



Dear Families

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All children have settled into the new term well and lots of new learning has taken place this week as we start our over-arching theme “We are Scientists” For 4 weeks our children will be immersed in lots of science knowledge and understanding and also technical and scientific drawings. Later this term - 13th December we have an open afternoon from 2:30-3:00pm where you will be able to view their amazing work. Y5 children are having some of their science lessons delivered through Cheltenham Preparatory School, teachers have reported that the children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions, wearing goggles and lab coats in real science labs!

Our INSET day this week was spent on further refining our maths and writing approaches. Steve Lomax from Baccaras School and CanDo maths continued our training on maths on track meetings. These 15-minute sessions every day are in addition to the main maths session where children explore any misconceptions, have more opportunity to practice tricky elements of learning, revise timetables and deepen understanding. The afternoon was spent refining our talk for writing processes, including grammar. These sessions were delivered by me and Mrs Morrish, our English lead.

Separate to this newsletter, you will receive further information on the parent’s questionnaires. As SLT we have looked at anything that fell below 70% and then explained what we are already doing and what more we think can be achieved. We are then going to send out an Office 365 form to gain your views. The questionnaire is a good starting point but it does require additional information to help us further review and improve. I hope many of you respond to the additional questions and I would like to emphasise that this is not a box ticking exercise, we really do think deeply about what more we can do.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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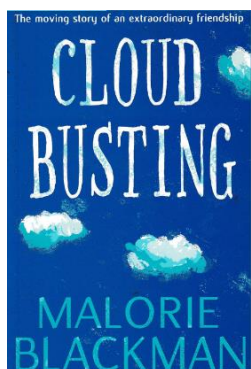
Safeguarding

Teaching children about safeguarding

We regularly review our approach to the teaching and learning of safeguarding throughout the curriculum. Details of our offer are summarised on our school's website here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Safeguarding in the curriculum](#)

Teaching children about how to keep themselves and others safe, at an appropriate level for their age and stage in education, is a priority throughout the curriculum and wider offer.

This week, for example, Coram Education (through Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning's Life Education programme) have started to deliver a series of sessions to children across the school to "help children make healthy choices." Some Year 6 children have also completed their Bikeability Level 2 training this week, learning how to keep safe when riding a bike on the road. Children in Years 1-6 who did not have a Life Education session this week will have their's next week, and Avon Class will be completing their Bikeability next week too.



Next week, we will be recognising "Anti-bullying Week". Children across the school will be reading, and learning from, Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman.

Parent resources for Anti-bullying Week are available to view and download here: [Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Parent Pack FINAL.pdf \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](#)



Our PSHE curriculum, planned and delivered using Jigsaw, equips children with the knowledge necessary to achieve the National Curriculum objectives for PSHE but also ensures children gain essential knowledge and skills to confidently move through their next stage in education and equip them for life in and out of school. Jigsaw is split into 6 units, each unit of which is studied each term from Reception to Year 6.



The 6 units for learning are:

- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me
- Relationships
- Changing Me

Parent information can be viewed here: [Parent and Carers \(jigsawpshe.com\)](#)

Additionally, beyond formal lesson time, teachers provide opportunities for children to reflect on their own wellbeing, mental and physical health. OPAL provides a time for children to develop skills for working and playing safely with others, while learning about boundaries and managing risk. Daily 'check ins' by teachers and teaching partners (every morning and after every playtime) provides time and opportunity to build relationships and monitor pupils' wellbeing at set times throughout the school day.

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If you would like to understand more about how we teach children to safeguard themselves and others, please speak to your child's teacher or view our school website.

PTA

Winter Fair 2023 - Friday 24th November, 6-8pm

Please join us for an evening of fun and games at Naunton Park Primary School on Friday 24th November - Santa's Grotto, BBQ, Bar, Face painting, Games, Stalls

Check out the [volunteers list](#) to see how you could help out.

<https://volunteersignup.org/IQMCM>

Prep work...

