

Academic Year 2024 - 2025



Head Teacher: Mr Paul Prigg

CLASS NEWSLETTER

17TH JANUARY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! We've loved welcoming the children back to school and already set for a jam-packed term of exciting events and learning.

Young Voices: Year 3 had a fantastic time at Young Voices. They got to sing at the arena in Birmingham as part of a performance involving schools from across the West Midlands. We were so proud of them and it was great to see them perform to a large audience with a live band!

Uniform: We have noticed some slippage in the school uniform. While the heating situation was being resolved, we encouraged children to come to school with an extra layer, however we are still seeing children with hoodies and jumpers which are not part of the school uniform. Below we have included a photo of what our school uniform is. I understand that school shoes break and replacements can't always be immediate, but our uniform is something that helps our children to show pride and care. Please help us to encourage our children with these values.

Upcoming residential: On Monday we bid some of our Year 5's farewell as they journey to North Wales for their week of adventures in Llanrug. We are continually reviewing and evaluating our enrichment opportunities, so please watch this space for more key events.

Opal Playtimes: We have been busy updating our playtime offer with some additional storage. We have really appreciated working with 'Sheds Are Us' to help us create storage solutions that double up as play opportunities. They are a local business to us, and we would highly recommend them.

We have been fortunate enough to receive a grant which we will be using to help develop our play offer – We are in the process of finalising plans but looking forward to sharing this with you soon.

Have a lovely weekend! Paul Prigg

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NURSERY

My house and where I live...

The past 2 weeks in Nursery, we have been learning about our houses and where we live. The children have shown real enthusiasm towards our topic and have really enjoyed showing their peers pictures of their houses.

We have learnt all about different houses including flats, bungalows and chalets and different types such as terraced, semi-detached, detached, etc. We discussed as a class what differences there are between a flat and house and we worked together to identify the windows, door, garage and chimney. The children have worked hard to remember where we live and are now keen to tell their peers and adults that they live in Worcester.



We have been focusing on The Three Little Pigs as our topic story and the children have enjoyed role playing and re-telling the story. They have also had a go at making their own houses out of bricks, straw and sticks.

The children have made many different creations of their houses by painting, drawing, junk modelling and sculpting at the playdough station. They have also put their construction hats on and have been busy with the wooden blocks, bricks, boulders and Duplo.

Overall, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about their houses, and it has been a pleasure to see them being so engaged and enthusiastic towards their learning.



Well done, Nursery! 😊

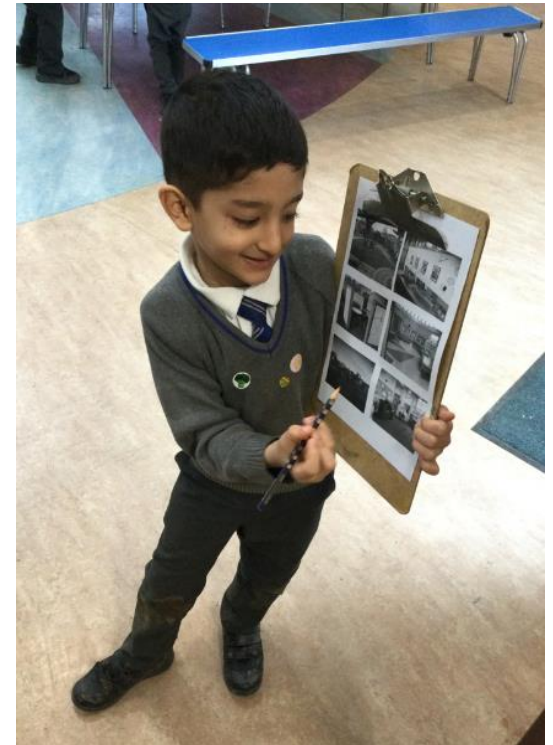
RECEPTION

Reception have been learning all about the season winter. We read the story 'Robin's winter song' and found out that some birds fly away for the winter because it is harder to find food. Reception decided to make some bird seed balls for the birds that are here...hang them in your garden and see what birds you can spot!

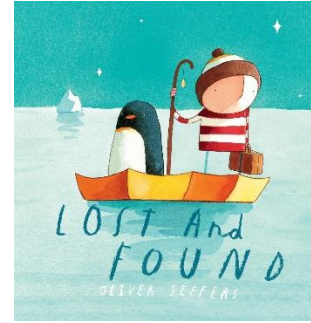
In our play, we made caves for bears to hibernate in, played with ice and water, made fake snow and painted some beautiful robins.

