



# Dear Families

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This week we have made significant progress in terms of planning the next phases of building works. A meeting was held on Wednesday where a proposed plan was developed for the renovations of all remaining classrooms, toilets and corridors. This plan has been devised with most of the works happening in school holidays to reduce disruption to our children's learning. The plans will now be drawn up and reprographics made to share with you in an evening meeting, delivered by GCC. A date will be shared with you as soon as possible.

Year 4 classes will move into their classrooms after half term now, due to delays in decoration and delivery of new furniture. We are delighted with the new classrooms and although this hasn't been the easiest of projects the finished rooms are of a high quality. They are going to be a beautiful space to work and learn in – lucky Y4s!



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Yesterday I shared the feedback from the consultation period, there is some very important information within this document and I encourage you all to read it. A further Curriculum Evening Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6:30pm and you will have received a PowerPoint presentation with notes as an attachment to this newsletter. I hope you find it useful, however, it will make much more sense as part of the evening meeting. Children will be able to attend a creche in the lower hall to ensure as many parents as possible can attend.

It has been lovely dipping into the children's learning this week and seeing the new curriculum in action. Lots of geography skills and knowledge being developed through a variety of map work. We have also introduced "never heard the word" sheets at the beginning of every piece of learning which is a great way of pre-teaching vocabulary and eliciting what children know and understand. This is a strategy from Pie Corbett which he uses at the start of reading a new book but we are adopting it for all foundation subjects – it is proving to be very successful.

Parent's Curriculum Home sheets can be found on the website – this is a first attempt at a new format, please follow this link:

Learning  
Year Group Information – Curriculum Maps

<https://www.nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+group+information&pid=231>

Have a lovely weekends whatever you are doing,

Mrs Fletcher

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# School News

## **Naunton Park Primary School is looking for new Governors.**

Do you know someone who is interested in supporting our school? Are you interested in bringing your professional experience to the governing board? The role of a school governor is strategic rather than operational, which means that Governors do not get involved with the day to day running of the school. Instead they support and challenge the school's leadership team to drive school improvement and ensure compliance with statutory regulations.

We are particularly keen to talk to people with experience and skills in finance and accounting, and management of premises, facilities and construction projects. Fostering and strengthening community links is an essential part of the running of any school, so if you are involved in a local business then we'd love to hear from you. This isn't a parent governor role so you don't need to have a child at the school and associate membership is an option for those that cannot commit to a full governor role. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please contact: [clerk@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk)

