

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 17th July 2026

A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families



We have at last reached the end of the summer term and school year. We have had such a tremendous year, with so many exciting events. That has not stopped in this last term. Just when we thought we were depleted of energy, we managed to muster some more to create more lovely memories for our children.

Our Year Four class, Hedgehogs, performed a special concert to their parents, showcasing their dood playing. The dood is a beginner musical instrument to prepare children to move onto the clarinet or saxophone. The children played beautifully. Maybe some of them will go on to play another tuned instrument.

Year Sixes had a special visit from Thames Valley Police, who informed them of all those important matters pertaining to the law that it is useful for them to know. It included very important information on internet safety.

We had our spectacular BearFest - organised by Mrs Brooker - thank you so much. The children (and staff) had a fabulous time - as you can see from the photographs.

In our values assembly this week, we demonstrated the value of thankfulness by saying a special thank you to all the staff and the children who have held important roles and responsibilities this year. The children also received a special certificate.

All children with brilliant attendance this year were awarded with a special attendance medal. Of course, it is our Year Sixes' last day today. They had a beautiful BBQ yesterday - delivered by our fantastic PTA - thank you so much. This afternoon they will have their leavers assembly. We wish all of our Year Sixes best wishes for their secondary school careers.

This week, another former student, Valerie Puri, returned for her work experience. It was great to see her return. She has grown into a very mature and professional young person. We do hope some of our current Year Sixes return for a visit so we can see how well they are flourishing at secondary school.

This week, we held a special new Reception children's stay and play, so they had another chance to get to know our EYFS setting - this time without their parents. They had a glorious time, and I am sure cannot wait to start in September. We are delighted to be welcoming all of our new families to Bearwood.

On Monday, we welcomed Miss Parry back from Maternity Leave. She will be returning as class teacher for Year 3 and Assistant Head Teacher in September. Welcome back Miss Parry!

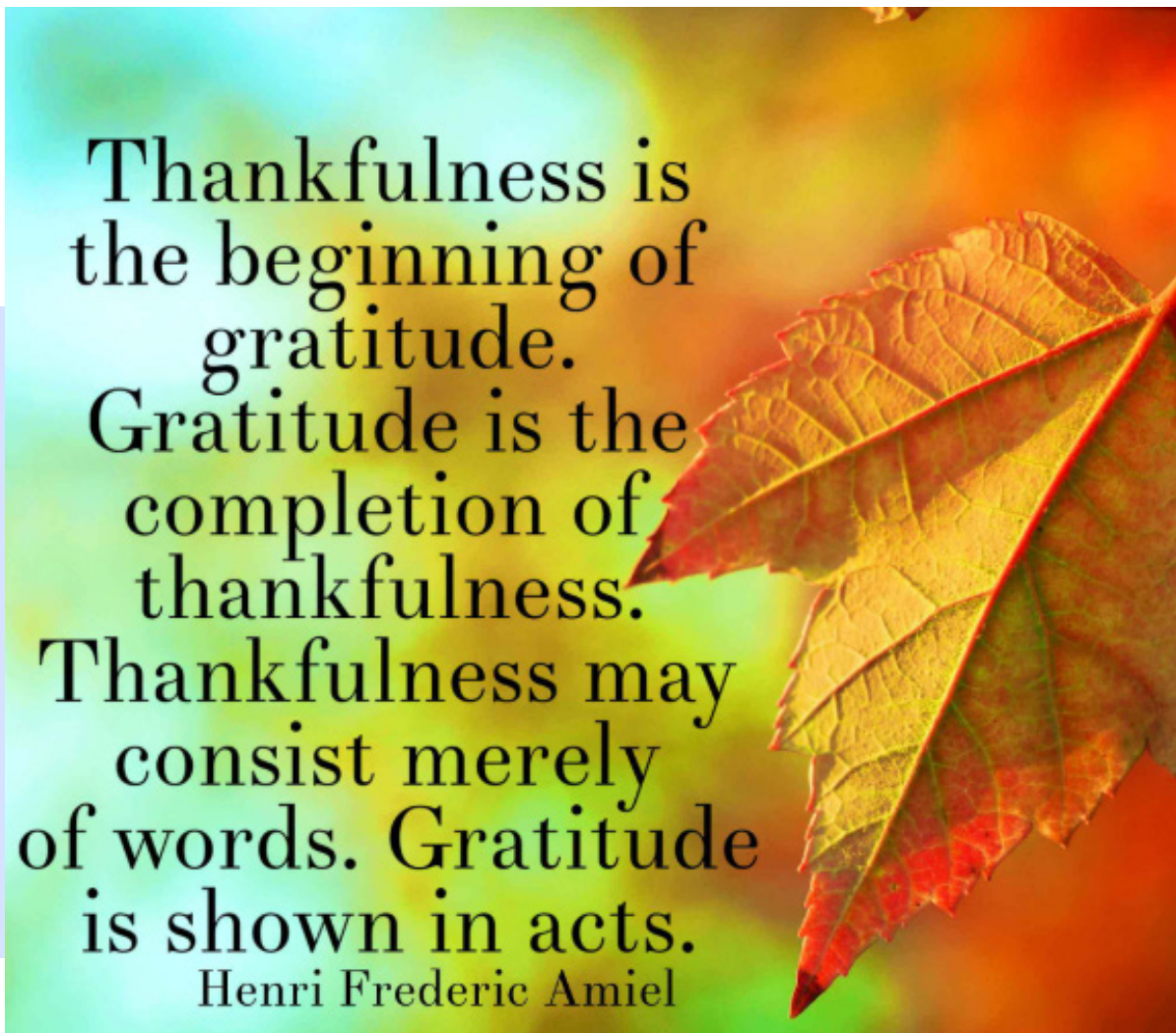
Everyone, do have a wonderful summer break. Do stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder
Headteacher.



