

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 9th October 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

We informed you last week that we had attained the 'Good' standard for our School Travel Plan, and are now going to work towards the next standard. Miss Parry is going to lead on this with our Eco Warriors. The first thing they are doing is encourage us all to participate in 'Walktober!' This is an event for the month of October when we are all encouraged to take greener options to travel to school. We know from travel surveys we have carried out that most of our children drive to school. We would like to reduce the number who choose this option.

Miss Davis delivered an informative phonics workshop to our Reception and Year One parents. I hope those of you who attended found it helpful. Our teaching of phonics at Bearwood is very strong, with Miss Davis, Ms Brannigan and Mrs Stacey being excellent phonics teachers.

Our football team played against St Nicholas School this week... and won 13-2!! A fantastic achievement.

Red Kite Class visited Stonehenge as part of their history topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age Britain'. It is one of our most special educational visits - a real enrichment experience for our children.

Wokingham Library has a Black History Month (BHM) photograph exhibition for this month. It includes photographs of local people of African heritage and what they have achieved. I have the pleasure of being included!

Last week, I shared that Miss Amor and I had visited the proposed Spencers Wood site to gather more information about the proposal. You can find photographs of our visit here: https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/web/spencers_wood_consultation/723263

Do have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Funmi Alder, Headteacher.



Black History Month



In assembly this week, we talked about the Windrush generation and how they had come to this country on British passports at the invitation of the British government to help build up this country after WWII.

We talked about the types of jobs that people from the Windrush generation did - most especially working for the newly formed NHS and public transport.

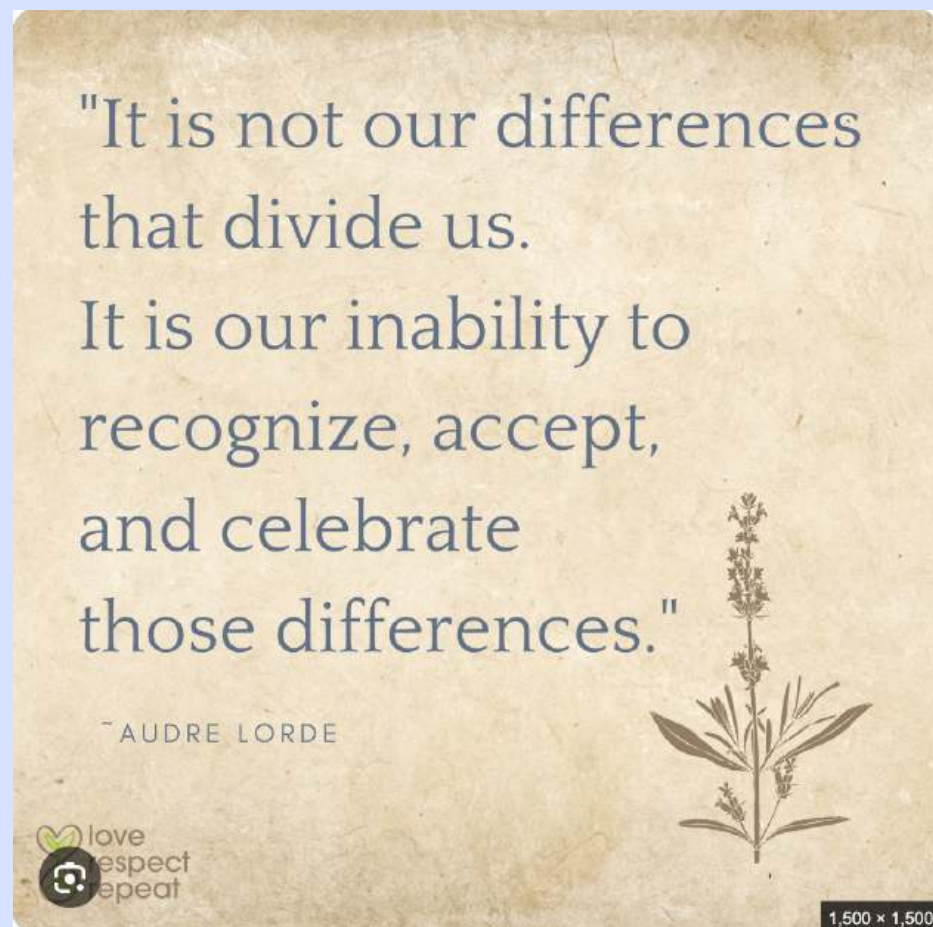
All children have been asked to write one of the following:

- About a member of their family who does something to help the community.
- About their own dreams for their future and how they want to help their community.

