BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 20th November 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

We have had another very eventful week! Nationally, it is Anti-Bullying Week and Maths Week - so we have been extremely busy.

Thank you to everyone who wore their odd socks on Monday to symbolise that we are all different and all equal. The children also heard how the theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Break the Silence'. You can find a useful Parent & Carer pack from the Anti-Bullying Alliance here: Parent and carer pack

Children have been engrossed in their mathematical problem solving this week. Thank you to parents who attended our Maths Morning, giving you a chance to see how we teach maths at Bearwood, and the philosophy underpinning our approach. I hope you found it informative. I must say, the parents of Hedgehog Class were kept on their toes with a times tables competition against the children - which I believe the children won!! Thank you to all the teachers, and especially to Mr Marshall as our Maths Subject Leader.

We had a very special visit from the Bishop of Reading, Bishop Mary, and Reverend Patrick from St Catherine's Church. They saw the children's Tree of Hope displayed in the hall; delivered a special assembly; and took a tour of the school. Bishop Mary said she was very impressed by the excellent behaviour of the children, and the high-quality questions they asked her in the assembly.

Do have a lovely weekend.

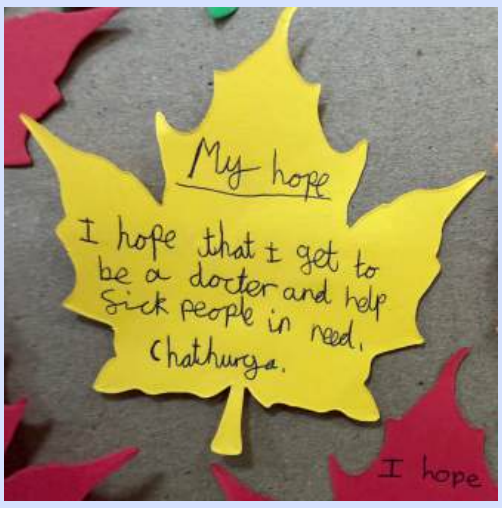
Best wishes

Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

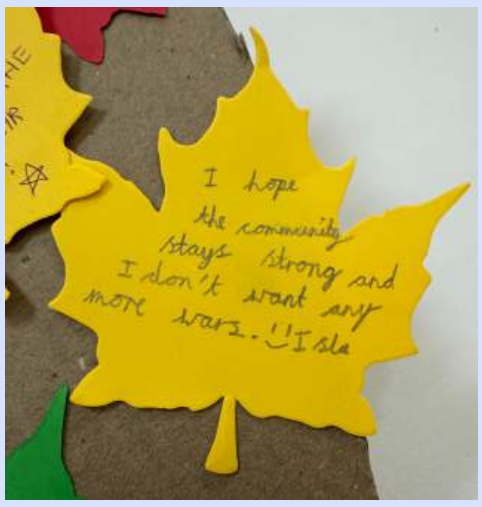
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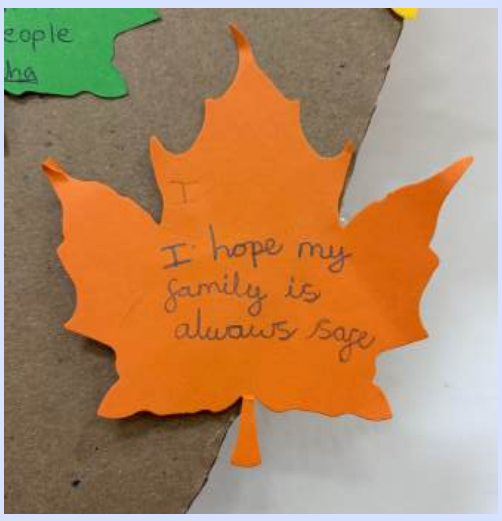
Bearwood Tree of Hope

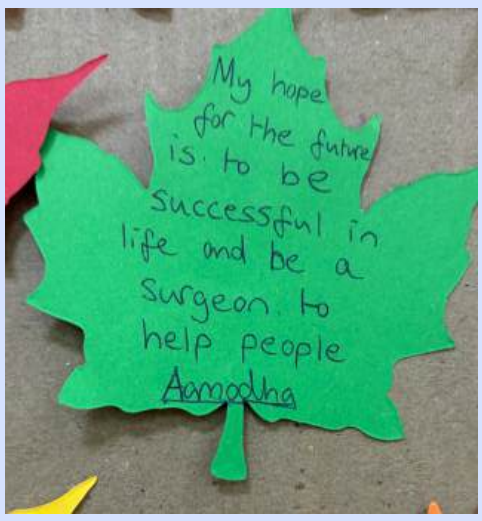
Every child from Year One to Year Six recorded their hope on a leaf that was added to the Bearwood Tree of Hope.

