BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 27th November 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

We have had yet another brilliant week at Bearwood!

Otter and Grey Wolf Classes visited the Winchester Science Museum on Monday. In addition to the interactive exhibits, the Year Fives got to enjoy the Star Seekers workshop and the Year Sixes had a hands-on Fossil Detectives workshop. Both classes were absolutely enthralled by the planetarium show.

Reverend Patrick and the Open the Book team delivered another special bible story - the beginning of the Nativity story.

Our EYFS parents got to experience a brilliant Stay and Play session with their children on Tuesday. You can see photographs in this newsletter.

On Thursday, Year One to Year Six had an important assembly on road safety delivered by Volker Highways - including a larger-than-life traffic cone! Do ask your children if they can remember the important information they learnt.

Some of our Year Five and Six children attended a tag rugby festival session at The Forest School and had a great time. Thank you to Miss Davis for accompanying them.

Tomorrow (Saturday 28th November) our school choir will be singing at the Winnersh Christmas Lights and market on the recreation ground across the road from the school. I managed to purchase some lovely bits for Christmas last year, so well worth attending. The event commences at 3pm, and our choir are scheduled to sing at 3:30pm. Do come along and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

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Office Reminders

After School Clubs - finish on Friday 4th December.

EYFS Nativity Tuesday 8th December at 9.30am – please don't forget to order your tickets via the School Shop on your Arbor app! Any remaining tickets will be released on Tuesday 1st December – so act now to avoid disappointment.

KS1 Christmas performance Wednesday 16th December at 2pm – please don't forget to order your tickets via the School Shop on your Arbor app! Any remaining tickets will be released on Wednesday 9th December – so act now to avoid disappointment.

Middle Phase Pantomime Trip – Thursday 17th December – please book your child's ticket via your Arbor app as soon as possible.



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Reminders & Updates

Spencers Wood Proposal Update



Our kitchen staff Petra and Susanna had the opportunity to give some input into the design of the brand-new kitchen in the Spencers Wood building. The kitchen will be all electric to be more environmentally friendly. Indeed, the school building will have heat pumps and solar panels. All very exciting.

Please note the upcoming public consultation meetings:
- Online on 8th December at 7pm
- In person on 15th December at 7pm at Bearwood Primary School

