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# CLASS NEWS

30th March 2023

## Message from the Headteacher

The children have worked extremely hard this term. It has been amazing to see them all achieving. I am so proud of the children's learning habits as they demonstrate resilience, collaboration and communicate effectively with each other on their design projects. Included in this topic was also learning on how we need to take responsibility for looking after our environment by reusing, recycling, composting and much more. It has been lovely to see the children so excited about what they are making and being proud to show any visitors in school.

During the Easter break, I hope you enjoy your family time, observing the signs of Spring, researching your next topic and come back to school having had a wonderful, restful break. I cannot believe that it will be the summer term already. How quickly the year goes. This summer term we look forward to lots of exciting events, new learning and enjoying the summer weather.

Mrs N Sheeran-Ball



# ATTENDANCE

Current School Attendance:

Attendance to date (Since September)	
Overall attendance 91.01%	
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	87.81%
Year 1	89.82%
Year 2	90.99%
Year 3	93.32%
Year 4	93.50%
Year 5	89.63%
Year 6	91.01%

Please remember that if your child(ren) are unwell and will not be attending school, please make sure you contact the school to inform them **each** day they are absent.



## NURSERY

This term, Nursery have shown a lot of interest in the signs of Spring.

We have been looking at the flowers which are beginning to grow and talking about chicks and lambs being born at this time of year.

During the Easter holiday, why not go for a Spring walk and see what signs you can see? You could collect some items and create a spring picture. If you do this, please bring it in to share with the class next term.

We hope you all have a fantastic break and look forward to seeing you after Easter.

Miss East and Mrs Hawkes 😊





# RECEPTION

Reception have really enjoyed learning about looking after the environment and what happens to our rubbish. We have found out how our rubbish gets sorted into different bins and how we can reuse materials to make new things.

We have loved making our kites out of reused materials. We finished our topic off by taking our kites to the local park and took part in an Easter egg hunt.





# YEAR 1

What a term we have had in Year 1! We have been so busy learning all about Antarctica and becoming polar explorers ourselves. We found out all about Robert Falcon Scott and then we even discovered that Mrs Sheeran-Ball's dad visited Antarctica too! We really enjoyed asking him our own questions about his expedition. We had our own explorer camp set up in our classroom and lots of clothes to become explorers ourselves.



We've really enjoyed writing our own stories, learning our number bonds to 20, measuring lots of items, retelling stories and so much more. We've completed experiments with ice, melting objects and we've been on walks to look for signs of spring.

We are SO proud of the children for their fantastic learning attitudes and their general positivity towards school. We hope you all have a superb Easter holiday and we can't wait to see you for the summer term of fun!

Here are some more of our recent highlights:





## YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been busy making our enclosures to tag and release Jamaican iguanas into the wild. In groups we joined the wood together to create our frame and used hot glue to attach the plastic walls. We measured our doors to match the size of a real-life baby iguana and built our levers and sliders to match this.

Once our structure was built, we worked together to camouflage it and tested its' waterproofness by leaving it outside overnight while it rained. We are very proud of our enclosures and hope that they will be used successfully to tag and release iguanas safely into the wild.



As writers, we have been writing our own stories inspired by the book, *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. We incorporated our knowledge on, expanded noun phrases, coordinated, and subordinated conjunctions, time connectives and even adverbs.

We were influenced by the current story we are reading in our Reading Together sessions called, 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoë Tucker. This included learning about the impact of plastic pollution, littering and chopped down trees on our environment.



## YEAR 3

This term year three have been busy in art learning all about sculpting and modelling. We have created our own patterns in clay as well as creating thumb pots and coil pots before designing our own canopic jar relating to our history topic about Ancient Egypt next term.



In D.T we have created a design to help catch and track a fish as part of the Canal and Rivers trust team 'Unlocking the Severn' project. We considered our design criteria and did lots of market research before beginning to make our prototypes. We have learnt all about how levers and linkages work and used this to create an extendable grabber. We also investigated shell structures and used our evaluation process to make our designs even better. We finished off our project by writing a letter to the Canal and Rivers trust, telling them why we think our grabber is suitable for the task and what things they would need to amend in its final production.