Please can children send in their written pieces by Monday 19th October.



Value for the term - RESPECT



Events

- **14th Oct** - 9am Inclusion Coffee Morning
- **14th Oct** - Year 4 class local walk
- **15th Oct** - Year 1 & 2 class local walk
- **15th Oct** - Year 5 & 6 class trip to Reading Museum
- **20th Oct & 22nd Oct** - 3:45-6:30pm Parents Evening
- **22nd Oct** - Black History Month assembly
- **23rd Oct** - International Attire Day
- **23rd Oct** - 9:30am Prospective parents tour
- **W/C 26th Oct - Autumn Half Term - school closed**
- **2nd Nov - INSET Day - school closed to children**
- **3rd Nov** - Children return to school
- **10th Nov** - Diwali assembly
- **11th Nov** - Remembrance assembly
- **11th-13th Nov** - Year 6 Bikeability
- **W/C 16th Nov** - Maths Week & Anti-Bullying Week

BEARWOOD NEWS



Save the Date!



BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

**AUTUMN
DISCO!**

EYFS & KS1
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
5PM - 6PM

KS2
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
5:30PM - 7PM

DRESS TO IMPRESS!
This event is complimentary of the PTA

BEARWOOD NEWS



Save the Date!



BEARWOOD PTA

AGM

All Welcome!



WEDNESDAY
4TH NOVEMBER



6PM



BEARWOOD
SCHOOL

WE WILL BE ELECTING:



CHAIR(S)



TREASURER



SECRETARY



PTA MEMBERS



Nibbles & Wine

♥ WILL BE PROVIDED ♥



We really need your support for the PTA!
We want to make the next year a memorable one for our children and parents and make it really special.



You don't need to be (or want to be)
a member of the PTA to attend.



BEARWOOD NEWS



Another victory for Bearwood!

WOW!

An incredible win for Bearwood this week, with a 13-2 victory in their match against St Nicholas CE Primary School on Tuesday.

WELL DONE TEAM!



READING FC



Reading FC - Schools and Grassroots Offer



Bearwood Primary School has been invited to Reading FC's Schools & Grassroots fixture against Bromley on Saturday 21st November!

 Get 40% OFF tickets by using code #BearwoodPrimary when booking. The code is valid until midnight on Friday 20th November, for seats in the Eamonn Dolan Stand and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand.

Visit tickets.readingfc.co.uk, log in, select your tickets and enter the #BearwoodPrimary code in the basket. Your 40% discount will then be applied.

 If we sell 25+ tickets, we'll be entered into a draw to win a Reading FC matchday experience!

 We could also be named School/Club of the Match if we sell the most tickets!



FIRST DAYS CHARITY

**Life is expensive.
We can help.**

First Days Mobile Support Hub



Please come along to one of our Mobile Support Hubs. Our van carries seasonal items and you can meet our Family Support Team who will be able to talk through how we can help you with other essentials.

October 2026

Wednesday 7th

Woodley Precinct 10:00-13:00 (extended visit)

Wednesday 21st

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00

Wednesday 14th

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00

Wednesday 28th

Woodley Precinct 10:00-12:00



Registered Charity in England & Wales 1157855

01189 219338
www.firstdays.net

WOKINGHAM FAMILY HUBS



**Celebrating
the launch of**



**FAMILY
HUBS**

Wokingham Family Hubs

★ Free events ★ Activities ★ Advice ★ Refreshments ★ All Welcome ★

AMBLESIDE FAMILY HUB

Tuesday 27 October
 11am - 3pm
 Ambleside Close,
Woodley, RG5 4JJ

STARLINGS FAMILY HUB

Wednesday 28 October
 11am - 3pm
 Colleton Drive,
Twyford, RG10 0AX

BRAMBLES FAMILY HUB

Thursday 29 October
 11am - 3pm
 Budes Gardens,
Wokingham, RG40 1PX

THE RED KITE FAMILY HUB

Friday 30 October
 11am - 3pm
 Chesnut Crescent,
Shinfield, RG2 9EJ

WINNERSH FAMILY HUB

Tuesday 3 November
 9am - 1pm
 Rainbow Park,
Winnersh, RG41 5SG

FINCHAMPSTEAD FAMILY HUB

Saturday 7 November
 10am - 1pm
 FBC Centre Gorse Ride
North, Finchampstead,
RG40 4ES



