

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 25th September 2026

A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

We started the week with a special assembly on Yom Kippur, a most important festival for Jewish people. We learnt about how it means Day of Atonement, and thought about how we can reflect on our behaviour and say sorry when we have not made the right choices. This links with our value of Respect, because if we respect others, we are willing to apologise when we upset them.

We had a visit from Majid Ali, our LA Strategic Education Partner and Wokingham's Head of Education and Belonging. He took a tour of the school, visiting every class, with our English Lead Sukhi Sanghera. He reported how teaching in every class is strong. With regard to teaching and learning, there were no next steps. Behaviour was outstanding too. This is a fantastic accolade for the school. You really can be assured that your children are receiving high-quality teaching. Thank you to all of our teachers who are absolutely excellent.

Our Year One children undertook scooter training this week. I have seen some of them demonstrate their newly learnt skills when they enter the KS1 playground on their scooters in the morning. Very impressive.

We had our Harvest Festival assembly. Reverend Patrick from St Catherine's Church conducted the assembly. The children sang beautifully too. Thank you to all the families who made donations for the Wokingham Food Bank.

Next week Friday, the school photographer will be in to take each child's photograph ready for Christmas!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

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Value for the term - RESPECT



Events

- **29th Sept** - Year 6 Nurse Visit (National Child Measurement Programme)
- **2nd Oct** - Individual school photographs
- **6th Oct** - 9am Year R Parents phonics workshop
- **14th Oct** - Year 4 class local walk
- **15th Oct** - Year 1 & 2 class local walk
- **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

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School Notices

- Please can we kindly remind parents and carers that only fresh fruit and veg are to be brought in for snacks, and only water in drinking bottles - thank you!
- Please ensure that school lunches are ordered in advance. The cut-off for same-day ordering is 8:30am. At late notice, the kitchen are unable to guarantee what spare meals may be available, although we endeavor to always have spare jacket potatoes.
- CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing kitchen team on being awarded a 5-star Food Hygiene rating following a recent inspection - thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring the highest standards for our children.



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Harvest Festival

- Thank you for your Harvest Festival donations, they will be given to Wokingham Food Bank to support local families.



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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



WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Thea, for great enthusiasm in all your learning
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Harry, for his amazing focus and determination
- **Red Kite Class** - Amelia, for an incredible and improved work ethic
- **Hedgehog Class** - Wilf, for an amazing attitude to learning and friendships
- **Otter Class** - Charlotte, for always giving everything 100% effort and being ready to listen and start
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Louisa, for always supporting others and a positive attitude!



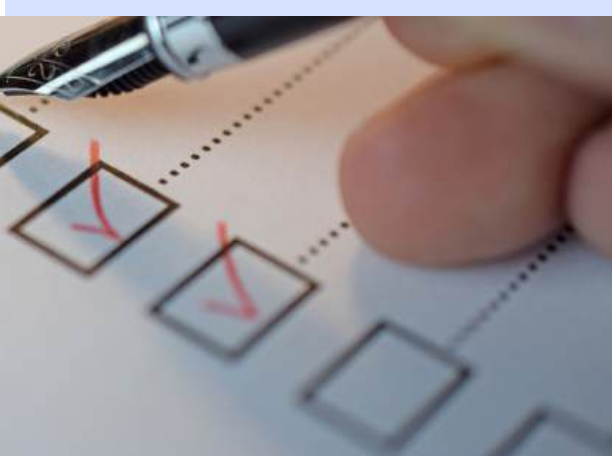
PE Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Jim, for demonstrating perseverance in tennis
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Albie, for great efforts at jumping in PE this week
- **Red Kite Class** - Michael, for showing great hand-eye coordination and working cooperatively
- **Hedgehog Class** - Lee, for wonderful teamwork during tennis rally practice
- **Otter Class** - Shuban, for showing strength in his arms when doing a push pass
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Lauryane, for great determination in practising volleys in tennis



Writer of the week ★

- **Lower Phase** - Dylan, for great use of your sounds in your writing!
- **Middle Phase** - Edie, for beautiful descriptive writing of the main character in our book
- **Upper Phase** - Viaan, for excellent understanding of the purpose and tone of news reports



Attendance this week ★

- Brown Bears - 96%
- Fox Class - 90%
- Beaver Class - 97%
- Red Squirrel Class - 95%
- Red Kite Class - 95%
- Hedgehog Class - 95%
- Otter Class - 97%
- Grey Wolf Class - 97%

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



To celebrate this year's Road Safety Week (15th – 21st November), VolkerHighways are excited to launch our Road Safety Slogan Competition for local schools.

