BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. I hope all our families had a fantastic half-term break with some quality, memory-building times.

Our PTA held an Annual General Meeting (AGM) this week, which Miss Amor also attended as staff member. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend.

Congratulations to our UKS2 hockey team who won their hockey tournament! They were each awarded with a medal and certificate. Thank you to Miss Davis for accompanying them, and to the parents for taking them to the event.

We are selling poppies for the Royal British Legion up until Wednesday 11th November, when we will have our special Remembrance assembly.

Friday 13th November is Children In Need day, please can children come into school wearing something spotty, in exchange for a monetary donation to support this worthy cause.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

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Reminders & Updates

Spencers Wood Update

Some of our staff have been busy looking at the proposed plans for the new school at Spencers Wood. We have been able to make suggestions, and we are currently putting together a wish list for the playground areas. If the move goes ahead, we want everything to be as brilliant as possible for our children.

We are of course aware that some families in our younger year groups have decided to move on. Please be assured that we will be remaining as a one-form-entry school. This is what the Local Authority wants, so if the proposal is agreed, we can move over to the new site with all our staff as an already complete one-form-entry school. This actually is a huge advantage for the families who remain with us, as our classes in the younger year groups are now close to private school sizes - so each child is getting even more attention at such an important stage of their educational career. This is even further enhanced by the fact that we have excellent teachers.

It may be of interest to parents to read this document from Wokingham Council, which has carried out an analysis of school places in the borough. It may help to give further information on the Council's reasoning for the proposal, and why the school sees this as the best option for us. Bearwood is in the Wokingham Town West area:

Wokingham Borough Council School Organisation Plan 2025 to 2030.pdf

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Children In Need Day - Friday 13th November

We would like to invite children to wear spotty clothes in exchange for a monetary donation, to support Children In Need, on Friday 13th November.

Children in Need supports charities, organisations and programmes right across the UK, all year round.

They fund projects that aim to improve the lives of children and young people by helping them rise beyond challenges caused by poverty, unequal chances, mental and physical health difficulties, and home lives that aren't safe or stable.

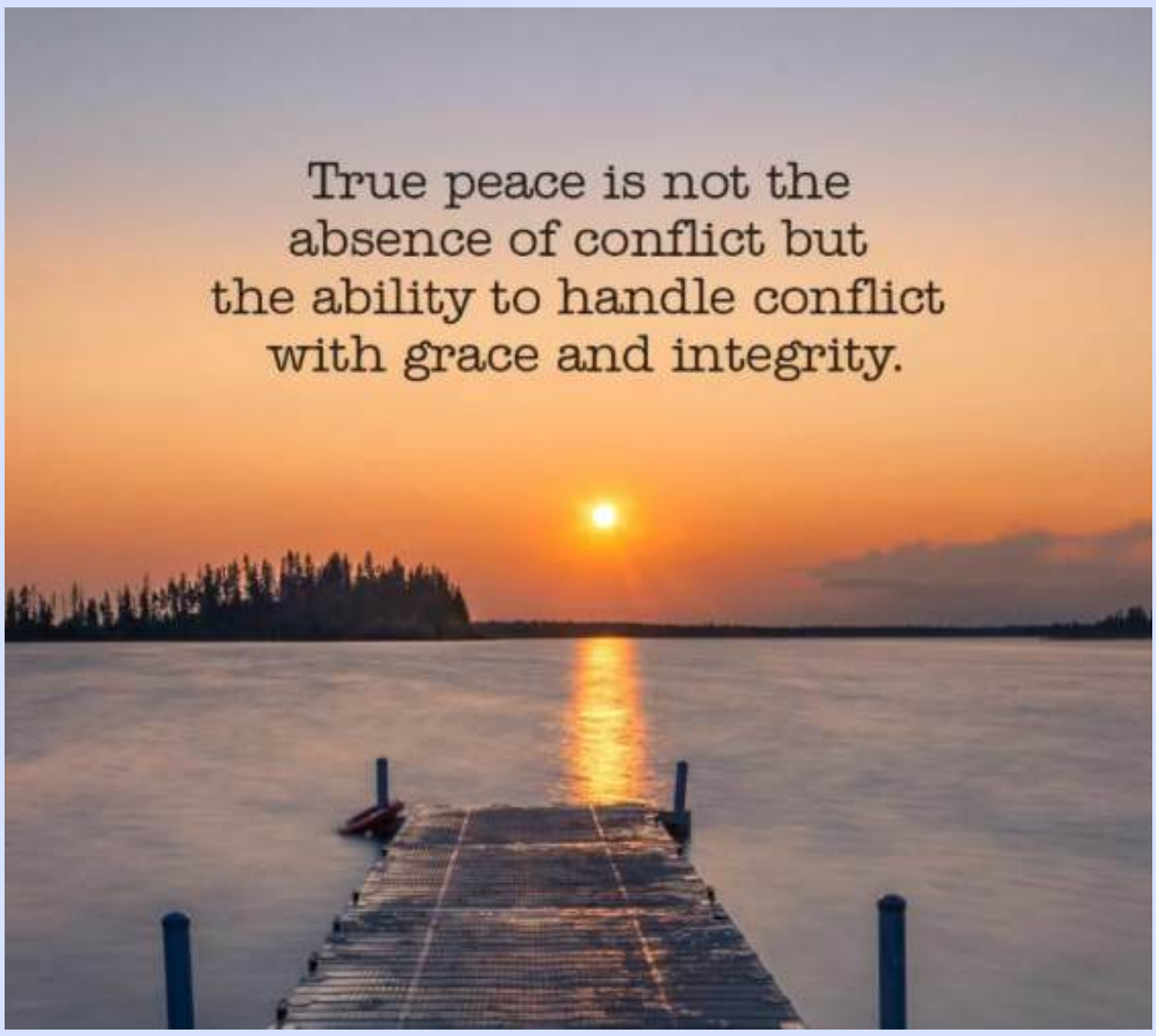
We look forward to seeing the children in their best spotty outfits next Friday, and thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