Fun Activities
for all ages



**Refreshments
provided**
for everyone



**Meet your Family
Hub Team** and Parent
Support Practitioners



**Local Support
Information**
and services available

**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Parking information

There is no parking on site at any of the hubs except Finchampstead Family Hub where there is a public car park with limited car parking spaces

Want more information?

familyhubs@wokingham.gov.uk
 0118 908 8050

WOKINGHAM COUNCIL NEWS

Park with Care, Children are There

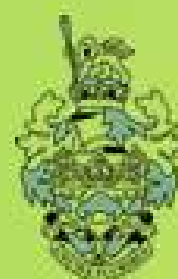


You can help by.....

- ✓ Keeping your speed down
- ✓ Turning your engine off – do not idle
- ✓ Always letting your child out of your car onto the footpath – never onto the road
- ✓ Checking for pedestrians and cyclists before you open the door
- ✓ Leaving enough room on the footpath for pedestrians, wheelchairs, and pushchairs to pass

You Must Not.....

- X Park on yellow lines, zig zags or school entrances
- X Park on the footpath, central reservations or across dropped kerbs
- X Park across and block driveways
- X Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
- X Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off
- X Obstruct the road as emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Amelia, for always being ready to learn and engage with your learning
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Georgia, for her positive attitude and readiness to learn
- **Red Kite Class** - The whole class, for a fantastic trip to Stonehenge!
- **Hedgehog Class** - Remy, for his excellent inferences during shared reading
- **Otter Class** - Grace, for always having a positive attitude to her work and always engaging in lessons
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Sophie, for being consistently focused and engaged all week and every week!



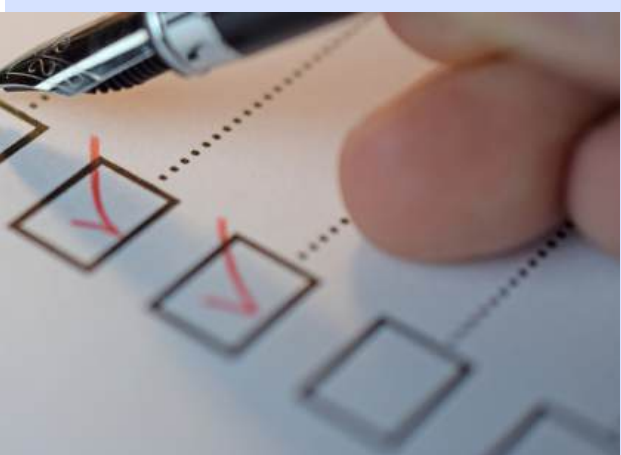
PE Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Cece, for trying your best with skipping
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Ava, for fantastic French skipping
- **Red Kite Class** - Kayla, for using good thinking skills for forehand and backhand
- **Hedgehog Class** - Wilf, for his growing confidence in swimming
- **Otter Class** - Aamodha, for persevering with underarm serve
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Niki, for great serving in tennis



Writer of the week ★

- **Lower Phase** - Mosston, for incredible progress in your writing and your super adjectives
- **Middle Phase** - Aria, for her detailed responses in shared reading
- **Upper Phase** - Shraddha, for fabulous use of a range of punctuation during character description



Attendance this week ★

- Brown Bears - 96.1%
- Fox Class - 93.1%
- Beaver Class - 91.2%
- Red Squirrel Class - 92.1%
- Red Kite Class - 87.2%
- Hedgehog Class - 95.2%
- Otter Class - 94.0%
- Grey Wolf Class - 96.1%

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Freya - she competed in another Aerobics gymnastics competition with her squad last weekend, coming in first place - another gold medal added to her collection!