We are inviting primary school children to put their creativity to the test by creating VolkerHighways' new road safety slogan.

The winning slogan will be displayed on our vans and used to promote safer roads across the communities we serve.

Children are to write a short, memorable and fun slogan that promotes safe behaviour when walking, cycling, or scooting near roads.

The winning slogan will be displayed on VolkerHighways vans, helping spread the message to a wide audience.

For more information and to submit your entries, [please click here](#).

Scan the QR code to submit entries!



INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



This week I'm sharing some information about Wokingham's SEND Local Offer and CAN Network.

What is a SEND Local Offer?

The Local Offer helps parents, carers, and young people understand what they can expect from local services and how to access them. You can use the Local Offer to find out what to do if you're new to SEND or to find out about local support for you and your child.

SEND Local Offer newsletter

Parents / carers can sign up to Wokingham's [SEND Local Offer newsletter](#) for the latest information on local SEND support and services available.

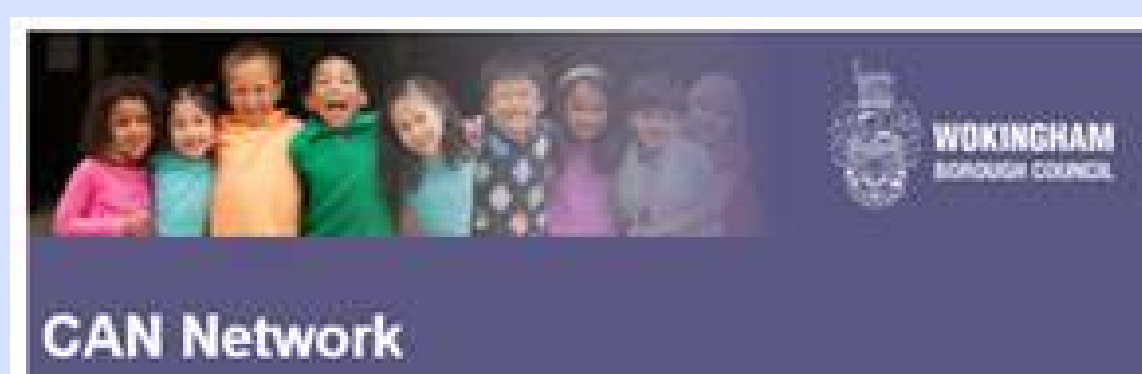


The Children with Additional Needs (CAN) Network newsletter

Parents / carers can also sign up for the CAN newsletter.

If your child has a diagnosed disability, they may be eligible to join the Children with Disabilities Register and receive a CAN card.

The CAN card is a photo ID card which can be used as proof of diagnosed disability. It is accepted by many local attractions as proof for concessions or free carer tickets. Find out more about joining the register and receiving a CAN card on the [Wokingham Borough Children with Disabilities Register webpage](#).



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A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



Wokingham Local Offer Live 2026 - Family Information & Fun Day

SEND Voices Wokingham are hosting the Local Offer Live 2026 - Family Information & Fun Day, on **Saturday 10th October** at **St Crispin's School Sports Hub, RG40 1SR**.

Your family can book **either** a 10.30am - 12.30 morning session or 1.00pm - 3.00pm afternoon session ticket.

This event is open anyone living in the Wokingham Borough who has a child or young person aged 0-25 years with any special educational need or disability (SEND), including those who are on waiting lists for diagnoses.