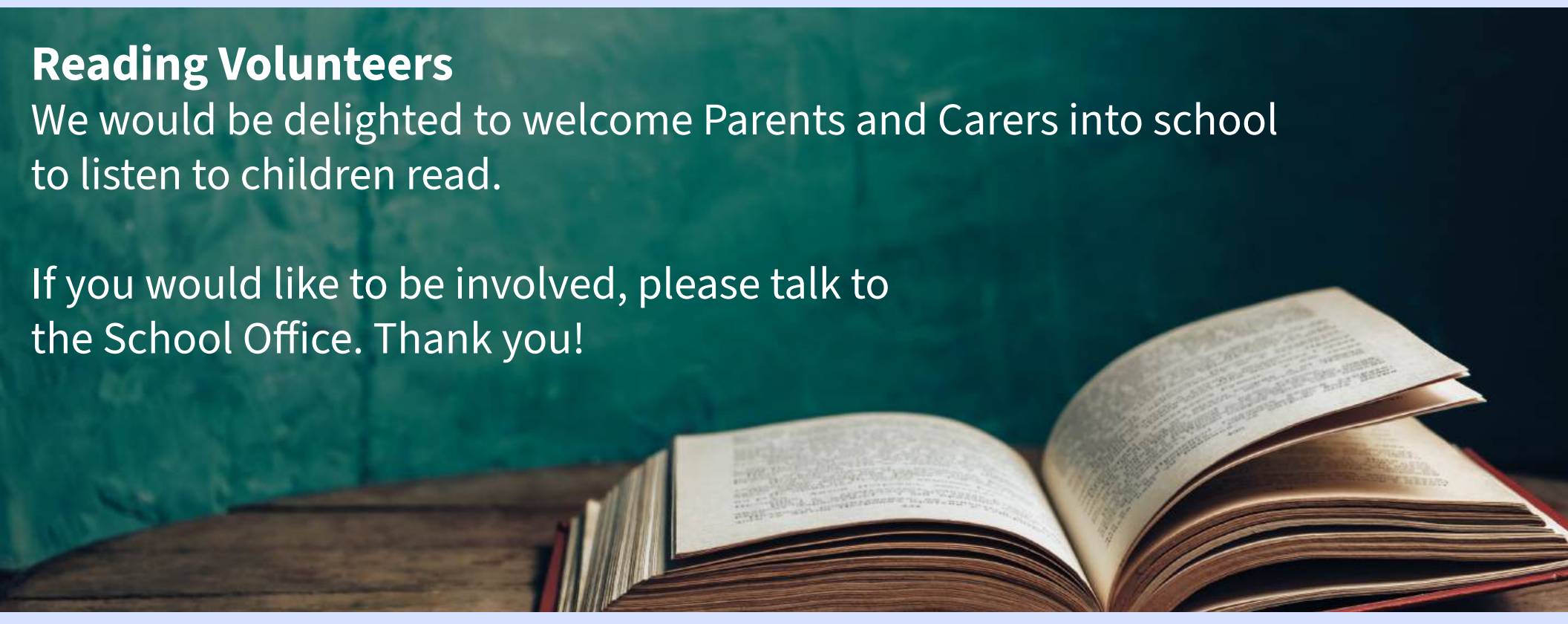
You can find further information here

The final decision is scheduled for 27th January.

Reading Volunteers

We would be delighted to welcome Parents and Carers into school to listen to children read.

If you would like to be involved, please talk to the School Office. Thank you!



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Activities this week

Road Safety Assembly

Huge thanks to the team at Volker Highways for their informative Road Safety assembly on Thursday.



Gardening Club

Well done to the children in Gardening Club, for successfully growing their own cress! They enjoyed cress sandwiches as a treat.



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Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 9th December

It’s almost time for Christmas dinner! 🎄
Pupils can look forward to a tasty festive feast and share some Christmas cheer! 🎁
Theme days make lunchtime extra special, giving children the chance to try something different, have fun with friends and celebrate the holidays! 🎅
Don't forget to order your child's school lunch via your School Grid account, so they can join in the festivities!



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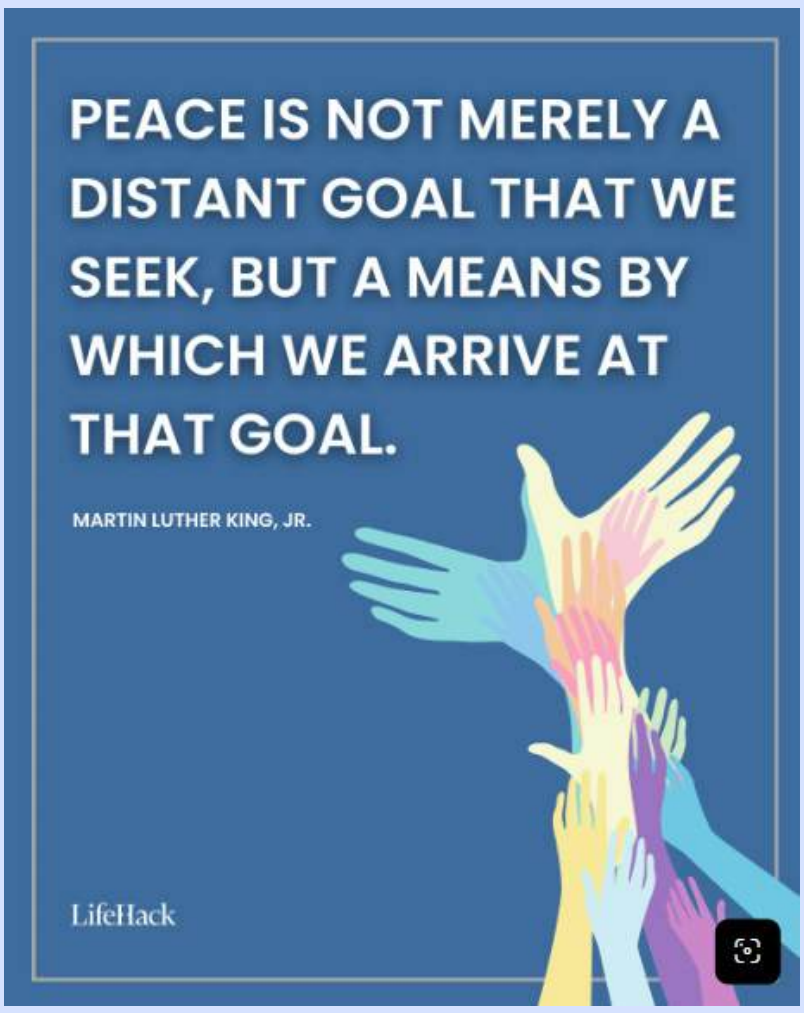
Value for the term - PEACE