More information can be found at: **https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/**



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Value for the term - PEACE



Events

- **10th Nov -** Diwali assembly
- **11th Nov -** Remembrance assembly
- **11th-13th Nov -** Year 6 Bikeability
- **13th Nov -** Children In Need Day
- **Week Commencing 16th Nov -** Maths Week & Anti-Bullying Week
- **16th Nov -** Odd Socks Day
- **17th Nov -** Reverend Patrick and Bishop Mary - special assembly
- **19th Nov -** 9am Maths morning for parents
- **27th Nov -** 9am prospective parents school tour
- **7th Dec -** EYFS Nativity dress rehearsal to school
- **8th Dec -** 9am EYFS Nativity performance to parents
- **9th Dec -** Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- **11th Dec -** School Choir at Mayor's Carol Concert rehearsal

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award

- **Beaver Class** - Siarla, for always having a fantastic attitude towards all your learning
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Tivisha, for her positive, smiley attitude and being a good friend
- **Red Kite Class** - Kayla, for showing fantastic resilience in everything she does
- **Hedgehog Class** - Elijah, for an excellent attitude towards school life and showing curiosity
- **Otter Class** - Alondra, for always having an excellent attitude towards her work
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Thomas, for excellent attitude all week, particularly with long division



PE Award

- **Beaver Class** - Thea and Blanka, for using great teamwork to complete challenges
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Gracie, for great knowledge of gymnastics poses: dish, front support and back support
- **Red Kite Class** - No sports award this week
- **Hedgehog Class** - Arlo, for a fantastic effort during swimming and persevering when it was tough
- **Otter Class** - Jaibir, for showing great dribbling skills in hockey
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Oliver, for great participation with his team in hockey



Writer of the week

- **Lower Phase** - Ethan, for great use of adjectives in his recount of his half term
- **Middle Phase** - Jasmin, for super ideas and understanding of character tone
- **Upper Phase** - Chioma, for great understanding of cohesion in biographies

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)

On our Inset day on Monday, all the teachers and LSAs took part in Team Teach training. For some of us it was a refresher course and for others something new.

Team Teach is about understanding & supporting children's behaviour and developing a toolbox of positive behaviour strategies.

Part of the training focused on supporting our SEND / neurodivergent children (e.g. children with autism / ADHD) and recognising that 'all behaviour is communication'.