It is FREE to attend but you must book a place:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/send-voices-wokingham/wokingham-local-offer-live-2026-family-information-amp-fun-day/e-gldxqx>



Local Offer Live 2026

Family Information Day for those in Wokingham Borough with a child or young person 0-25 years with any Special Educational Needs &/or Disability

Saturday 10th October
10.30 – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3pm
St Crispin's School Sports Hub,
London Road, Wokingham, RG40 1SR

- Information & Advice Stalls
- Berkshire Reptile Encounters
- Face Painting • Circus Skills
- Tea/coffee/squash/cake

Book your FREE ticket
Scan QR code or visit Ticketsource:
<https://www.ticketsource.com/send-voices-wokingham>



More information on our website:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
or email: info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

Many thanks to St Crispin's School for supporting this event
Photos by Steve Smyth

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

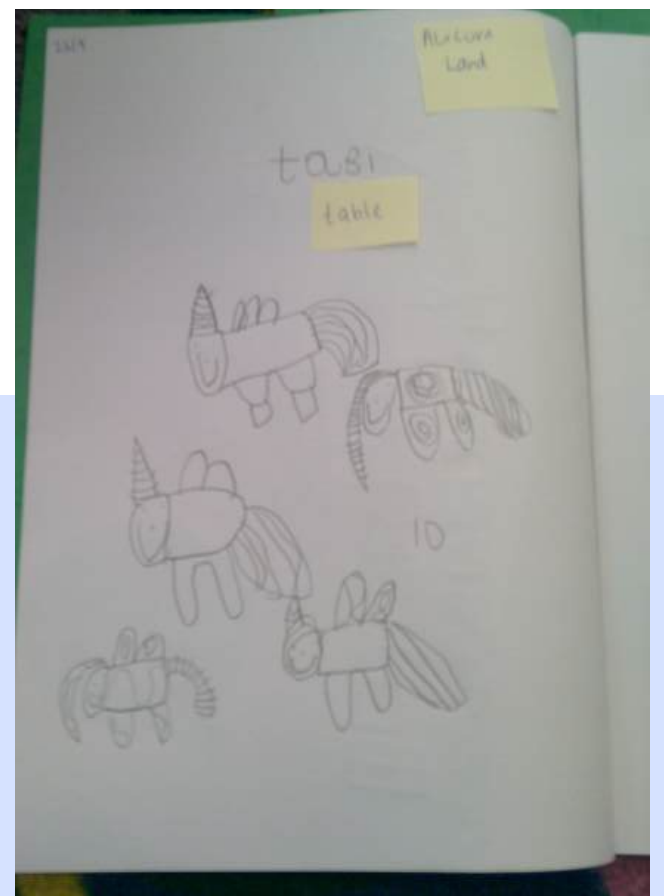


Nursery - Brown Bears **Reception - Fox Class**

Fox class are really enjoying Drawing Club and we are so impressed with their super drawings and secret codes, forming letters and numbers.

Our story this week is "Where the Wild Things are" by Maurice Sendak, you can watch a version here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD1-f9C3CeE>



Brown Bears loved baking some chocolate chips cup cakes, we wonder if they can tell you the ingredients we used?



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 1 - Beaver Class



This week in maths we've been subitising to 10. We've used ladybirds to help and on Tuesday, we had a number bonds disco!

In Art, we drew self portraits and painted them in happy and sad colours, inspired by Pablo Picasso.



