



Dear Families

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We are so fortunate to have the Literature Festival within walking distance as this has meant every class has attended this year. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from the children and teachers, it was lovely to hear that some of our children were highlighted for being attentive and super organised on their visit!

Thank you for your patience this week as we have been understaffed in the office and senior leadership team. We have interviews for a new part-time administrator next week and an advert out for an office supervisor.

This week I met with Councillor Paul Baker to show him around the school and explain what is happening with the building works. I think he will be good in supporting the school and helping things move forward with the least disruption to our children. Today I also met with GCC Education Lead to demonstrate what the school is going through at the moment and how we can work together to ensure both our children and teaching staff are always considered as part of this process.

I am very much looking forward to the NPPTA quiz this evening, it feels like such a long time since we had events like this. The money raised is always spent on the children and in these times of budget cuts it is desperately needed.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fletcher

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School News

Buildings update

This week I have been at the point of choosing flooring and paint - the fun bits! The photos below show the classroom walls being rendered and struts for the ceiling being set into place. The height of the ceilings is to be dropped for better acoustics and saving money on heating. You can also see the old cloakroom which is to be renovated into an office/training/meeting room/teacher's library. This is going to be a great space and make life easier, as at present if we have meetings, we have to take over a classroom or meet in the small hall which always have interruptions from clubs and cleaners.



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PTA

The PTA are an essential part of this school and provide our community with magnificent events which raise money for both the school and charity. Nevermore have we needed extra funds to support children's learning and key experiences.

Quiz Night

We are super excited that Quiz night has arrived! We look forward to welcoming all those who bought tickets at 7.30pm this evening. Please enter the school via the (current) main door - that's the one for the school office and kids club. Good luck to all teams!

NPPTA meet up Thurs 20th Oct

We will be having an online get together via Zoom on Thursday 20th October at 8.30pm. We will be reflecting on this half term's achievements, planning the winter fair and looking ahead to future events. Everyone welcome.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84086838063pwd=Y1M2MURjV09KL2ZkY3RRRWxwV3lLZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 8683 8063

Passcode: 9qpXyT

NPPTA AGM

The annual AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd November, 8.30pm via Zoom. See link below for proposed committee and any vacancies. We ask that anyone interested in taking on a position contacts us well in advance of the AGM so we can have a chat before the meeting itself. Thank-you.

<https://sway.office.com/yLEFWiNp3ac4UD1K?ref=Link>

Other ways to get involved

We will publish a volunteers list for this year's winter fair shortly so plenty of opportunity to get involved even if you are not able to attend the meetings.

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Harvest Festival

Thursday 20th Oct – Reception, Y1 and Y2 Harvest Festival – This will take place in school, unfortunately we do not have space for parents to attend in the small hall.

Friday 21st Oct – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Harvest Festival – this is taking place at Emmanuel Church at 9:15am. Space for children only.

Food should be brought in on the relevant days, as above, and this will be distributed via our local foodbank. No perishables please.

Parents of children with and additional need or disability,
This may be of interest to you.....

A new service that has been set up for parent carers with at least one child that has an additional need or disability. We offer 12 weeks of online or telephone Counselling for free (or low cost) to those that meet this criteria. We are a strictly not for profit covering Worcestershire and surrounding Counties.

Nurture Hub Therapy Service C.I.C
Telephone or Text: 07957 425775

They currently only have a small waiting list and this is a great opportunity for a little extra support and a listening ear.

Dates for your Diary

The link to all of our calendar dates is [Naunton Park Primary School - School Calendar](#)

Thursday 20th Oct – Y6 Oxford Castle trip

Thursday 20th Oct – Reception, Y1 and Y2 Harvest Festival

Friday 21st Oct – Y3 Forest School

Friday 21st Oct – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Harvest Festival

Monday 24th – Friday 28th Oct – Half Term

Monday 31st Oct – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

w/c Tuesday 1st Nov – Y6 Bikeability – see letter sent earlier this week

Please see the school website for secondary school open days here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Virtual Book Bag](#)

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Class News

In Year 5's gymnastics this week, we have been working on our partner balances, focussing on engaging our core and increasing our flexibility. A challenge was set to practice their planks at home, holding it for a longer time each day.



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Year 4 - From the literature festival during our exciting draw along activity with Rob Biddulph!



