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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

I hope the children are now well-settled into a good routine with their remote learning. Please do keep your children's Group Tutor updated if you have any concerns and we will endeavour to be as flexible as possible, as we know that everyone's circumstances are different. We are grateful to you for all the feedback on the remote learning experience thus far and if you have any further comments, then please do forward them to [Mr Close](#) (Deputy Head Academic).

We are continuing to keep abreast of the Government's views on returning to school and we are grateful that we will have two weeks' notice of any future changes. The asymptomatic testing centre at school is well and truly up and running, and we are now testing those staff who are on site and still working with the Pre-School children twice per week. The test centre is based in the Sports Pavilion, which allows easy access from the car park and this will certainly be helpful at the point when the Year 7 and 8 pupils are permitted back on site.

This lockdown seems more challenging than the last, however knowing that we are all in it together and aiming for the same goal seems to give me comfort and we are already hearing great news about the vaccine roll-out in the UK and around the world. In assembly last week, the children and I looked at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and how, if we work together, things can change for the better, though sometimes it takes time. In his words "Difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future."

My thoughts are with you and your families, and I hope you keep safe and well.

Best wishes,

Mrs Shayler

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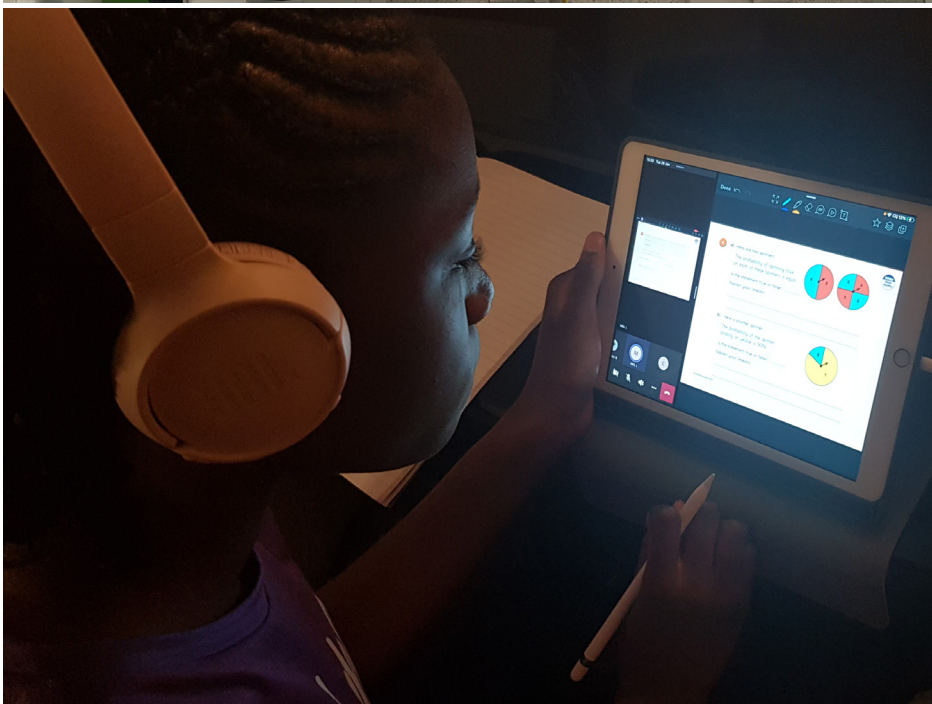
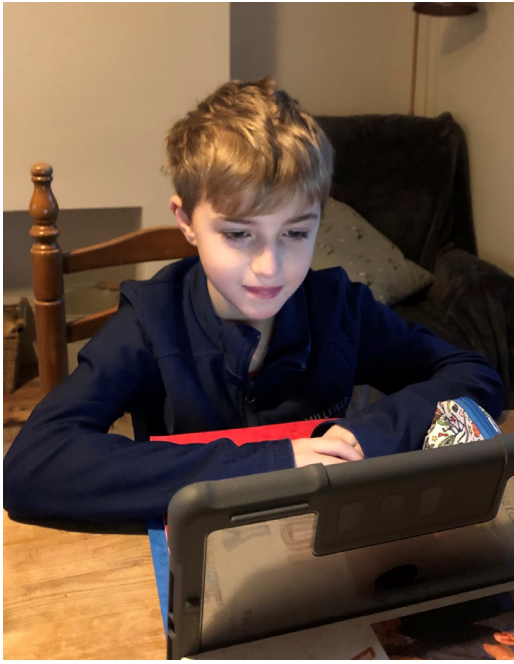
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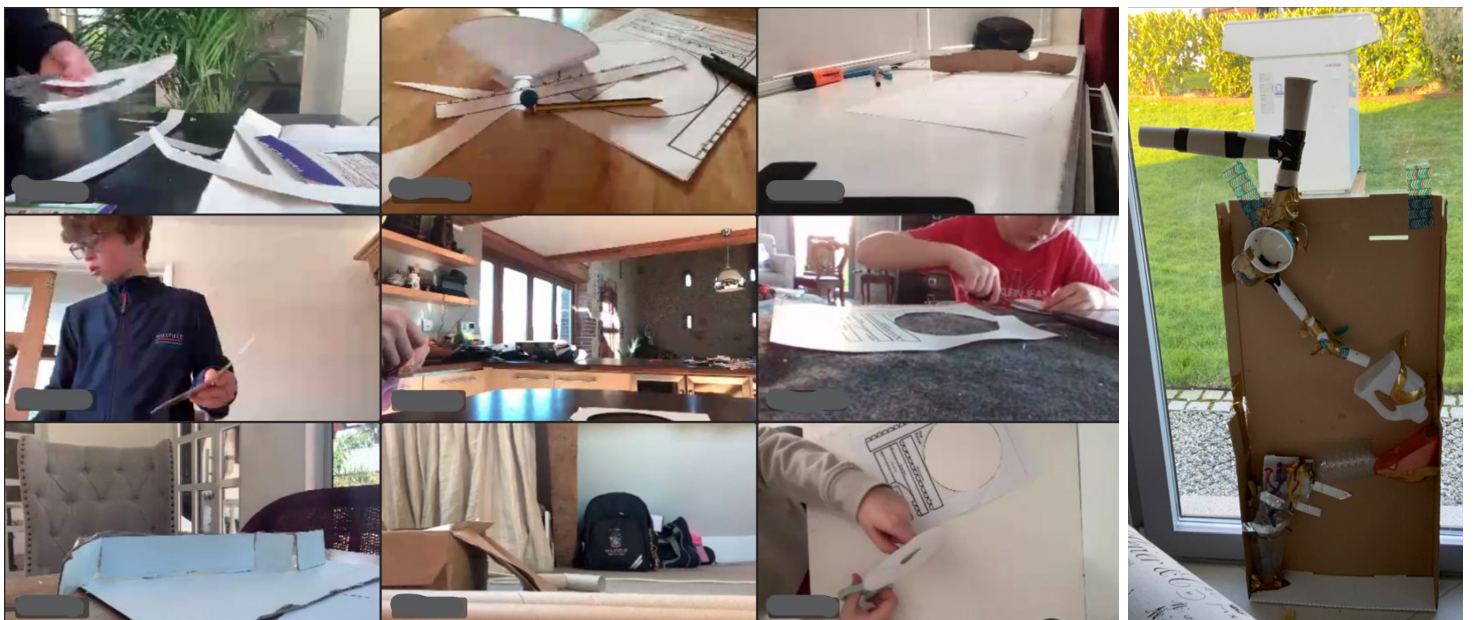
PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this great Surrealist picture by **Karina S.**



MARVELLOUS MARBLE RUNS

Year 7 pupils have been working very hard in Design Technology this term. They have been set the challenge of designing and making a 30 second marble run using materials that they have in their home. There have been some excellent test rigs produced to test theories and great conversations about gravity, weight and friction. Pupils have been using breakout rooms to discuss ideas in small groups and help give each other feedback and advice. Well done, Year 7!