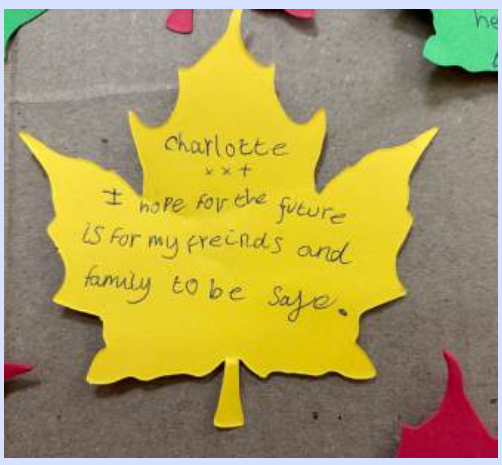




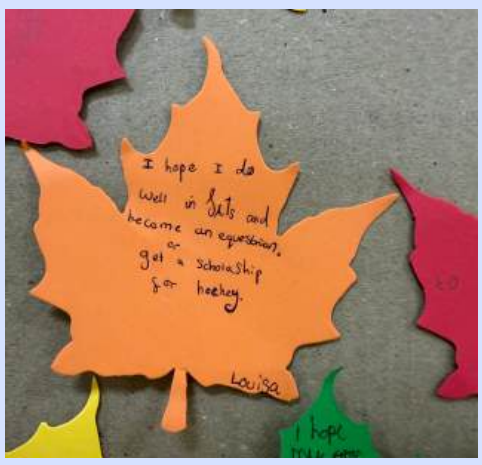
















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Bishop Mary & Reverend Patrick - special assembly

We were honoured to receive a visit from the Bishop of Reading, Bishop Mary and Reverend Patrick from St Catherine's Church. Our choir sang beautifully too.











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Maths Week

All the children have enjoyed taking part in Maths Week.
Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Maths Morning on Thursday.

















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Reminders & Updates

Spencers Wood Proposal Update

The Bearwood Primary School / Spencers Wood Public Consultation has started.
There will be 2 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.

