



Dear Families

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Last Friday 52 children headed off to Birmingham for the Young Voices Concert. It was a spectacular evening and I have had nothing but positive feedback from the parents who attended. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the singing, dancing and apparently the biggest Mexican wave ever. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for making this happen. We intend to do this every year and encourage as many children to go as possible. It is an event that will stay with them forever.

The Headteacher Update evening will take place:

Wednesday 13th March 2024 – 6pm School Hall

This evening we will be discussing PSHE and RSE in our school curriculum and Mrs Bloys, who is the lead, will be joining me for this event. I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Club letters will be heading your way shortly. I intend to start a samba band at school, I have played for 19 years and led a band in every school I have been in. Hopefully another school is going to loan us some drums for terms 5 and 6, then we may have to fundraise to get a set of our own. Eventually I would like parents to attend, and do some collaborations with our children who already play an instrument. It is such a joyous thing to do and I have missed not doing this for the last 17 months.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

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WORLD BOOK DAY IS COMING!



World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** and we're looking forward to a day of book celebrations.

1. Children have **the option to come dressed as a character from a book** OR dressed as themselves in their favourite reading outfit.
2. The teachers will be running a **Picture Book Tasting Menu** and children will be able to sign up for the book they want to listen to. On Friday afternoon, the whole school will be on the move as they travel to their chosen picture book location to hear a book being read and shared.
3. Each classroom will be holding a **Book Buzz** session during the day. Each child, teacher and teaching partner are invited to bring their favourite book to school. On World Book Day we will mingle in our classroom showing our favourite book to others and sharing reading recommendations.
4. KS2 will be composing their own reading rivers – this gives us a great snap shot of what's being read at the moment in each class (whether books, magazines, cereal boxes, recipes – reading is everywhere!)
5. Children will be given a WBD book token to take home.

YEAR 5 ARE ON A TRIP ON WORLD BOOK DAY SO WILL BE HAVING THEIR OWN WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY 8TH MARCH. THEY ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED AS A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK ON THAT DAY – IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO – OR AS THEMSELVES IF THEY PREFER.



PTA

lease can you add the following to this week's Parklife and add the 11th March Bag2School and (if you are ok for us to use the school hall - let me know if there is any issue with this) Fri 12th April Quiz to the school calendar. Thank-you.

NPPTA Update

The PTA committee have emerged from hibernation with some dates for your diaries and some spending news...

Upcoming events

The next [Bag2School](http://www.bag2school.com) collection will be on **Monday 11th March**. Check out the website (www.bag2school.com) for a list of what is and is not accepted.

We are planning a **Spring Quiz** for evening of **Friday 12th April**. Teams of up to 6 (can be less). Further details and tickets out shortly so put the date in your diary and keep a watch out for more comms soon.

Spending

This month the PTA has handed over £13,982.50 for new class i-pads, £800 to cover the cost of the PGL coach and £642.27 for books.

This would not be possible without the financial support of parents and the school community. THANK-YOU!