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

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Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow young people to chat with others whilst they play. For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of 'in-game chat' and measures you can take to help protect them, watch this short video: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers](#).

The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system can be a useful tool to help you decide what online games are appropriate for your child. For more information on the PEGI system and other factors to consider before deciding what's suitable, read [Gaming: what's appropriate for your child](#).

Gaming is popular with both children and adults and can help to cure that lockdown boredom! If your child is gaming, you may have some questions about how to keep them safer. If so, check out - [Gaming: what parents need to know](#). For a guide on the apps, sites and games your child might enjoy, visit: [Net Aware](#).

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK COMPETITION

Next week, from 30 January - 6 February is National Storytelling Week! So it's time to get creative and enter our storytelling competition! We would love to hear your imaginative ideas! Each Year group has been set a theme and you will be required to film yourself telling your own story. There will be an overall winner and winners from each year group, with lots of great prizes!

Click [here](#) to find out more, join the Showbie class or contact [Miss Chatwin](#).



Chaplain's Thought of the Week

'Change is not merely necessary to life, it is life.' Last week saw some powerful changes, including new mass vaccination centres, storm Christoph, snow in the Sahara desert and the presidency in the USA moving from Donald Trump to Joe Biden. The President's inauguration day itself happened in an unprecedented manner, with many changes to the expected norm. However, perhaps the greatest change of last week was secured through Kamala Harris. Kamala Harris is 'The first female, the first black, the first south Asian American vice president.' (BBC News, 20/1/21). Change is happening and this election outcome has not only changed American politics, it has changed views, hopes and aspirations across the whole world.

Speaking in the context of the pandemic, just before her inauguration last week, Harris said that her "Abiding hope, abiding prayer, is that we emerge from this ordeal with a new wisdom, to cherish simple moments, to imagine new possibilities and to open our hearts just a little bit more to one another."

Regardless of your political views or opinions, glass ceilings are being shattered, new horizons are emerging and more people have been inspired to flourish. This is good change, refreshing change, long overdue change.

In response to the life-changing gift of God's grace through Jesus, St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.' These words encourage us that, however hard it seems, however tired or insignificant we may feel - we can all inspire good change. We too can learn from Jesus' example and act with vision that is inclusive and invitational, underpinned by a strong foundation of Christian values. We can inspire change for hope and peace in our own hearts; we can inspire change which includes and values others, maybe one person maybe many; we can inspire change which enables others, and ourselves, to flourish. We may not be Vice Presidents of the USA yet we too, whoever we are, can do our bit to shatter glass ceilings and open new horizons.

*Dear God thank you for good change in our world
Thank you for our ability to grow in wisdom and change for good
Thank you for the wonder of simple moments that can change us for good
Thank you for hope and real possibilities of change for good
Thank you that through opening our hearts we can all change for good
Thank you that in opening our heart to you, you can change us for good
Amen*

Wellbeing tip for the week: Make time during every day this week to consciously stop, in order to cherish simple moments, notice how you feel and capture that feeling as a positive memory. Use that positivity, share that moment or that memory if you can, and in doing so open your heart just a little bit more to others.

- Reverend Kitto

MIDDLE AGES AND MEDIEVAL HISTORY

In History this week, pupils in 7BD have been studying the power of the Medieval Church and have been working diligently to try to uncover exactly what life was like for ordinary people living through the fascinating Middle Ages.

At the beginning of the lesson, the class was introduced to Mentimeter, a great way to collect live feedback and to encourage lots of engagement in lessons. Along the way, the class gave three words to help them describe a portrait found in a Medieval Church dating back to the 11th century and created a word cloud that brought together all their ideas in a matter of seconds. We intend to develop live polls, quick question responses and even multiple choice quizzes using this in class and students clearly enjoyed taking part in active learning via Teams.

This also generated a lot of discussion that allowed the class to explore their learning in much more depth and their answers by the end of the lesson really showed they were thinking carefully about the lives of their ancestors, placing themselves very much in their shoes. Well done, 7BD!