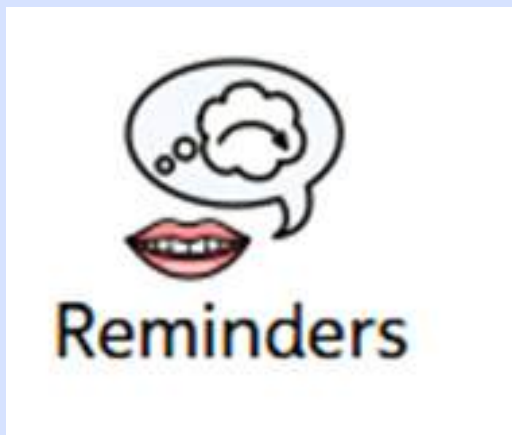


For your child to feature, please share a photo and text with the School Office

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



The Local Offer Live SEND Family Information Day event is on this Saturday, 10th October at St Crispin's School. You will need to book your free ticket beforehand. Tickets are still available; see www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk for how to book.



Inclusion Coffee Morning at Bearwood – Wednesday 14th October at 9am.

Theme: Widgit Symbols. Remember, all those attending will get a Symbols at Home pack to take away with them. See last week's newsletter for more details.

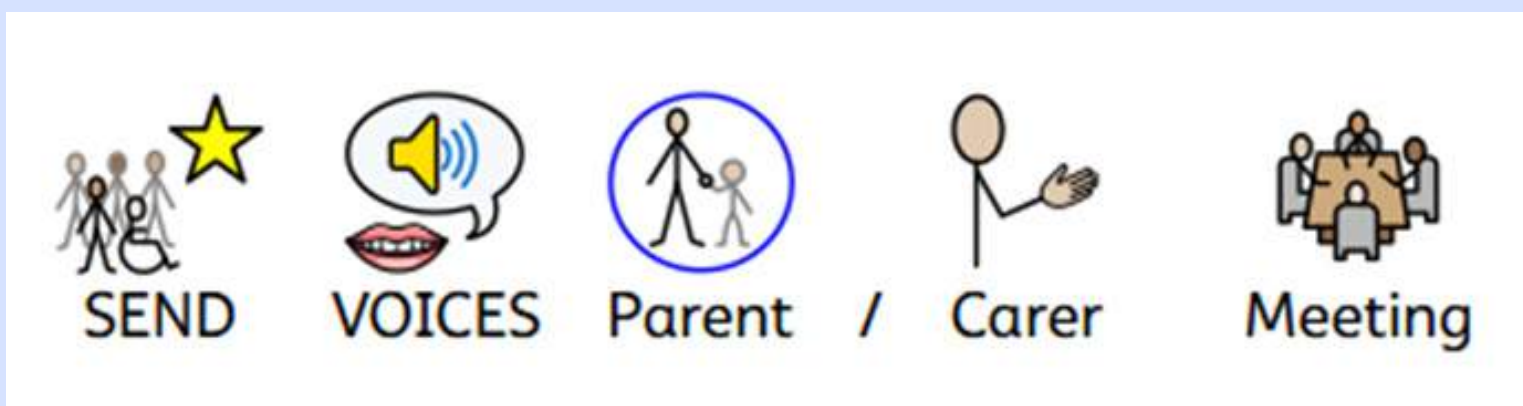
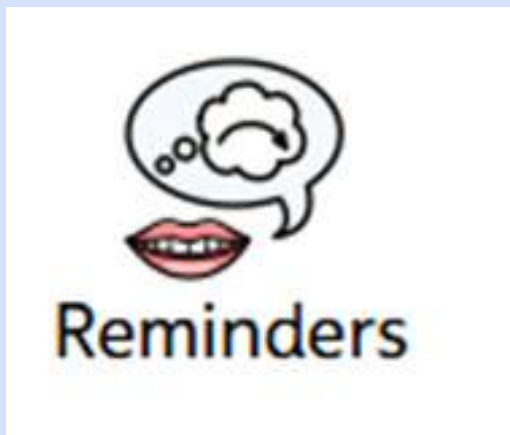


A reminder that I am offering SEND (special educational needs & disabilities) appointments at parents' evening on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. Please see the letter that was sent out for more information.

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



Parent Carer Meeting

**Thurs 5th November 2026
8.50am**

Bearwood Primary School

We invite all Parent Carers of children with SEND or suspected SEND at Bearwood School to join us for an informal, relaxed meeting to share your views and experiences as part of a new SEND Parent Engagement Programme across Wokingham Schools.