- **BBQ** - [Pre-order your German Bratwurst](#) to avoid food waste and missing out on a tasty sausage!
- **Raffle** - Text SNOWY23 to 70970 and share these details with everyone you know!
- **Santa's grotto** - [Book tickets](#) from Monday evening at 8.30pm (the booking site will be unavailable until 8.30pm on Monday 13th)

Stalls

If you would like a stall at the winter fair to promote your business or sell homemade products (no food or drink), please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk for further details.

Raffle and Mystery bag donations

If you can donate a raffle prize or, a quality item or voucher to be included in a mystery bag (mystery bags are sold to adults for £10 - the contents of the bag adds up to over £10), please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk.

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Donations morning - Thursday 23rd November

Please bring donations to the playground at drop off on Thursday 23rd November to support this year's winter fair. We are hoping for:

- Bottles for the tombola - wine, prosecco, spirits, beer, etc.
- Chocolates / biscuits for the tombola - sealed and in-date
- Mystery parcels to be sold for £1 to the children - label with intended age if necessary
- Sweets - sealed and in date

Christmas cards

Remember to order your Christmas Cards, wrapping paper, mugs and/or tote bags from [APFS](#) before **Friday 17th November**. You'll need the unique code on the back of your child's artwork (sent home earlier this week)

Bag2School

The next Bag2School collection will be on **Tuesday 21st November**. Donations to be dropped off at school between 0800-0930. Collection point will be set up for those dropping off at breakfast club. A reminder and full details will be sent out nearer the time. We cannot accept donations prior to this. Check out www.bag2school.com for what is and isn't accepted.

Dates for the diary

- Santa's Grotto booking opens - Mon 13th Nov, 8:30pm
- Deadline for Christmas card orders - Fri 17th Nov
- Bag2School - Tues 21st Nov
- Donations Morning - Thurs 23rd Nov
- Winter Fair 2023 - Fri 24th November
- Emmanuel Carol Concert (choir) - Sat 9th December

"If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot"

Emma

NPPTA Chair

www.facebook.com/nppta

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Class News



'This week in Year 4 we have been learning about the different types of teeth we have and their functions. We also started an investigation looking at how different liquids affect our enamel which can lead to tooth decay. In our investigation we are using eggs to act as our teeth and different liquids including: orange juice, milk, coke and water. Next week, we will be checking our eggs to see our results.'



This week Windrush have enjoyed taking part in Bikeability and these are some of the things That the children said about it:

"It was great to be cycling outdoors."

"It was fun and enjoyable."

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"I've never felt so free cycling!

There are people there to keep you safe."

"It's been really fun and I've learned lots of new things."

"The instructors have been really supportive."

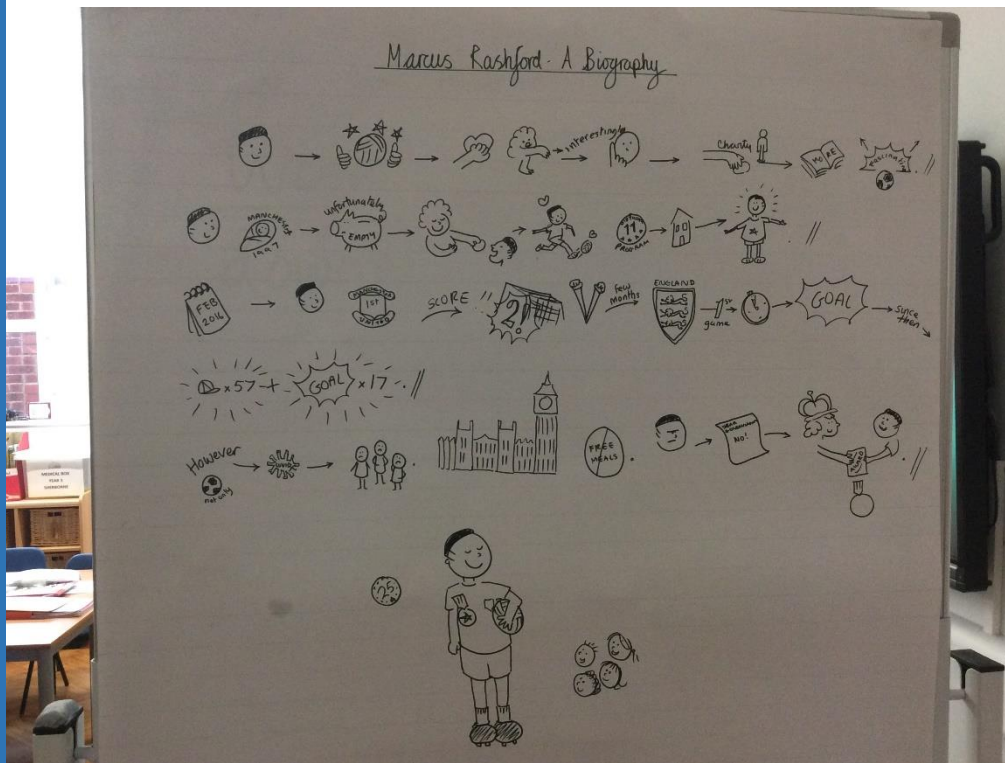
"The Instructors are encouraging and have told us how to improve."