Value for the term - Thankfulness



EVENTS ★

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September - Children Return

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd November - Children Return

Friday 18th December at 2pm - Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 4th January - Children Return

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February - Half Term

Monday 22nd February - Children Return

Thursday 25th March at 2pm - Last day of Spring Term

Monday 12th April - Children Return

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half Term

Monday 7th June - Children Return

Friday 16th July at 2pm - Last day of Summer Term

Monday 19th July - INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th July - INSET DAY

Friday 21st July - INSET DAY

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Fletcher** 'for using lots of resilience during our week of change.'

Beaver Class - **Maybelle** 'for an incredible year! Good luck at your new school.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Salena** 'for her positive attitude all year.'

Hedgehog Class - **Whole class** 'for resilience with all the changes this year.'

Badger - **Fateh** 'for showing great learning attitude all year.'

Otter - **Jenson** 'for being resilient and having a fantastic attitude towards all of your learning.'

Grey Wolf - **Whole class** 'have been incredible this year - Thank you for your hard work and dedication.'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - No PE Awards due to Heat

Beaver Class - No PE Awards due to Heat

Red Squirrel Class - No PE Awards due to Heat

Hedgehog Class - No PE Awards due to Heat

Otter - **Emma** 'for some great batting and running skills while playing rounders.'

Grey Wolf - **Jack** 'for his enthusiasm for running races and giving everything his best ho!'

Writer of the week ★

EYFS -
KS1 -
LKS2 -
UKS2 -

No Writer Awards this week

Attendance ★

Fox Class - 94.1%

Beaver Class - 93.3%

Red Squirrel Class - 96%

Hedgehog Class - 94.4%

Badger Class - 96.6%

Otter Class - 96.6%

Grey Wolf Class - 95.6%

Brown Bear Class - 94.5%

OFFICE NOTICES



As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we'd like to wish all of our children and families a wonderful, relaxing, and well deserved summer holiday!

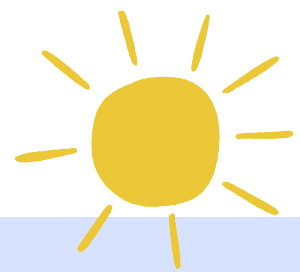
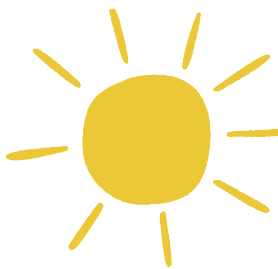
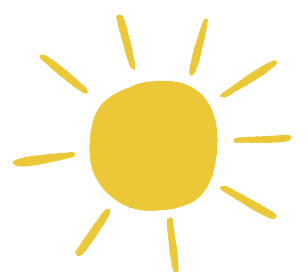
What a year it has been! We've shared so many special moments, celebrated achievements big and small, learned lots, laughed together, and created memories that we'll treasure for years to come. We are so proud of everything our pupils have accomplished and grateful for the support of our amazing families throughout the year.