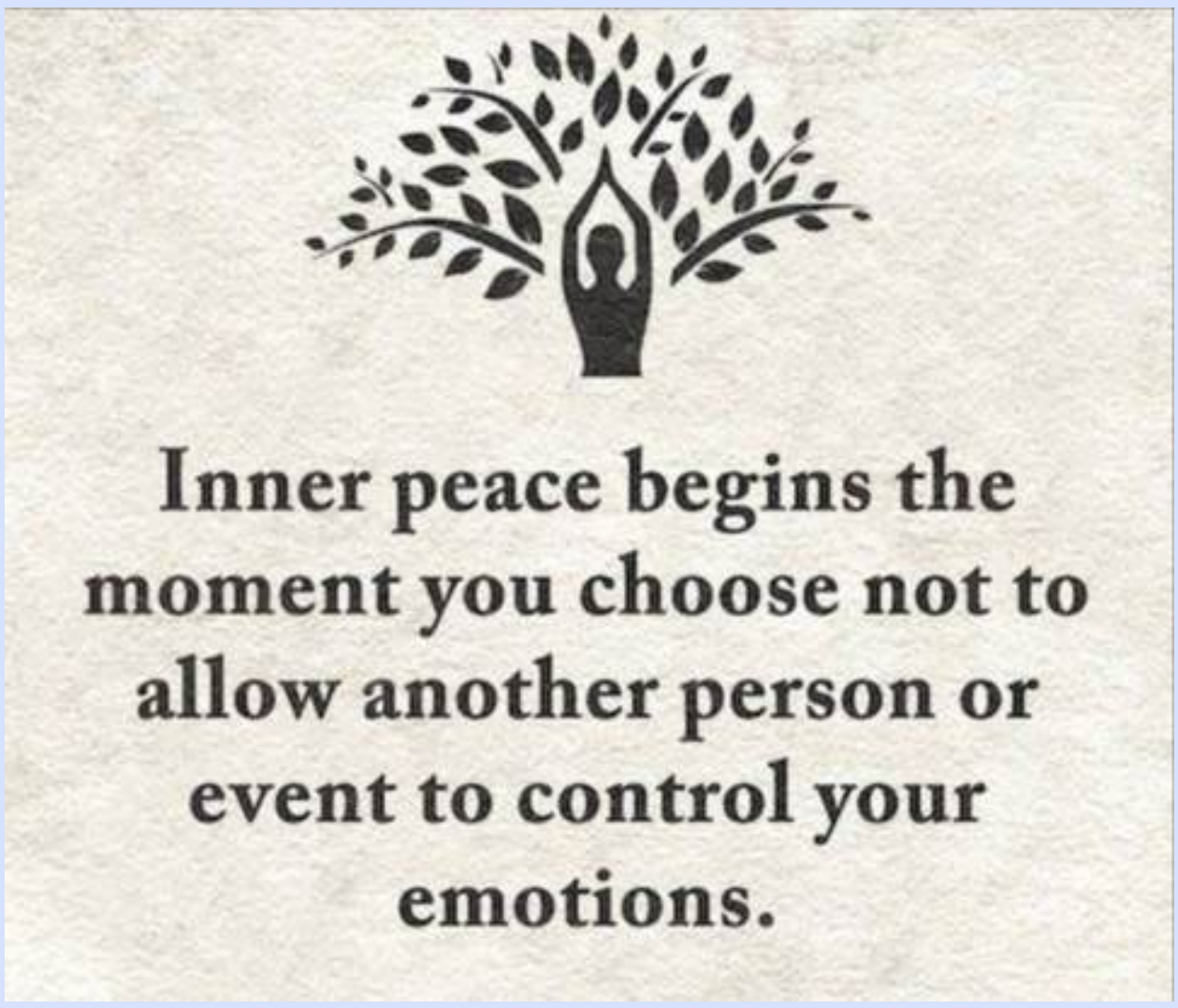


Christmas Lunch - 9th December
Please order your child's Christmas Lunch via the School Grid website, by Friday 27th November

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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Value for the term - PEACE



Events

- **23rd Nov -** Years 5 & 6 trip to Winchester Science Centre
- **24th Nov -** 9am-9:45am EYFS Stay and Play
- **26th Nov -** Road Safety assembly by Volker Highways
- **27th Nov -** 9:30am prospective parents school tour
- **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
- **9th Dec -** Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- **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
- **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

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



Aamodha performed Bharatanatyam (Indian classical dance) last Saturday.

She danced with such grace, confidence and dedication, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and hard work she has put into her dance.

Well done, Aamodha! Keep dancing and shining! 🌟❤️

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

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award

- **Beaver Class** - Joshua, for a brilliant attitude to your work - especially your writing!
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Lucas N, for his focus and positive mindset in class
- **Red Kite Class** - Charlotte, for her fantastic attitude in all aspects of school life
- **Hedgehog Class** - Labiba, for being kind, positive and helpful around the classroom
- **Otter Class** - Kiana, for having a great attitude to her maths learning and showing independence
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Toby B, for amazing effort in reading and writing this week - always improving!



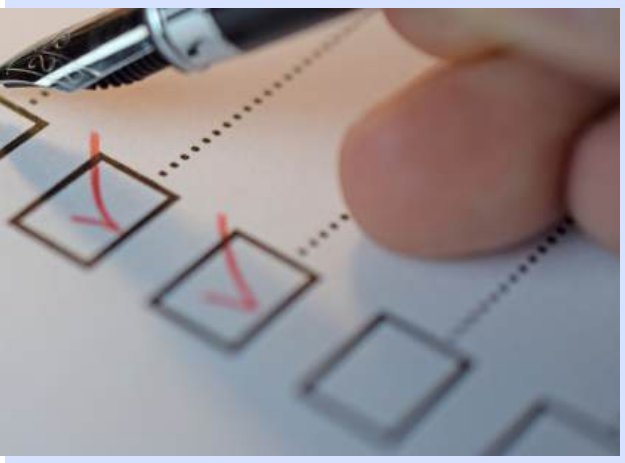
PE Award

- **Beaver Class** - Riyanshi, for lovely travelling in gymnastics
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Albie, for his great team work in our team building activities
- **Red Kite Class** - Wayne, for having good control when in possession of the ball in hockey
- **Hedgehog Class** - Remy, for his excellent effort in hockey
- **Otter Class** - Chathurya, for showing creativity on the gym equipment when making shapes and balances
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Shrayaan, for excellent attitude and teamwork in every PE lesson



Writer of the week

- **Lower Phase** - Ava, for great use of adjectives in her writing this week
- **Middle Phase** - Dana Rose, for her fantastic expanded noun phrases and similies
- **Upper Phase** - Connie, for her excellent biography - you are really progressing with your writing!



