



# Dear Families

Dear Families,

It has been lovely welcoming our new reception children over the last two weeks and they have done so well, parents included, I know how hard it can be in those first few weeks! It does help that our older children are so caring and look after the children at playtimes and lunch times. The children have settled very well, playing confidently in the indoor and outdoor provision. I have been able to pop in and out and have read some stories and did a little circle time with green class, really impressed.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent training evening, we had such a good turn out from reception through to Y6. The English team were brilliant in delivering a couple of lessons, with the parent's involvement. It is great to hear the positive feedback that we have had so far. Of course, not everyone can attend so we have uploaded the presentation to our website and we will be delivering more training throughout the year. The maths team will be holding a training session on how we teach maths and there will also be a training session on how we teach writing and grammar. Dates to be confirmed.

This year our Y6 have been given lots more responsibilities, which they are super excited about. In this newsletter, you will see that our Y6 children are acting as news reporters, interviewing children across the school about what they have learnt and enjoyed this week. Y6 news reporters will change every week!

House captains and sports captains will find out if they have been successful today and then voting for school council will take place next week. We have had such high numbers for children wanting to do this, I hope unsuccessful children will not feel too disappointed, there are lots more roles and responsibilities to share out in the next few weeks. We will share house and sport captains with all parents in next week's Park Life so that they can share their good news with their families first!

Please see important information from our PTA with this newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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# School News

This week Charlotte and Alex are Y6 Parklike News Reporters. They interviewed lots of children and spent their lunchtime in my office writing their findings up.



Hi, we are the first 2023 news reporters and we have been interviewing pupils around the school and asking them what they have been doing this week, and how they have been settling into their new classes. We hope you are enjoy our news.

In Y1 we found out that they have been learning lots of different types of dinosaurs. The question they have been working towards finding out how dinosaurs died out. In maths they have been doing lots of counting up to 20.

Y2 have been doing lots of times tables work, specifically 2x, and have recently done a test on it.

We learned that in Y3 they have been busy with stone age, iron age and bronze age, focusing on why and how they settled. Y4 have learned a lot about Ancient Mayans and even had one come in for them! (not an actual real one) They even did number lines on the 25x table. I can't even count that high!

Nasty Numbers! That's what Y5 have been doing. Turning numbers into letters and the opposite! They have working on suspense stories all about Boudicca and Iceni Tribe.

In Y6 we have been learning all about figurative language and creating atmosphere based on a picture. Our maths we have been working with 7 digit numbers, rounding to the nearest 10,100, and 1000s. Our History we learned a lot about WW2 and doing research on Winston Churchill to put into a biography.

To round up our report, everyone is enjoying their new classes, topics and growing independence. One of the favourites amongst us is netball club, in fact so many people signed up that they have had to split the groups into two.

We hope you enjoyed our report and we will see you next time!

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# PTA

## NPPTA Update

Hello and a belated welcome back to school from the Naunton Park PTA committee!

We hope that the children are enjoying getting to know their new teachers, new families are settling in well and the new reception cohort are having lots of fun in Red and Green class.

A huge thank-you to Emily Stewart for making the new reception parent gifts. We hope you all received them and that you and your children are enjoying the start of their school journey.

### Coming up this term...

- The Great Naunton Park Autumn Quiz - tentatively 20<sup>th</sup> October - teams of 6
- Bag2School - date this Autumn tbc
- NPPTA AGM - date tbc
- Winter Fair - tbc

### Reception and Year 5 parent/carers needed...

If any **Reception** or **Year 5 parent/carers** are interested in becoming the NPPTA rep for their year-group, please email [pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk). This role simply involves sharing information about events and news with your year group via the relevant Whatsapp group.

### Committee news

This year, the committee are looking to move on. The current committee have plans in place for a Bag2School and a Quiz and will still be around to support and help the transition but we do not currently have capacity to organise the Winter Fair so need your help!

For more information on these roles and how the PTA is organised see [NPPTA: Behind the Scenes](#). If you are interested in joining the committee this year or getting involved, please email [pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk).

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# Class News



This week in Yellow Class we have been learning about significant people linked to the discovery of dinosaurs (Dr Robert Plot, Mary Anning, William Buckland and Richard Owen) and have had great fun making some of our own dinosaur fossils out of clay.