No booking required, just turn up!

**or if you have any queries please email
cathy.dearlove@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk**

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears Reception - Fox Class

This week our tummies have been rumbling like a bear who loves porridge! We managed to eat it all up before Goldilocks smelt the yummy scrummy porridge cooking.



We also enjoyed making different buildings for our lovely floor road too.

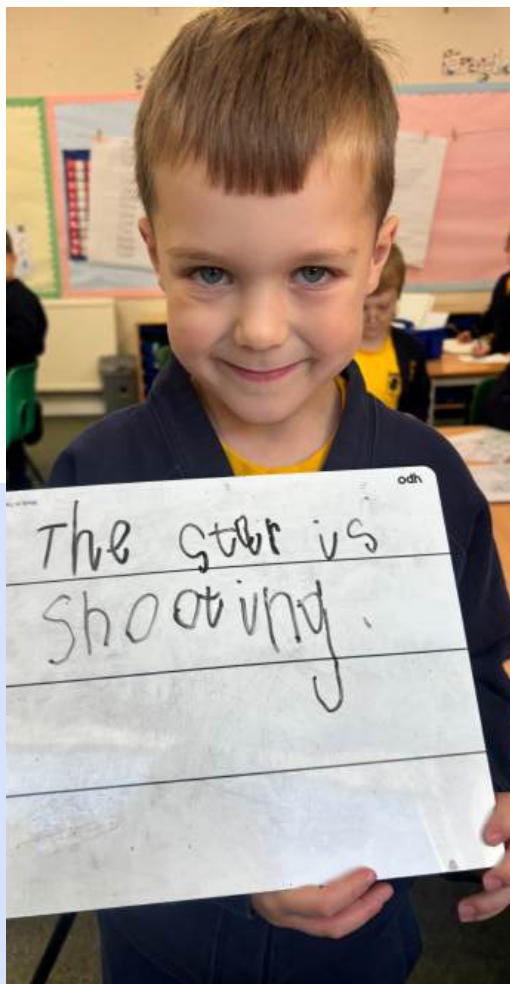
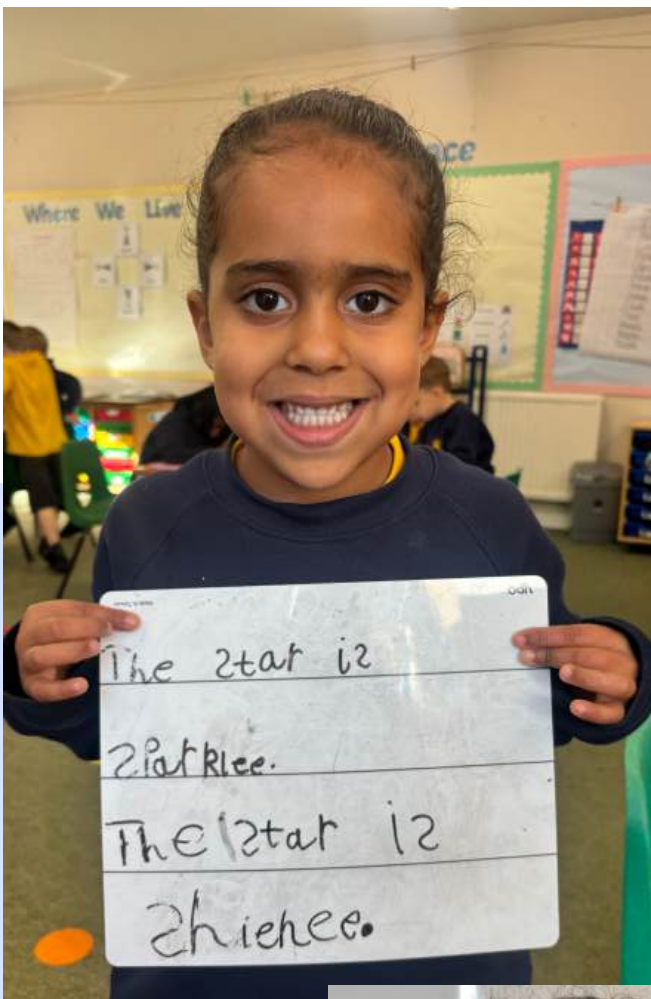


WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 1 - Beaver Class

This week in English we read 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

On Thursday, we wrote sentences describing what the star looks like, you can see some of our fantastic writing here!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class



This week Year 2 have been learning about the importance of keeping fit and healthy.

