



WILLOW BANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today was a very special day as we introduced our new WBP School Ambassadors to the children and staff in our celebration assembly this morning. Two children in each class (Years 1-6) have earned this role by impressing their fellow classmates with their application in which they articulated what it means to be an ambassador and how they would help to make Willow Bank an even better place to be and learn. Children then voted for the person they felt would best represent them and our school values. Our Ambassadors will meet fortnightly with a member of the senior leadership team and carry out a range of activities to support improvements in teaching and learning as well as be the voice of their class in leading initiatives across the academic year. We are really looking forward to seeing the children develop their confidence and leadership skills as the year progresses and will of course keep you updated with regards to their activities and impact!

We are also very close to having our first Reading Ambassador! More and more children are being gripped by the reading bug and are reading their way through our reading passports, devouring books in their spare time and evenings - even on the journey to and from school - to notch up the miles to achieve each of the five passport levels. Thank you for supporting your child at home with their reading by sharing a book at bedtime or over breakfast and writing in their reading records. Every minute of reading makes a difference to the progress your child makes in school.

We also awarded our first two pen licences in assembly this week. Children are working really hard to ensure their books are presented with care so they can be proud of their learning outcomes each day and celebrate our ethic of excellence.

On Monday we are inviting everyone to wear something yellow to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Day. We will also be accepting donations to raise money for this charity that supports children and young people.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

*Best wishes,
Mrs Oldfield
Headteacher*



We would like to share some amazing science done by our fantastic children.

Science

E.Y.F.S.

In early years, the focus this term is Minibeasts. The children have been exploring and searching for minibeast around our school. How many legs does an insect have?



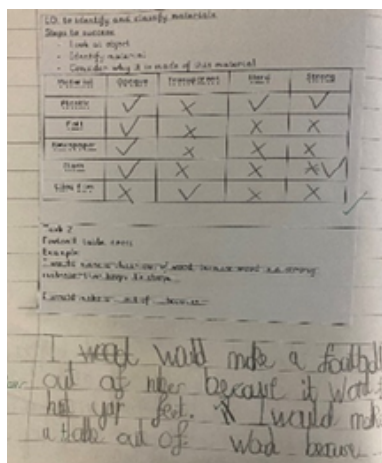
Year 1

This term, the focus is **Plants**. The children are learning about the different parts of a plant and had great fun exploring and identifying plants outside of the classroom. **What holds a plant in the ground?**



Year 2

The focus for science this term is **Every day materials and their properties**.



The children have really enjoyed identifying and classifying materials by looking at a range of every day materials. They have been using their scientific knowledge to consider why objects are made from particular material. **Why are glasses made from glass?**

Year 3

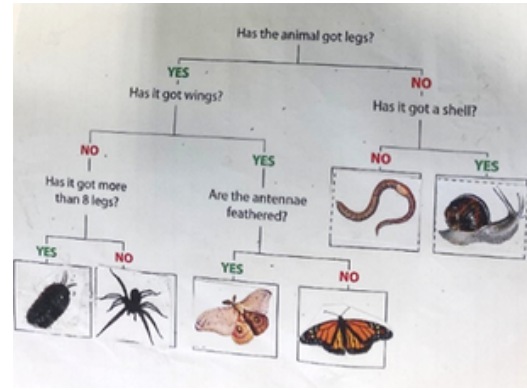


Year 3's focus for this term is **Animals including humans**. They have really enjoyed focusing on identifying, labelling and explaining the major bones in the human body. **How many bones are there in an adult human body?**