One key idea was teaching children strategies to support their own emotional regulation. This links to the work we did last year with the PINS Project and our children are supported to use the class calm corner and mindful breathing techniques.

The training also emphasised the importance of having high expectations and clear boundaries but responding to children as individuals. This fits with Bearwood's therapeutic behaviour policy.

As an example, we understand that one child may need to reflect on their behaviour immediately after an incident whereas another child will need Widgit symbols to help them understand what happened and reflect.



If you have concerns about your child's behaviour at home or school, you can make a referral to the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). My next meeting with our link practitioner, Rachael Neville, will be on **26th November**. Let me know if you would like me to discuss your child at the meeting to see if the team can help.

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WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...





Nursery - Brown Bears
Reception - Fox Class

Happy Diwali!

This week we have been learning about and celebrating Diwali-the festival of lights.

Mrs Kaur from Year 2 came to talk to the children and we found out all the lovely ways families celebrate this festival together.

We have made our own Diya lamps, Rangoli patterns and some delicious coconut barfi.











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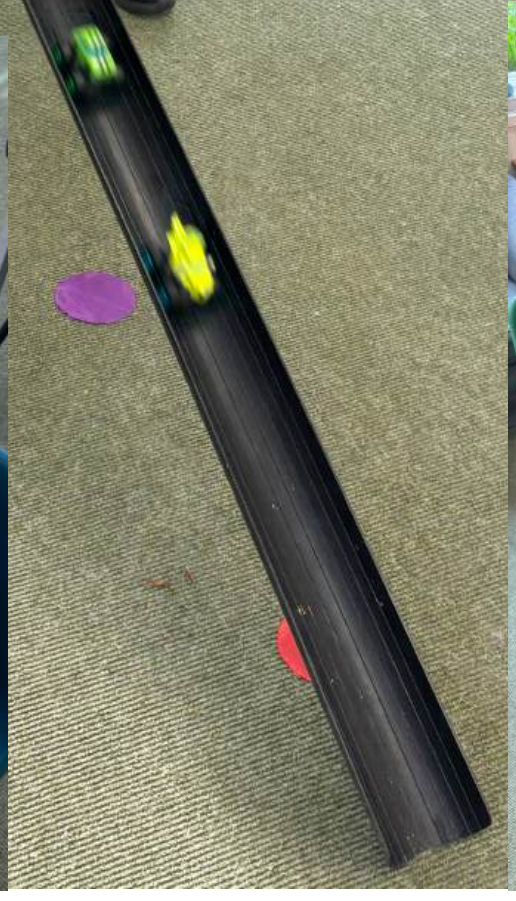
Year 1 - Beaver Class

This week in Maths we have been comparing distance, mass and height, we used cars, Lego and other resources to help us.

Throughout the week we have also been comparing groups and introducing '<, > and ='.









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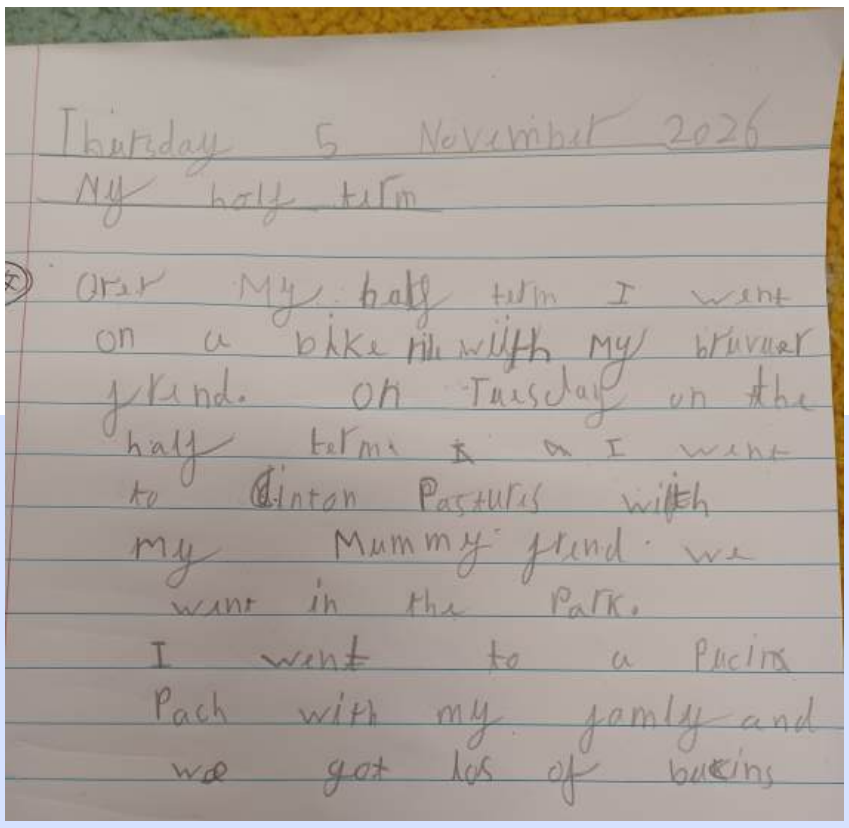
Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class