We did an experiment to see the impact that exercise can have on our health.

Cardio			
Resting	10 star jumps	Skipping for 1 minute	
76	102	111	

Balance			
	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
Stand on one leg with eyes open	24.20	15.5	
Stand on one leg with eyes closed	10.38		

Coordination			
Ball	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
Beach	13	16	28
Rudolf	12	3	8

Cardio			
Resting	10 star jumps	Skipping for 1 minute	
61	68	70	

Balance			
	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
Stand on one leg with eyes open	5.53	5.54	5.56
Stand on one leg with eyes closed	0.26	6.01	

Coordination			
Ball	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
Beach	13	16	28
Rudolf	12	3	8

Cardio			
Resting	10 star jumps	Skipping for 1 minute	
69	105	103	

Balance			
	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
Stand on one leg with eyes open	5.57	21	
Stand on one leg with eyes closed	21	0.33	

Coordination			
Ball	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
Beach	13	16	28
Rudolf	12	3	6

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 3 - Red Kite Class

We had the most wonderful day at Stonehenge and we were so lucky with the weather!

The children visited the stone monument and we talked about how the stones could have got there, how they were positioned on top of each other in a circular format and what the site was used for.



We then had a fantastic Neolithic workshop delivered by learning facilitators and some incredible volunteers who gave us hands on experiences to help us understand how Stonehenge was formed and the different tools, weapons and clothes that Stone Age people used.



We also went inside a Neolithic house and learnt how bread would have been made. Children used cordage made from natural materials like bark to twist into strong fibres that would act as rope to help with moving the stones from where they were found to the Stonehenge site. Well done to all of Red Kite class for their fantastic enthusiasm and insightful responses.