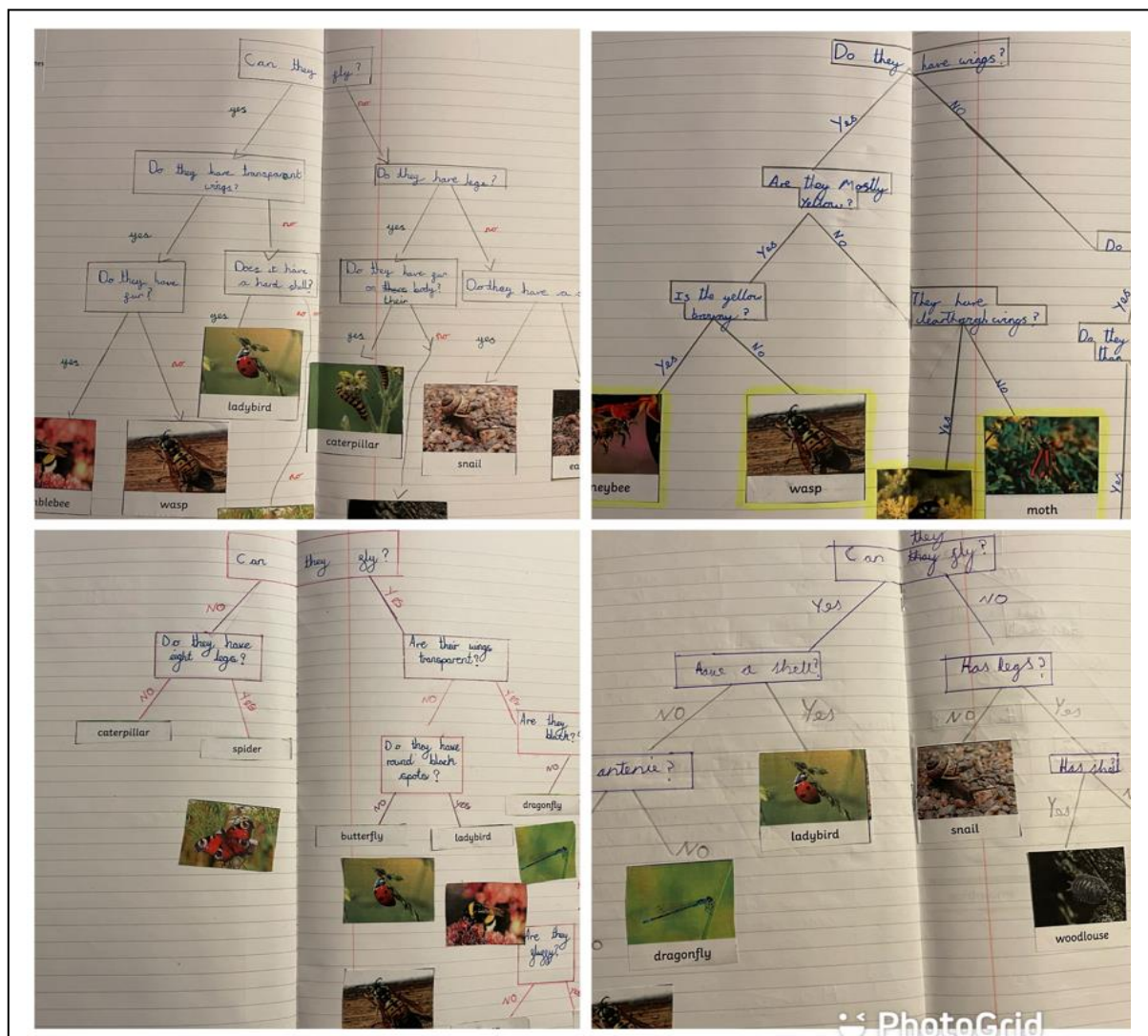
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Class News

Year Six

Classification

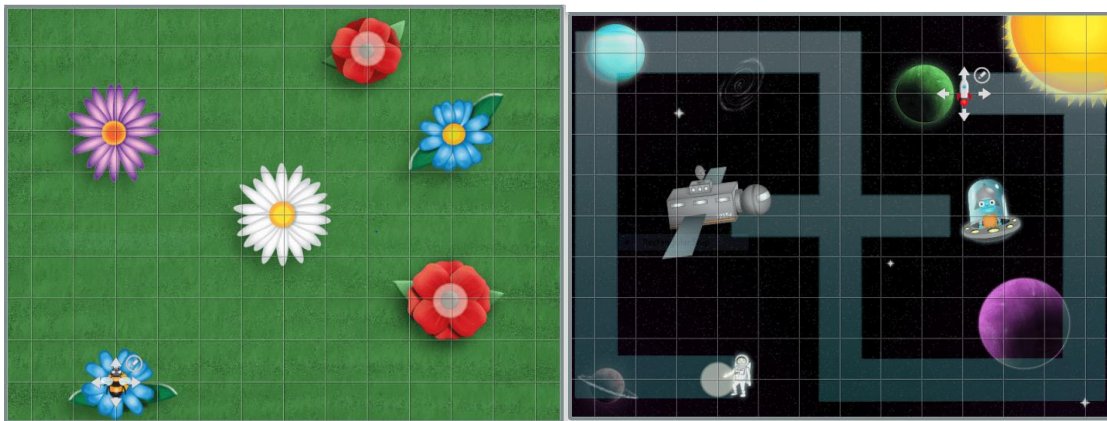
This week in Science we have been looking at the different ways living things can be classified and created these branching databases to help identify different types of invertebrates.