On behalf of everyone in the school, thank you so much for your incredibly thoughtful cards, gifts, and kind messages. Your generosity and appreciation mean so much to us and have truly made us all smile.

We hope you all enjoy a summer filled with sunshine, fun, adventures, and plenty of time to relax. Stay safe, make lots of happy memories, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting year!

Have a fantastic summer!

THANK YOU



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



Toby Year 5 won Player's Player this weekend at his football presentation!

We are looking forward to seeing him smash it next season as well!

Well done Toby!

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



I'm pleased to share that Srishti, currently in Year 2 (Beaver Class), has recently been awarded her Orange Belt in Karate by UKA and has now progressed to the next level. **Well done Srishti!**



I would like to share some wonderful news about Hanwika's recent achievement. Hanwika in Year 3 recently participated in the Bainup ABACUS Competition held on 11 July 2026 and was awarded Second Prize.

She worked very hard to prepare for this competition, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication and accomplishment. Winning this trophy is a reflection of her perseverance and commitment. **Well done Hanwika!**

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



Last Saturday, Chathurya in Year 4 participated in the Abacus International Competition, in which children from around seven countries took part. We are incredibly proud to share that she achieved 1st Prize in the competition.

Well done Chathurya!

Would you like your child to star in our weekly newsletter?

**Please email a photo and brief description of their achievements to the school office.
Thank you**

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



Transition

Inset Day additional transition visits:

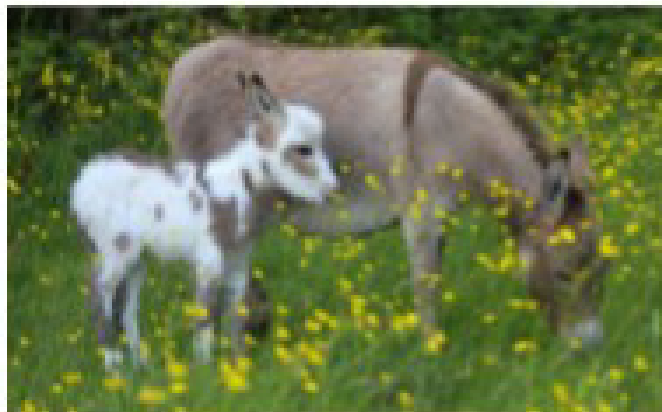
For those who have received an invitation, a reminder to please let me know if you would like to attend.

Transition Photo Booklets / Social Stories

Staff have sent home a transition photo booklet / Social Story to support some of our SEND children. It would be helpful to look at the booklet with your child towards the end of the summer break to help them prepare for starting their new class.

Summer Activities for neurodivergent children

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break! Here is some information about some local activities for SEND children:



Meet farm animals at MERL's summer celebration The Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) in Reading is hosting a summer celebration geared towards neurodivergent visitors and their families.

There will be hands-on activities, games and farm animals. This event will be a relaxed session with additional sensory provision.

The garden will be closed to the rest of the public and will include a breakout space, visual tools, sensory backpacks and sensory gadgets.

- Thursday 6 August
- 10.30am to 12 noon
- £4 per child (adults and under twos go free)

Family sessions at Camp Mohawk



Camp Mohawk is an outdoor and indoor play centre for children with special needs and their families, set in five acres of countryside, just outside Wargrave. During the summer holidays they are open to families for two sessions per day.

Activities include a swimming pool, archery and adventure play. Families have to register with Camp Mohawk first and sessions need to be booked in advance.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