Events

- **28th Nov -** School Choir at Winnersh Christmas Lights Switch-on
- **1st Dec -** 9am Inclusion Coffee Morning with Ms Clarke
- **2nd Dec -** Years 3 & 4 trip to St Catherine's Church
- **4th Dec -** 9:30am RockSteady Christmas Concert
- **7th Dec -** EYFS Nativity dress rehearsal to school
- **8th Dec -** 9am EYFS Nativity performance to parents
- **8th Dec -** 7pm Spencers Wood public consultation meeting (online)
- **9th Dec -** Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- **9th Dec -** 9:30am Prospective Reception parents meeting, Red Kite Centre Shinfield
- **11th Dec -** School Choir at Mayor's Carol Concert rehearsal
- **13th Dec -** School Choir at Mayor's Carol Concert performance
- **15th Dec -** KS1 Christmas play dress rehearsal to school
- **15th Dec -** 7pm Spencers Wood public consultation meeting (in school)
- **16th Dec -** KS1 Christmas play performance to parents
- **17th Dec -** Years 1, 2 & 3 trip to Pantomime at South Hill Park
- **17th Dec -** Class Christmas parties
- **18th Dec -** Last day of Autumn term - 2pm finish
- **4th Jan -** First day of Spring term - children return to school

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK





Congratulations to Kayla in Year 3, who has achieved a Distinction for her dance performance from her dancing school this year 🏆🌟

Well done, Kayla! We are so proud of you.
Keep dancing, keep shining and keep reaching for the stars!





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

SUPERSTARS OF THE WEEK



Freya and Indi took place in their gymnastics Christmas show last Sunday, dancing and showing off their skills to an audience of over 400 family and friends of the club. Very proud of them both ❤️



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WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award

- **Beaver Class** - Thea, for being a good role model to others, demonstrating good leadership
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Ava, for her amazing attitude to learning and always working hard
- **Red Kite Class** - Wayne, for always trying his best in everything he does
- **Hedgehog Class** - Dana-Rose, for her enthusiastic and positive attitude to learning
- **Otter Class** - Maisie, for always having a positive attitude and for being a respectful class member
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Reinhard, for having an excellent attitude to your learning and always looking to improve!



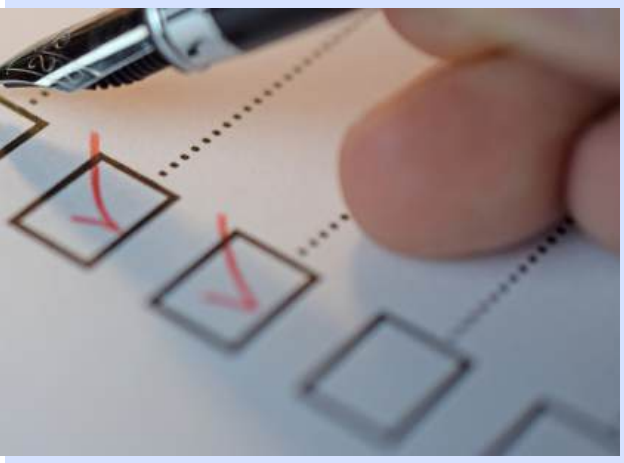
PE Award

- **Beaver Class** - Harrison, for fantastic shapes in gymnastics and super pointed toes
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Morrison, for a great demonstration of dish and arch in gymnastics
- **Red Kite Class** - Charlotte, for working collaboratively with team mates
- **Hedgehog Class** - Kai, for his fantastic dance moves in PE
- **Otter Class** - Amelia, for showing respect to team mates and opponents in a hockey game
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Sophie, for great energy and engagement in hockey



Writer of the week

- **Lower Phase** - William, for fantastic effort with your handwriting
- **Middle Phase** - Isla, for her fantastic advert full of persuasive features that entice the reader
- **Upper Phase** - Bella, for all the thought and effort she has put into her character description. Great work, Bella!