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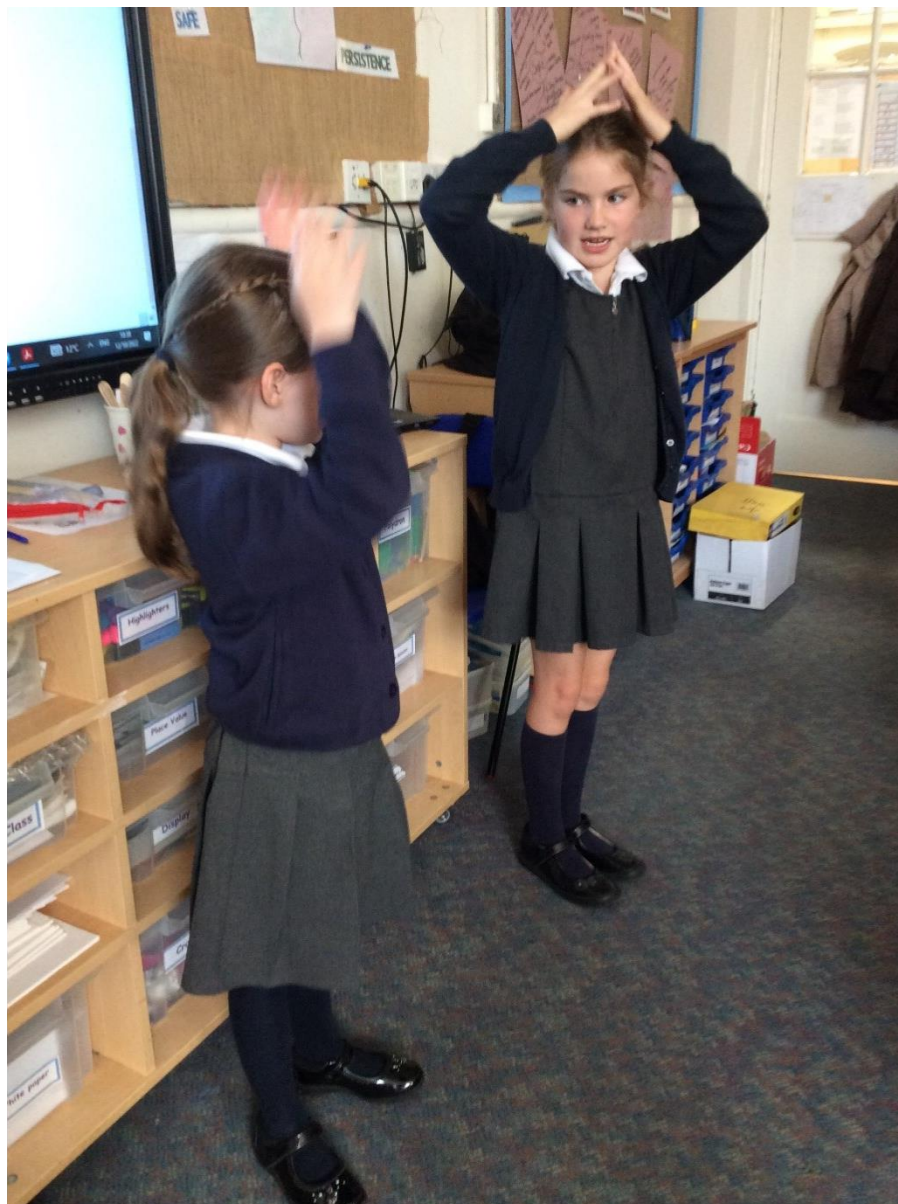


Cherwell started the week in sunshiney mode by wearing yellow for Hello Yellow Monday. It was a lovely bright way to start the week!

We have also been imagining life at Skara Brae in Neolithic times, going through the keyhole to investigate what their homes were like.

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We have been learning our text “How to Catch a Dragon” The children really enjoyed doing the actions for a line break and a colon!



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In Red Class, we have had lots of fun learning to tell the story of Stickman. We have learnt some of the actions for Talk for Writing e.g 'Once upon a time', 'next' and 'unfortunately' and have made our own story maps. We have also thought of many super ideas of our own. Here is a wonderful house built for a badger!