Yellow Class have been investigating Autumn this week. We went to the Rose Garden to look for signs of Autumn. We then used our Autumn natural materials to make an Autumn mandala in the style of the artist James Brunt.



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This week in Cherwell we have been busy learning the model text for our English unit on Biography. We are putting Talk 4 Writing actions to a text about Marcus Rashford. And we are very lucky to have Mrs Lewis in our class as she has drawn us this wonderful text map to help us remember the order of events.



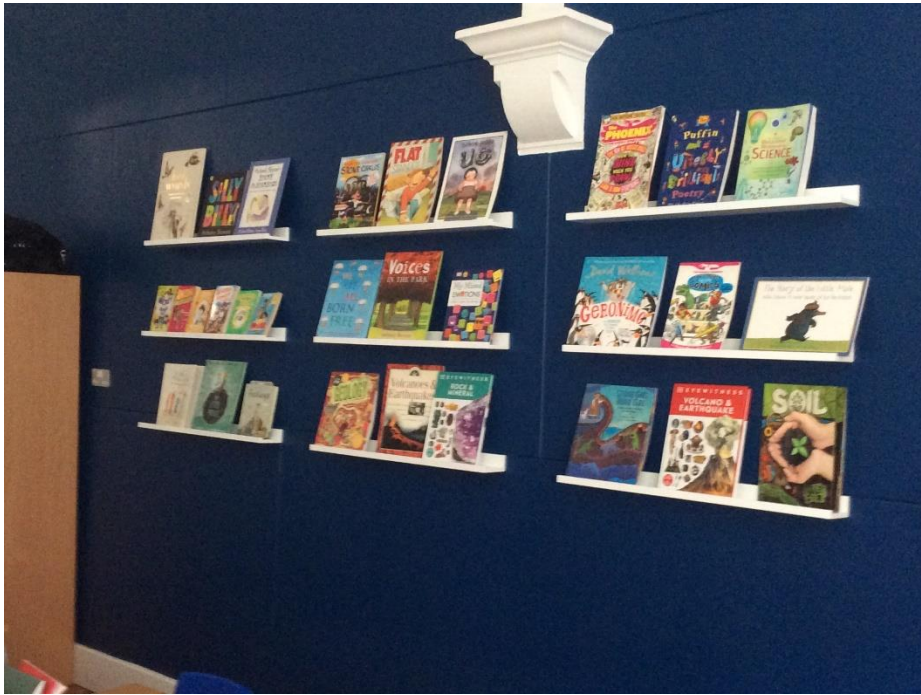
We also had an exciting visit from the Life Education Bus and Harold the Giraffe. We learnt about how our brain sends messages to the rest of the body, and we learnt some tactics for being calm and for practising mindfulness. We also talked about how learning new things can take time and patience. So instead of saying 'I can't do it' we know to say: 'I can't do it YET!'