In Writing we created some fantastic journey stories about talking inanimate objects in our classroom! We are now using classic Fairy tale stories to become reporters and write news articles related to these.



## YEAR 4

In a very short half term, Year 4 have been exceptionally busy. We have interviewed Teresa Davis and shared her books enjoying both the stories and the detail in the illustrations. Most of the class attended the Oaker Wood Residential where everyone was challenged either physically, mentally or both, and all children showed great resilience in what, for many, was their first experience of being away from home.

Our DT project has almost finished, the children have all worked in small groups to create the work for the displays in the Central Area. We researched which shapes form the strongest structures using cocktail stick models and then scaled up our designs to use wood and paper straws to make a larger version. Our measuring, multiplication and division skills were put to the test to share resources and create larger nets for our housing element of the structure.



We are practicing our times-tables daily and our scores are slowly improving, we need to continue to use every opportunity to keep these fresh in our memories to increase the speed of recall. There are lots of activities in the Easter homework pack that are fun ways to help embed this knowledge.

Our class book remains *The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe* and we will use this and other examples of setting descriptions to create vivid images in our reader's minds as we write our own story extracts.

In history after Easter, we will be looking at the Ancient Mayan Civilisation with a dress-up day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps these images will provide some inspiration for your design.



Wishing you all a very happy Easter break.



# YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO OAKER WOOD





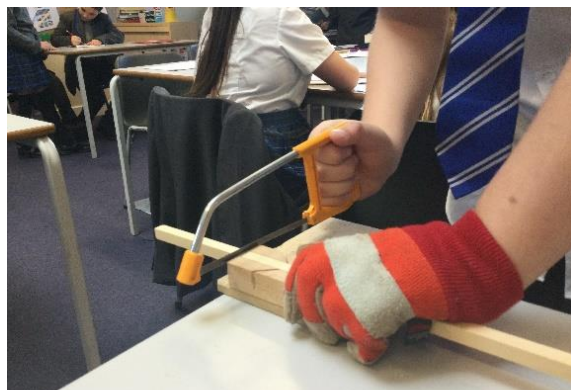
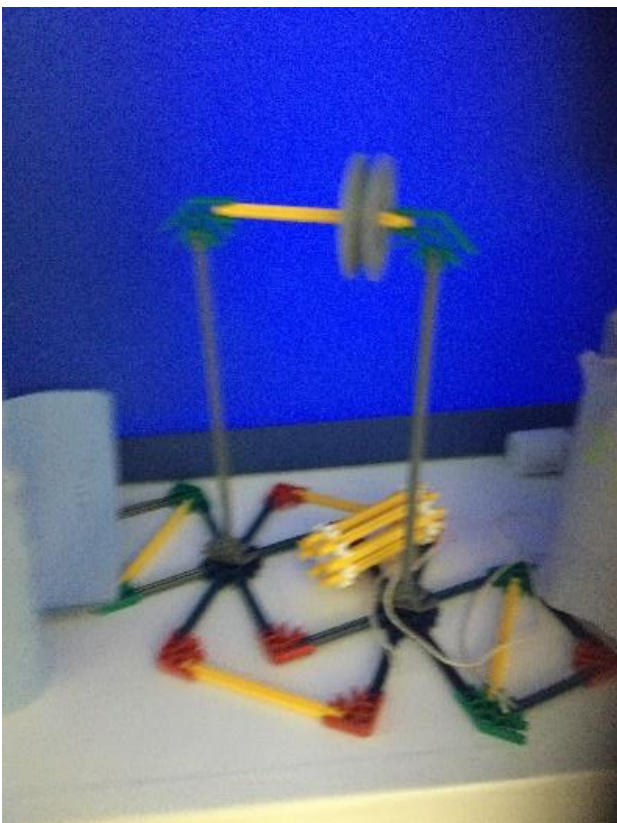
## YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 we have been focussing on our DT projects, looking at structures and mechanisms of cranes. We've been really impressing our teachers with how to strengthen structures and exploring how pulley mechanisms work using Knex. We have measured and cut materials using hacksaws and applied our knowledge of strengthening materials using glue guns.