Attendance this week

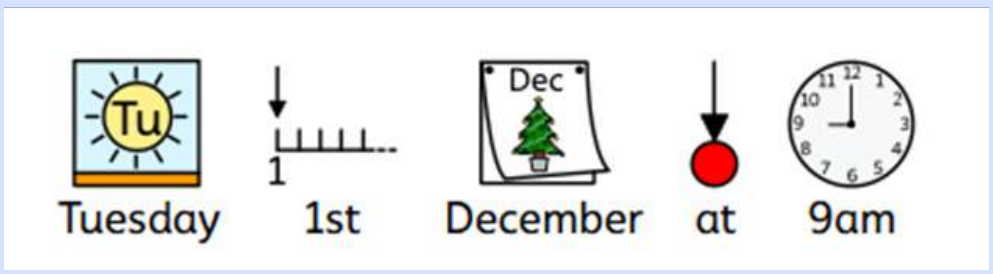
- Brown Bears - 98.7%
- Fox Class - 97.5%
- Beaver Class - 92.8%
- Red Squirrel Class - 91.7%
- Red Kite Class - 98.3%
- Hedgehog Class - 97.8%
- Otter Class - 96.8%
- Grey Wolf Class - 97.9%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)





Gail Bushell, from the Red Kite Family Hub, has been invited to our Inclusion coffee morning.

She will talk about the Wokingham family hubs and what support they can offer.

We look forward to welcoming you on **Tuesday 1st December at 9am**.

Please join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears
Reception - Fox Class

This week we have celebrated Odd Socks Day, shared our Maths learning with our wonderful families , made rockets and finished the week with a picnic on the moon.















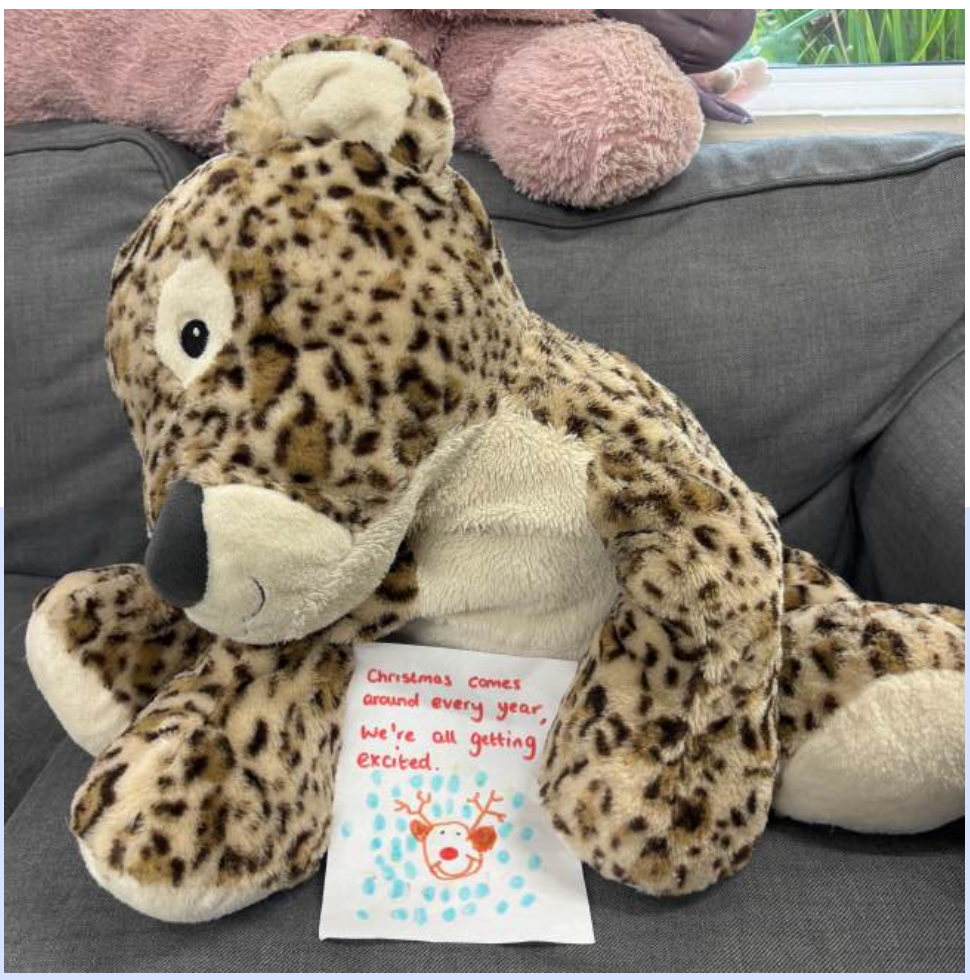
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Year 1 - Beaver Class

