



Dear Families

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A few important messages this week which the strike action has impacted on.

Strike Action Wednesday 1st February 2023 confirmed classes open/ closed and updated from previous email:

Thames OPEN

Avon and Windrush OPEN

All other classes are CLOSED for strike action.

Free School Meals (FSM) Yr-Y5 (not universal for Yr-Y2) information will be sent to you if your child's class is striking but you wish to collect a FSM packed lunch.

Next proposed strike date is Thursday 2nd March, we will let you know if this is going ahead closer to the time.

Curriculum Evening is postponed on 1st February as I will be striking. A new date will be set.

Save the Date: Wednesday 8th March 6-8pm – this is the proposed date for GCC to meet with parents regarding the school buildings program. This is yet to be confirmed with all contractors and a meeting is to be set up for the staff team first. I will confirm with more details next week.

Thank you for your continued support and emails that have been sent.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fletcher

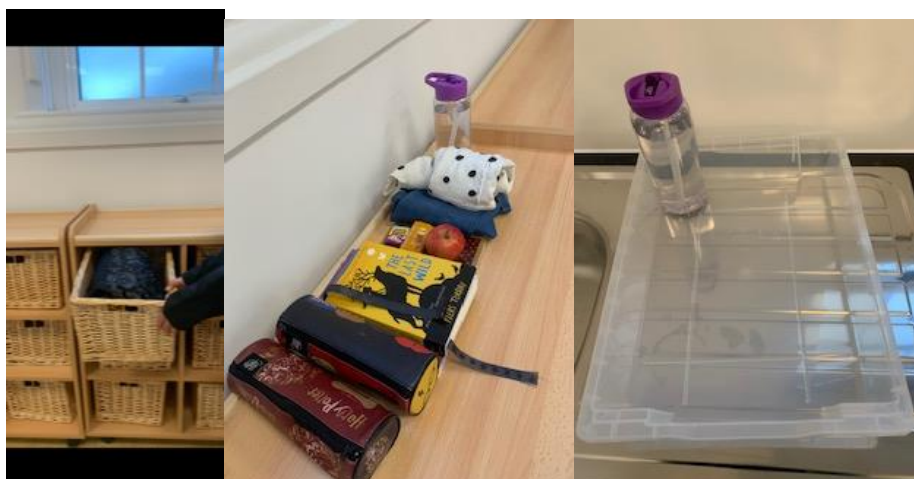
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School News

Y4 New Classrooms

All the furniture has arrived and is being set up. As in the previous newsletter we are moving to soft bags for ALL Y4 children to save space and to free up cluttered corridors and hall space. We will be moving to this model for most classes as we renovate each classroom. This is a very old building which is struggling to keep up with the demands of a 21st century education, however, we are constantly looking for ways of improving the environment for the children; so it is less cluttered, well presented ordered and tidy.

The baskets are quite deep and do hold a lot as is shared in the pictures below. They look amazing in the classrooms. I met with both Y4 classes today to look at what they can fit into the baskets. Bookbags fit perfectly, however, if you do not have one a soft bag will suffice. The rainbow one pictured below was £1.



All of this, including a change of clothes (if they are going out or to a friends after school) fitted into a soft bag and into the basket. Pencil cases can be left in the baskets for the whole term, water bottles in Monday and home Friday. We will empty and refill each day.



In this bag: reading book, packed lunch box, pencil case. Next basket we even had a bag with football boots and shin pads, and still fitted in what was in the other bag. We appreciate some children may have spent a weekend at an alternative home – we do have 6 spare baskets where an additional bag can be stored if necessary.

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The classrooms really do look super smart with the new furniture, and with the new storage systems we can stop corridors and the hall looking like below.



When the children come back after half term we will have separated the coat hooks along the corridor up towards the canteen. This means they will have more space in between the pegs, it will be less congested and coats, if wet will, have more space to dry off. Moving forward we are repositioning some of the coat areas around the school to ensure this is in place for all children.

It is a big job, but we are getting there, step by step!

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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.

Thank you for your contributions today!

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...

- Sat 1st July - Summer Fair (date tbc)