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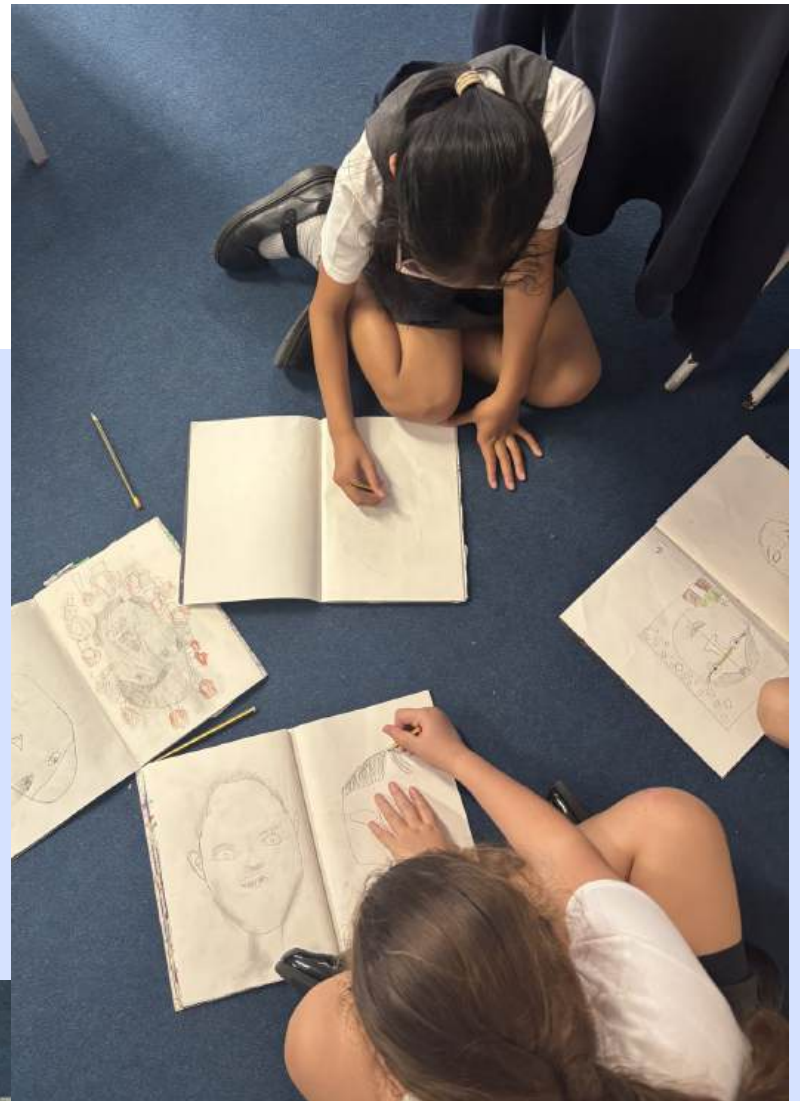
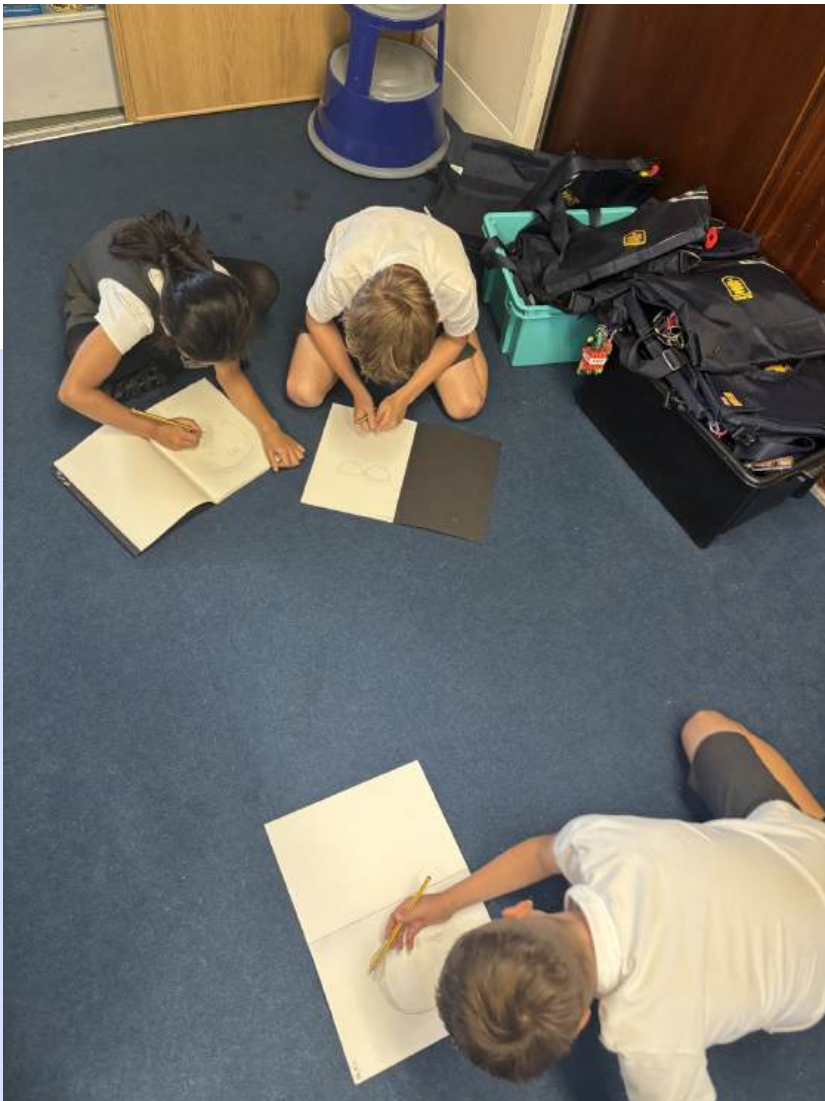
Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



This week, Hedgehog class have been exploring portrait sketching using line and tone.

They have developed observational skills by looking and drawing their partners.

The drawing style is inspired by this term's artist: Kehinde Wiley.



