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# **NEWSLETTER - Issue 13**

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# **WOW-IN DAY**





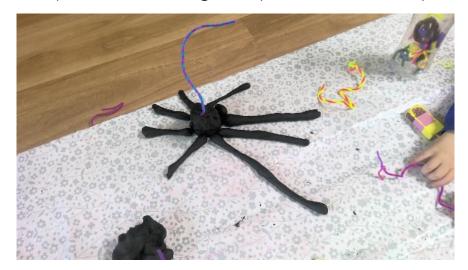
# **NURSERY**

Nursery will be learning about a different insect each week of this term.

This week we have been learning about spiders.

The children have been painting, drawing and building spiders.

We know that spiders have 8 legs, they eat flies and they live in a web.







# RECEPTION

Reception enjoyed exploring minibeasts.

We learnt all about the different types of minibeasts and where we might find them.

We went on a bug hunt within the environmental garden and used our new knowledge to identify the bugs we found.

We then made ladybird biscuits counting the different spots onto them.





We had a fantastic Wow-in day where we became explorers for the day!

We started off the day by talking about our own history and the history of our

Year 1 journey so far. We made a giant timeline which included lots of highlights

from the year.





After lunch, we become explorers and used the Now Press Play to follow maps to find the dragon! It was really fun, and the children were so engaged. We then went on an exploration of our own school, finding where different things were and marking them on a map.





We also learnt all about Amelia Earhart who is going to be our focus explorer for the next couple of weeks. She was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic on her own! We were really amazed to find out what life was like in her era and compare it to the current day.

As Historians we began our day identifying significant people in History and used Ian Dawson's model of significance to discuss what makes someone significant. We explored Queen Elizabeth II, Samuel Pepys, and Grace Darling and assessed them against Dawson's statements. We then drew a significant person in History and wrote why they were significant.

We identified when the Victorian Era was and why it was called that. There was a surprise box of objects on our carpet that was full of objects such as a lantern, aprons, a writing box, and a postcard from Scutari. We explored these objects and discussed what they might have been used for and discovered that they linked to Florence Nightingale and her life as a nurse. We developed our knowledge by following a Now Press Play activity where we immersed ourselves into the life of Florence Nightingale and her experiences during the Crimean War.

We applied our knowledge to create a timeline of her life including key dates such as, 1820 when she was born, 1854 when the Crimean war started and 1910 when she died.

We delved deeper into hospital conditions during the Crimean War and compared them to modern hospitals and care. We wrote about cleanliness, quality of training for hospital staff, medicine, and technology.







Year 3 have enjoyed a fantastic first few days back at school, especially with our wow in day to introduce our history topic for this term, 'The Ancient Egyptians'. It was amazing to see the projects that the children have created and put so much effort into over the half term...we have some fantastic pyramid builders in Year 3!

We have already begun to look at sources from ancient Egypt, to discover more about the people that lived in ancient Egyptian times and their way of life.

We will also continue our learning about the Egyptians through our other subjects such as reading, where our first story will be, 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and in art where we have been creating canopic jars from clay. Make sure to ask us for some facts at home.







Our history wow in day was on Tuesday and it was fantastic to see the children attend school in a Maya themed costume.





We completed many activities throughout the day including a giant time-line from the present day back to 10,000 BC and then used this understanding of relative time (of different cultures) to populate a timeline back in the classroom. Our timeline was 130 metres long! We attached all our key history topic dates onto this line.





We studied where the Ancient Maya (and present-day descendants live in the World) initially using the playground map and then using coordinates in the classroom.

We journeyed to Ancient Maya using, 'Now Press Play' audio story, where we faced many perils including almost being sacrificed for losing a Mayan ball game. Fortunately, we were saved by our pet jaguar and created peace for the inhabitants of the city and high praise from the prince.

In the afternoon, we looked at paintings drawn by archaeologists as they discovered ancient cities in Mexico. We considered what we can learn about the Maya civilisation from the buildings and statues left behind.