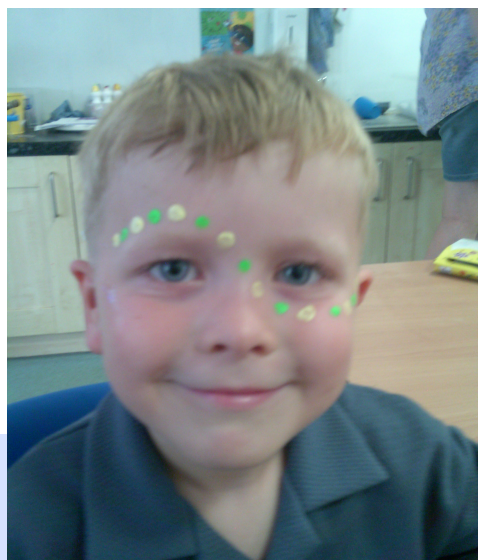
EYFS Team



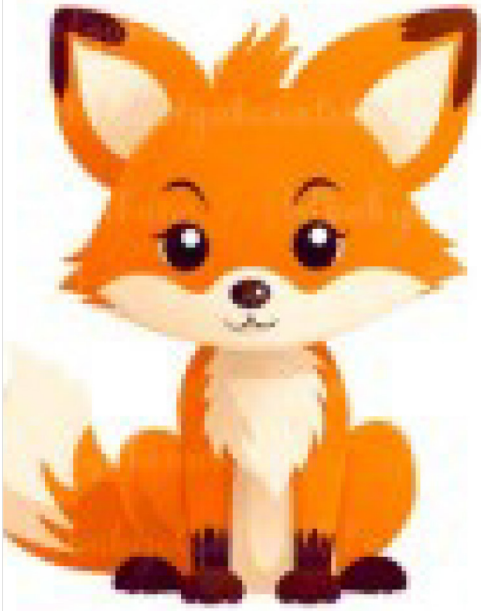
We have had an amazing last week in EYFS! The children loved bringing in their bears to have a picnic at school and going on a bear hunt in the garden. Bear Fest was a fantastic experience for the children and we enjoyed celebrating the end of term with the whole school. The children were very excited to dig up the carrots, they couldn't believe how many had grown!

We would all like to thank you for kindness and support this year, it is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful Summer Break, Best wishes The EYFS Team.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1- Fox Class



This week we finished our DT and it was delicious!

We made our stripy salad pots, we had to peel, grate, scoop and slice. They were so fresh and yummy!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 2 - Beaver Class



Last Monday, we started our morning off by catching up on the exciting England game from the early hours. Yesterday, we finished out final D&T project by making fruit kebabs, which we loved and were delicious.