Attendance this week

- Brown Bears - 94.9%
- Fox Class - 82.5%
- Beaver Class - 90.6%
- Red Squirrel Class - 88.3%
- Red Kite Class - 98.1%
- Hedgehog Class - 93.2%
- Otter Class - 94.5%
- Grey Wolf Class - 98.7%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



Please join us at our coffee morning on Tuesday 1st December at 9am.

Gail Bushell, from the Red Kite Family Hub, has been invited to share information about the support available at the new Wokingham Family Hubs.

Come along and find out more!



Did you know that there is an organisation in Wokingham that supports neurodiverse families?

The ASD Family Help charity offers support to autistic individuals or those with associated conditions such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, anxiety and PDA. No diagnosis is required.

https://asdfamilyhelp.org/

There is a weekly term-time sports / games club in Finchampstead and a free monthly drop-in Fun Club at the Radstock Community Centre. See the website for more details. Their latest event is a Winter Disco on Tuesday 22nd December, 5 – 7pm at Radstock community centre, Earley.

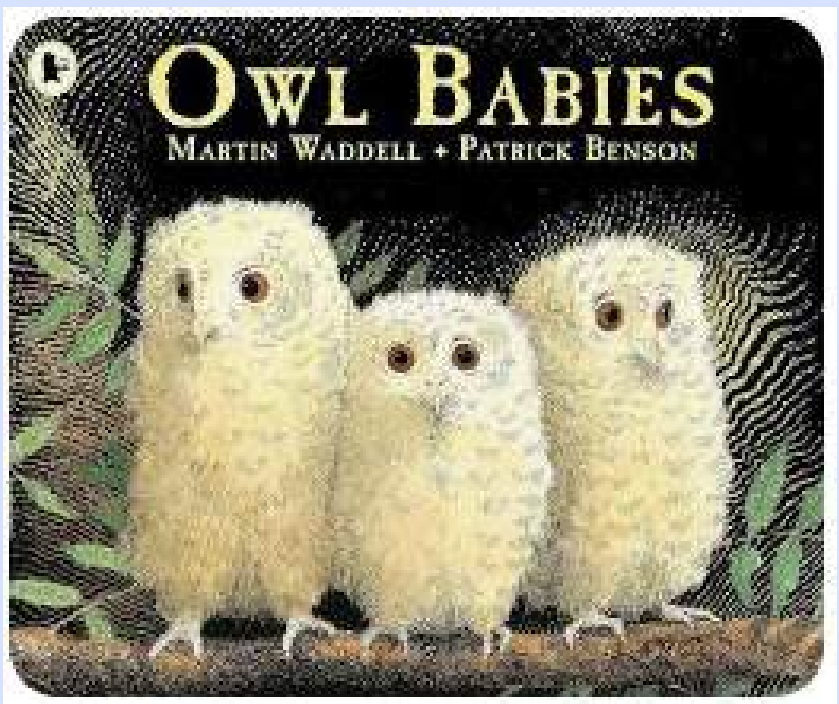


BOOK REVIEWS

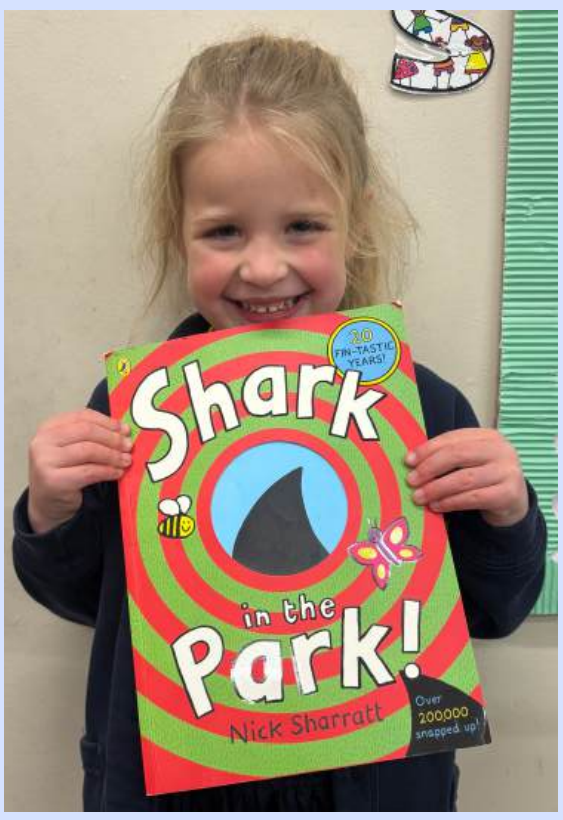
Some recommendations from pupils to inspire your next read!