We are having a big push on times-tables this. Children will be spending time every day working with their times-table knowledge and securing fast recall of facts to 12 x12. Please continue to support the children at home with frequent activities that support their recall of facts – anything goes (games, songs, TT Rockstar games, purple mash, times-table hangman... Please catch up with me if you need some new ideas to keep the home learning fun.

Have a look at this painting of a Maya lady created by Bianca and her Mum. It received very high praise from all of Year 4.



### Back in time...

Last week for our History wow in day we have been learning all about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! Did you know that many of the words we use today originated from the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons?

Thursday (borsdagr), which you might guess means "Thor's day."

We launched in with placing where we thought the Anglo-Saxon and Viking time periods were on a timeline as well as making predictions using a range of primary resources. We looked at a drinking horn, coins, a purse, spoons and combs that Vikings would have made and used.

Some of us dressed the part too. Have a look at this incredible drawing that Ben Bodnar drew too...it's amazing!





Why not try these at home:

### History- Vikings

- Fact file on the Vikings. Think about:
   Where did the come from?
   What languages did they speak?
   Why did they leave their homelands?
   Were there any famous people?
- Create a timeline of key events that happened during the Vikings era.
- Make a longboat using recycled materials.



# YEAR 6C

6C thoroughly enjoyed our History WOW-IN day with many children choosing to dress up as a land girl, army soldier and evacuees. Of course, Mr Cox got involved and had to be King George VI (the reigning monarch during WWII).







As Readers this week, we have explored a non-fiction text all about 'Judy: The hero dog of the Second World War'. We were enthralled to read just how important she was in saving the lives of many British troops in East Asia during the Second World War. We enjoyed retrieving information from the text finding out what she is known for being the only dog to be officially registered as a prisoner of war.

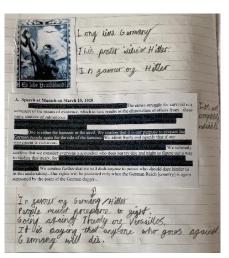
As Mathematicians this week, we have been using our reasoning and problem solving skills to work out 'the mean'. At first, we found this quite tricky but, with a bit of resilience, we got there in the end. We even found the mean of civilian and military deaths in the UK, USA, the Soviet Union and Germany and gosh it was an awful lot!

As Historians, we enjoyed identifying the allies and axis of WWII, some rather shocking. Additionally, we built upon our chronological awareness by placing previous taught topics and WWI and WWII onto our own timelines. This part was fun as we had to decipher the order of the significant events. Finally, as part of our History WOW-IN day, we identified the main causes of WWII whilst looking at primary sources of propaganda posters from Nazi Germany and extracts from various speeches.









# YEAR 6F

Well, we have only been back a few days but what a great couple of days they have been!

As Historians we have been exploring our (long awaited) topic, World War 2. As part of our Wow-in day, we dressed up as soldiers and evacuees. To look at the chronology of historical events, we created a timeline of all the historical periods we have studied so far. We also delved deeper into our topic and looked at key events within World War Two. We also explored a range of primary and secondary sources to help us explore the causes of World War Two.

We have also been exploring this topic within our writing and have been writing diary entries as an evacuee imagining what life was like at that time, how we would have felt and what we would have done. We have been looking at a range of writing skills and have really enjoyied writing in role.





# **LOCAL COMMUNITY**

# DANCE FEST

WARNDON DANCE **CLUB** (5-10)

**MONDAYS** 

WARNDON COMMUNITY HUB,

SHAP DRIVE, WR4 9NX

4pm-4.45pm

£1 a week

# **TOLLADINE DANCE CLUB (5-10)**

**TUESDAYS** TOLLY HUB, **ROWAN AVENUE, WR4 9QW** 

3.45pm-4.45pm, £1 week



Please book your place before coming to class if you can

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# PREMIER SOCCER COACHING



### AT CORNMEADOW LANE SPORTS GROUND

Claines, WR3 7PW
(NEXT TO THE SCOUT HUT)
STARTING SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

Group 1	9.00am - 10.00am	School Years Reception and 1
Group 3	10.00am-11.00am	School Years 2 and 3
Group 4	11.00am-12.00pm	School Years 4 +

Premier Soccer Coaching providing safe, fun enjoyable football coaching for Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13 for 26 years! All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. Players are grouped together according to age and ability.