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# Class News



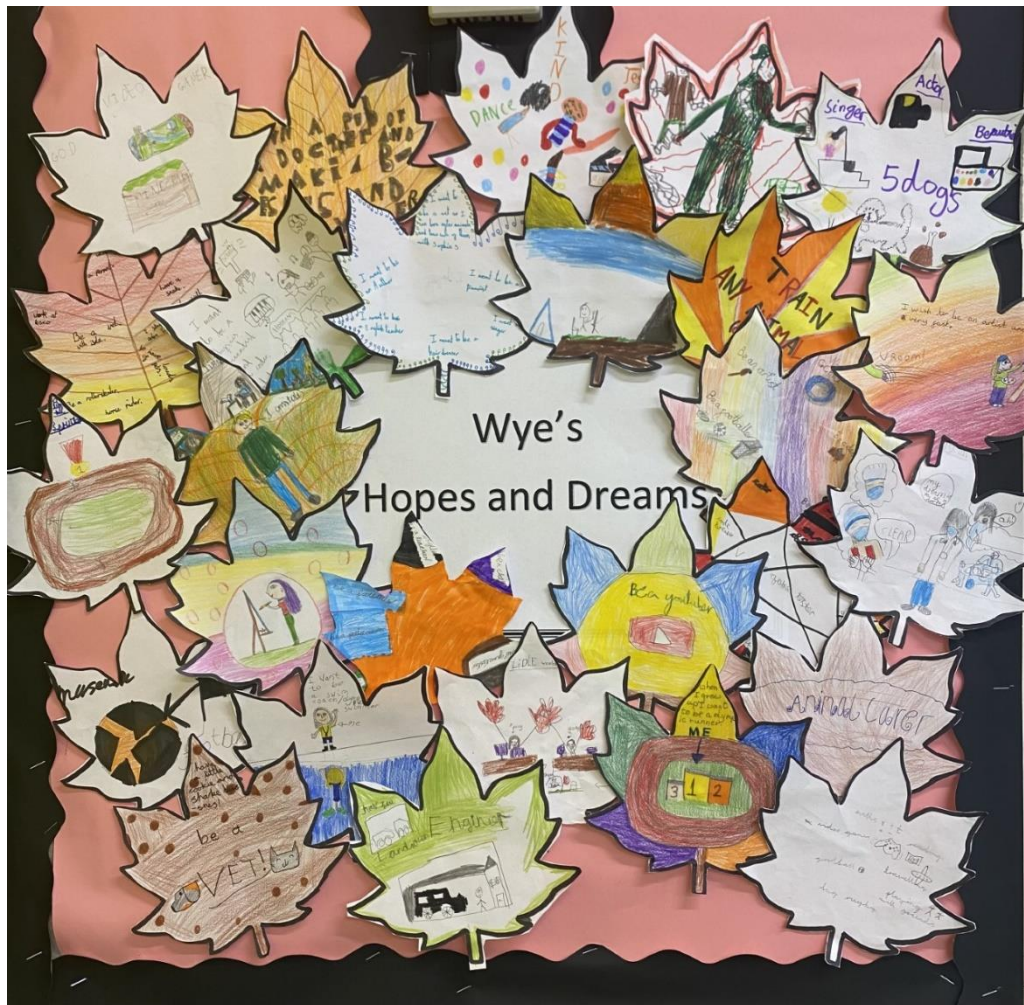
This week, Year 5 have been using maps and atlases to find out about the world's biomes, including their location, size and proximity to the equator or the poles.



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'This week in Year 4 PSHE we have been discussing our hopes and dreams for our futures. Children represented these hopes and dreams on their beautiful leaves.'