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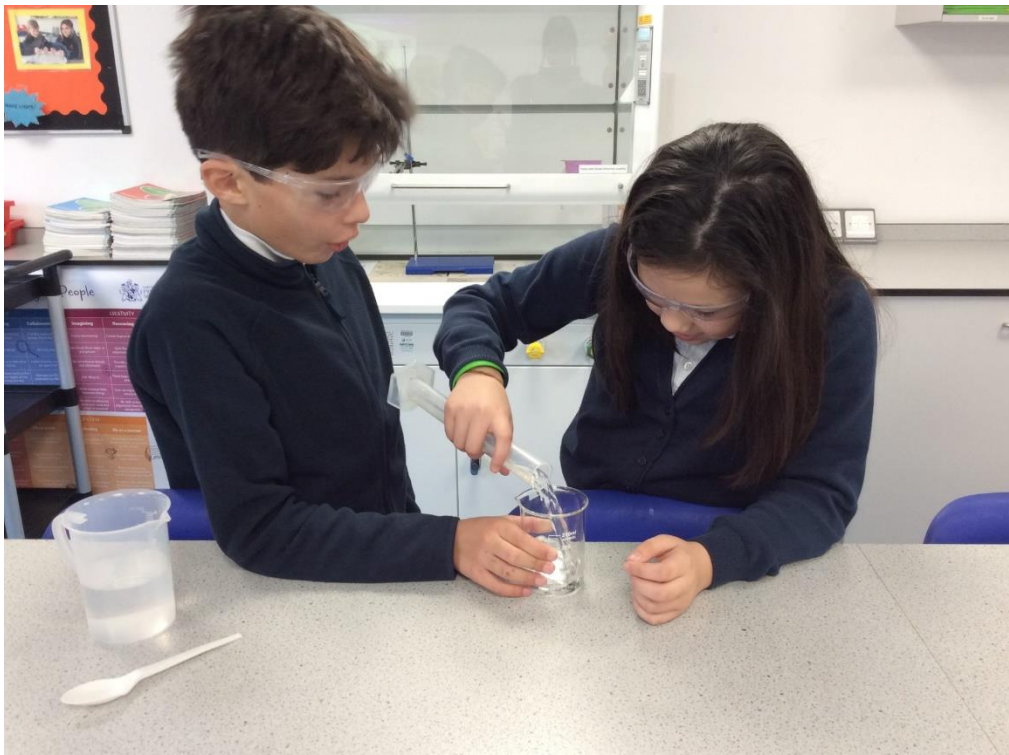


And in one final piece of news, we came back from half-term to find lovely new book shelves in our classroom. We are using these to display some of our new Leading Literature books – books we can use to help us answer our big question: What lies beneath our feet?

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Year 5 have been offered a wonderful opportunity, to take part in science and DT lessons at Cheltenham college. They will each be working on one strand of learning for 5 weeks. This week in science we began by testing which items would be soluble and insoluble by making careful observations and conducting our very own experiments. In DT we were practicing using a range of woodworking machinery. The children had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to our visit next week.



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Some children in Windrush emailed the author Phil Earl once we had finished his book: When the Sky Falls to ask him a question or to leave a kind comment about his book. These were his responses!

Alexander!!! That's so kind of you to send me this message. I am so grateful to you pal! Keep reading, all the best! Phil

Hi Adi Lovely to hear from you. Thanks for reading the book!! Why dont you watch this video? It might answer at least some of your questions... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_44hIDYxrPk Thanks so much !! Phil

Hi Opie It's so kind of you to let me know this. I'm so grateful to you!!! I hope you keep reading. Have a fantastic weekend Phil

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Hi Milly So lovely to hear from you! And thanks for being so kind. I think when you're stuck, the best thing you can do is not panic! Have a rest, go for a walk, give yourself time to work it out. And dont worry if you get it wrong. You can delete it and start again! Keep at it Px

Hi Charlotte So lovely to get your email. Thanks! Rejection is just part of being a writer I'm afraid. Even now, 25 books in, I still have stories rejected. You just have to have faith in yourself and start again.... cheers! Phil