In talk for writing, we have been reading and performing the story 'Rosie's Walk'. We have been using positional language to make stories about our own walks.

As geographers, we have been exploring the school, giving directions and making maps of our journey to school.



YEAR 1



We are very excited to start learning about Antarctica this term! We will be looking at where Antarctica is located on the globe as well as comparing it to the UK! We will learn lots about penguins over the next few weeks. We reactivated our knowledge of human and physical features and had a go at building some human features of Antarctica! Check them out!



In Maths, we will be cementing our knowledge of number pairs up to 10 and starting to write the corresponding number sentences. We will also be using a part whole model to add and subtract.

Our focus story is Lost and Found. We have already created our own story map of the story and then we will be changing it to our own version. Keep an eye out for our own versions of the story map that you can practice at home too!

YEAR 2

This week we have been developing our skills in swimming. We have been practising moving safely across the pool and using a range of equipment, including floats and noodles.



We have also been learning about Jamaica and learned that it is an island surrounded by the Caribbean Sea. We also learned that Jamaica is in North America and is near lots of other small islands. It is close to the equator, so it is a warm country. Over the next few weeks, we will learn more about Jamaica and its' capital city, Kingston.

In Art, we have been exploring printing and have been using everyday objects to print with to see what effect it has on our paper.

We annotated our prints with how we created them and how well we thought they came out on paper.



YEAR 3

Year 3 had the BEST TIME at Young Voices on Monday! We were able to sing with thousands of other children and watch some very special performances. The highlight of the day for many children was seeing MC Grammar perform! We were also very excited to see Tommy Blaize, Urban Strides Dance Group and Souparnika Nair. This was such a fantastic opportunity for the children to see very talented musicians perform live on stage and also to feel the sense of belonging when you are joined by so many others singing the same songs. The children put so much time and effort into learning many, complicated songs and were very much rewarded when we could enjoy performing to some of our grown-ups. A massive well done Year 3, we are so proud of you!

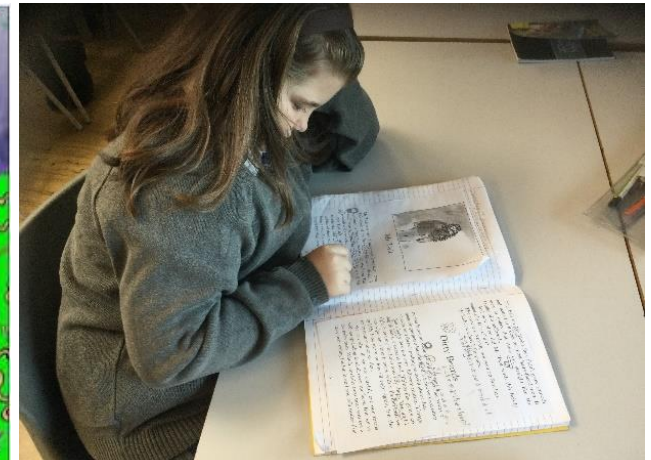
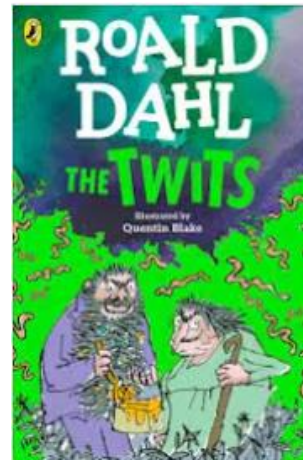


YEAR 4

Year Four have had a great start to the Spring Term!

We have started our new book in reading The Twits which we are really enjoying.

Ask us at home what we have learnt so far.



We have started ukulele with Mrs Harper, which we are thoroughly enjoying. We have recapped what we learned in Year Three and are excited to build up our skills further.



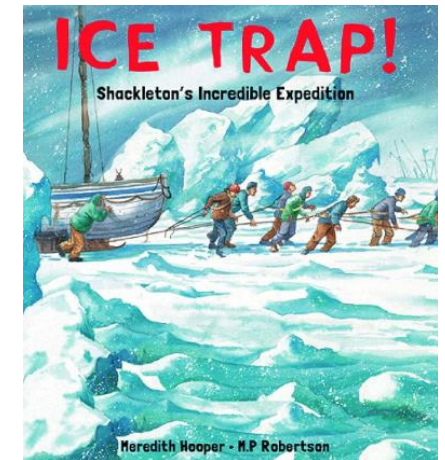
As athletes, we have started gymnastics. We worked in groups to practice different points of balance using our hands, feet, knees and sometimes elbows!

