

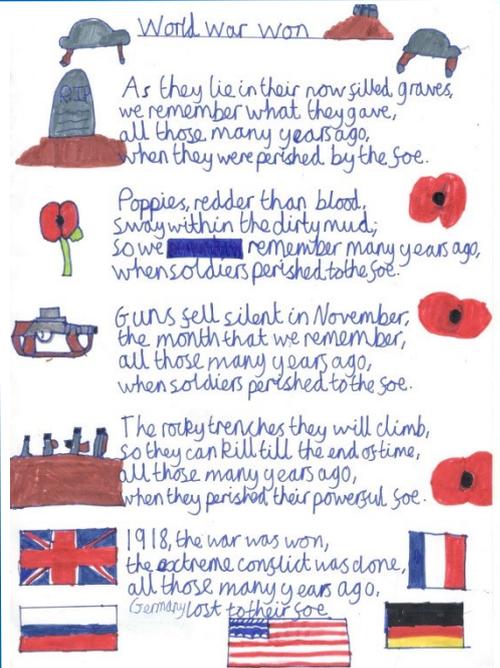


## Out of this World



HOW DO the earth, moon and sun interact with each other? Why do we get different seasons? Why does the moon look different throughout the month? Our Year 5 children spent Wednesday exploring the answers to these

questions and many more. This unique workshop inside a mobile planetarium enabled the children to explore the solar system and to discover the wonders of the universe in a scientific setting without even leaving the school!



Above: A wonderfully moving poem written by Cameron, Year 6 which has been entered into the Spelthorne 2015 Poetry Competition. Cameron also received a Headteachers award for progression in his learning and this exceptional piece of work. Well done Cameron!

## Believe, Achieve and Succeed

AT THE heart of our school are a set of core Christian values. These underpin our whole ethos which was highlighted during a visit from six of our school Governors last week who took a learning walk focussed on pupils Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development. They enjoyed looking at the displays, reflection areas, prayer books, class RE books and talking to the children as well as joining in a collective worship session and lunch. We are pleased to report that Governors felt that the Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural provision was excellent across the school and Christian values (as well as British values) were firmly embedded in the children's attitudes and behaviour.



**THANK YOU** to all our parents and staff for the generous donation of harvest gifts this year. The MANNA Food Bank in Staines were delighted with our collection of over 250kg - which was nearly twice as much as last year!

### Phonics Fluency

WE were delighted to receive a letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Reform this week congratulating us on our very high standard of achievement in the 2015 Phonics Screening check. We are pleased to tell you that 95% of our pupils reached or exceeded the pass mark in the check, placing our school in the **top 5% of all Primary schools** in the UK for phonics!

### Christmas Joy!

THIS year's Infant Nativity 'Baubles' will be taking place on Wednesday 9 December and Thursday 10 December in the morning with a further performance on Friday 11 December in the afternoon.

The Junior children (Years 3 - 6) will be leading a Carol Service at St Hilda's church on Wednesday 16 December at 5.45pm.

### Can you help?

DO YOU receive any of those charity pens through the post that you don't want? Perhaps you work for a company that has promotional pens they no longer use or has rebranded. If so we could make good use of them in our school office.

We are also running low on supplies of tissues for the children. All donations will be welcome.