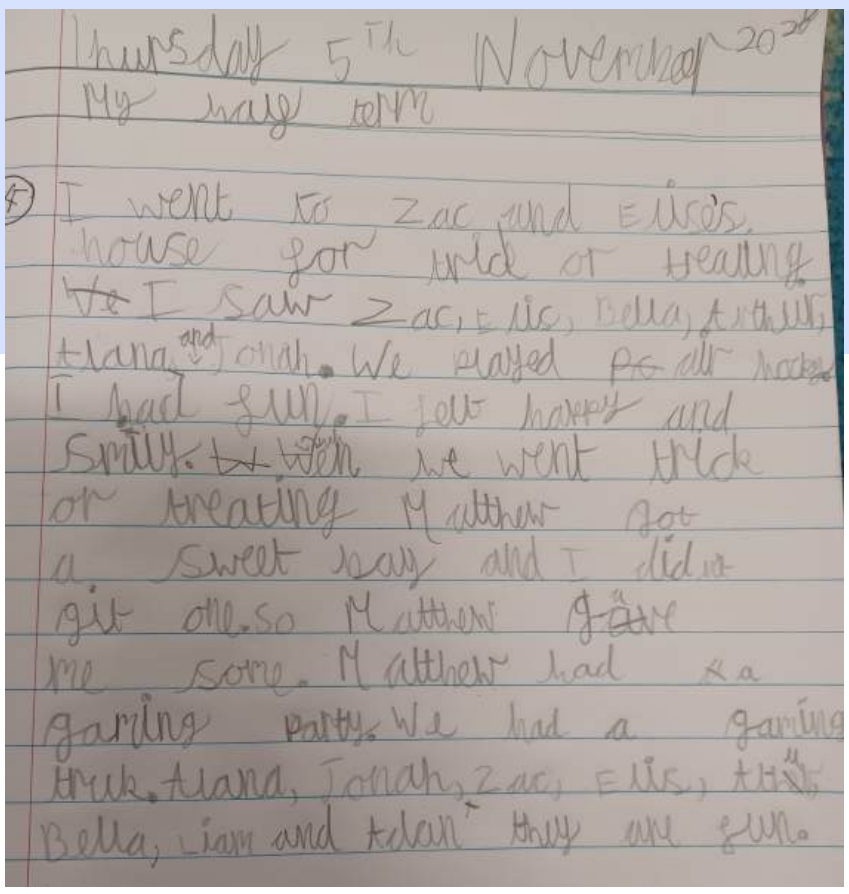


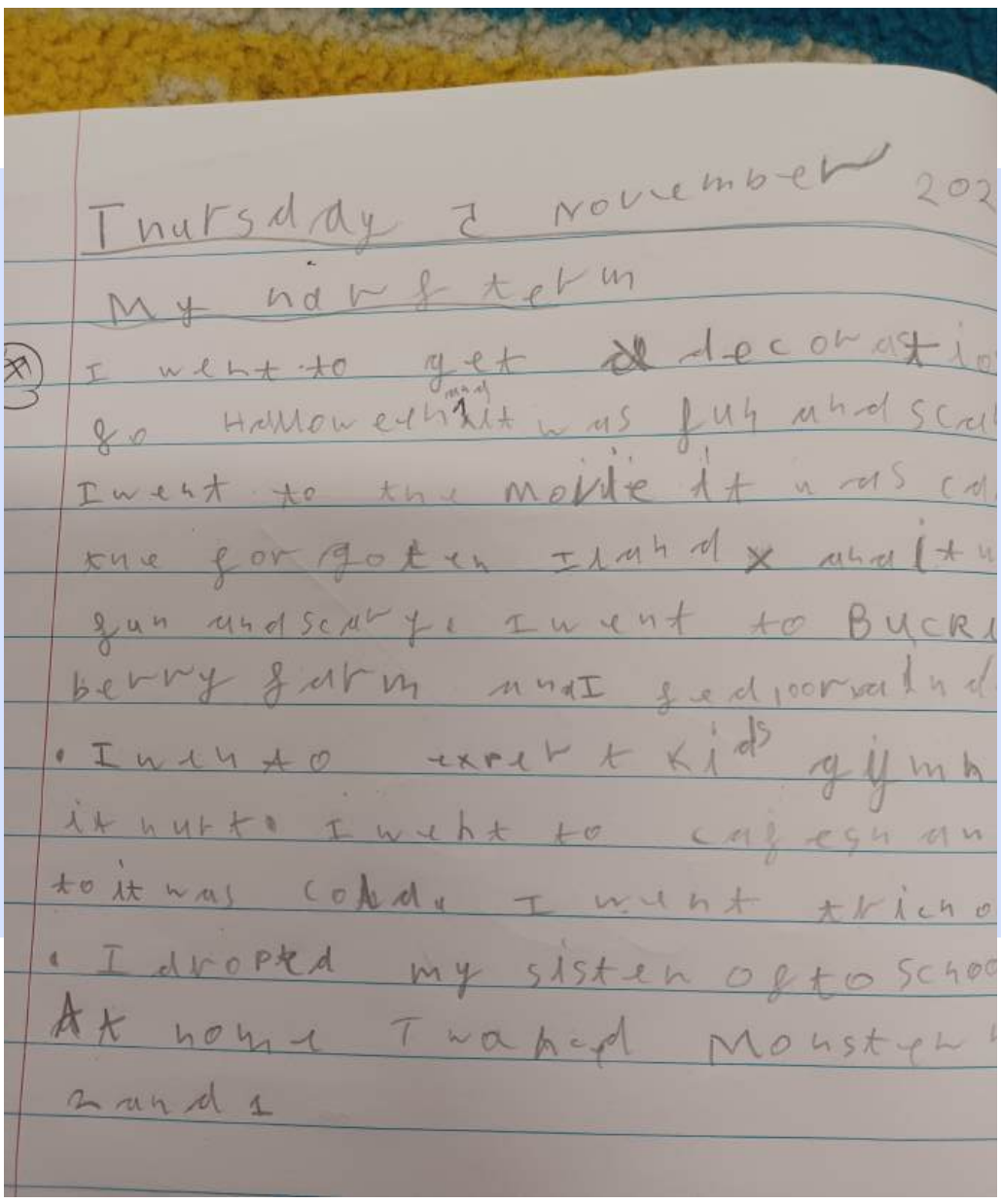
This week we have been writing about our half term break.

We've been focused on adding lots of **exciting** adjectives to describe the fun we had on our **relaxing** break.

We've all found out about the **spooky** and **fantastic** events we got up to while we were away from our **lovely** school.