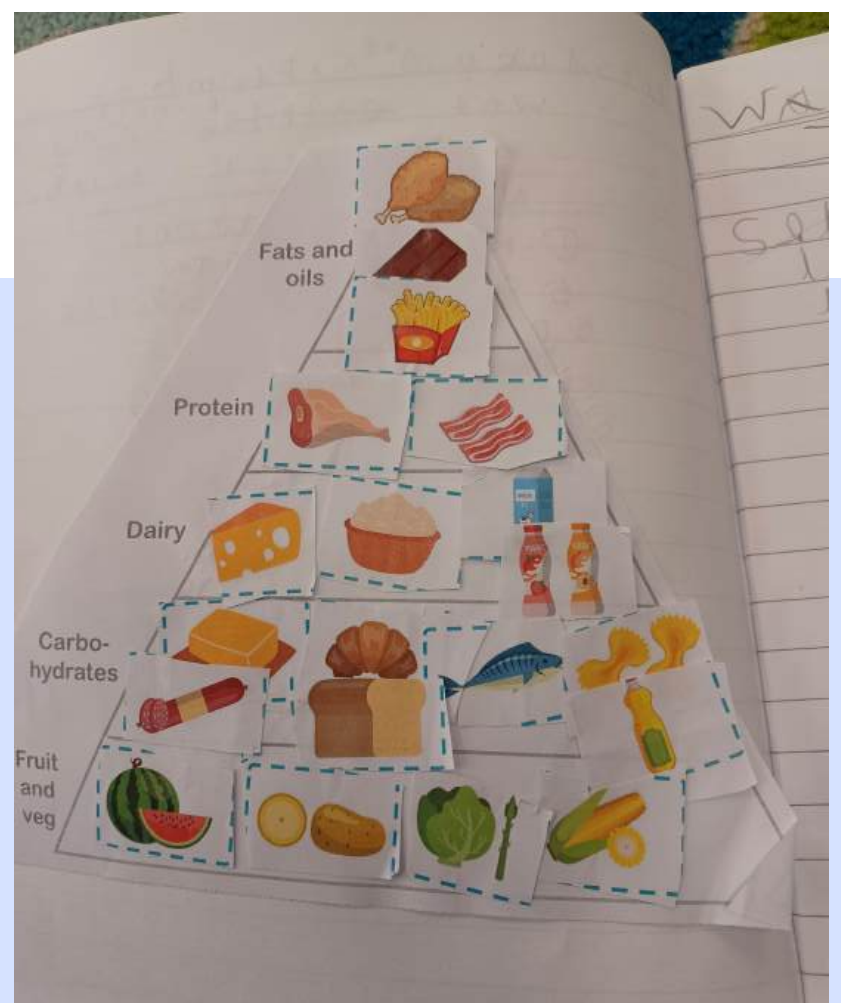
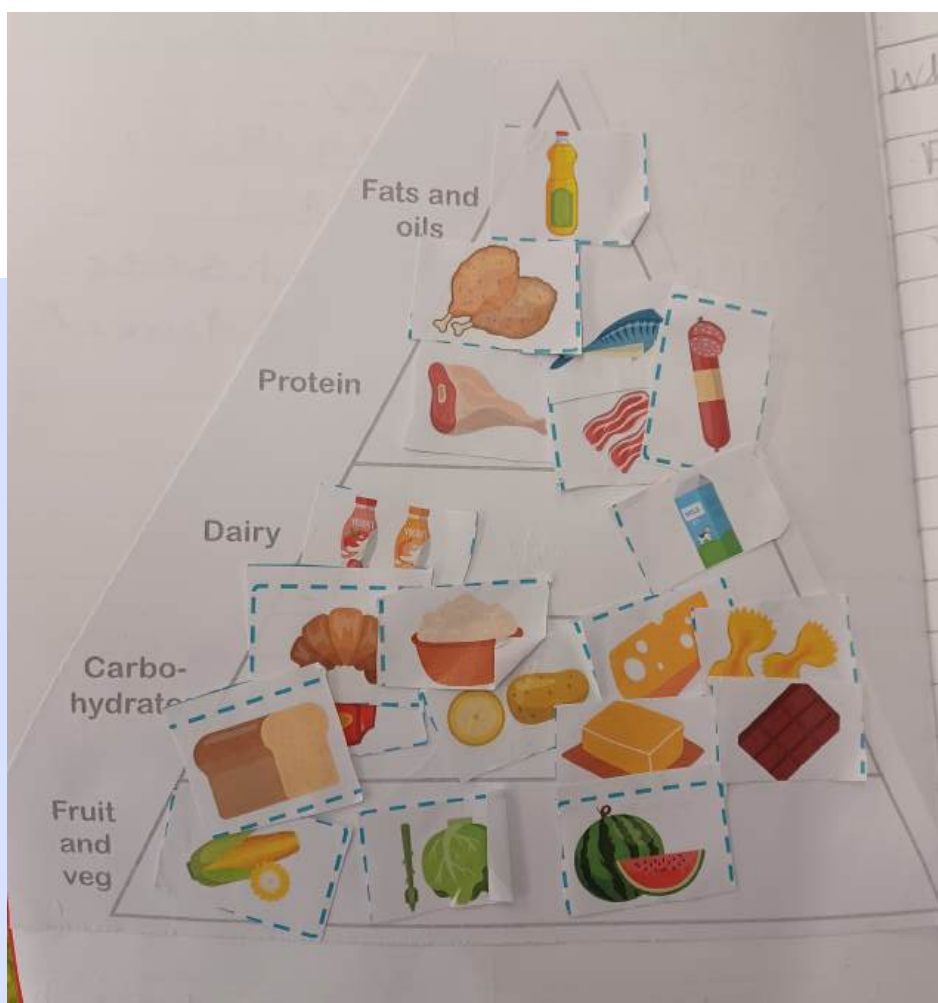
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Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class



