



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week and have managed to stay warm. Thank you to everyone that came along to our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting on Tuesday afternoon. It was very well attended and I hope you found the information given by Miss Oyebanji helpful in supporting your child at home to learn their tables thoroughly.

Year 5 children organised a poetry performance afternoon in the hall in which they performed their desert poems, inspired by their core text, 'The Woman Who Outshone the Sun'. The children wrote two contrasting stanzas to describe both the beauty and harshness of the desert environment and it was lovely to see their confidence growing in speaking publicly in front of an audience.

As you are aware from recent communication, there will be a national teachers' strike for all NEU members on Wednesday 1st of February. Please do take time to read the letter that will go home today providing details of arrangements. The school will be closed to children on this day following a thorough risk assessment undertaken by senior leaders due to the reduction in staff numbers. We apologise for the short notice. If you are unsure of anything, members of SLT will be available on the gate every morning and afternoon to answer your questions and queries.

Finally, today we say goodbye to Miss Sayell who goes on maternity leave to have her first child. We would like to thank Miss Sayell for all her hard work this year in Early Years as well as her excellent leadership of phonics teaching and learning across the school. We know the children will miss her but know they will be left in the very capable hands of Miss Ebun -Cole who we warmly welcome to WBP.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Oldfield
Headteacher



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

Science

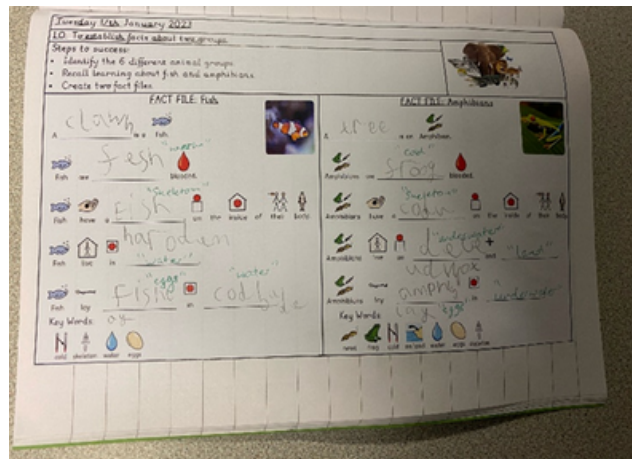
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Reception are learning to retell the story of the Gigantic Turnip. We learnt about lots of different vegetables and planted some seeds of our own. We can't wait to see them grow!



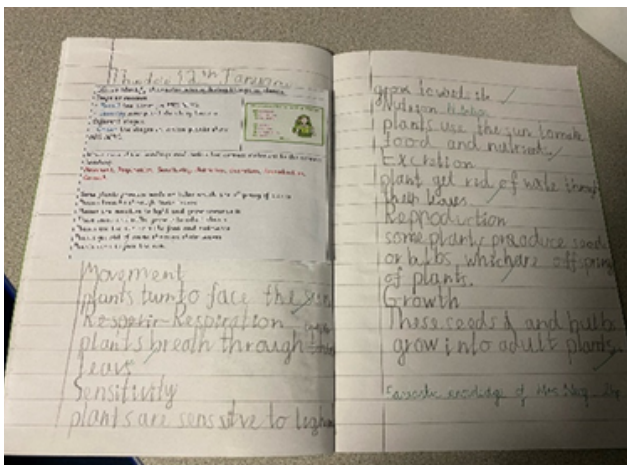
Year 1

This term, Year 1's focus is **Animals including humans**. The children have been researching and classifying the Animal Kingdom. Have a look at their amazing fact file on fish and amphibians!