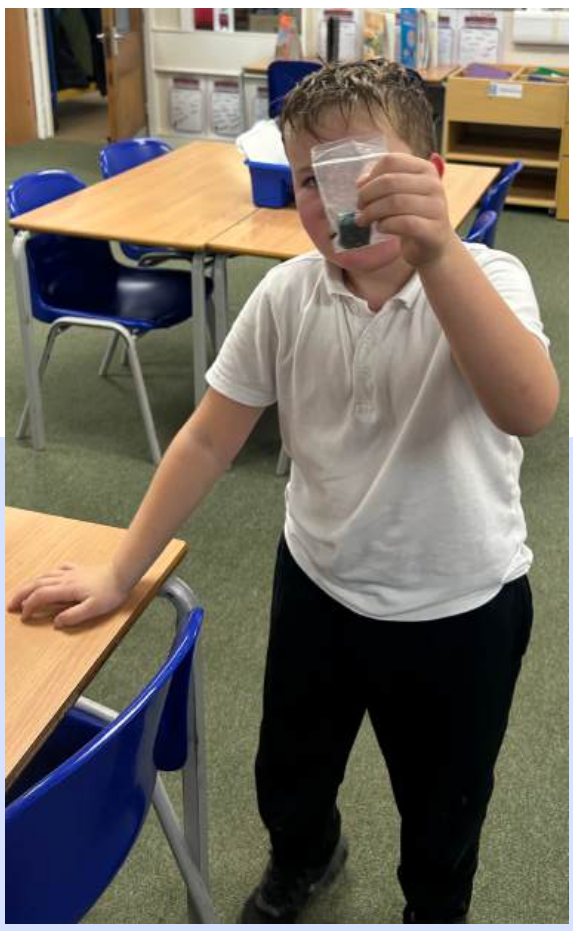
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Year 3 - Red Kite Class

To conclude our ‘Rocks’ topic, the children were very excited to know that there was another set of wonderful rocks and fossils to look at and explore.

They enjoyed working out which type of rock they were holding and predicting what impression of a once-living thing was imprinted in each fossil.











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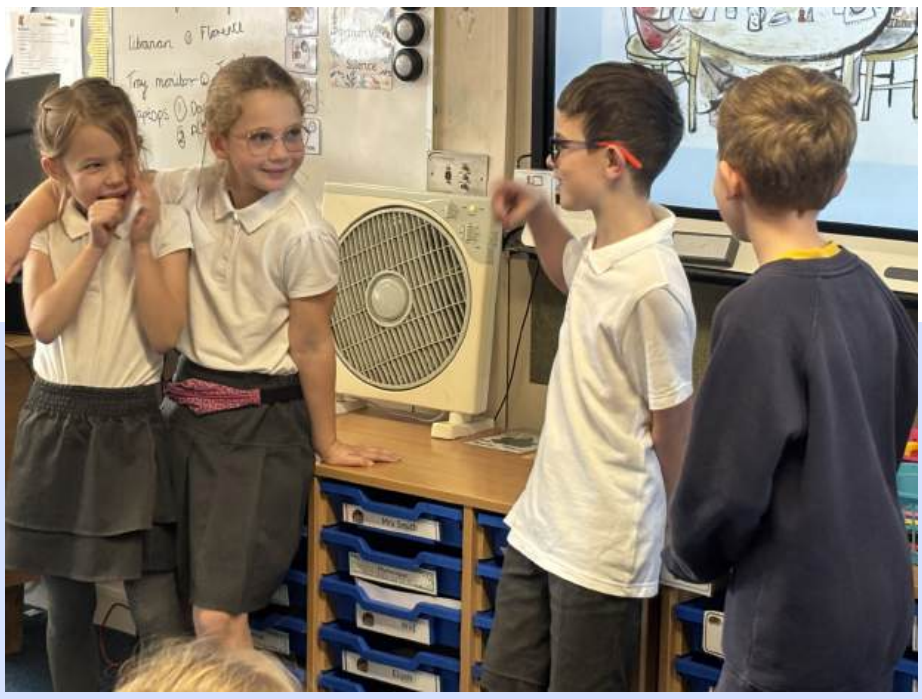