Hi Joseph So lovely to hear from you. And yes, definitely. A lot of the anger and resentment Joseph feels, I've felt it. That's the lovely thing about writing. Sometimes putting your feelings in a story really helps you work them out. cheers Phil

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Hi Daniel! So lovely to get your email, thank you!! Great question too. Why dont you watch this. It might answer your question...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_44hIDYxrPk

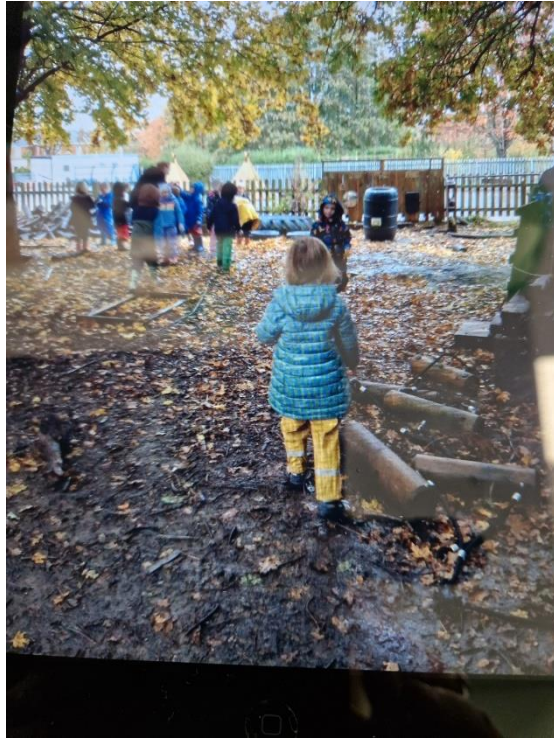
cheers! Phil

Green class had their first forest school today. We listened to Ms Williams and shared our knowledge about seasons and autumn.

We collected leaves and made a leaf wreath with our group. Then we were allowed to choose where we wanted to learn. Some of us used the mud kitchen, some built dens and some climbed up to the top of the tall tower.



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Diary Date

Planned activities are listed below.

Please note that these are subject to change and additional activities will be added in due course.

Monday 13 th November	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 14 th November	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Wednesday 15 th November	Life Education with GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning)
Thursday 16 th November	Life Education with GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 17 th November	YR Forest School (Green)
Friday 17 th November	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 17 th November	Severn Class Assembly
Monday 20 th November	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 21 st November	Bags4Schools (PTA fundraiser)
Tuesday 21 st November	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
Thursday 23 rd November	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 24 th November	YR Forest School (Red)
Friday 24 th November	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Monday 27 th November	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 28 th November	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Thursday 30 th November	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
Friday 1 st December	YR Forest School (Green)
Friday 1 st December	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 1 st December	Windrush Class Assembly
Monday 4 th December	Y4 swimming
Thursday 7 th December	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 8 th December	YR Forest School (Red)
Friday 8 th December	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Friday 8 th December	Thames Class Assembly
Monday 11 th December	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 12 th December	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Wednesday 13 th December	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms
Friday 15 th December	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 15 th December	YR Forest School (Green)
Monday 18 th December	Y4 swimming
Monday 18 th December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity TBC
Tuesday 19 th December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity TBC
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch TBC
Thursday 21 st December	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 22 nd December	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Friday 22 nd December	KS2 carols
Friday 22 nd December	3:15pm end of term
Monday 8 th January	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 th January	Arts Week (until Friday 12 th January)

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

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Zosia Morgan Evie Roberts	Phoenix Parnell-Castells Adaline Clements
Y1	Florence Wilmer Elsie Cante	Lubahbah Ahmed Lillie Webb
Y2	Ellie Tozza Lottie Carr	Stephy Dzhuelova Arthur Galvin
Y3	Ada Threadgold Michael Hanley	Ted Berry Archie Morgan
Y4	Stephanie Thompson Tabitha Davis	Evie Smith Thomas Bergin
Y5	Bella Pudrycki Jack Opperman	Summer Ip Romy Church
Y6	Sadie Buttler Hetty Carr	Charlotte Sweetman William Blake

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