EYFS recommends: Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson.

"I like the mother flying back home to the baby owls."
"I like the mummy owl because she came back!"
"Owls sleep in the morning."
"I like the babies-Percy is my favourite."
"I love all of the characters because I love them so much!"



Thea (Year 1) would like to recommend: Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt. She loves this book because she likes the pictures and loves the shark!



Shanaya (Year 2) would like to recommend: Little Kids First Big Book of Why by Amy Smith.

"It has lots of interesting and funny things that it can teach you like learning about the Moon. "



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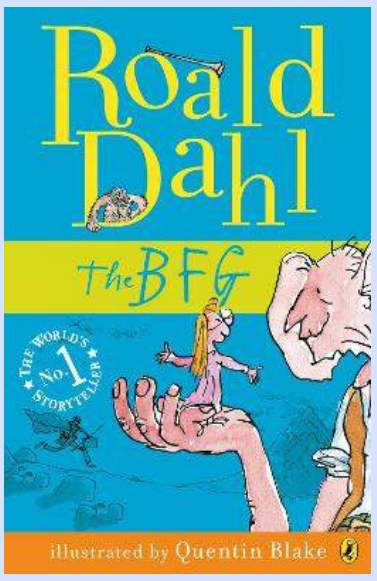
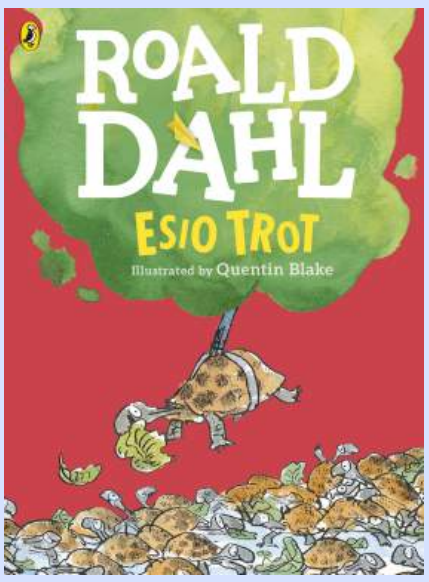
Isla (Year 3) would like to recommend: The BFG by Roald Dahl because she really likes Roald Dahl books and this book is full of giants, magic and fun.





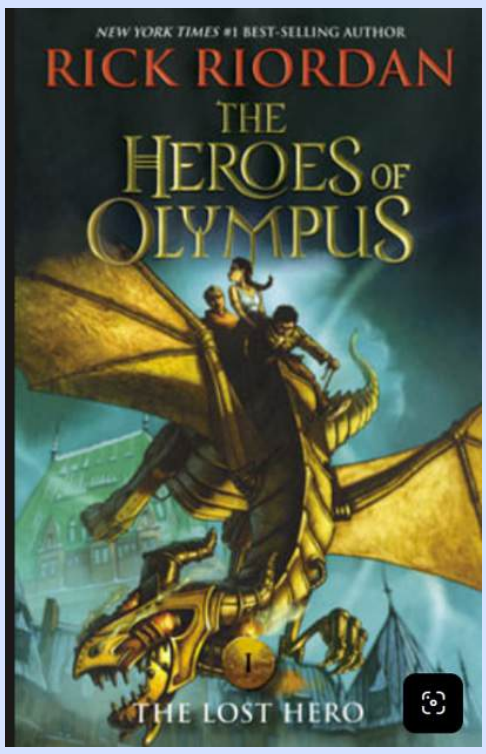
Salena (Year 4) would like to recommend: Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

"I really love tortoises and I find the characters fascinating."

Vincent (Year 5) would like to recommend: The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan.

“If you like Percy Jackson books you’ll enjoy this book. It’s a fantasy book set in modern day New York.

The main character is a demigod, who is the son of Zeus and he goes on a quest to find the lost hero, Percy Jackson.”



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears
Reception - Fox Class

We had a wonderful morning with our parents during our stay and play.

