience, perseverance, accepting and self belief.
4. **International party**
PARTIES OF THE WORLD: Where they can design masks or costume accessories to promote interculturality between different countries.





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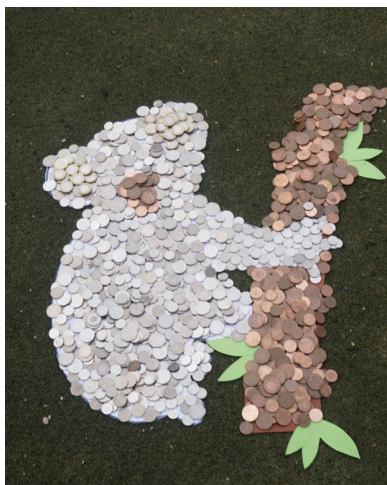
Woburn Charity Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to the Woburn charity. Here is the wonderful Koala coin picture which raised £329.56! The total so far is £789.14 and Mrs Johnson will be sending this off to the two charities over half term. Woburn will continue to raise money after half term.

Thank you all once again!
The Woburn Charity Team

Lost

Named coat belonging to Chloe Clifton.



Warren Restaurant Menu Week commencing 10th February 2020

MULTIPLIOUS LEAVES Menu		Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 3				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
ENTREE VEGGIE LOVERS Light BITES on the SIDE TASTY PUDS	Mixed Beef Pasta Bake	Chicken Balti with Braised Basmati Rice	Pepperoni Pizza with a Wholemeal Base	Roast Beef Yorkshire puddings and Gravy	HALF TERM	
	Sweet Potato and Quorn Moroccan Tagine with Cous-Cous	Winter Vegetable Cottage Pie	Margarita Pizza with a Wholemeal Base	Roasted Beetroot with Herby Crust		
	Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans/Cheese	Penne Napolitana	Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans	Tomato and Basil Sauce with Lightly Boiled Pasta		
	Green Beans Sweetcorn Freshly Baked Focaccia Bread	Roast Cauliflower Bombay Potatoes Sauté White Cabbage	Warm Potato Salad Red Cabbage Slaw Ratatouille	Roast Potatoes Steamed Broccoli and Carrots		
	Yoghurt Sundae with Sliced Peaches	Banana and Cinnamon Cake	Rice Pudding with a Mixed Berry Compote.	Orange Jelly		
Salad Bar available everyday Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal Bread						