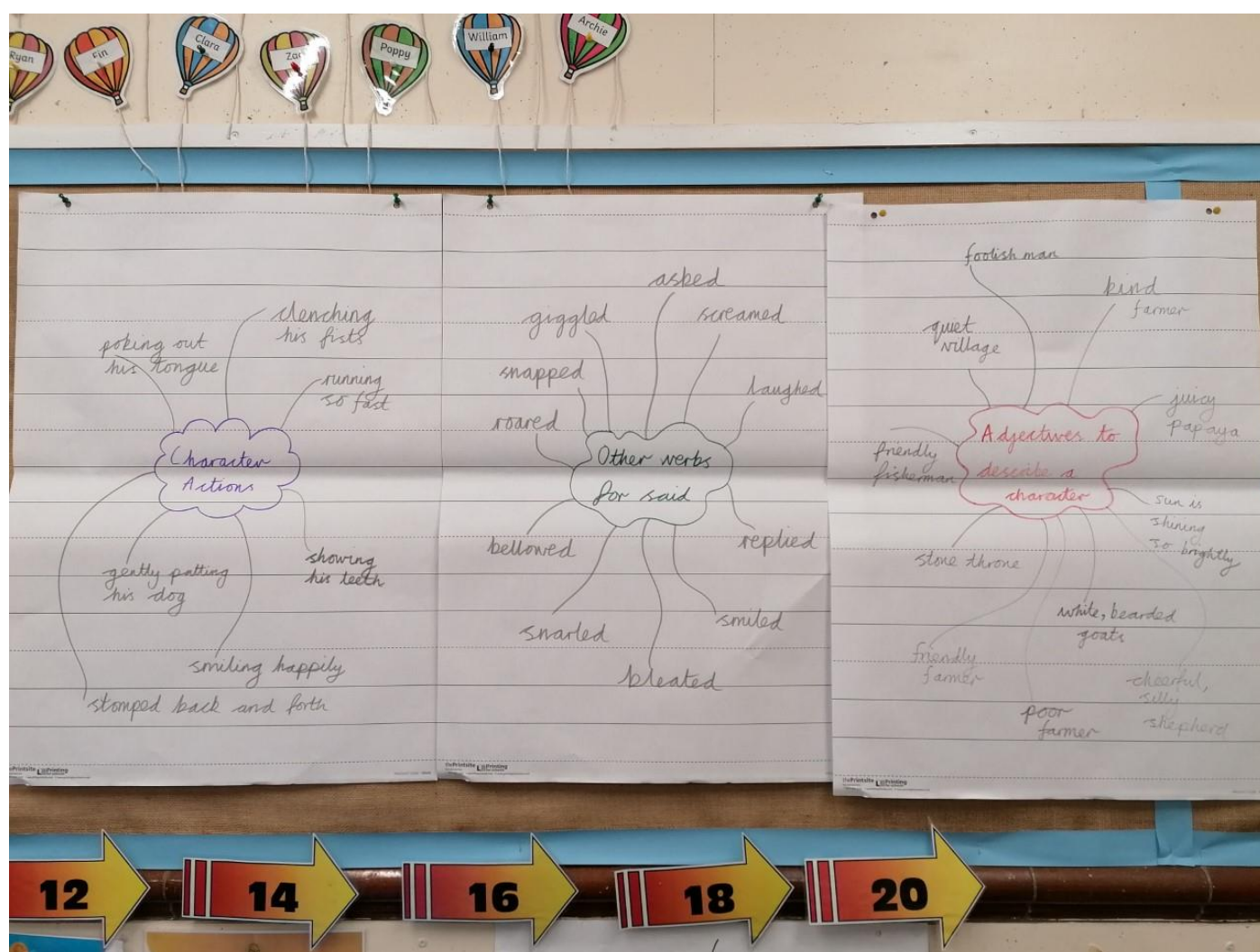


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In Blue Class, we have been learning the story of The Papaya that Spoke. The children have really been enjoying it, especially because it has a range of talking characters and an incredibly mean, nasty King. They have been brilliantly expressive in their oral retelling of the story - it's really captured their imagination!

We have been exploring how we can describe characters by considering the way they are/look, how they speak and how they act. We have thought about these features and how the way character and speak reflects the kind of person they are.

We are preparing to begin developing our character description writing skills, before we begin innovating our own version of the story with our own interesting characters. Watch this space, I think they're going to be amazing.