GREAT GEOGRAPHER

Cai L spent some time last weekend visiting Jury Beach on the Isle of Man with his family and dog Coco. Cai was able to link what he has been learning about in Geography to what he was seeing with his own eyes - a lot of coastal erosion! Thank you for sharing this geographical photo with us.



FABULOUS YEAR 4!

Year 4 have adapted brilliantly to their home learning. Everyone has been taking part in experiments, creating masks and designing gliders using their knowledge of flight and aerodynamics! We have been extremely impressed!



DAZZLING DANCER

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Well done to **Megan B**, for placing sixth in The Great Big Dance Off, virtual dance competition, out of 96 people in her category! Megan performed a piece which she choreographed herself, to a song from the hilarious musical *Little Shop of Horrors*.



YEAR 3 FOREST SCHOOL

This week in Forest School, Year 3 have been creating story characters out of things they have found in their gardens. Everyone then had to guess each other's character. They could be from a book, film or TV show. Can you guess any of them?



EMBARRASSING MOMENT

An Embarrassing Moment by **Nathan C**

It was a Sunday, I woke up feeling excited for a cup semi final match for my football team. I jumped out of bed straight away and got my football kit on ready for the match. I went downstairs to make myself an omelette, as I had an extra thirty minutes to spare before I had to be at the match. I sat down and ate my food quickly as I wanted to get there in time.

"Are you ready?" My dad shouted to me. "Yeah, coming!" I yelled back, running downstairs. I got into the car, put my seatbelt on and just waited for my dad to come. "Ready?" He asked. I nodded my head in excitement, I couldn't wait for the match to begin.

We got to the ground and it was a surprisingly good pitch, grass cut properly, no mud patches by the goal, and most importantly the weather was extremely calm, a light breeze. Perfect for a football match of this caliber. I ran over to the dugout and greeted my coach and teammates as we all got ready for a warmup session, about ten minutes before kickoff.

I put my goalkeeping gloves on and got in goal, with my teammate punting balls at me for me to catch to get my hands ready. "Can you go get my bag for me?" I asked my teammate. He ran over and grabbed my bag and gave it to me. I took out some glove glue to get a bit more grip and spit on my gloves. "You're not conceding today" I told myself over and over.

"Come on in boys! It's almost time!" The coach shouted for us to come back to the dugout. He read out the lineups and of course, I started in goal. It was a big 11-a-side match. We played a 4-4-2 attacking formation, as the team we played against had quite small defenders. Once the coach had read out the team sheet, I ran to my goal to get ready.

"Keepers? Ready?" The referee shouted. I gave him a thumbs up and so did the other goalkeeper. The referee blew the whistle and the match was underway. Twenty minutes in and I was tested a bit, shots coming from everywhere but simple enough to catch. But the quick striker on their team dribbled to the edge of the box and took a shot, it was going into the top corner and I had made a brilliant save to keep it out (in professional goals). Even the opposition's coach was congratulating me and the opposition. It had gone out for a corner, so I had to defend the corner first. The ball came in and I jumped up to catch it and boot it away.

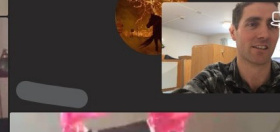
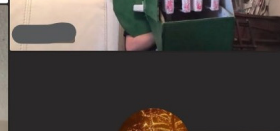
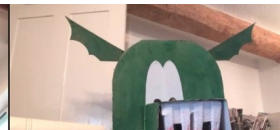
The opposition had yet another counter attack, with the attacker's feet and he had taken a heavy touch, I slid in with both my feet out and took the attacker out inside my box. To my surprise, the referee hadn't given a penalty, but I was keeping quiet. Even the parents were shouting for a penalty and I just felt so embarrassed and wanted the ground to suck me into it for the time. A voice in my head just told me to tell the referee that it should have been a penalty, but I stayed quiet and defended the corner.

We went on to win the game two-nil in the semi finals. My teammates all congratulated me and so did my coach.

MARVELLOUS MASKS

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Year 4 have been working hard this term in DT, designing their own masks to wear during the pandemic. Some careful research and planning lead to some excellent designs, which were finished off this week. Well done to all for a great effort.