This week, year 6 started their new Computing topic. We learnt how to use the green screen to put our actions into a picture of a setting that we wouldn't normally be able to film in. Mrs Staniland challenged the children to imagine that they were crossing a ravine on a rickety bridge; jumping over stepping stones across a pool of lava; or balancing on a tightrope with no safety net! We combined the video of our performance with an appropriate and background and made ourselves look like we were achieving the impossible!

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This term, Year 5 are looking to answer the question, 'How have the Romans shaped the culture of Great Britain?' This week we were looking at what they did for entertainment, beginning the week by identifying where the Roman amphitheatres are within the UK and the artefacts that were found there. We have then been working on researching some of the activities that were part of their entertainment such as chariot racing, mime and gladiatorial battles. We created freeze frames and we are looking forward to sharing our findings with the class.



In Year 2 we are learning a story called The Magic Porridge Pot.

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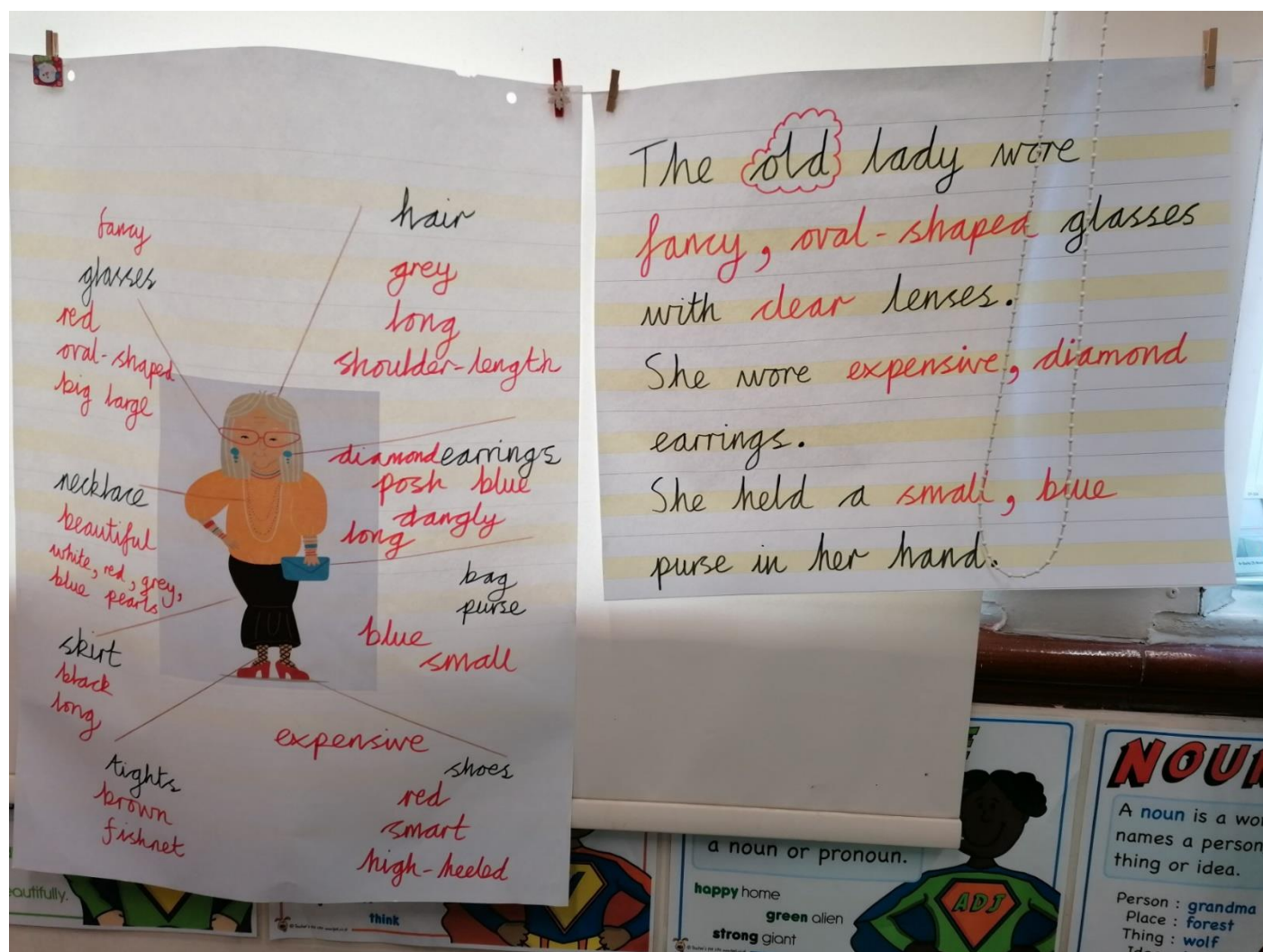


We are focusing in particular on writing descriptive language to help us to write character descriptions.