This week Red Squirrel have been learning about healthy eating in science.

We found out about our 5 different food groups and why they are all important.



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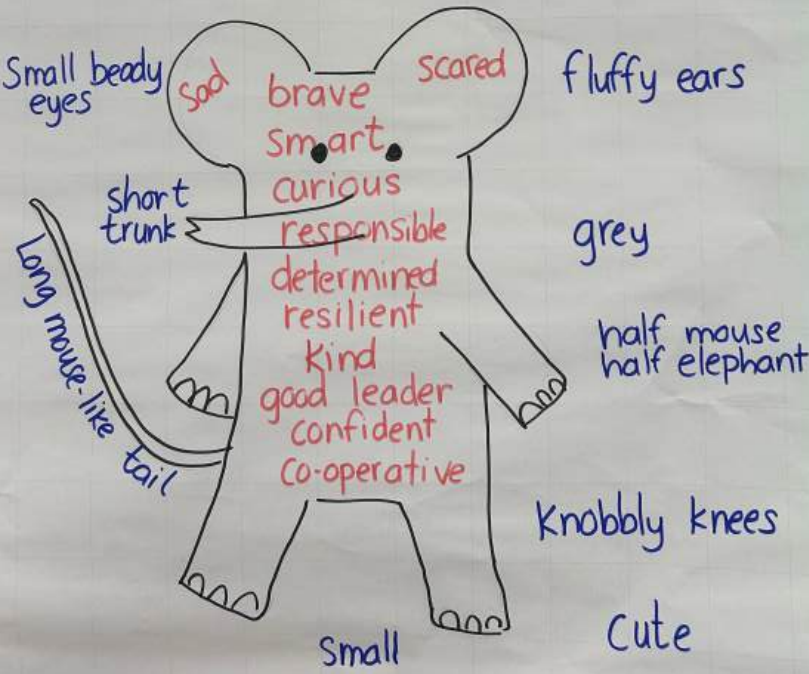
Year 3 - Red Kite Class

Year 3 have been reading ‘The Barnabus Project’ and this week have been describing the main character Barnabus and his thoughts and feelings using powerful adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

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Character Description

We read The Barnabus Project and thought about how to describe Barnabus from the inside (personality / thoughts / feelings) and outside (appearance).



On Monday with Mrs Pandya, the children learnt about the Stone Age village, Skara Brae, and the evidence that archaeologists have found about the area and how humans there lived.