This week in History we were learning about the history of our school. We looked back at photo albums and admission registers from 90 years ago! We then went on a walk to look at the original school building that was built in 1847 and tried to draw it ourselves.

We also started learning the songs for our Christmas play, with some support from a special helper in our class.









WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class

Year 2 have been enjoying our free reading time.

We love getting the opportunity to read together, choose our own books and share what we love about our amazing stories.

Some of us even chose to read our scripts to get ready for our play.











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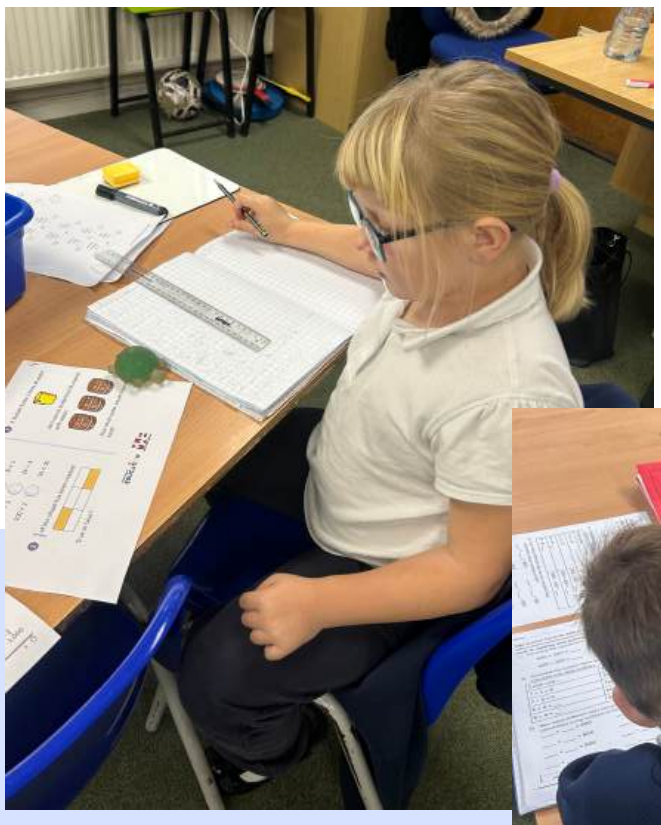
Year 3 - Red Kite Class