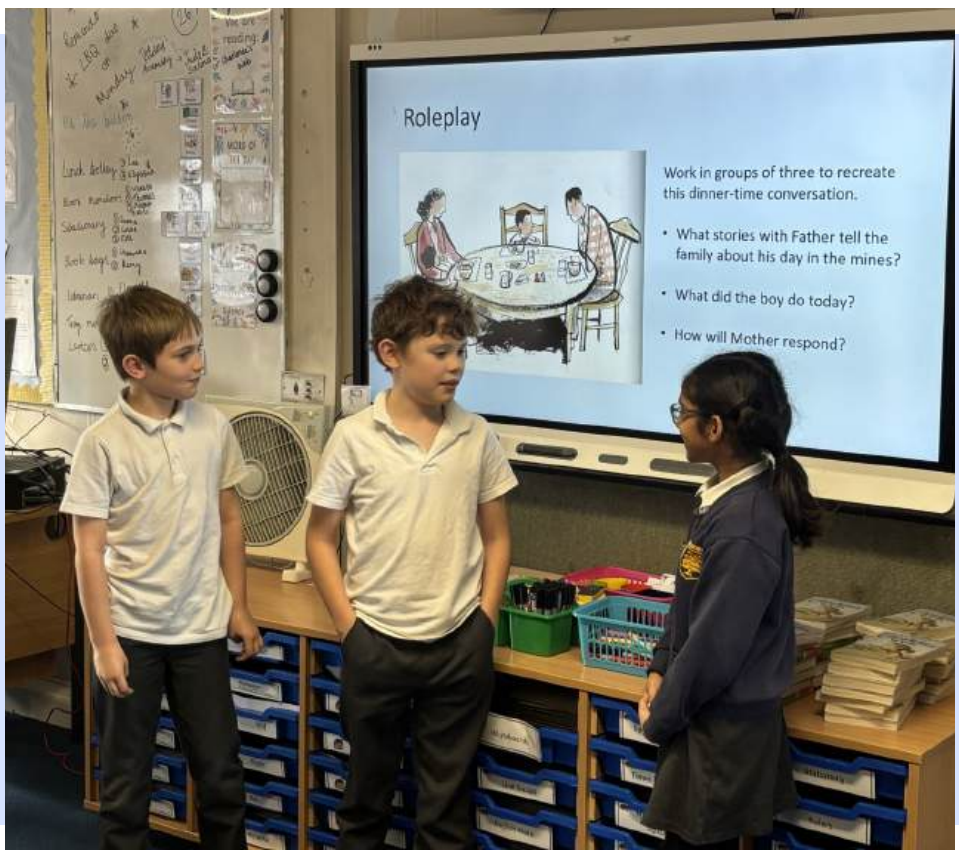
Year 4 - Hedgehog Class

This week, Hedgehog Class have been learning about character voice and emotive language.

We have explored this by using roleplay and hot-seating.

The children had to imagine they were different characters and predict how they might be thinking and feeling.







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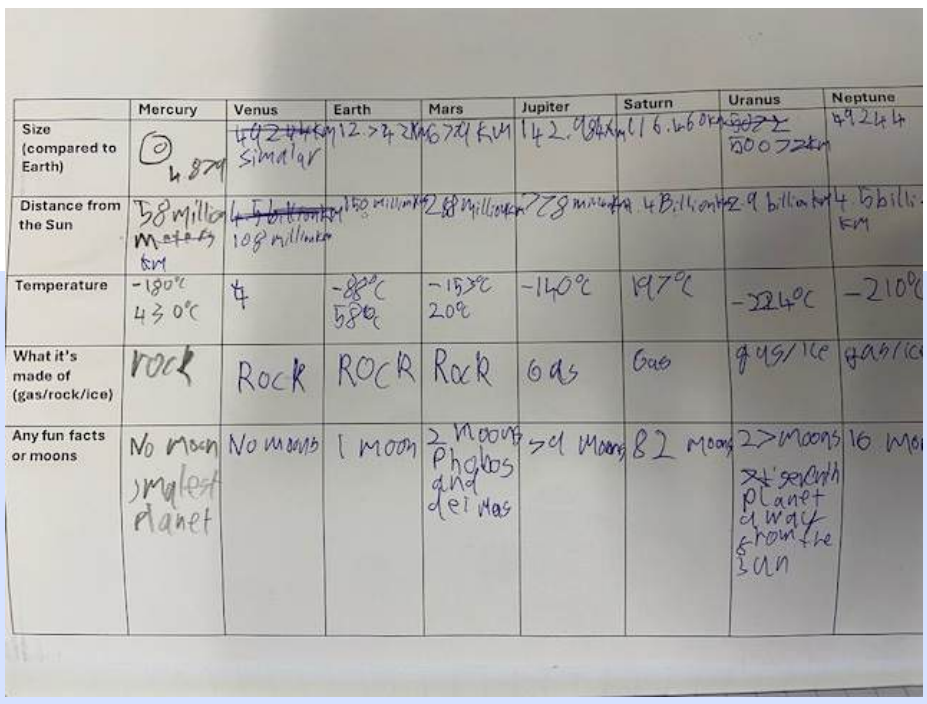