Year 2

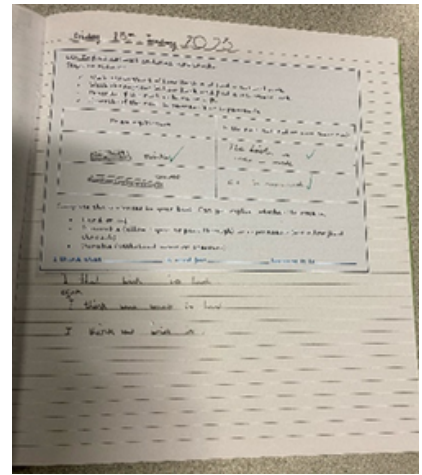
The focus for science this term is **Animals including humans**. The children will be introduced to food chains and will learn that animals and plants depend on each other. Have a look at their brilliant work on identifying characteristics of living things!





Year 3

Year 3's focus for this term is **Rocks**. Have a look at their amazing work from when they explored and characterised a range of natural and man-made rocks around the school. They will be looking at the properties of different types of rocks and fossils.



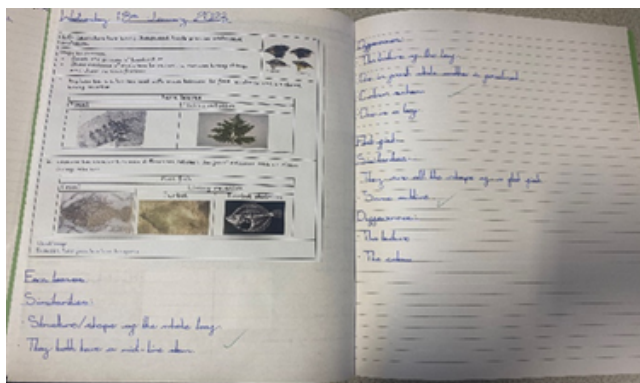
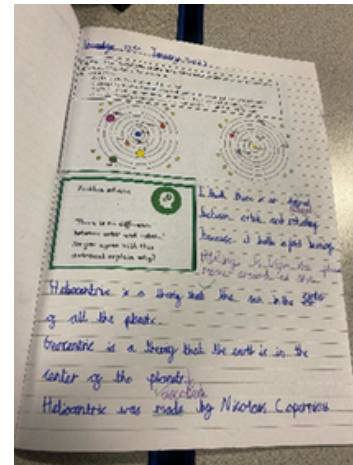
Year 4



Year 4's focus for this term is **Animals including humans**. They will be looking at the human digestion system and how it works as well as investigating food chains in further detail. Have a look at their discovery of all the different types of teeth.

Year 5

Year 5's topic for this term is **Space**. They will be building their learning about forces and describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets relative to the Sun in the solar system. Year 5 had a brilliant time creating a balanced argument on whether the Earth is flat or round



Year 6

Year 6 Science focus for this term is **Evolution and Inheritance**. The children will find out more about how living things on Earth have changed over time and be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring. The children worked really hard on exploring how living things and fossils provide evidence of evolution.



February 3rd is NSPCC Number Day! As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we've decided to take part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom. It's a **1-day competition** which starts on **Friday 3rd February 2023 at 07:30 and ends at 19:30**. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class, and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a time limit of **60-minutes per player**. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes **between 07:30 and 19:30 on Friday 3rd February**. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high-stress levels or impact on family plans.

The competition starts in 15 days! Good luck!



THE BRIGHTNESS OF JUJU X THE HUNDRED CLUB

WORKSHOP AND PUBLICATION LAUNCH
TACO!, 2 CYGNET SQUARE, SE2 2EF

FAMILY ART WORKSHOP → 1 - 4PM **28.01.23**

A FREE AFTERNOON OF ART AND MAKING, INSPIRED BY TWO PUBLICATIONS CREATED BY CHILDREN IN THAMESMEAD!

Children aged 6-12, their siblings, parents and carers are invited to take part in a workshop exploring themes of child-led futures, DIY dreaming and environmental musings from *The Hundred Club's* newspaper *WAAAH!*, and *THE BRIGHTNESS OF JUJU*.

Join us as we forage in Thamesmead for recycled treasure and transform these into wearable art and pigments, followed by a catwalk and public Q&A with the authors. Adults are invited to attend the book launch and Q&A.