It was wonderful to see the Hollies girls in the House Meeting on Monday. They all seem in fine fettle and extremely bubbly. We were entertained by **Scarlett, Tamara, Darcy** and **Annabelle** singing their latest songs! The Pastoral 1-1s, Hollies' Group Meetings and Parent Check Ins are in full swing. It has been wonderful catching up with all the Hollies girls and their parents. All are in very good spirits and have switched into the remote learning without any real concerns. It's great to hear that many of the girls are finding ways to keep active and move away from the screens. Such activities include football in the garden, forest walks with the family, going for runs or escaping into some art and music. Some of the overseas boarders are enjoying some sunshine and hot weather. This has allowed them opportunities to keep up their swimming skills. Some of our UK boarders have experienced snow, which gave the opportunity to go sledging. Similarly, some of the international boarders are enjoying "tons" of snow and they have been out having lots of fun sledging and skiing. It is wonderful to hear how positive they all are.



CHESTNUT

This week the Chestnut boys met up for a quiz. The camera showed them close up photos of various parts of the house and they had to try and recognise what it was. One of the boys couldn't recognise his own bed space! Another one confused the kitchen sink with the washing machine, so we are anxious where he will wash his clothes when he gets back! The photo is of the now traditional silly salute sign off at the end of the call (although they do stick around and have a chat and a catch up together until their next lessons).



BEREWALL

Wishing very Happy 13th Birthdays to **Louis, Ezra** and **Freddy**!



Congratulations to **Liberty W**, who placed fifth on Star in her first NSEA dressage competition.



YEAR 6 PE

Year 6 used this markers cones to have a mini fashion show during PE. They then competed an exhausting step exercise. This linked in with the work on heart rate and endurance that they had been doing in previous weeks. Even though they are in lockdown, they are getting fitter and faster with all of the work they are doing. Well done, Year 6!



YEAR 5 PE

An unexpected guest in one of the lessons this week!

She took ages to complete the running tasks that the others completed during their Year 5 PE session!



Introducing Lady, another new livery that came to join us over the Christmas holiday. Lady belongs to **Frankie Y**.

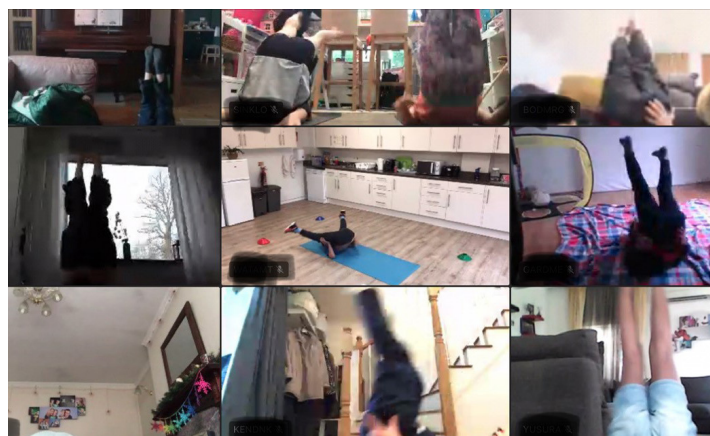
This is Lady Cherry, she is eight years old from Ireland. Her favourite thing to do is eat grass and occasionally do cross country! We are hoping her move to Millfield Prep will turn her into a sporty all rounder!

A big hello to all the other riders from Frankie.



YEAR 3 PE

Year 3 have been working on their balances at home. Thanks to the "assistants" who appear out of nowhere with mats and drinks at key times. They couldn't do it without you!





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A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well during these unprecedented times. The government guidance continues to change regularly and I will continue to be in close communication with you as restrictions or guidance changes.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and well done for another successful week of learning. We continue to be amazed with the children's engagement, enthusiasm and hard work, they are all brilliant! Please keep sending me your jokes and pictures, so they can be shared in Monday's assembly to help make others smile and laugh!

Keep smiling, stay safe and look after each other.

- Mr Jory

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory.