We have been showing our resilience in Maths converting fractions, decimals and percentages and in Writing we have been learning about adding detail through parenthesis as well as learning about space through our reading.

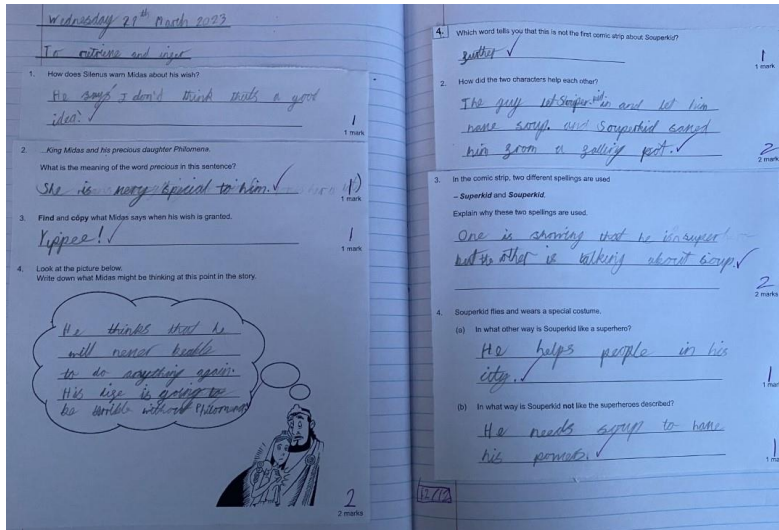
We're really looking forward to launching into our topic on the Vikings and Anglo Saxons as we return to school after the Easter Break.



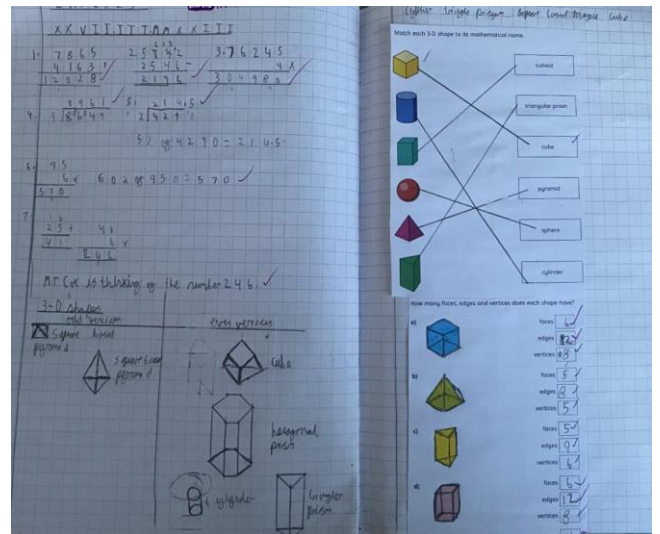
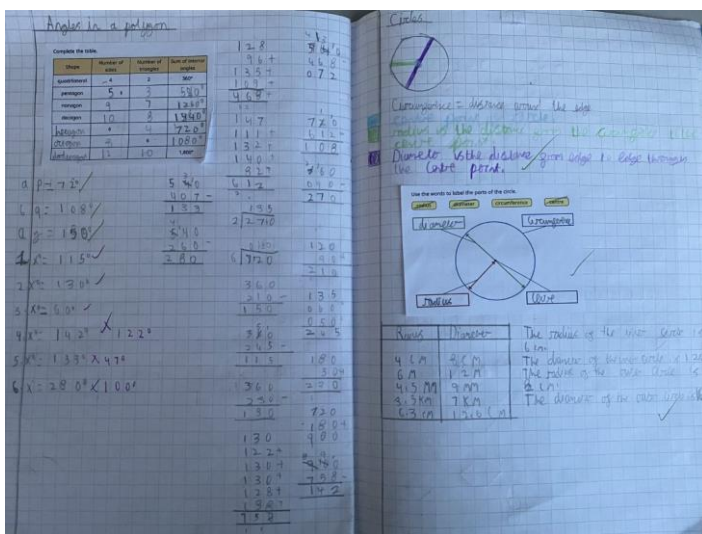