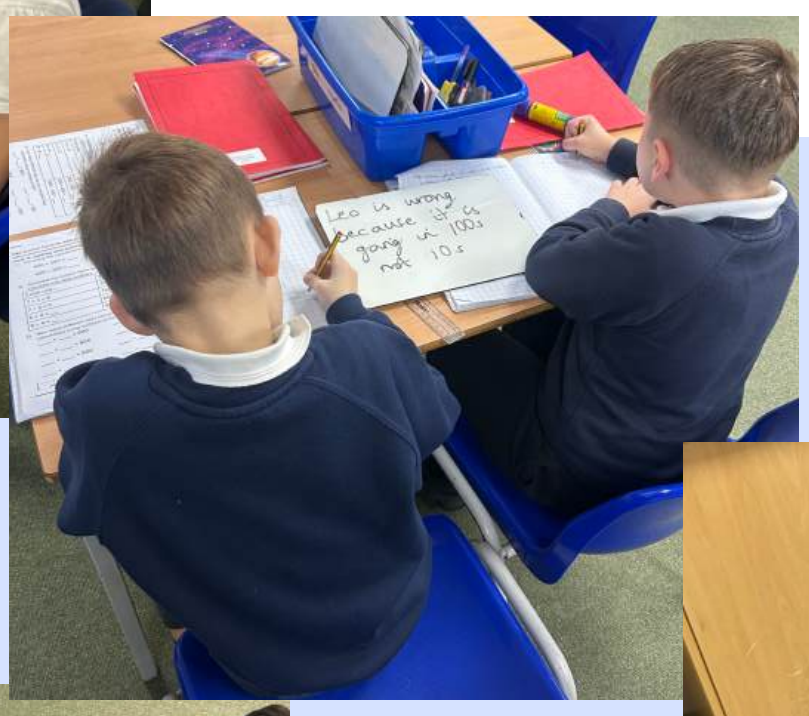


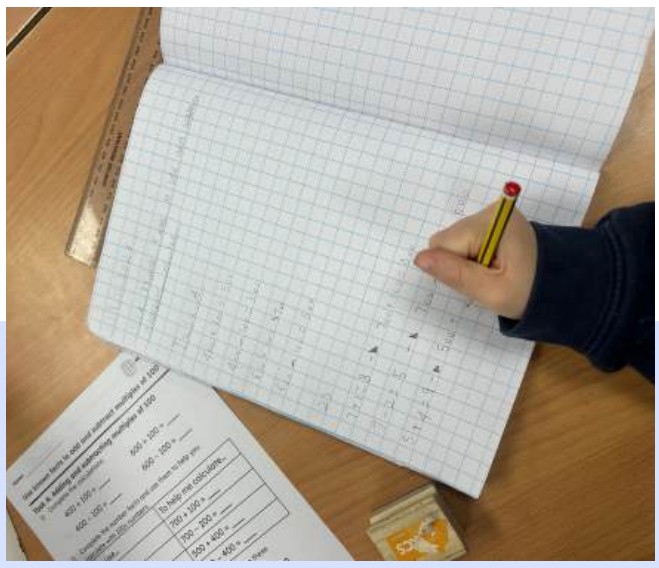
Red Kite Class had a fantastic maths lesson following yesterday’s parents' morning!

The children loved welcoming their parents into the classroom to show off what they have been learning.

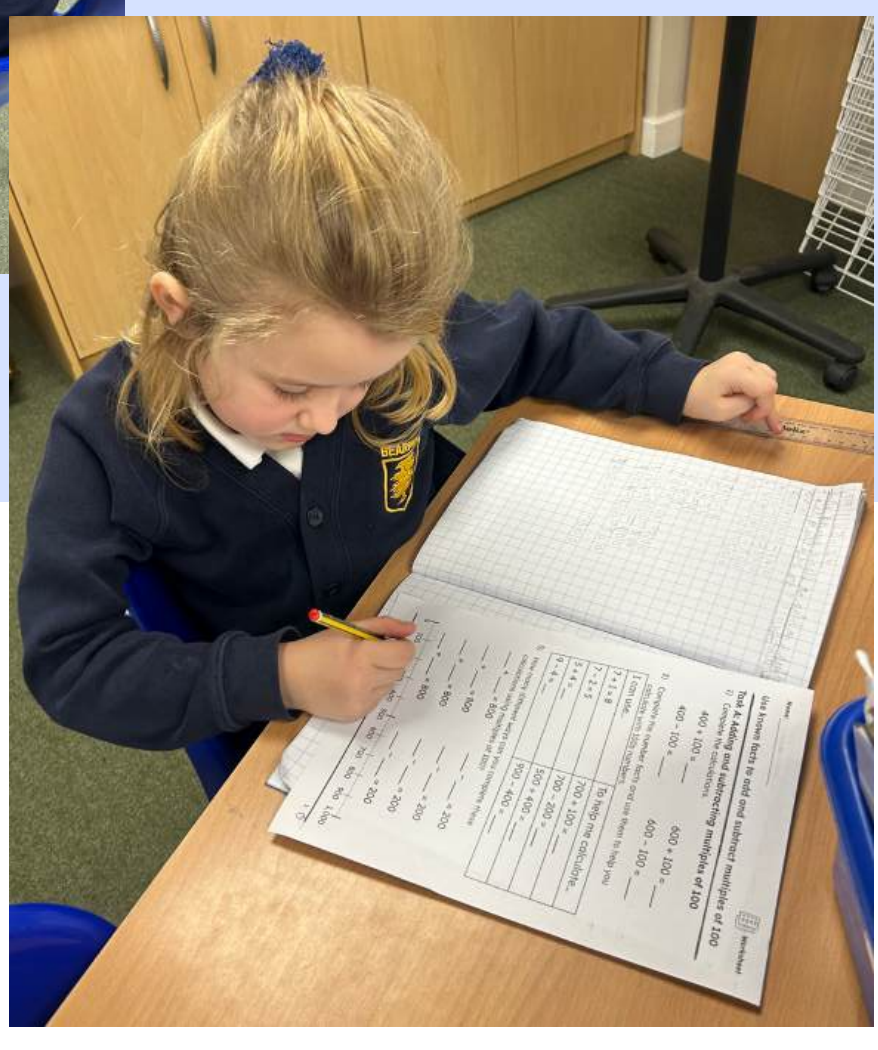
Even after everyone left, the class kept up that super energy and showed wonderful effort throughout the lesson—I was so impressed.











WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 4 - Hedgehog Class

This week, Hedgehog Class have been exploring the production of bread in DT.

They had a go at making focaccia linking back to our Geography topic, Milan and Winnersh.

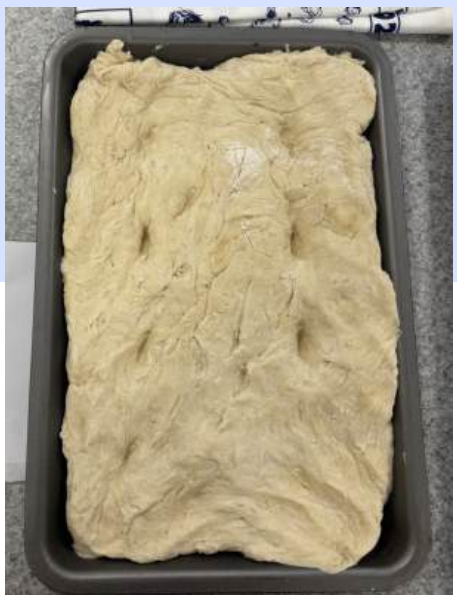
The children practised food preparation techniques such as measuring, kneading, proofing and baking.









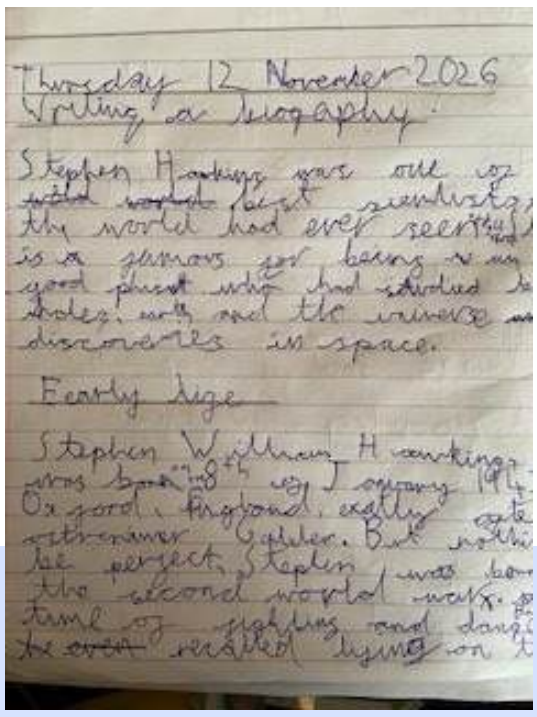


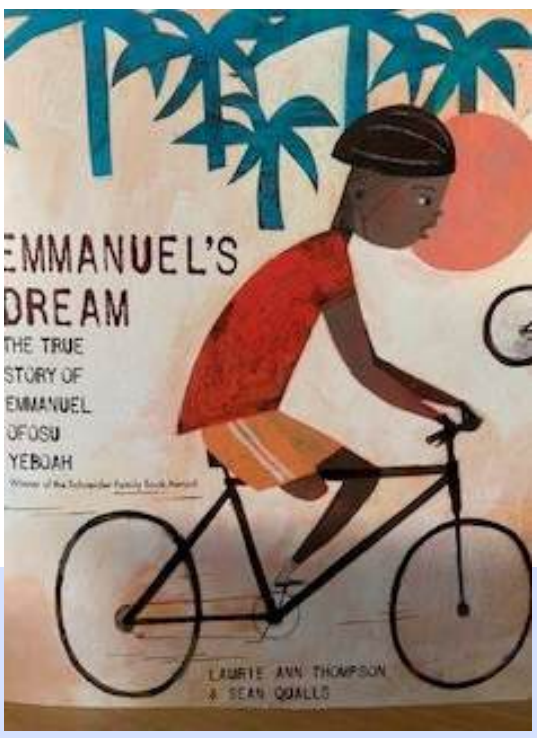
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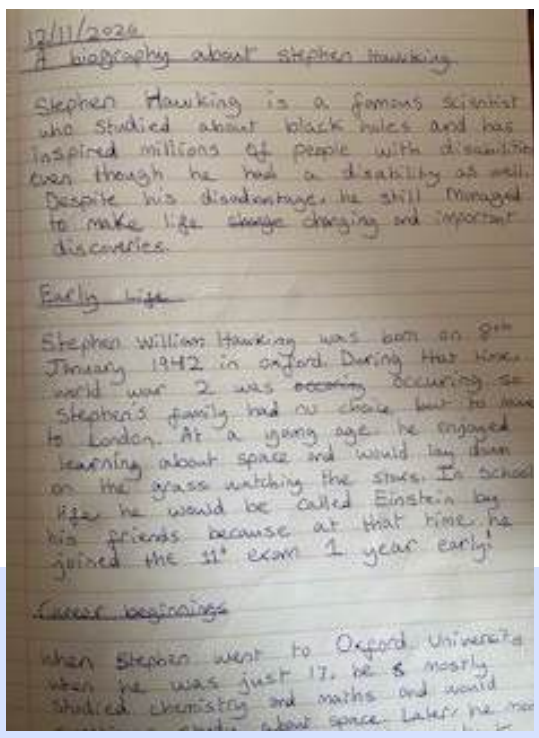


Year 5 - Otter Class

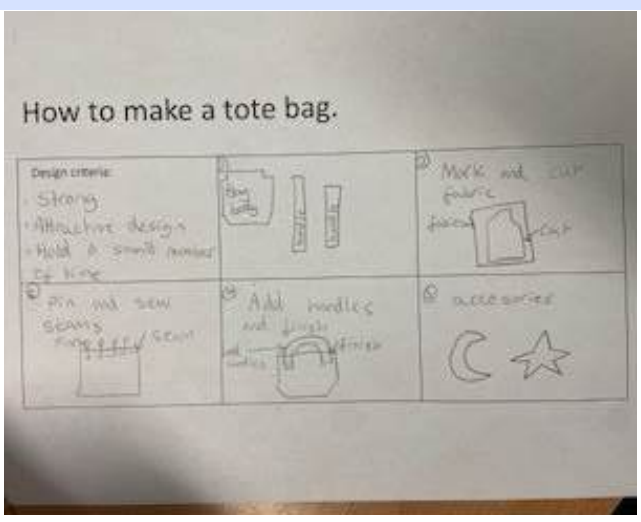
Last week Otter class were busy writing biographies. We began by reading about Emmanuel Yeboah's life, an amazing man who has shown resilience despite having a disability. We then went on to research Stephen Hawking and wrote our own biographies about him with all the text features.