YEAR 5

Welcome back to school ready for the Spring term at Carnforth.

We have lots of exciting learning taking place this half term, as well as our exciting residential trip to Llanrug!

Within English we will be writing adventure Narratives, getting inspiration from the story Ice Trap! – the real tale of Sir Ernest Shackleton. We will be developing our use of adverbials, parenthesis, relative clauses and figurative language. We will also be exploring the story of Varjak Paw.



This term we begin our “Around the World” topic. This term we will expand our learning to looking into natural disasters around the world and their causes and impacts, as well as going beyond the world learning about Space. We’ll continue to develop our painting skills and begin learning about collages.

This half term we will be moving to gymnastics and outdoor adventurous activities. PE continues to be inside on Tuesday and outdoors on Thursday and PE kits **must** be in school for this.



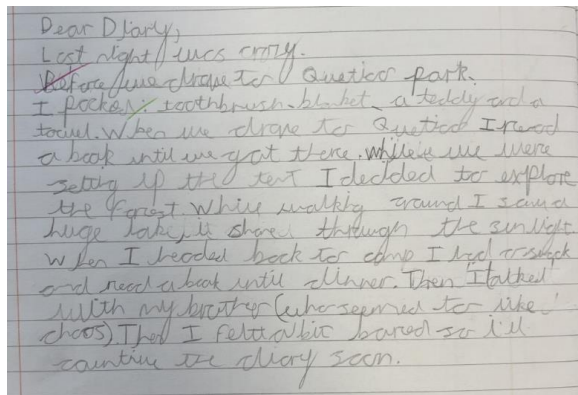
YEAR 6

Since starting Spring Term, Year 6 have settled back in quickly and positively.

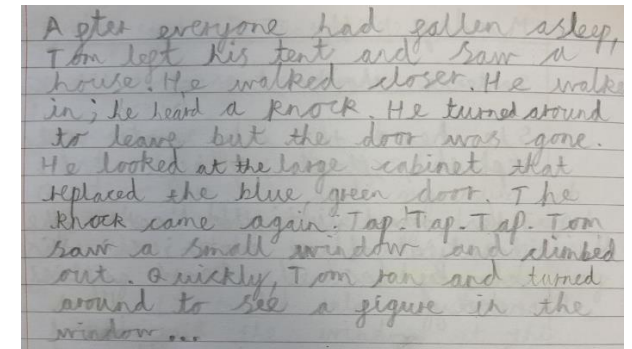
As readers, we have enjoyed making connections and reading our new reading text: The lion above the door.



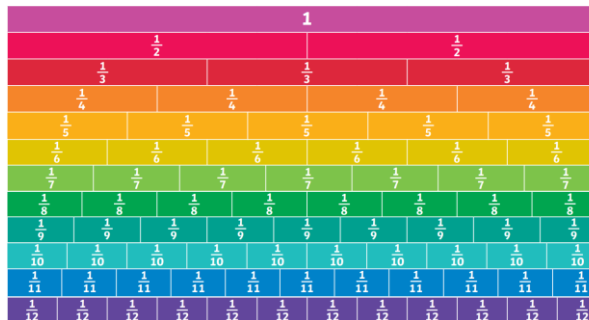
As writers, we have been exploring the use of visual literacy and how a video stimulus can spark imagination for all different types of texts. We have used the video Francis from literacy shed which can be found here: <https://www.literacyshed.com/francis.html>. The video has supported our discussions in how we can create suspense texts and how we can build up tension within a short piece of writing.



So far, we have written diary entries from Francis herself, and some children have challenged themselves to change formality by writing letters to their grandparents (from Francis's perspective).