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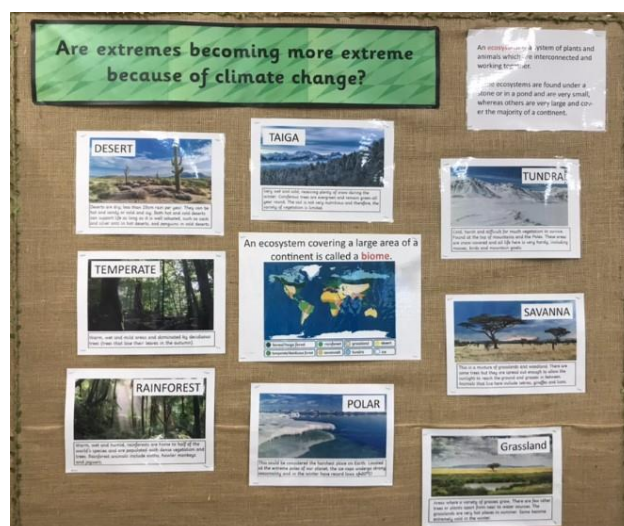
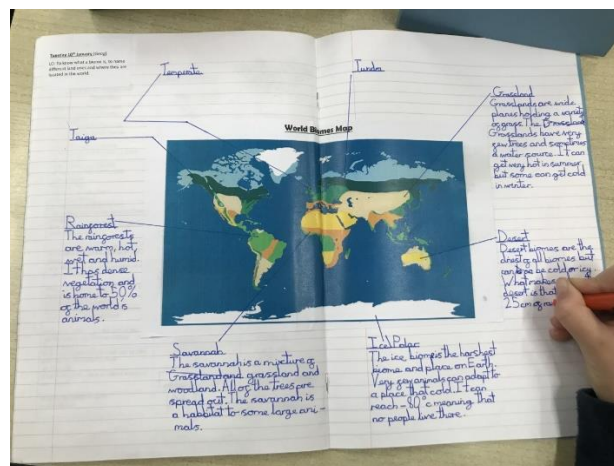
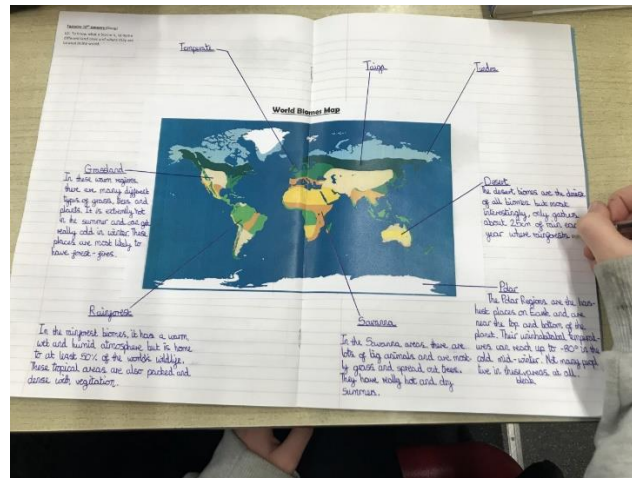


Yellow Class were chosen to start off our amazing willow dens with Mr Oakey last week. We also had great fun making our 3D houses out of recycled cardboard to start off our new topic of our wonderful world, our wonderful town.



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Year Six have started their Geography topic by learning about the different land biomes around the world. They used the information they found out from our whole class reading sessions and their own research to annotate them on a world map.



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# NPPTA

**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.**

## NPPTA UPDATE

### Happy New Year!

I hope the new term has started well for everyone and you are finding a little warm cosiness amidst the January grey.

If you fancy a declutter, please take advantage of our next [Bag2School](#) collection on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The more we collect, the more we raise for school!

### Recycle and reuse - uniform

If you are looking to pass on, sell, acquire school uniform remember to check out  
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/npptauniformswapshop>

Feel free to post other items that may be of interest to the school community, brownie, rainbow, beaver, cub uniforms and fancy-dress costumes are often sought after for example.

This is a free service. If you wish to make a donation, however, you can do so via <http://easydonate.org/PTASWAP>

### Dates for the diary...

- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan - [Bag2School](#) collection
- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July - Summer Fair (date tbc)

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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

### Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Ollie Beake Seth McWilliam	Finnlay Chandler Harper Laughton
Y1	Josh Vitkovitch Freddie Te Huna	Henry Wilmer Maya Oldroyd
Y2	Zac Bentley Dot Keylock	Oscar Sweetman Cece Mclean
Y3	Freddie Barrett Reggie Hearn	Maise Haywood Ching Hei Leung
Y4	Sunny Chan Megan Bellinger	Lucas Schrier Jack Gillingham
Y5	Isabella Michaluk Oliver Holmes	Jake Morris Alessia Lascoshi
Y6	George Bamber Ann Bansal	Freddie Cook Hetty Preece

## 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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# Dates

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Consultation booking system opens
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 swimming
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Forest School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices concert in Birmingham
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 swimming
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 Forest School
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Curriculum information evening for parents
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 swimming (last session)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y3 Forest School
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Forest School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms for parents to view work
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	YR height, weight and vision checks, Y6 height and weight checks
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	YR height, weight and vision checks, Y6 height and weight checks
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Forest School
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 swimming (first session)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term

**Term dates and events in the diary can be found here:** [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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