The children have had some amazing ideas and have written some lovely descriptions of their own using powerful adjectives.

More impressive however is their use of their 'everyday writer's toolkit' where they are checking and editing their own work.

WOW! What a start to Year 2!



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This week Reception Class have been exploring their new setting both inside and out!

This week the children in red and green classes have continued to explore the provision. Continuous provision enables the children to become familiar with the placement of resources in the classroom and also be able to return to them to alter and adapt what is being made.

The construction area continues to be popular with children from both groups. Mobilo vehicles that are altered throughout the day, drawn and written about. This morning we painted portraits of ourselves in the outside area.



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# Safeguarding

## Visiting School

We're very much looking forward to welcoming family, friends and other visitors to school more often this academic year. We've planned termly Open Classroom events, Open Days for prospective parents and Class Assemblies for which parents will be invited to watch.

What should you see in school?

If you observe anything that contradicts our expectations, please speak to member of staff or, if more appropriate, the headteacher.

**Like staff and pupils, we expect our visitors to have high expectations when in school. You should expect to see:**

- Polite, respectful, kind and helpful staff and children.
- Children supervised at all times unless wearing a yellow band.
- Adults wearing a lanyard.
- Children working with adults wearing a blue, orange or green lanyard (NOT red).
- Posters on display that help adults and children to understand how to be safe in school.
- Children asking for help if they need it.

**It's essential that all visitors follow our safeguarding procedures when coming into school. These procedures are summarised below:**

### Arriving at school

- Sign in at the office – if the fire drill goes off, the office staff will check you're safe
- Take a look at our 4 key safeguarding posters displayed by the office hatch
- Read our Visitors' Leaflet that is available to take from the office hatch
- Wear a lanyard (or sticker for larger events) while on the premises

These procedures may seem exhaustive sometimes, but please know that we are doing it to keep the children (and you) safe while you're in school.

### In school and in the presence of children

- Please do not use your personal device when in the premises
- Do not take photographs unless on a school-owned device and on request of the teacher
- Reports any concern of a child's wellbeing or behaviour to a member of school staff immediately
- Do not administer first aid – please call on a member of staff
- Activate the fire alarm (red boxes around the school) in the case of a fire or necessary evacuation
- Speaks to the headteacher immediately if you have a concern about a member of staff
- Ensure you're never on your own with a child unless the office has a copy of your DBS and you're a registered volunteer with a green lanyard

### Leaving school

- Sign out via the school office
- If you have a child to collect, sign out & walk around to the playground as per our usual collection procedure

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# Diary Dates

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 1 clubs start (not Strictly which starts w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 swimming
<del>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</del>	<del>Y6 Forest School (Avon) Moved to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</del>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms for parents – more information to follow
<del>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</del>	<del>6pm Headteacher Curriculum Meeting Postponed to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</del>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Forest School (Windrush and Avon)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council elections
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Start of Black History Month
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	3:30-7:30pm Parent Consultations (more information to follow)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30-6:30pm Parent Consultations (more information to follow)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Avon Class Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1, 2 and 4 Literature Festival visits
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	NO Y4 swimming
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Literature Festival visit
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 and Y6 Literature Festival visit
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm Headteacher Curriculum Meeting for parents
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School – to be rearranged
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu vaccines
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu vaccines
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu vaccines
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Evacuation trip to Winchcombe
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Frome Class Assembly
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y4 swimming
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Harvest Festival
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Harvest Festival
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day – school closed to pupils

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# Recognition

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
Reception	Xander Baker Charlotte Monroe	Bibby Robbins-Stokes Sullivan Sutcliffe
Y1	Molly Gracie Harry Ditchfield	Nathan Dirkin Edith Cleaver
Y2	Rosalie Tilson Rosie Mitchell	Rufus Church Indiana Vesey
Y3	Sophie Croote Alfie Williams	Teddy Stonebridge Tom Opperman
Y4	Freddie Barrat Bea Macdonald	Aarush Adarsh Freddie Mundie-Turrell
Y5	Jack Gillingham Emily Kirk	Jack Glen Neve Marks
Y6	Florence South Sophia Rowe	Bay Chambers Lottie Fletcher

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