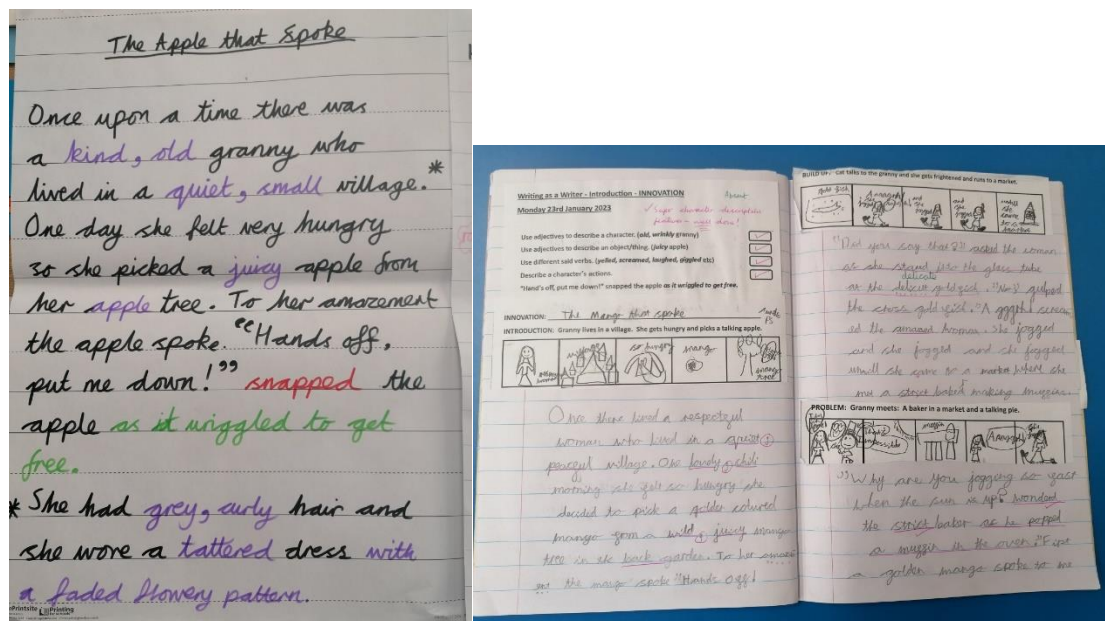
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Class News

In Blue Class, we have been innovating our own story versions of The Papaya that Spoke.

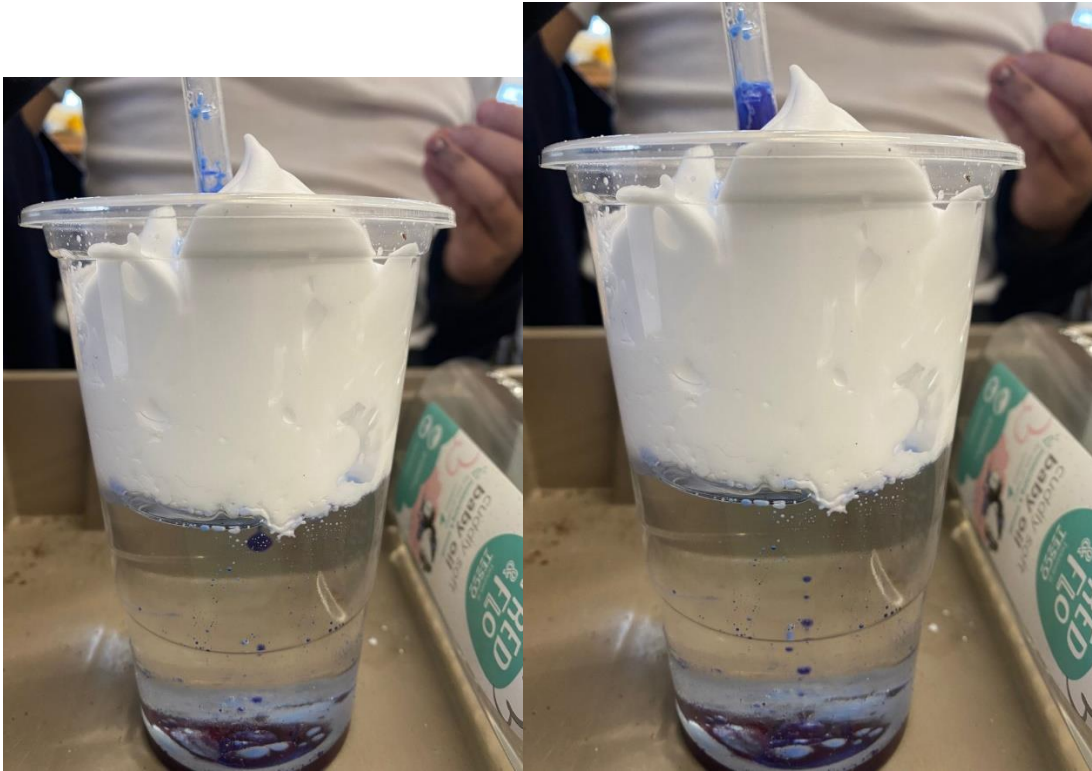
We have been using our own ideas and creating super characters. The most important part of our writing has been using our 'character description toolkits' to help us describe what our character is like in the way they look, how they behave and how they speak.

The end results have been super! Well done everyone!