Pre-School
Margot R
Nathanael P

Reception
All of Reception class
for amazing Zog work

Year 1
Isla P
Beatrix M
Theo M

Year 2
Teddy G
William P
Willow S
Matilda R-C

YEAR 1 SUPER SCIENTISTS

Year 1 have been looking at different materials. This week, the children were finding out about freezing and melting. They melted chocolate and made different chocolate shapes, before it went back into a solid. The children had great fun making ice sculptures, collecting items from their garden to put in a bowl of water. They put the bowls in the freezer, then hung them up outside to watch them melt. Super science, Year 1!



STUPENDOUS SPACECRAFT

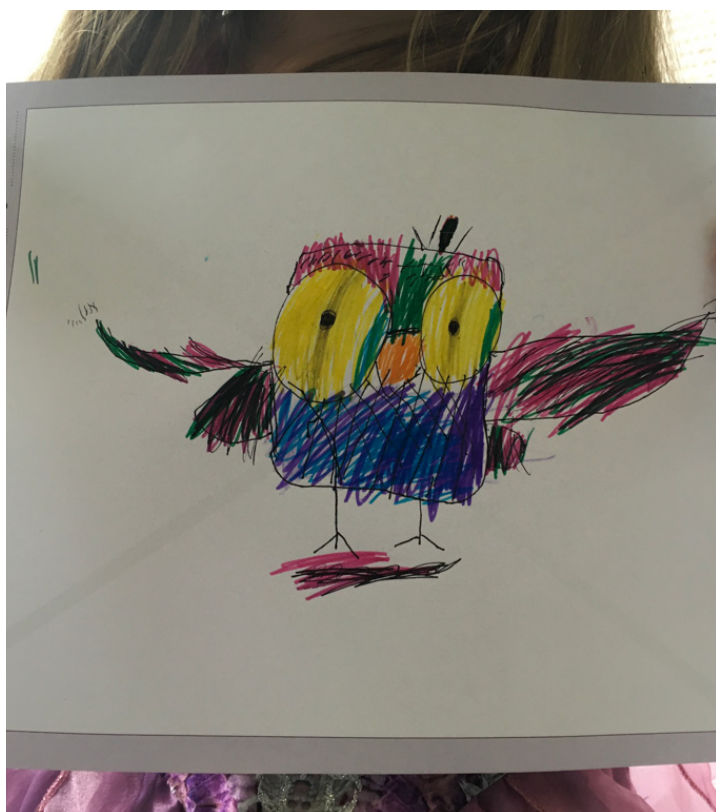
As part of their 'Pushes and Pulls' project, Year 2 have been learning about gravity and astronauts. The children listened to interviews by Helen Sharman and Tim Peake, and used PurpleMash to imagine what life is like in space. They even made paper rockets and investigated if adding fins made the rocket fly further. Each morning, the children have had a 'Morning Nature Challenge'. Last week, they had to guess who the footprint belonged to and the week before, the children had to listen to a bird's song and guess which bird they thought it might belong to. **Teddy** and **Aurelia** have been particularly good at these challenges, as they've been researching their answers before submitting their guesses.



RECEPTION

AMAZING ARTWORK

Last week we challenged the children to do some drawing. This was on top of their organised daily Showbie lessons. Some of the children had a go and we are so proud of what they have produced.



FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Pre-School had another fun time at Forest School. This time, they created spiky hedgehogs by collecting little sticks (they had to snap them if they were too big) and moulding clay into a ball shape. They stuck their sticks in the clay and added eyes and a nose. Voila, spiky hedgehogs! This fun activity was inspired from the story *One Winter's Day*, where the children also learnt about animals that hibernate. The children also enjoyed a warming cup of hot chocolate and looked at the early signs of spring, with snowdrops and daffodils starting to make an appearance. Everyone also went for a frosty walk and enjoyed listening to the crunching sound of the icy grass.



PRE-SCHOOL FROGS

GREAT GRUFFALO

The Frogs made some fantastic Gruffalo puppets which focused on cutting skills, shapes and the sound g! P.s. there are purple prickles on the back!