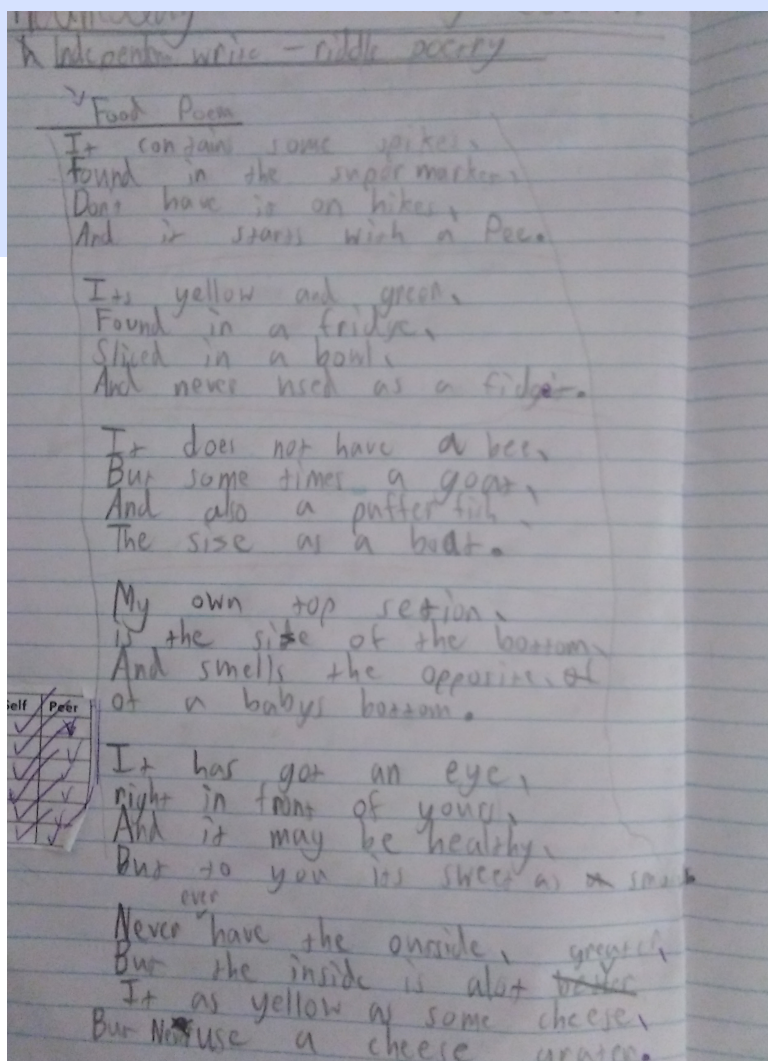
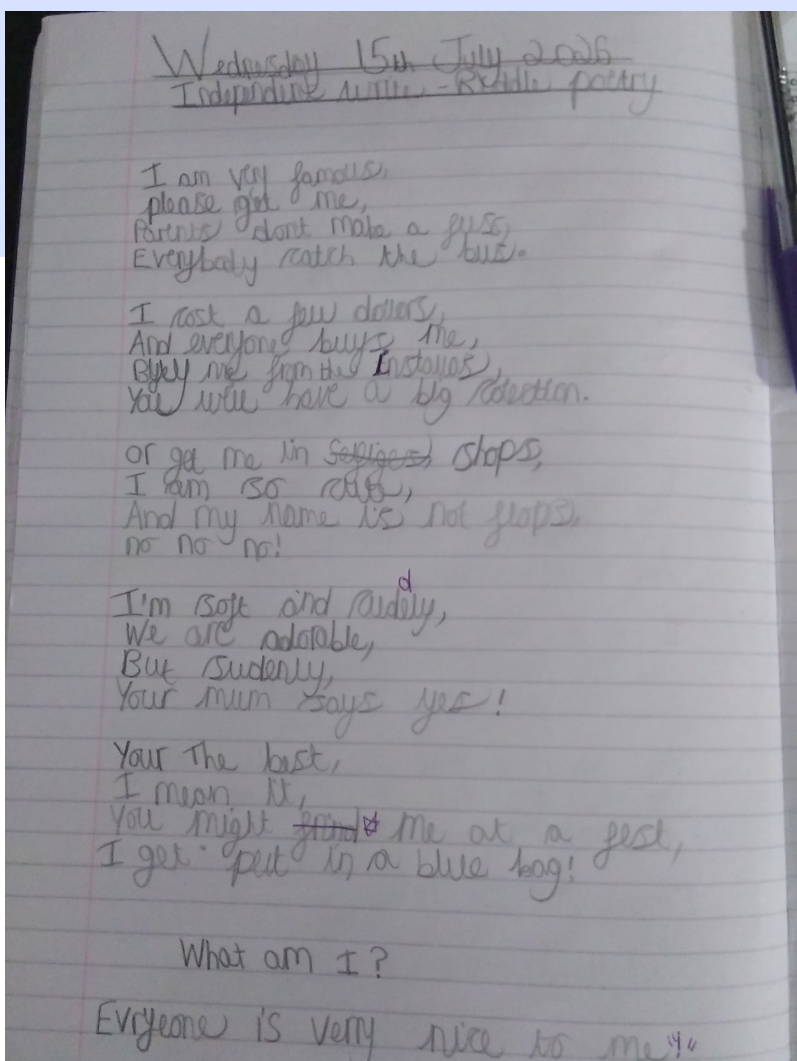
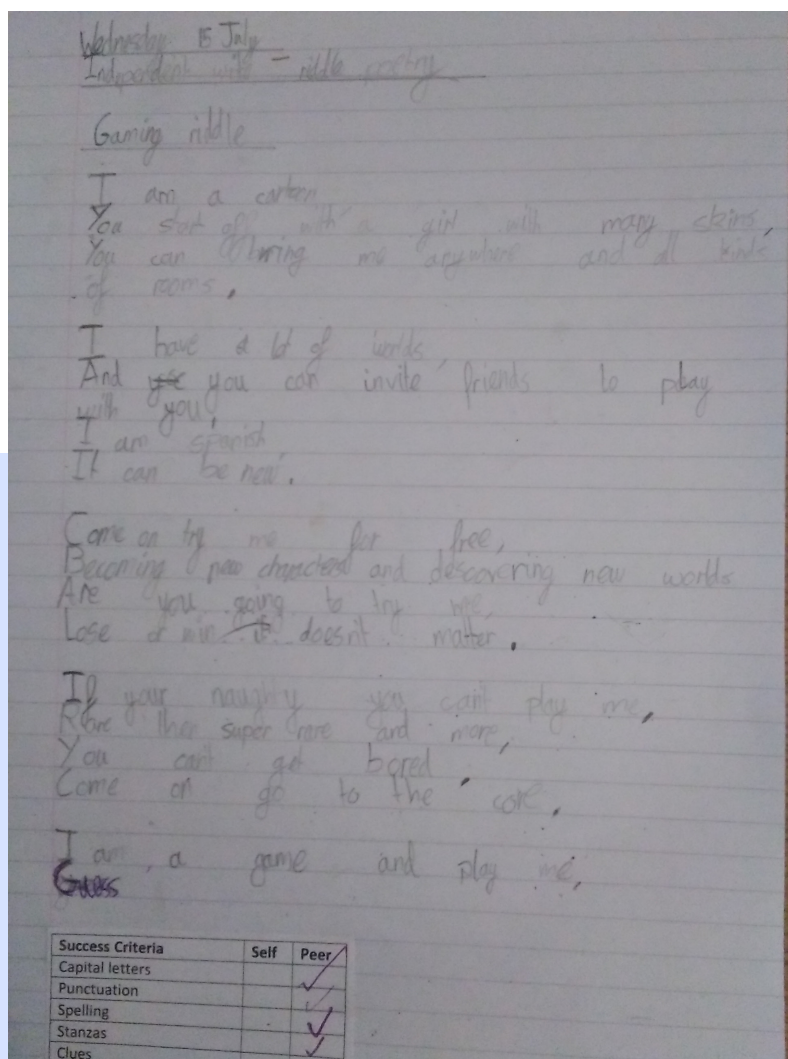