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Class – Orange

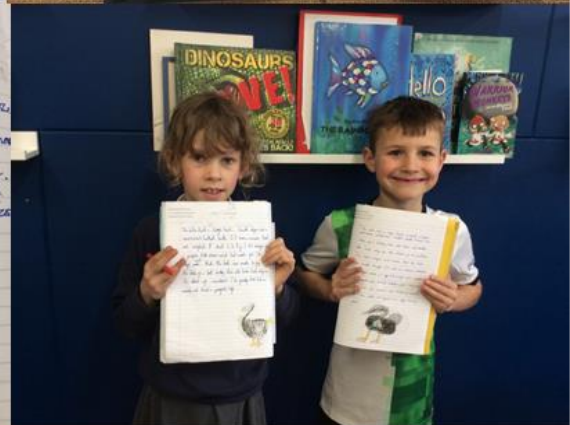
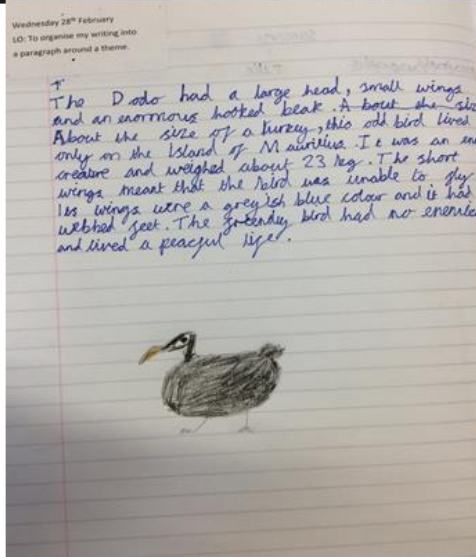
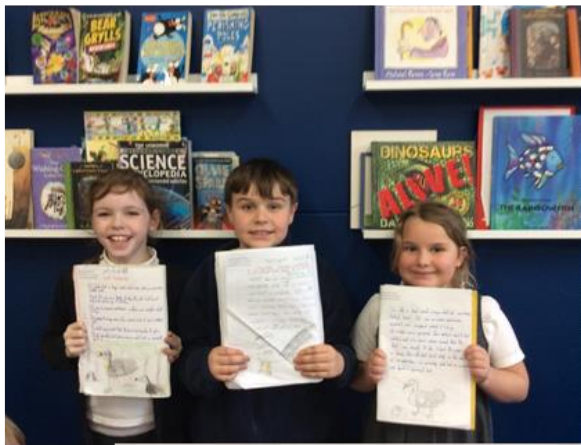
During our computing sessions, we have been learning to navigate around 'mazes'. We have been looking at different pictures and working out how to send an icon from one part of the maze to other parts. These sets of instructions are called 'algorithms'. We have learnt how to redo and delete instructions that don't get us to where we need to go and the mazes have become increasingly complex. During our next session, we will be creating our own mazes for a friend to explore. How exciting!



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Cherwell

To help answer our leading question 'What are the environmental threats to life in the Caribbean?' we have been looking at the damage caused to coral reefs. We have printed pictures of coral reefs, painting some in beautiful colours and leaving others to look bleached. In our explanation text writing we will explain why coral is at risk and what can be done...



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Class – Thames

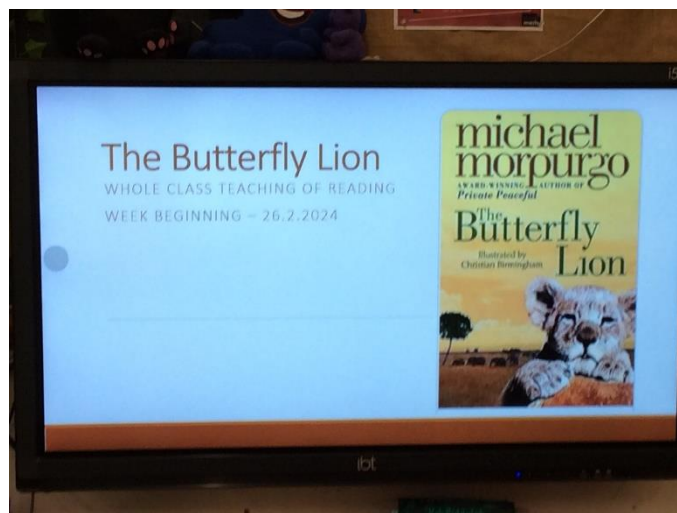
Thames class began their REAL Gym unit today, focusing on developing and applying balance on the floor, sequence creation and games. These photos show the class doing group static balances to warm up, using tuck, straddle, star and pike shapes. We then moved on to partner balances where they had to be safe, trustworthy, trusting and helpful...not to mention supportive in more ways than one!



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Class – Purple

This term Year 2s class reader has been 'Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. The story is about a little boy who rescues an orphaned lion cub, whilst living in Africa. As part of our 'whole class teaching of reading' sessions we have looked at key vocabulary from each chapter and completed a variety of different comprehension activities. Each day Purple class have been very excited to find out what happens as the little boy grows older and why the book is even called 'The Butterfly Lion'?