Year 5 - Otter Class

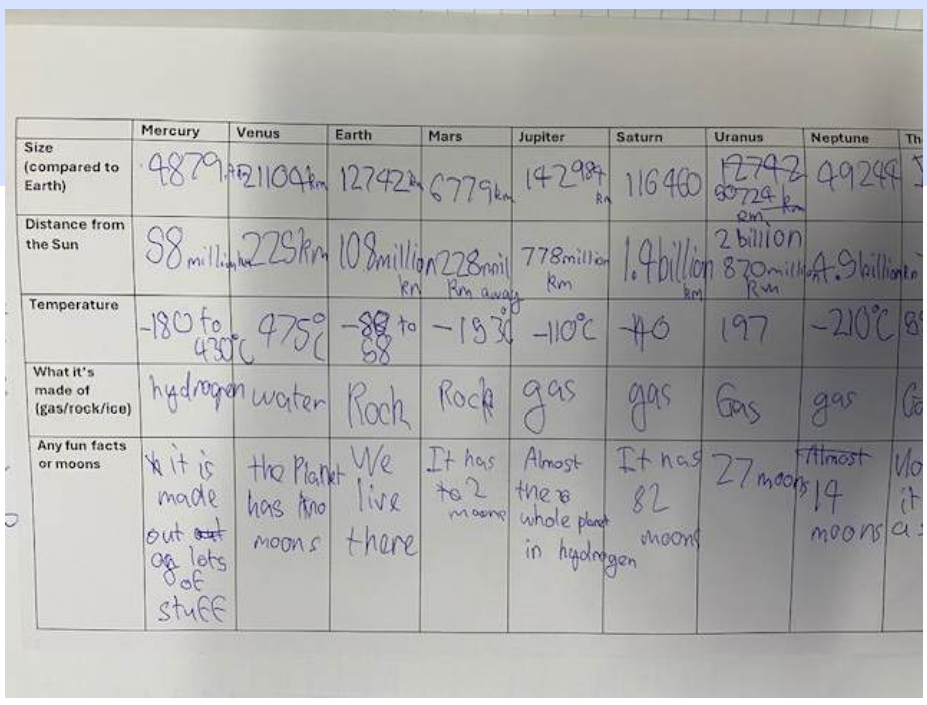
This week we began our science topic on Earth and Space.

We have been learning the order of the planets from the Sun and facts about each of the planets.





	Mercury	Venus	Earth	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
Size (compared to Earth)	4879	similar	12,742km	6779km	142,984km	116,460	50,724km	49,244
Distance from the Sun	58 million km	108 million km	150 million km	228 million km	778 million km	1.4 billion km	2 billion 870 million km	4.5 billion km
Temperature	-180°c 430°c	475°c	-88°c to 58°c	-153°c 20°c	-110°c	-140°c	197°c	-210°c
What it's made of (gas/rock/ice)	rock	Rock	ROCK	Rock	gas	Gas	gas/ice	gas/ice
Any fun facts or moons	No moons smallest planet	No moons	1 moon	2 moons Phobos and Deimos	>61 moons	82 moons	27 moons 7th planet away from the Sun	14 moons



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Size (compared to Earth)	4879km	12104km	12742km	6779km	142984km	116460	50724km	49244
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Temperature	-180 to 430°C	475°C	-88 to 58	-153°C	-110°C	140	197	-210°C
What it's made of (gas/rock/ice)	hydrogen	water	Rock	Rock	gas	gas	Gas	gas
Any fun facts or moons	it is made out of lots of stuff	the Planet has two moons	We live there	It has to 2 moons	Almost the whole planet is hydrogen	It has 82 moons	27 moons	Almost 14 moons

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children went to Sonning Hockey Club to compete in a Quick Stix tournament organised by School Games.

All of the children played incredibly well and won the tournament!

The were undefeated in all the games they played, only letting in 1 goal during the whole tournament.

A huge thank you to all the parents and family members that came along to cheer the children on in the cold, and of course to Miss Davis too for accompanying our champions!