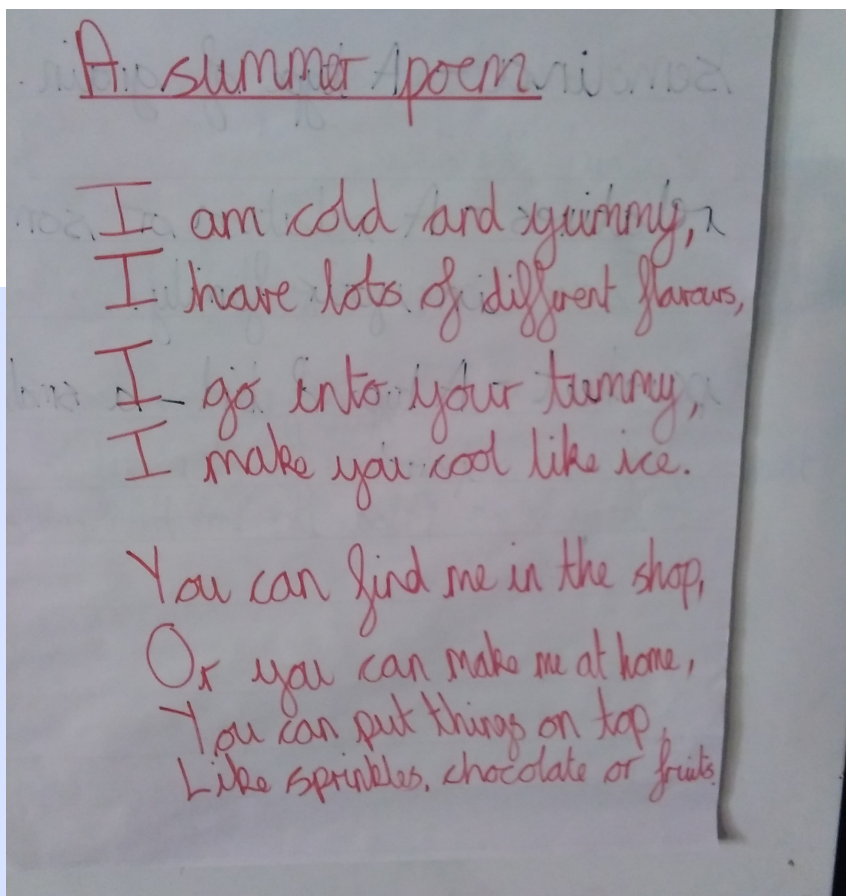
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Year 3 Red Squirrel Class