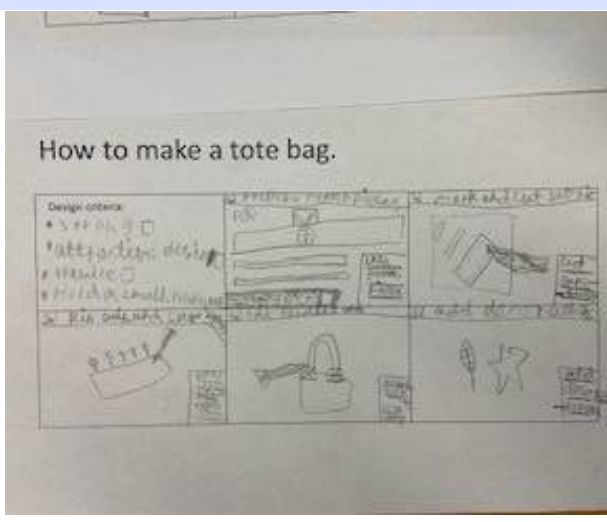




This week, Otters have been designing and planning tote bags that we will be making in a couple of weeks. We have looked at different styles of bags and discussed how functional they are, as well as design. Children have made their own designs, with product criteria in mind. We have then thought about all the stages that will be needed and next week we will be looking at and practising different types of stitching.







WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Year 6 have been bringing in some incredible examples of homework which have supported linking their learning in class - including our science learning on inheritance and evolution, writing biographies and history of Ancient Greece.

Fantastic work - keep it coming!