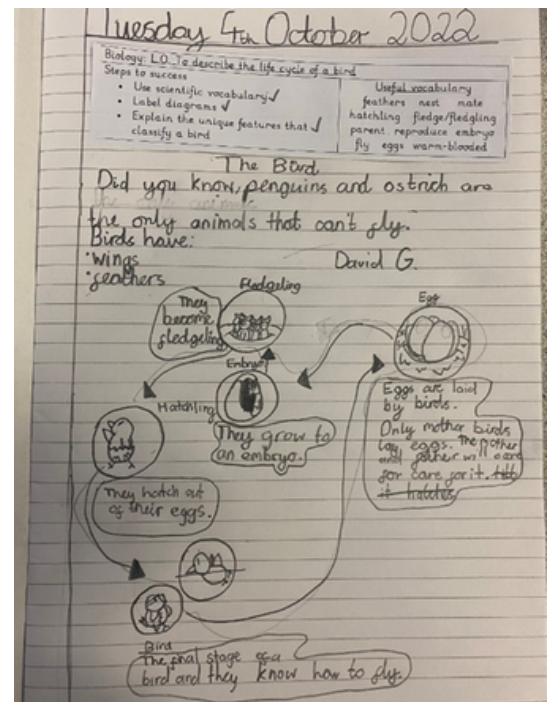
Year 4

Year 4's focus for this term is **Living things and their habitats**. The children have been working on classification keys. **What classification do spiders belong to?**



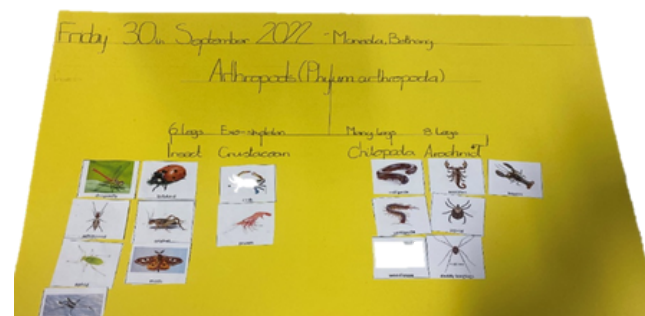
Year 5

Year 5's topic for this term is **Animals and their habitats**. This week they have focused on describing the life cycle of a bird, and putting all their knowledge into a fun and engaging informative poster. **Can you name a flightless bird?**



Year 6's science focus for this term is **Living things and their habitats**. The children's work showed our school value of collaboration by classifying living things. **What classification do alligators belong to?**

Year 6





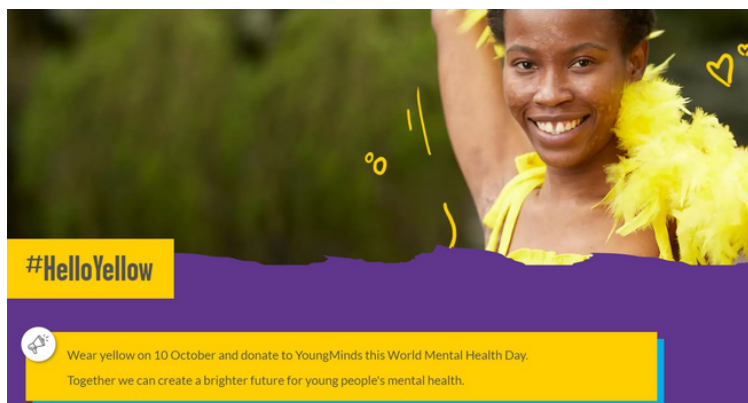
WELLBEING



The Young Minds website is <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

There are lots of resources for parents and children so you could also use the following screen:

<p> I am a young person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My feelings Coping with life Mental health conditions Medications Supporting a friend Real stories Your guide to support <p>I need urgent help</p>	<p> I am a parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' A-Z mental health guide The parents' guide to looking after yourself How to talk to your child about mental health Blog <p>Parents Helpline</p>
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Well done to:	
Magnolia - 94.6%	Yew - 91.0%
Hornbeam - 90.0%	★ Mulberry - 97.6%
Alder - 95.2%	Redwood - 95.8%
Laburnum - 93.6%	Almond - 94.8%
Hazel - 90.8%	★ Walnut - 99.1%
★ Larch - 97.9%	Sycamore - 93.1%



THINK OF THE WEEK

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