# YEAR 6C

What a fabulous end to the Spring Term 6C have had. As Readers, we have been retrieving information and making inferences to a range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We especially enjoyed looking at comic strips; identifying effective ways to successfully retrieve information. As Writers, we have been identifying the key features of a diary entry and have begun to plan how we would write a diary entry in the mindset of a WW2 child. We have found this trickier than we thought as we cannot imagine how these children would have felt, however, with the help of real-life diary entries or recordings from the time, we have been able to empathise.



As Mathematicians, we have dived into shape; recapping angles on a straight line and around a point. We have thoroughly enjoyed recalling our knowledge of 2-D shapes and improving our knowledge of 3-D shapes using concrete resources. Let's just say some of the shapes were tricky to say: pentagonal prism and octahedron, just to name a couple.



We look forward to the Summer Term, showing how much our dedication and hard work has paid off for SATs, and enjoying the last few months we have together. This term, 6C have shown such amazing resilience and dedication to their studying and it really shows. They should end the Spring Term feeling amazing within themselves and knowing just how proud Mr Cox is of them! Well done!



## YEAR 6F

Year 6 have been working so hard over the last few weeks we are so proud of them!

In reading, maths and SPAG we have been reviewing previous learning working hard to reactivate previous knowledge as well as applying it to a range of contexts.

We are so proud of how hard they are working.

In reading, we have been looking at a range of texts ranging from fiction and non-fiction as well as some poetry (Ms Ferguson's favourite!)

We have been using our reading skills and working hard to use our strategies to infer from the text.

In P.E we have been refining our tennis skills including ball and racket control. Over the past few weeks, we have been improving our accuracy and are able to send and receive serves. We have worked hard to improve our skills.



Happy Easter Year 6F



# LOCAL COMMUNITY



NEWS

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01905 780400**

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[info@worcester.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@worcester.foodbank.org.uk)**

## EASTER OPENING HOURS

**Friday 7th of April : Good Friday  
OPEN AS USUAL 11am-2pm**

**Monday 10th April : Easter Monday  
CLOSED**



## OTHER BANK HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

**Monday 1st May : May Day  
CLOSED**

**Monday 8th May : King's Coronation  
OPEN AS USUAL 11am-2pm**

**Monday 29th May : Spring Bank Holiday  
CLOSED**





**Got stuff to sell?**  
**Crafts/toys/clothes/plants**  
**books/games etc.**

8th Worcester Scouts are holding a TABLE TOP SALE  
to raise money for their Northern Ireland Expo

**April 22nd 1pm-5pm**  
**At Claines Scout hut**  
**On Cornmeadow lane**

**SCAN HERE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT**

**£5**  
**basic space**  
**(no table)**



**£8**  
**standard space**  
**(with table)**

THERE WILL BE FOOD, DRINKS, TUCK SHOP,  
TOMBOLAS AND MUCH MORE





# Warndon Community EASTER FAYRE!

Friday 14 April 2023, 12-3pm

Warndon Hub & Playing Fields, Shap Drive

## FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY INCLUDING:

- ~ Easter egg hunt ~
- ~ Bouncy castle ~
- ~ Face painting ~
- ~ Badge making ~
- ~ Multi-sports ~
- ~ Animal Man (tickets now sold out) ~
- ~ FREE food & hot drinks ~