We made feathery birds, played with the playdough, the water and the trains. We even made them cups of tea in our home corner.















WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1 - Beaver Class

In gymnastics we were learning about different shapes, we then got creative and tried to make the first letter of our names using our bodies.

This week we have been developing our love for reading! Thea brought in her favourite book from home to recommend to us.









WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

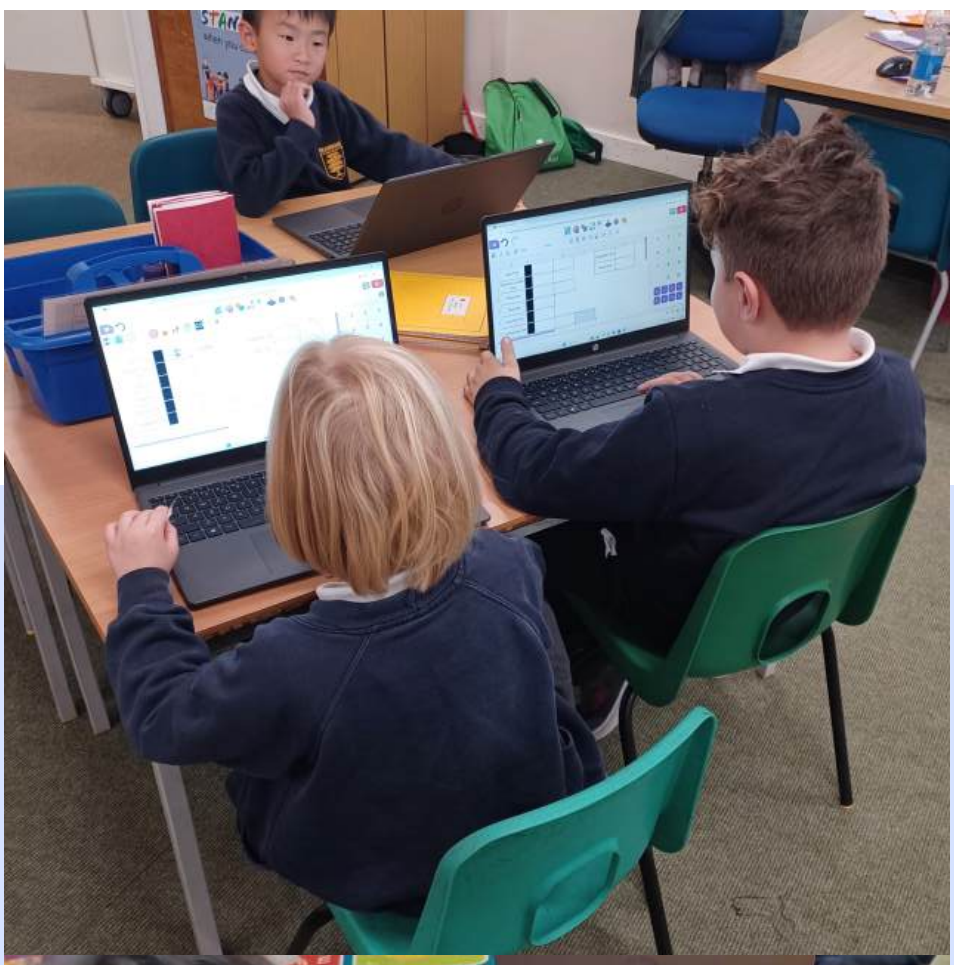


Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class

This week, year 2 have been learning about spreadsheets in computing.

We have been learning about how we can use a spreadsheet to count and add up for us.