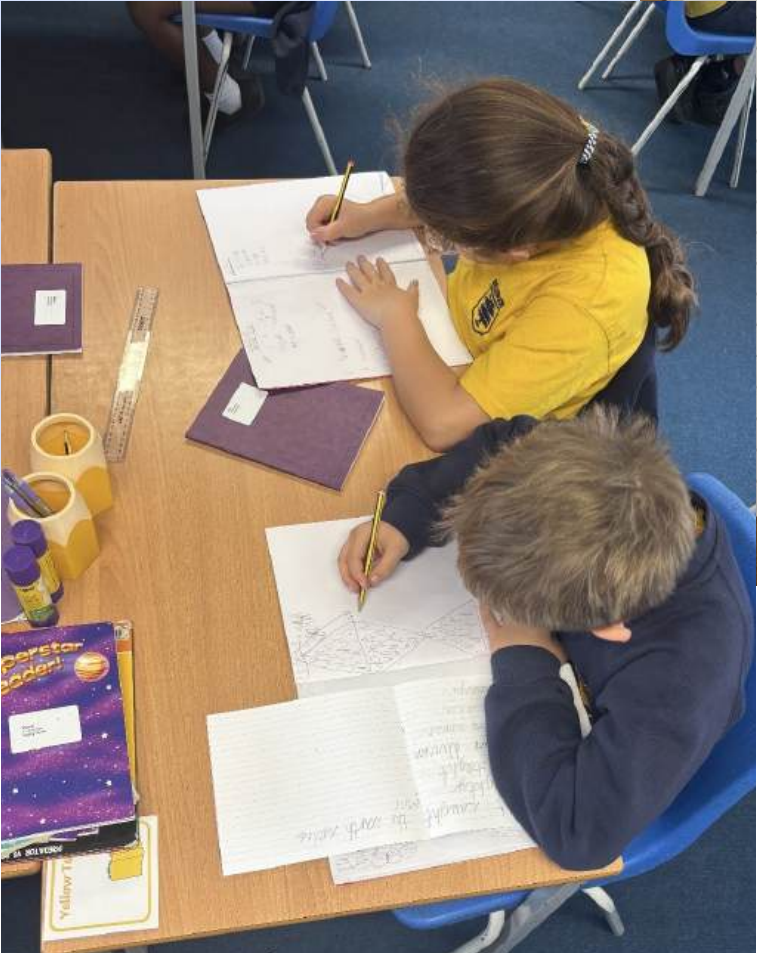
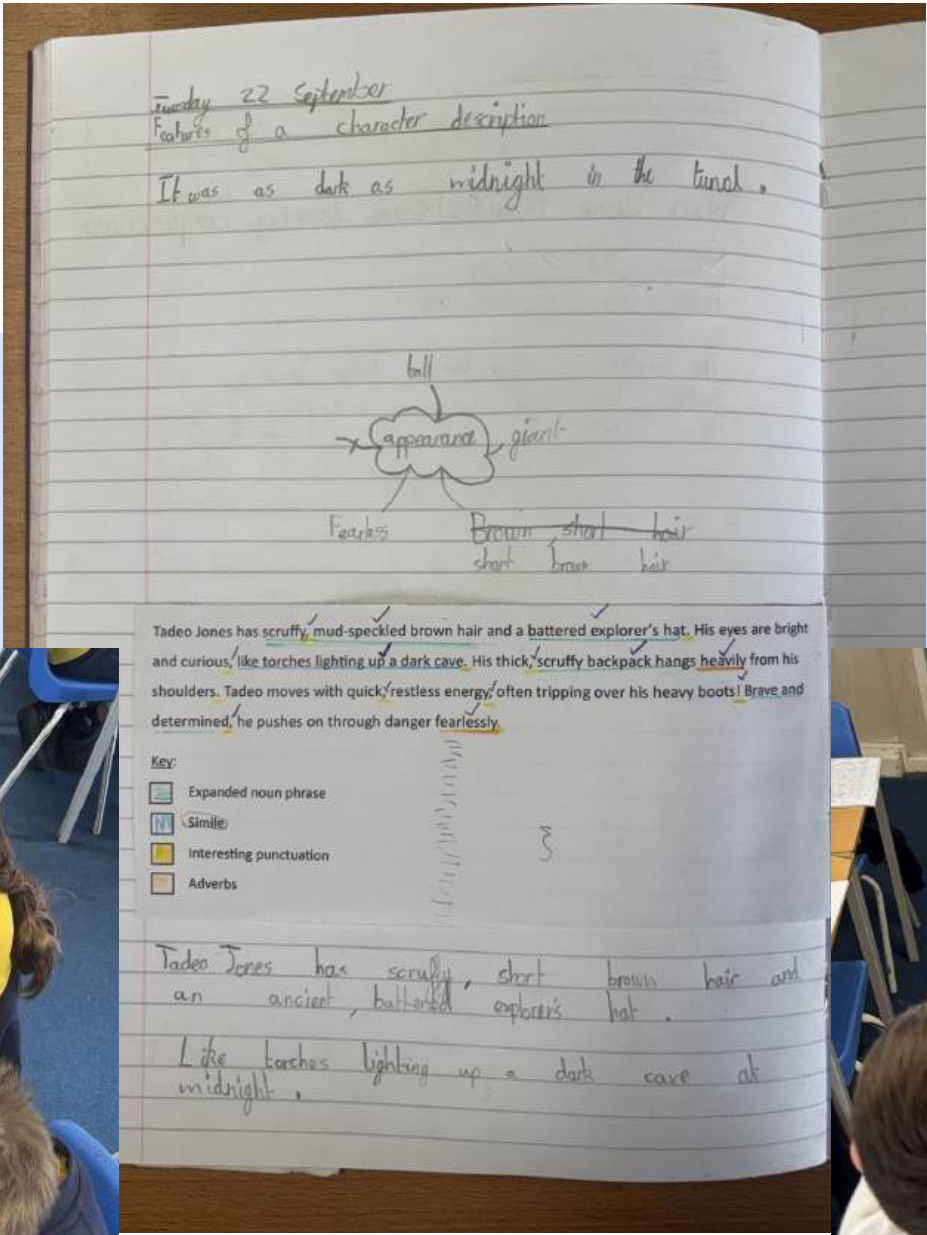
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Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