THE BRIGHTNESS OF JUJU tells the story of an island of Thamesmead where only children live, 70 years in the future. A dystopian/utopian world of magic and mystery where children make their own rules, learn about the world, and search for the lost culture they came from. Told through colour poetry, collage, painting and prose, produced by 120 children from Willow Bank and Harris Garrard Primary schools in Thamesmead, together with artists Dunya Kalantery and Rima Patel.

THE HUNDRED CLUB is an experimental creative space that uses arts and play for children to explore social justice issues, produced by TACO! and facilitated by artist Ruth Beale.

FREE, BUT PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT
WWW.TACO.ORG.UK/BRIGHTNESS-OF-JUJU-X-THE-HUNDRED-CLUB



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INCLUSION AT WILLOW BANK

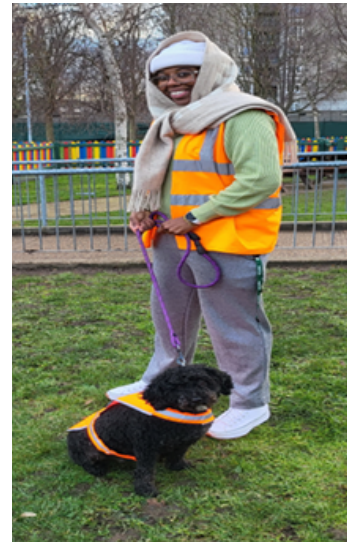
Willow and Lunchtime club

Willow the well-being dog has now officially moved into the inclusion hub with Ms Jones and Ms White. Willow is loving her new home and gets the chance to surround her self with the children during break and lunch. During the day Willow will assist Ms Jones with daily check ins.



Since September we have begun our two lunch clubs. We have a drawing club that takes place in Juniper class and a games club in the Inclusion hub.

The clubs are open Monday to Friday and are available to all students; Starting from Year1 to year 6. The clubs give students the space to be able to socialise with friends and build on sharing skills, friendships and much more.



Are you supporting a child or young person?



Feeling unsure how to reach help for them, or you?

Find out how we can offer a listening ear, practical advice and signposting to local services that can help you help your family.

You will also access regular events, training and workshops, all completely free!

"I was nervous at first, but after being in the chat it was really relaxed and open, I didn't think I'd be comfortable as I'm a pretty anti-social person but I really enjoyed it!"

"I think parents should try it even if they are hesitant, because after you join, you're really welcomed in, and everyone's really nice!"

To find out more email us:

flare@bexleymoorings.co.uk

LGfL DigiSafe keeping children safe

SIX TOP TIPS

For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

Children and young people are bound to spend lots more time on devices since Covid. **DON'T FEEL BAD** – lots will be schoolwork or healthy ways of catching up with friends or having fun. There are many ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... If somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).





WELL BEING



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - %	Yew - %
★ Hornbeam - %	★ Mulberry - %
Alder - %	Redwood - %
Laburnum - %	Almond - %
Hazel - %	★ Walnut - %
Larch - %	Sycamore - %

THINK OF THE WEEK



Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering questions. Adults will be checking reading records everyday.

EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning
Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am



All parents and carers welcome!



We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read. If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.

Peabody is delighted to announce that Cosy Corners have been introduced at some of our community centres. These are dedicated for the most vulnerable members of the community, for example, the elderly, isolated, and families who are struggling with energy bills or finances.

Each Cosy Corner offers something a little different. But whichever of our community centres people visit, they can find a warm and friendly space to relax, keep warm and get advice about staying warm this winter. People will also be able to visit a Cosy Corner for:

- free tea and coffee
- energy saving advice
- use of charging points
- get support and advice about cost of living

People can also speak to our community centre teams to find out about any other support we can offer you and your family.

Come in for:

- Free tea and coffee
- Energy saving advice
- Use of charging points
- Cost of living support and advice

Cosy Corner

Everyone is welcome!



For more information:
www.peabody.org.uk/cosy-corners

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