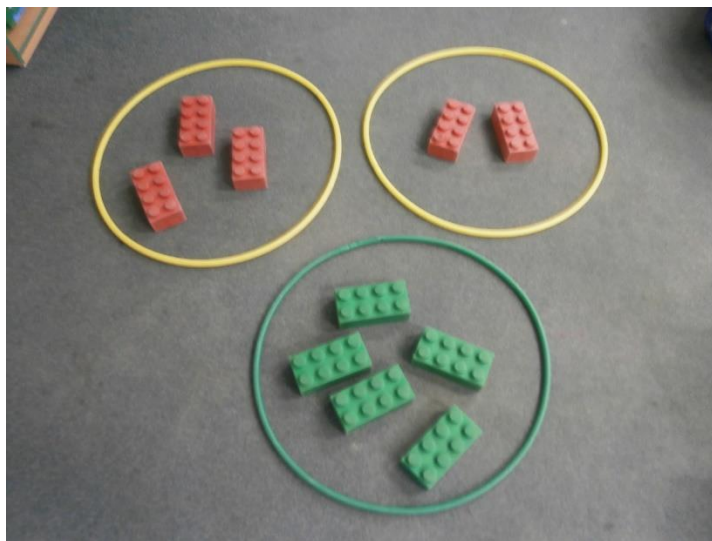
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'This week in year 4 we have learned all about the water cycle. Children created a realistic model of the water cycle using baby oil, shaving foam and food colouring! They were able to identify the different processes taking place such as condensation, precipitation, collection and evaporation.'



Green Class have been practising making 5 in different ways - fingers, large duplo and part, part, whole circles.

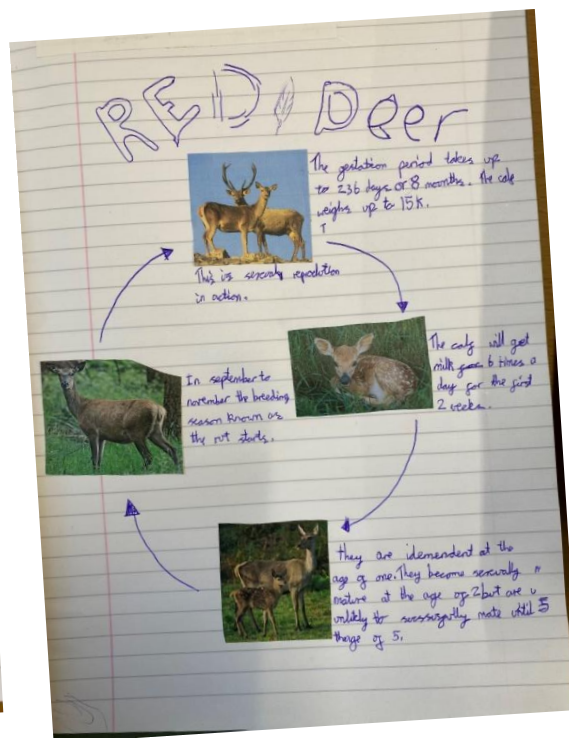
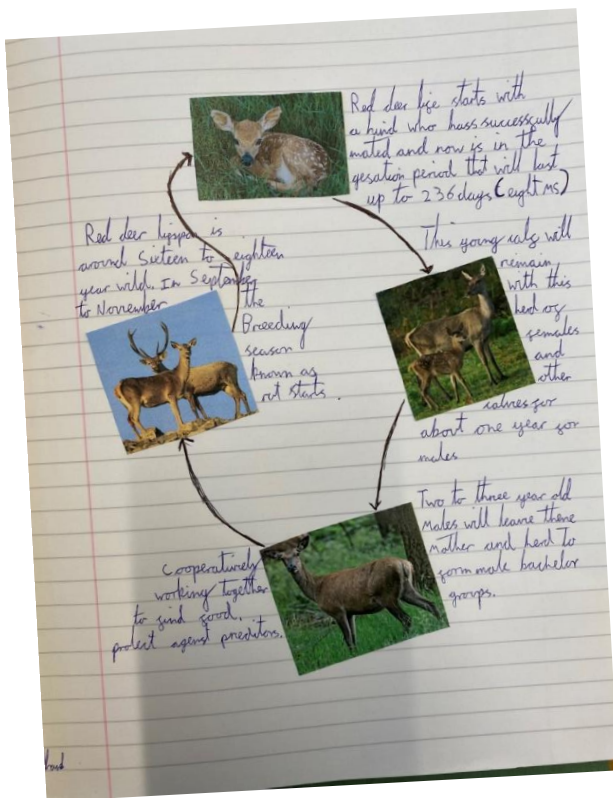
We are able to use the language part, part, whole to make a simple calculation. Part - 2 + part 3 make whole 5.



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Year 5 have been studying the Black Forest, located in Germany, and comparing it to our own temperate forests including looking at the species within it. We have studied the Red Deer and learning all about the diagnostic features that make it a mammal as well as studying their life cycle.



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Yellow Class had great fun conducting a traffic survey using the ipads this week and we made a collaborative sculpture using recycled cardboard following our trip to the Bath Road.



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Whole School Annual Attendance: 95%

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Rosie Grant Arthur Batsford	Edith Cleaver George Hutchings
Y1	Laurie Muray Issay Perkin	Daisy Ramirez Jago Webb-Peploe
Y2	Bruce Nield Ada Threadgold	George Laurence Tom Opperman
Y3	Jan Briony Mitchell Stan Batsford	Bailey Doherty Anna Franklyn
Y4	Wentworth Hadlow Harry Mason	Elle Janzen Elise Stewart
Y5	Maddie Eckford Ben Hannaford George	Lewis Durkin Alex Hall
Y6	Gabby Powell Marium Elnahal	Aadvika Adarsh Bertie Rodgers

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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