Year 3 have been writing riddle poems this week. We have enjoyed writing them and guessing the answers. Can you figure them out?



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 4 Hedgehog Class



The children have had a wonderful week. The Dood concert was a huge success, and we were incredibly proud of how confidently they performed. It was fantastic to see all their hard work pay off. We also made focaccia bread, which was simple to prepare and turned out to be delicious. The children enjoyed taking part in the baking and were pleased with the final result. The children have been a pleasure to teach and we wish them an enjoyable summer holiday.



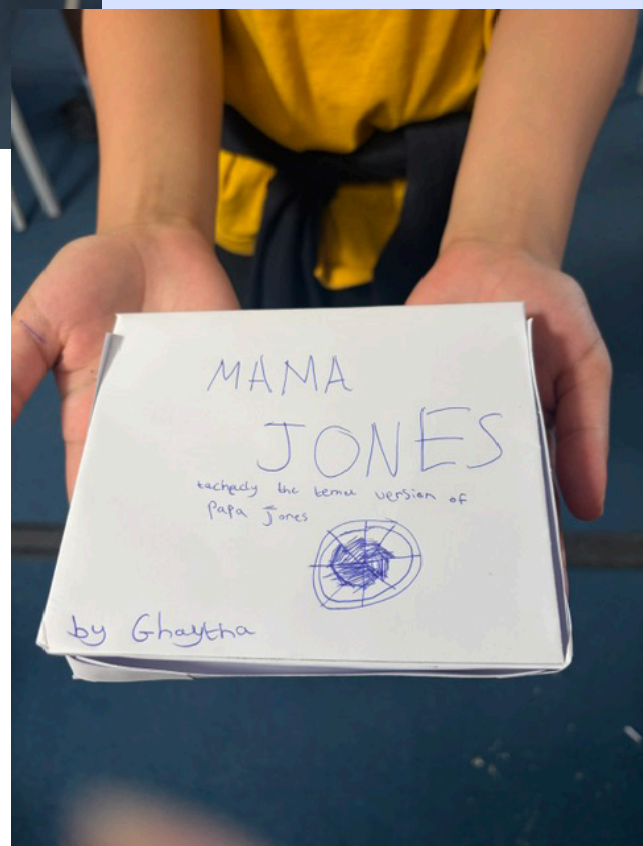
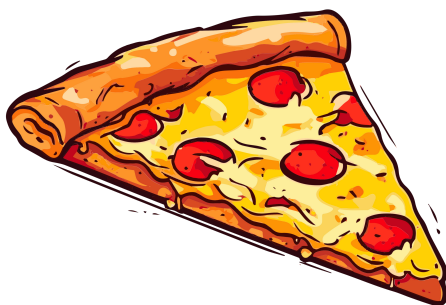
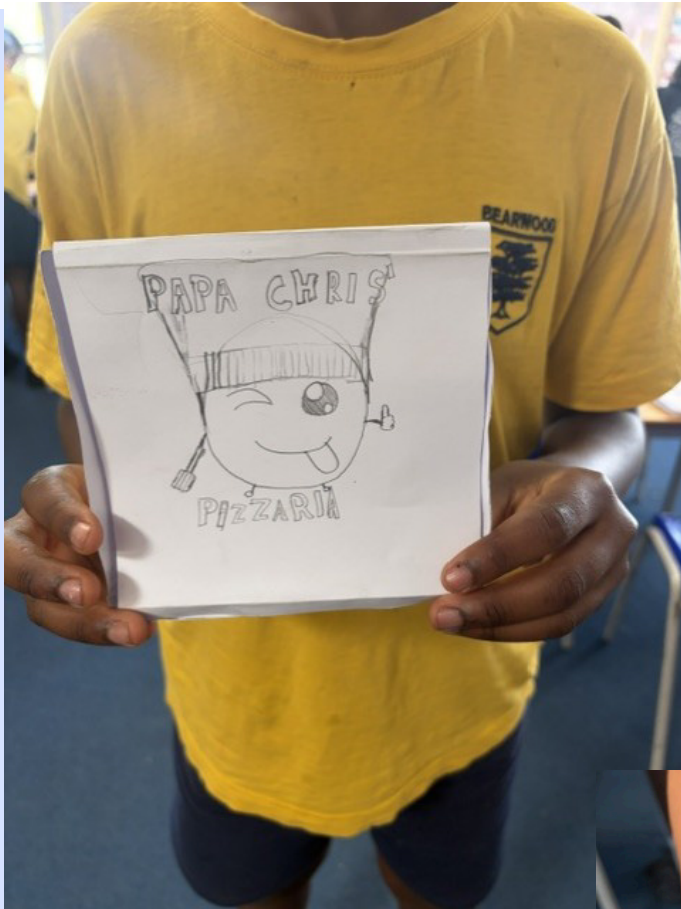
WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



UKS2



This week in UKS2 we have made Pizzas! The children chose their own toppings and created their own Pizza box. They then took them home to finish cooking, although some were eaten on the way!





BEARFEST