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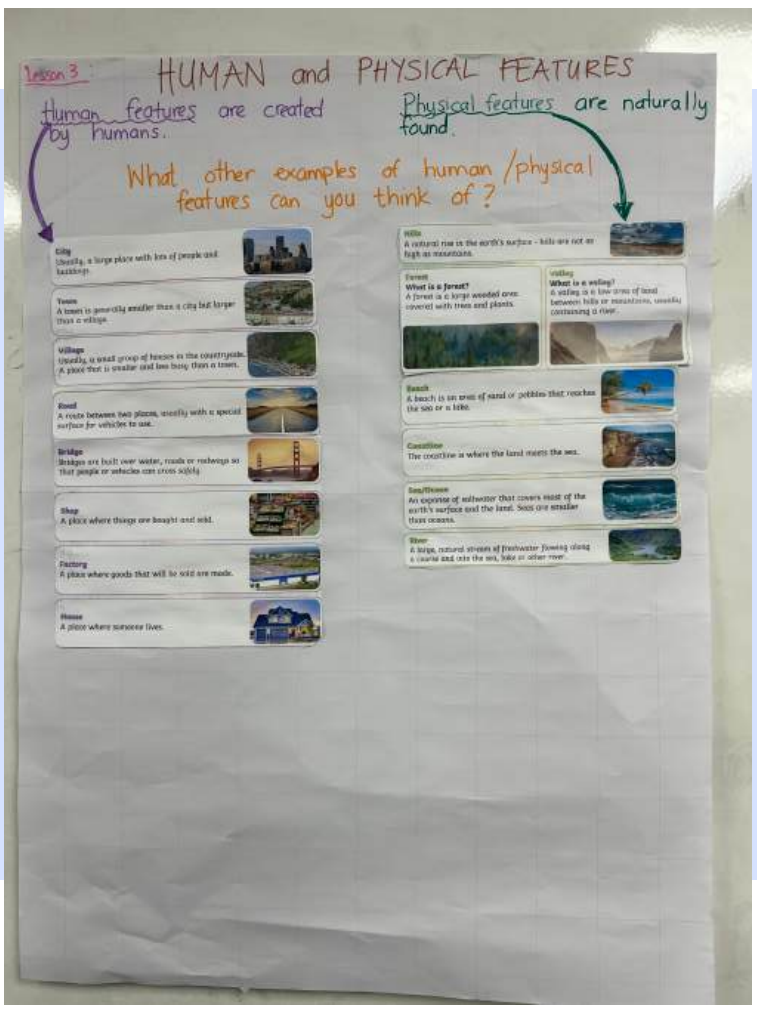
Year 3 - Red Kite Class

Red Kite have been thoroughly engaged in their new Geography topic, The United Kingdom, and have explored the human and physical features and looked at famous examples.

They have discussed the regions in England and learnt about the county we live in, Berkshire.