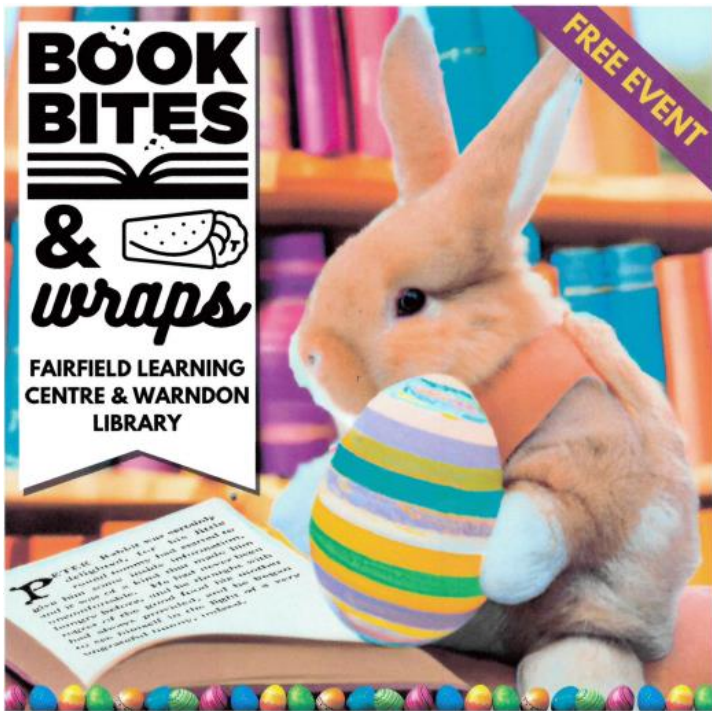
FREE TO  
ATTEND

Staff from lots of Platform Housing teams will be on hand to talk & offer advice. You will also have the opportunity to meet staff from Worcester Community Trust, Action for Children, Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Service, Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club & Oasis Academy Hub.

**EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. BOOKING IS NOT  
REQUIRED, JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY!**







**BOOK BITES**

**& wraps**

FAIRFIELD LEARNING CENTRE & WARNDON LIBRARY

FREE Books for children  
 MAKE YOUR OWN FREE HEALTHY WRAP SNACK  
 EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS

**Wednesday**  
**5th & 12th April**  
**11.30am - 12.30pm**



Join us at The Fairfield Learning Centre (Cornforth Drive, Warndon, Worcester, WR4 9HG) for a family fun hour during Easter. Free reading books to keep for children, healthy snacks + arts & crafts. Join the library & discover Adult Learning courses that are on offer!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 free books per child.



Worcestershire Libraries



**kidsholidayclub**

at Sport Dyson Perrins Leisure Centre

**HAF it! 2023**

**free school meal access for 8 - 14 yrs**

**Activities include:**

- racquet sports
- team games
- arts and crafts
- sports masterclasses

And much more!

**3 - 6 April**  
**9am - 3:30pm**

To book you must register with the HAF Worcestershire ([haf-it.co.uk](http://haf-it.co.uk))



For more information contact...

[hcmalvern@freedom-leisure.co.uk](mailto:hcmalvern@freedom-leisure.co.uk)

**Booking now!**



**WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET**

**HAF it! 2023**

**FREE SEND HAF SESSIONS**

**Worcester**  
Age 8 - 16

**Tuesday 4th and 11th April**  
 10-12noon

**Woodgreen Evangelical church, WR4 0DN**

SCAN ME TO BOOK

Please contact Elsa for more information - [Elsa-marie.evans@wccc.co.uk](mailto:Elsa-marie.evans@wccc.co.uk)

**WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET**

**HAF it! 2023**

**FREE MULTI SPORT CAMP**

**Worcester Age 5-11**

**Honeywell Primary School, Tudor Way, Worcester WR2 5QH**

**Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th April**  
 9-3pm

Lunch provided

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