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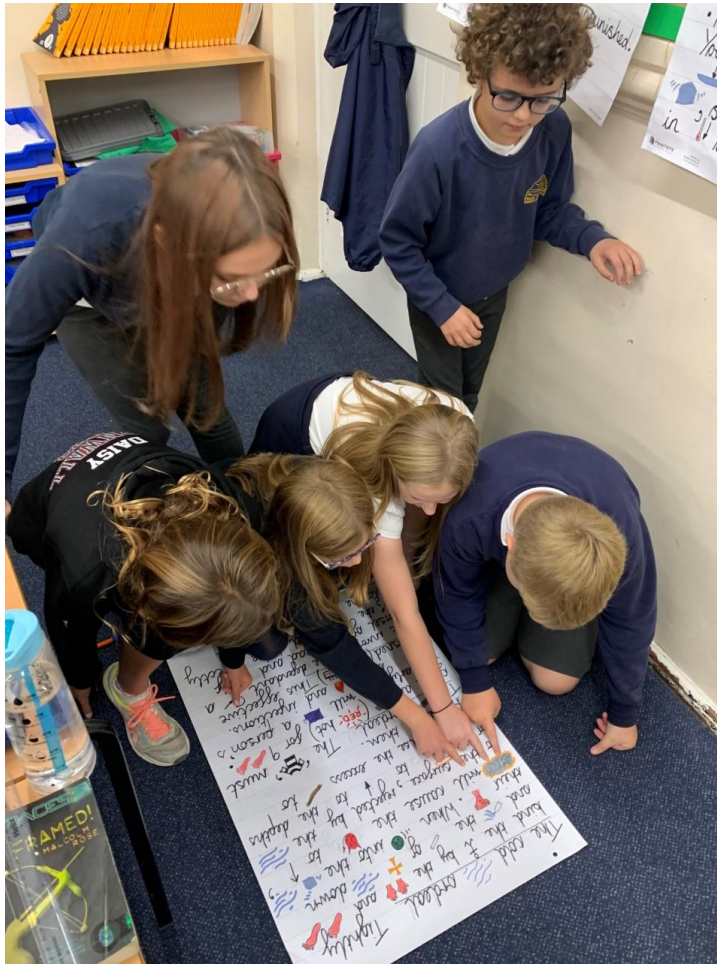


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In Avon this week our English lessons have been spent learning an instruction text. We have linked our work to our history project and followed the instructions for 'How to Trial an Anglo-Saxon Criminal.' Some of the vocabulary was pretty tricky but we were very proud that we were able to learn it all.

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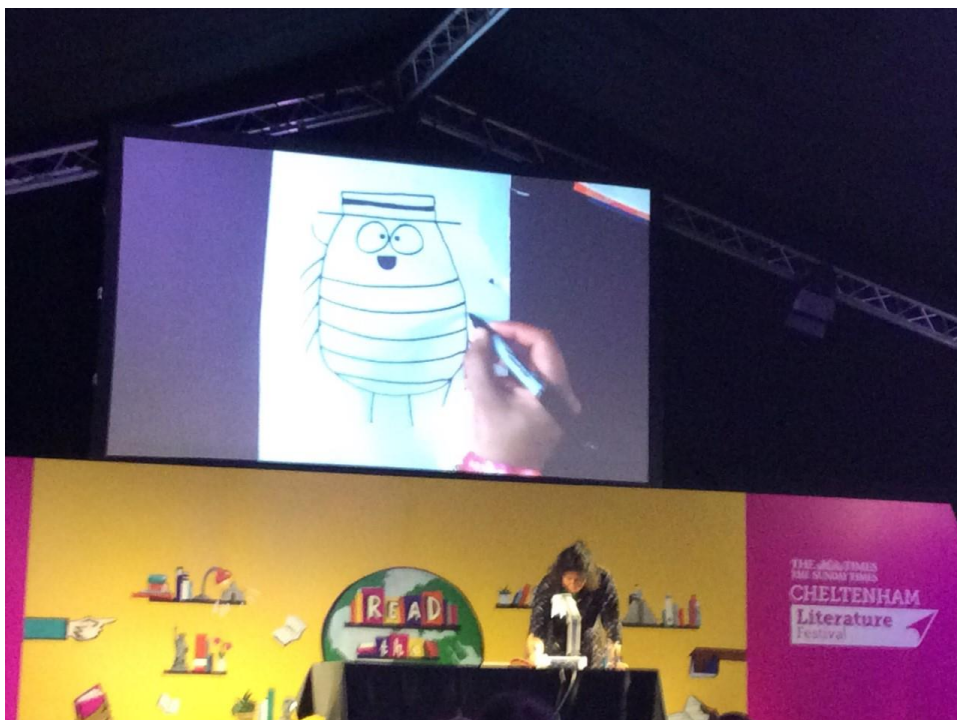


