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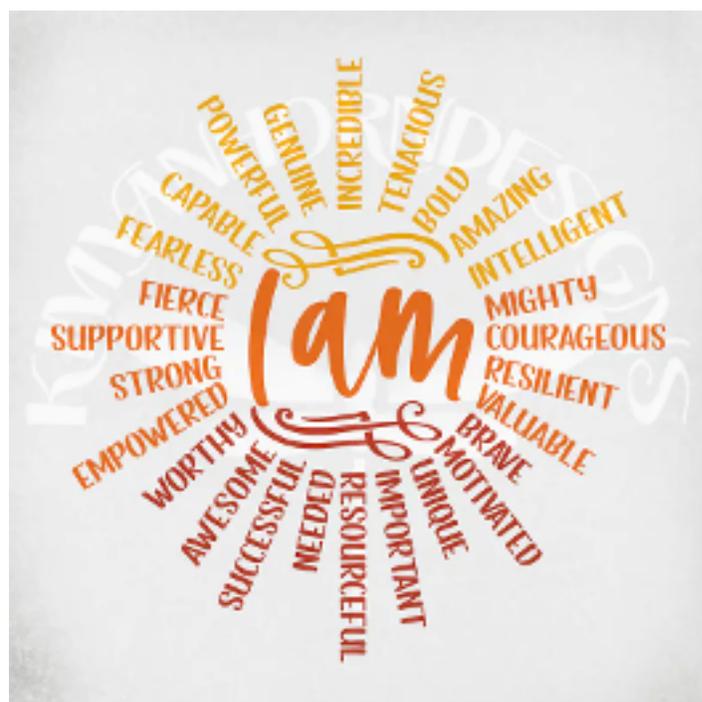
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Welcome

This newsletter is a little bit different as we thought we would tell you about our Brunel Day from each house. On Monday 27th September all the children at school were split up into houses. The houses are Maidenhead, Avon, Windsor and Clifton. They are all named after bridges that Isambard Brunel designed.

We hope you will enjoy the newsletter and everything in it.

Illius (Year 4, Avon House)



We do not learn from
experience... we learn
from reflecting on
experience.

- John Dewey

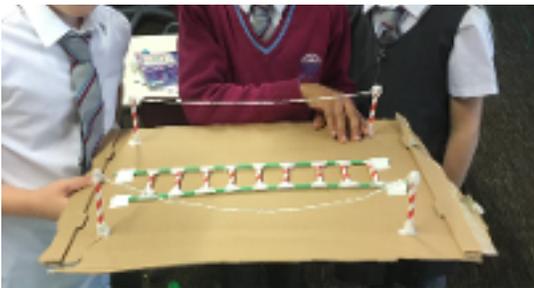


Clifton

On Brunel Afternoon, we were split up into our school houses. In Clifton House, we tried to collaboratively replicate the Clifton Suspension Bridge which was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, using everyday items such as cardboard boxes, tape and string. We all assigned ourselves tasks such as tape cutting, string measuring and tape sticking! It was a lot of fun and were thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



Liyana (Year 6, Clifton)



Maidenhead

We were all in a different house. I learnt about Isambard Brunel who built bridges to help people get across water. I was in Maidenhead house so we looked at that bridge and we had tape, cardboard and string to make a bridge. We then looked at each others bridge and said what we liked and what they could do to make it better. I liked working with Nursery children because I helped them with ideas and they even gave me ideas like using straws to make steps.

Eyad (Year 2, Maidenhead House)

Avon

A few weeks ago, we had Brunel Day. We came into class and got sorted into all our different houses, which were Avon, Clifton, Maidenhead and Windsor. We had pupils from lower and higher school mixed up. Once all the children were in their houses, we started learning about what our house was named after. We started making bridges because that was what our houses were named after. Clifton house even made their bridges from spaghetti! When we finished we tidied up and reflected on our bridges.

Bahia (Year 5, Avon House)



Windsor

First our teacher gave us labels to say what House we were in. I was so excited to be with Year 2 children too. We made bridges from cardboard, someone made a bridge from lego. It was a fun day, I hope we do it again.

Rayaan, (Year 1, Windsor House)