This week in Hedgehog class we have been exploring character description using a short, animated adventure story.

The children have explored personality, appearance and vivid descriptions using drama as well as language feature analysis.



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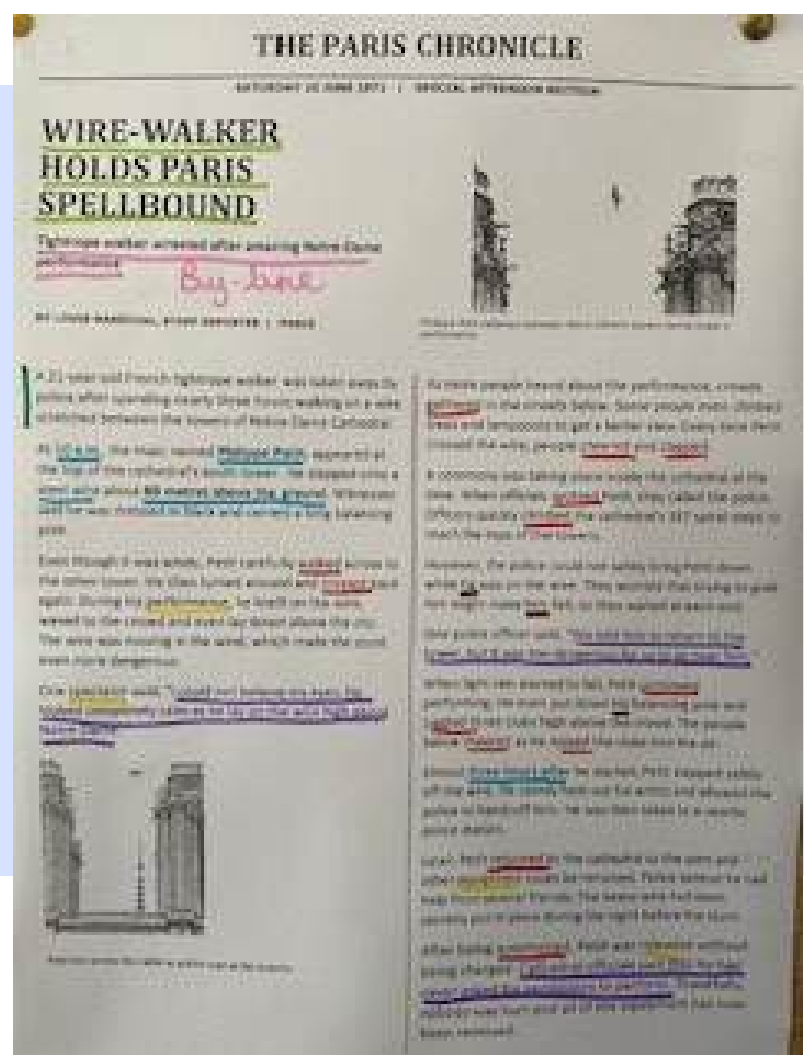
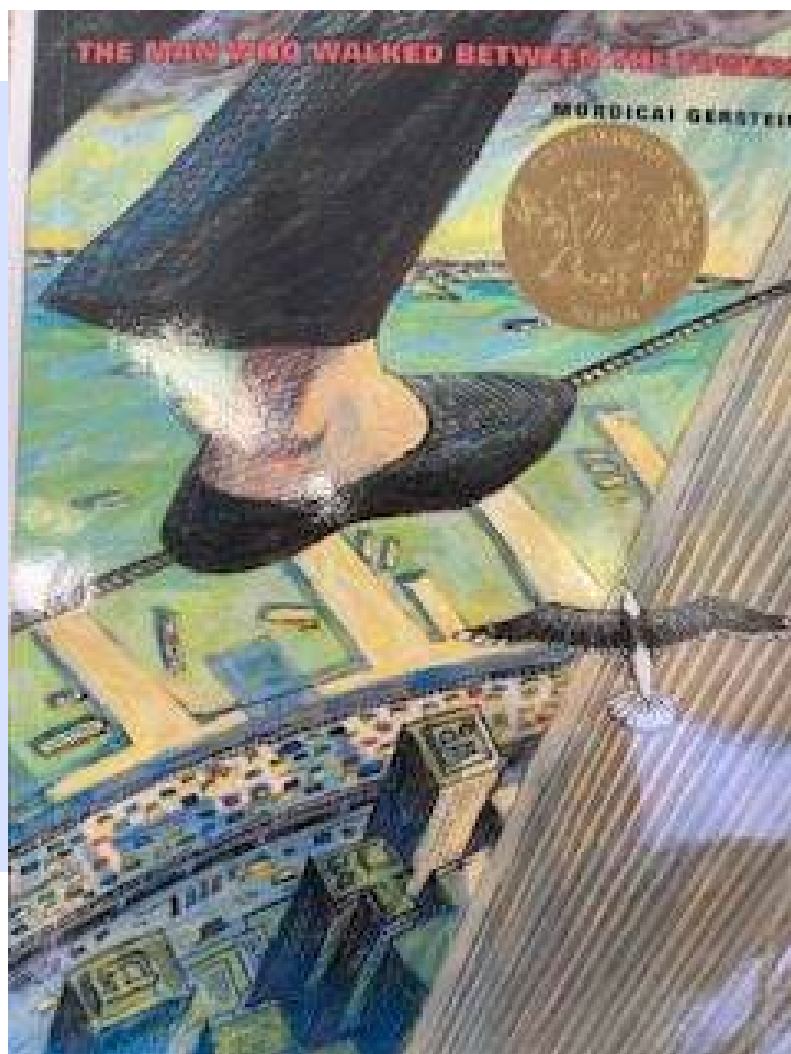
Year 5 - Otter Class



In English, Otter class have been learning about journalistic writing and the features needed for an interesting news report.

We read the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers', which retells the events from 1974.

We researched all about Philippe Petit so that we can write our own newspaper article.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Grey Wolf have been learning about important Jewish beliefs and events in RE, with pupils working in groups to research and present their posters.

The whole school learnt about Yom Kippur, the most important holy day for Jewish people, in assembly this week.