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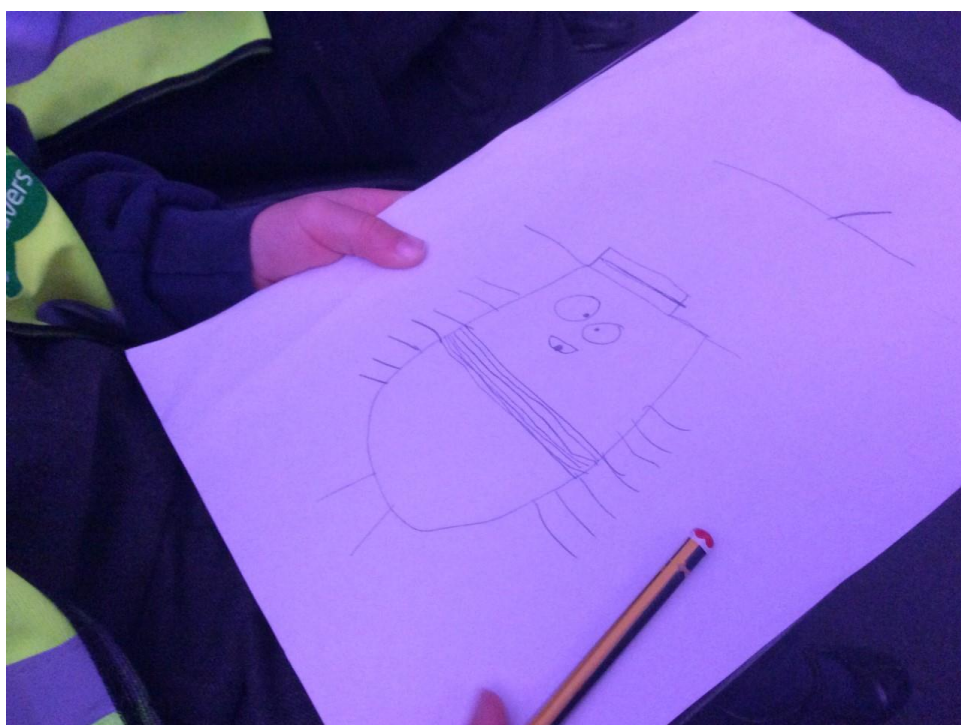
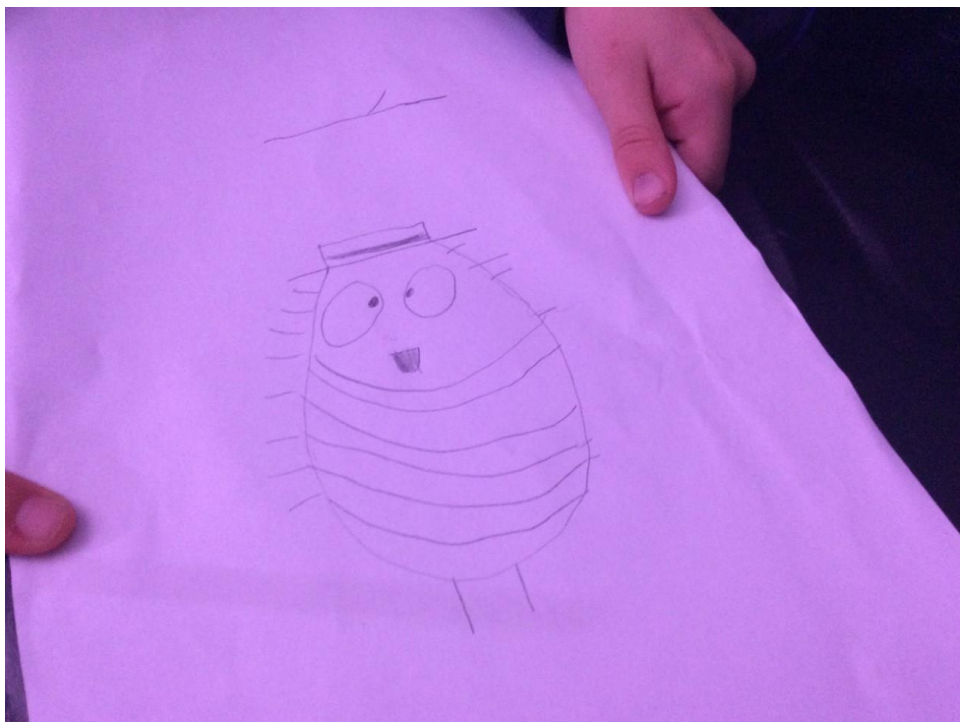


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On Wednesday Year 2 went to the Cheltenham Literature Festival to see Nadia Shireen. They enjoyed listening to what inspired Nadia to become an author and then had the chance to become illustrators by drawing one of her characters from her book. Year 2 were a pleasure to take to the festival and all the staff involved were extremely proud of all of them. Well done Year 2!



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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Ollie Beake Dominic Terry	Nelly Otter Isabella Dexter
Y1	Celine Vidler-Gazeley Alfie Evans	Joshua Vitkovitch Ellie Tozza
Y2	Alice Howell Finn Morgan	Arlo Farmer William Hough
Y3	Wilf Butler Francesca McCarthy	Harrison Jones Manu River-Pates
Y4	Maddie Ekford Sarah Grant	Megan Bellinger Toby Fraire
Y5	Isobelle Lewicki Milo Inchley	Delilah Raylance Rowyn Price
Y6	Layla Kelly Josh Aguilo	Emma Abernethy Jess Cox

Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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