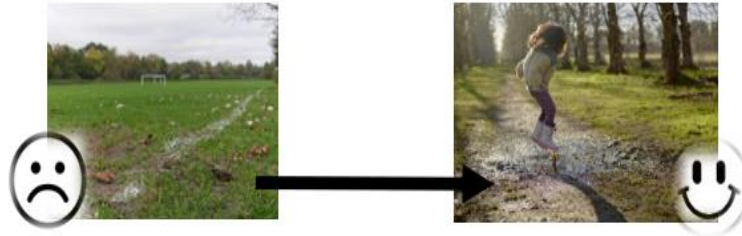
We have created a short setting description focusing on building tension using short sentences, rhetorical questions and description. We are looking forward to using the video to write a short story using our senses and show not tell.



As mathematicians, we have begun our fraction unit. As you might be aware, this is one of those trickier units, however the children have shown huge amounts of positive learning attitudes which is making it easier for us to retain the knowledge we need.



WELLIES!



As we move on in our outdoor play, we would like to utilise more of our grounds for longer periods of the year.

For us to be able to use the field all year long, we need to be dressed appropriately, which means waterproofs and wellies.

We do have a small number of wellies at school for children to borrow, but not many, so we are asking for help.

If you have any spare wellies at home that you have grown out of (child and adult), please donate them.

If your child would like to keep a pair of wellies at school (that they can change into), please bring them, named clearly.



Thank you for helping our play be even better!

UNIFORM



KS1
(Reception to
Year 2)
No blazer
required

NURSERY

KS2
(Year 3 to Year 6)

A reminder of the school uniform that the children should wear every day.

Calling all Friends of Saddlers Walk

Come and Join us
for a Litter Pick!

Sunday 19th January, 11am
Meet on Corner of Goldsmiths
Road and Windermere Drive

Do you want to get involved in
practical volunteering?

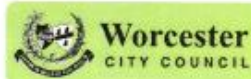
What else could you do to
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For further information you can contact us:
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or Ed Kimberley on 07749960081



Calling all Friends of Shap Drive

Come and Join us
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Sunday 19th January, 2pm
Meet outside of the Warndon
Hub off Shap Drive

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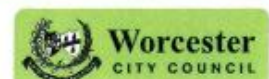
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		1 HALF TERM	2 HALF TERM	3 HALF TERM
6	7	8	9	10
		 Y2 SWIMMING		
13	14	15	16	17
YEAR 3 	SEN/FAMILY COFFEE MORNING 	 Y2 SWIMMING		
20	21	22	23	24
	YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO LLANRUG (ALL WEEK)			
Y1 VISIT TO LIBRARY	 Y4 MALVERN TRIP	 Y2 SWIMMING		GENERATION GREEN COURSE: Wk 1 1PM - 3PM
27	28	29	30	31
Y2 VISIT TO WARNDON LIBRARY	BRICKFIELDS 	 Y2 SWIMMING	PSCO'S in school 	 Education Workshops GENERATION GREEN Wk 2: 1pm-3pm

FEBRUARY 2025

3	4	5	6	7
NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK				
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK WEEK				Wk 3: 1pm-3pm
Y6 VISIT TO LIBRARY	 In School	 Y2 SWIMMING		NSPCC NUMBER DAY
10	11	12	13	14
Y5 VISIT TO LIBRARY		 Y2 SWIMMING		SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
				TEACHER TRAINING DAY
17	18	19	20	21
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
24	25	26	27	28
Y3 VISIT TO LIBRARY				
Y6 SATs PARENT MEETING				Wk 4: 1pm-3pm
2.45 to 3.15pm		Y1 SWIMMING		

WHO'S WHO IN SCHOOL 2024/25?

MR PRIGG : HEAD TEACHER

MRS FINNEGAN : DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

MRS V SMITH : SENCO

OFFICE : MISS WALTERS & MRS RANSCOMBE

MRS HAWKES : NURSERY MANAGER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS ARANYOSI

MISS HEMMING : RECEPTION TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MRS NEWTON-SMITH, MISS SMITH & MRS BEGUM

MISS L JONES : YEAR 1 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MISS BURNHAM

MISS K JONES : YEAR 2 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS HOLLAND & MRS KENWRICK

MISS EAST : YEAR 3 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS L RICE

MS FERGUSON : YEAR 4 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MRS AKHTER, MISS J JONES

MISS WALL : YEAR 5 TEACHER HLTA : MRS BECK

MR COX : YEAR 6 TEACHER TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS PARKES

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS: MRS J JONES, MRS PEGRAM, MISS LORD & MR JEFFERIES

CARETAKER / CLEANING STAFF: MR JEFFRIES, MISS LORD AND MRS WOODWARD