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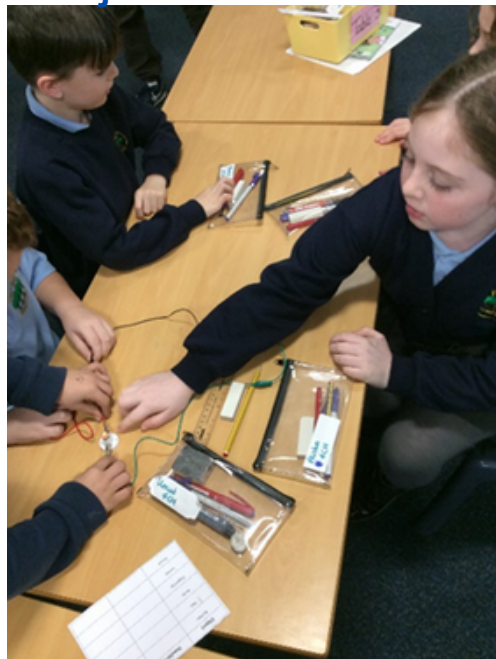
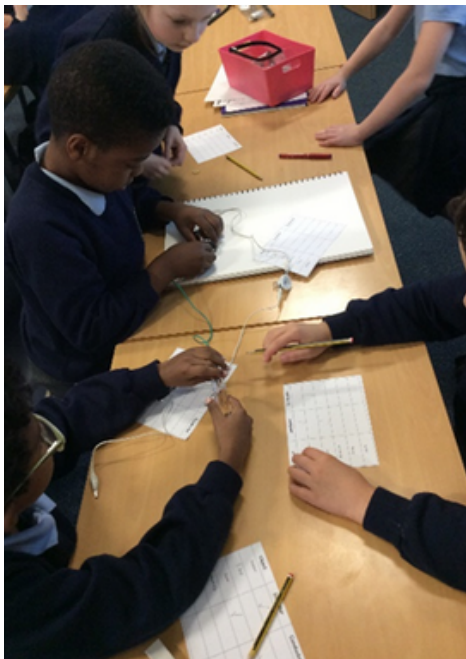
## Reception - Maths

This week in maths in Reception, the children have developed the skill of perceptual subitising. This form of subitising refers to instantly recognising the number of objects or items in a group without needing to count them. The children were able to say the number of objects they could see very quickly. We shared the story Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin with children and encouraged them to subitise and notice where they see 4 without having to count. Reception children are super subitisers!



## Year 4 - Electricity

Year 4 have been learning all about electricity this half term. This week we put our knowledge to the test and explored which materials in our classroom were conductors and which were insulators. We used our knowledge of simple series circuits to construct a test circuit and investigated like scientists to discover which materials allowed the electricity to flow through and which materials blocked the electricity. We recorded our findings on a table and explained what this told us about each of the objects.





We hope the children enjoyed their Christmas Jumper day yesterday and that they are looking forward to Father Christmas visiting next week. As the children will be having their photographs taken on different days next week, we thought that they might like to wear any jumper of their choice throughout the whole week.

Next week, children should wear their school uniform with an option to wear either the Four Oaks jumper or any jumper of their choice. (Christmas jumper is optional.)

Don't forget that the reindeer are visiting school one day next week. Make sure you are in school every day so you don't miss them!

### Book Fair Competition

Our Reading Ambassadors decided to hold a 'Design Your Own Book Cover' competition across our school. The cover design could be a favourite book, a book cover design for when they become a published author themselves or a book cover of their autobiography. The response across the school was terrific and the standard of the entries was very high! Our Reading Ambassadors had a very challenging job of deciding upon their overall winners - to receive a £5 book fair voucher to be spent in the book fair. However, they managed to eventually make some final decisions...

Our winner of EYFS is Ivy Grace (R)

Our KS1 winner is Inci (Y1)

Our lower KS2 winner was Adam (Y4)

Our UKS2 winner was Anna (Y6)

Our Overall school winner was Aisha (Y6)

A huge congratulations to our winners and all pupils who entered. All participants will receive a bag of sweets or a chocolate bar for taking part.



Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer.  
 TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100% Very best chance of success							
99-97% Off to a flying start							
96-93% Less chance of success							
92-90% At risk of becoming a Persistent Absentee							
Less than 90% Persistent Absentee							
	91%	96%	96%	94%	97%	95%	96%

The school target for this academic year is 97%

Well done year 4!!