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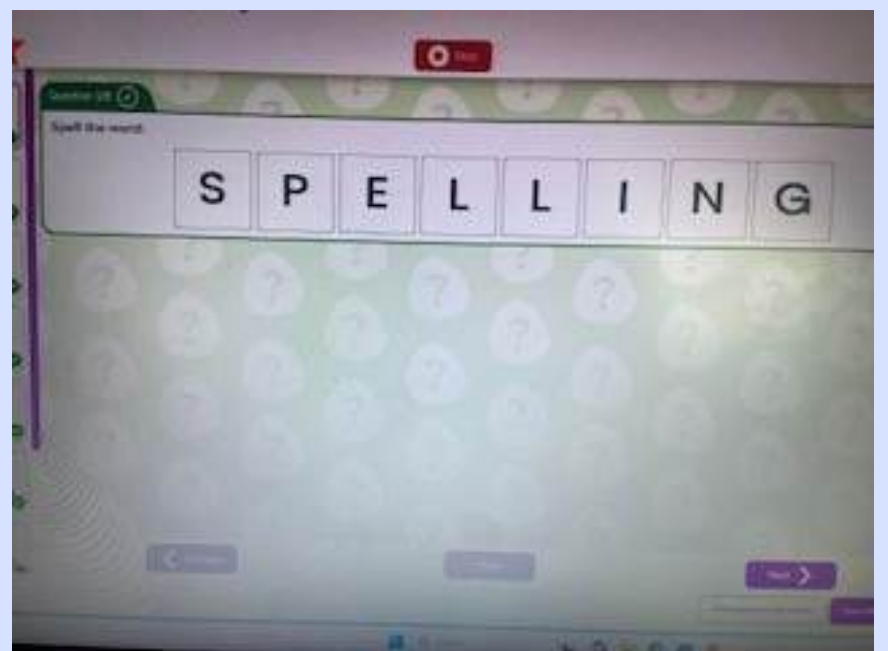
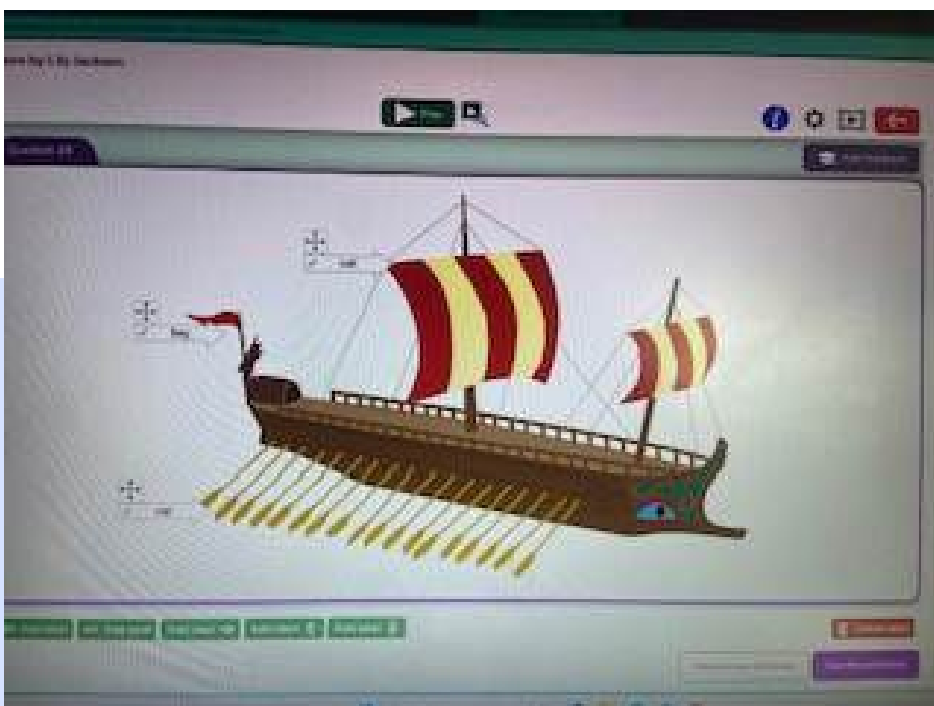
Year 5 - Otter Class



This week in computing, we have been finishing our quizzes.

Over the term we have learnt how to use 2Quiz on Purple Mash.

We have made quizzes about topics of interest such as pets, football and history.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Y6 planned and conducted their own electricity investigations in science this week.

They had to identify their question, hypotheses and different variables before conducting their fair test!