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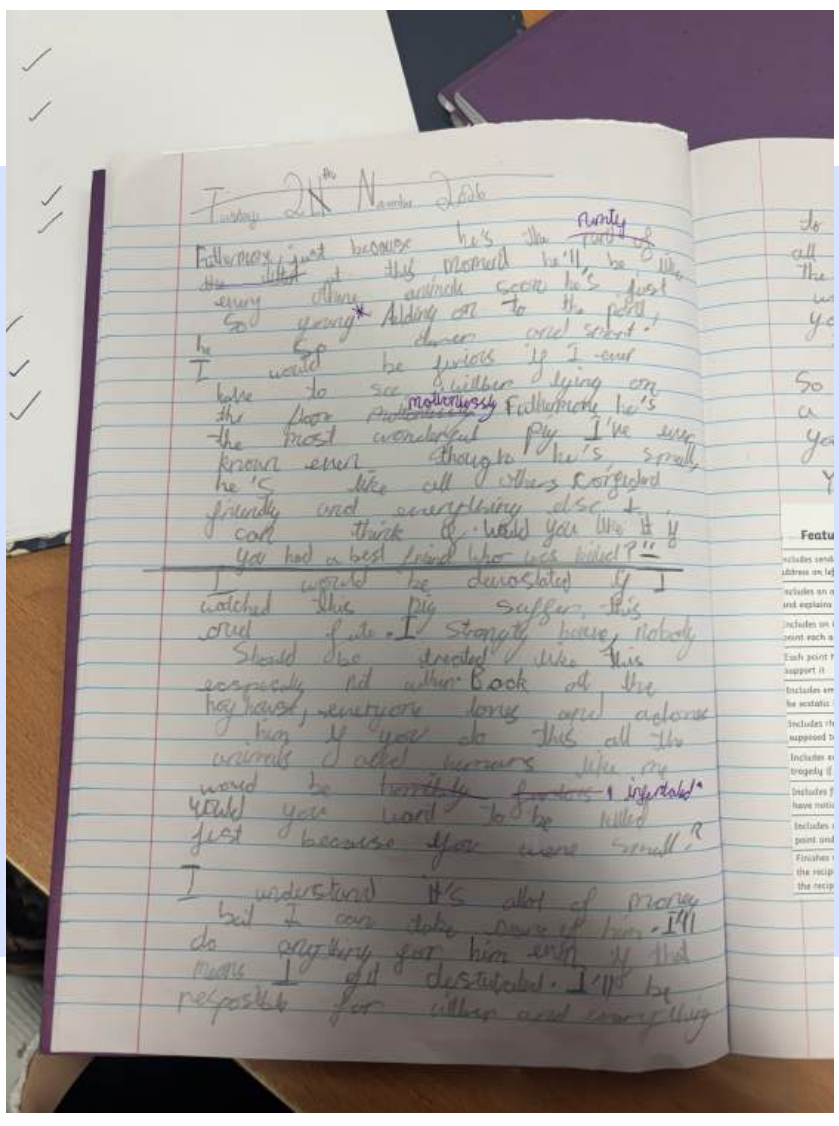
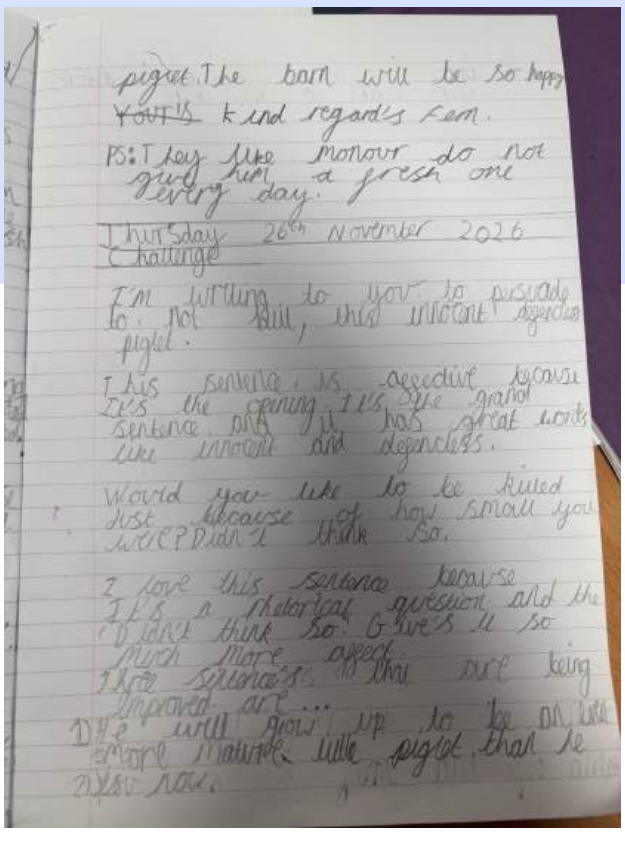
Year 4 - Hedgehog Class

This week, Mrs Weaver and Warner visited Hedgehog Class. The children behaved wonderfully around Warner and had the opportunity to give him strokes at the end of the day.

Hedgehog Class have also been working very hard on their persuasive writing-constructing a letter inspired by our English text 'Charlotte's Web'.






pigget. The barn will be so happy
~~Yours~~ kind regards from.
PS: I say like Honour do not
give him a fresh one
every day.
Thursday 26th November 2026
Challenge
I'm writing to you to persuade
to not kill, this innocent defenceless
piglet.
This sentence is effective because
it's the opening. It's the grabber
sentence and it has great words
like innocent and defenceless.
Would you like to be killed
just because of how small you
were? Didn't think so.
I love this sentence because
it's a rhetorical question and the
'Didn't think so' gives it so
much more effect this one being
three sentences.
He will grow up to be an even
more mature little piglet than he
is now.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 5 - Otter Class

Otters had a fantastic time at Winchester Science Museum on Monday. The day began with an exciting hands-on workshop where the children worked together to design a space satellite.

They investigated different materials and explored how they absorb or reflect heat, developing their understanding of how satellites are designed for space travel.

Later, we journeyed through the universe in the museum's impressive planetarium, discovering the planets of our solar system before venturing beyond the Milky Way to explore the vast wonders of space.

It was an inspiring day filled with curiosity, exploration and scientific discovery.













WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Year 6 had their trip and fossil workshop at the Winchester Science Museum on Monday.

There were lots of excited and curious faces as they watched the planetarium show, investigated ancient fossils and explored the many exhibitions across the centre!