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Class – Green

In EYFS this term our Talk 4 Writing book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We have listened to this story over and over. We have watched animated versions and also learnt to sign of the story using British Sign Language.

Part of our creative work in continuous provision this week has been inspired by the story too. We used corks to create and print a hungry caterpillar. We had to wait for it to dry before adding detail with pens. We also used corks to recreate the pattern inside the front cover.



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Class – Severn

This week, Year 5 have been starting to look at how human activity has been affecting the biomes on Earth. Our text in Talk for Writing is looking at how humans have been impacting polar regions. We have been learning the explanation text off by heart, using actions to help us remember it. We also loved our first swimming lesson, as we have been looking forward to it for so long!



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Safeguarding

NSPCC's Pantosaurus has helped 1.5 million parents Talk PANTS and keep their children safe. Developed in consultation with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen. We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about.



Parents and carers can sign up to receive helpful tips and advice via email: Sign up [here](#).

What are the PANTS rules?

- ❖ Privates are private
- ❖ Always remember your body belongs to you
- ❖ No means no
- ❖ Talk about secrets that upset you
- ❖ Speak up, someone can help

When's right time to talk PANTS?

Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are - it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them.

- ❖ After school if there's been a lesson that day about personal relationships or PSHE
- ❖ Bathtime to talk about body parts and what's to be kept private
- ❖ Car journeys are a great time to have a chat or ask your child if they have any questions
- ❖ Reading the NSPCC's PANTS storybook together
- ❖ Singing the NSPCC's PANTS song with Pantosaurus
- ❖ Swimming is a great time to talk about what's covered by swimwear
- ❖ Walking to/from school when you both feel at ease and relaxed
- ❖ Watching TV if the programme features a sensitive storyline – encourage your child to talk about anything that upsets them

Watch the Pantosaurus video & access more resources here:

[Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC](#)

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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 4 th March	Y5 swimming
Monday 4 th & Tues 5 th March	YR and Y6 Height and weight checks (plus vision for YR)
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 1 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Thursday 7 th March	Year 5 trip to The Living Rainforest
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Y5 swimming
Monday 11 th March	Year 2 trip to The Wild Place
Monday 11 th March	Bags2School
Wednesday 13th March	3:30-4:00pm Open Classrooms POSTPONED due to parent consultations being in T4
Wednesday 13 th March	Headteacher Update Evening 6pm – school hall.
Friday 15 th March	Blue Class Assembly
Monday 18 th March	Y5 swimming
Monday 18 th March	RE Week
Monday 18 th March	Easter Celebration TBC
Tuesday 19 th March	5pm, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check parents' information session online
Wednesday 20 th March	Wildlife Quiz
Monday 25 th March-Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 12 th April	PTA Quiz
Monday 15 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 19 th April	Yellow Class Assembly
Monday 22 nd April	Y5 swimming
Monday 29 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 3 rd May	Purple Class Assembly
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 13 th May	Y5 swimming
Friday 17 th May	Green Class Assembly
Monday 20 th May	Y5 swimming
Monday 27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	RE Week
Monday 3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
Monday 3 rd June	Y5 swimming
Monday 10 th June	Y1/2 Phonic Screening Check Week
Monday 10 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
Monday 10 th June	Y5 swimming
Friday 14 th June	Red Class Assembly
Monday 17 th June	Y5 swimming – moved to Wed 19 th June
Wednesday 19 th June	Y5 swimming
Monday 24 th June	Y5 swimming
Friday 28 th June	Orange Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	9:30am, Y4-Y6 Swimming Gala at Cheltenham College
Monday 1 st July	Y5 swimming (last session)
Wednesday 3 rd July	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms

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Friday 5th July
Monday 8th July
Friday 19th July
Monday 22nd July

Annual Reports home to parents
Y6 PGL Week
Y6 Leavers' Assembly
INSET Day – school closed to pupils

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

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Finn Felipe	Jacob Woolfrey Oscar Clarke
Y1	Seth McWilliam Rosie Grant	Arthur Batsford Barnaby Burnel
Y2	May Barber-Wood Hebe de Keyser Issac	Ellie Tozza Ofeoluwadayo Oderinde
Y3	Branwen Hughes Effie Gibson	Leo Amara Alice Graham
Y4	Jessie Chambers Archie Oldroyd	George Ransom Beatrice Forster
Y5	Emily Kirk Birdie Milner	Neve Marks Hlib Melncyhuk
Y6	Benjamin Hannahford George Delilah Roylance	Joseph Sheppee Raffy Betts

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