- The course will be held on Saturday mornings, starting 22nd April and will run for 12 weeks.
- The cost of the course is £7 per week (which is payable every four weeks £28)

  HALF PRICE £3.50 per week for second and subsequent Brothers and Sisters (which is payable every four weeks £14) with the first payment due on week 1.
- ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 TROPHY on the final week of the course with opportunities for all players to win more during the course including Penalty shoot-out and World Cup competitions.
- The children will be coached by DBS POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self-esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.
- The course will be held outdoors on the grass pitches so boots or trainers may be worn.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions, please contact us on the details below.

# BOOK ONLINE www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk

Alternatively CALL 07305 065 525 or Text WORCESTER+ CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3)

and receive confirmation by text

Stephen Carpenter (Course Co-ordinator)





### **EXPLORE MORE**

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**ALL TRIPS BELOW** 

# £10.00 per person per trip

Jinney Ring 🧶 2nd May Jinney Ring 9th May

Bewdley 22nd May Bewdley 29th May

The Old Prison 5th June The Old Prison 13th June

Gloucester Cathedral 20th June Gloucester Cathedral 26th June

Webbs of Wychbold Webbs of Wychbold **3rd July** 11th July

Stratford Upon Avon 25th July Stratford Upon Avon 31st July

7th August Ludlow inc. market 14th August Ludlow inc. market (

22nd August Cirencester Cirencester ( 29th August

### departure time from all venues 13:00

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Upton upon Severn ~ Barnards Green ~ Malvern ~ Malvern Link ~ Powick Lower Wick ~ St Johns ~ Worcester

Pershore - Kempsey St Peters Drive (3 pick up points) Whittington

OTHER PICK UP POINTS MAY BE CONSIDERED, PLEASE JUST ASK

For further details on our short visits and times please see our separate leaflet

### **HOW TO BOOK YOUR TRIP**

### **VISIT AND BOOK DIRECT AT:-**

WORCESTER TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE MALVERN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE **UPTON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE** 

### **VIA OUR WEBSITE**

WWW.ASTONS-COACHES.CO.UK/ **GREAT-DAYS-OUT** 

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DAYTRIPS@ASTONS-COACHES.CO.UK

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07570 973842

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### SUMMER

**Great Days Out** 



### **MAY - AUGUST** 2023

Pick up points Upton ~ Pershore ~ Malvern Worcester ~ Kempsey

Including £10.00 trips Mondays and Tuesdays with additional pick up points

### **MAY**

### **WINDSOR** £30.00 pp - Thursday 4th

2 days before the coronation of King Charles III we are returning to Windsor, arriving in time for the Changing of the Guard Parade, followed by an optional walking tour, then enjoy the buzz of the upcoming Coronation fever!

# £45.00 - Wednesday 10th May

Thursday trip on a Wednesday to coincide with the famous 800 year old

coincide with the famous 800 year old market.
To get a feel for this medieval town we have entry and a tour of the Bishops Palace arranged, the afternoon will then be free to explore the Cathedral and enjoy the market.



### HAY ON WYE BOOK FESTIVAL £22.00 pp - Thursday 25th

In addition to visiting the first 'Booktown in the World' and the 700 year old Hay Market Day, we also have the annual Hay Festival, free to visit, additional events are available with live authors, please see their website

### **JUNE - HALF TERM**

ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW \*
Adults £25.00, Children £15.00 Thursday 1st June

A great 'British' day out for the family to enjoy, a full programme of activities including Main Ring Entertainment & Demonstrations, Live Music, Cooking Demonstrations, Woodland and Countryside Arena ...



\*Price coach transfers only, tickets to be purchased on the gate dults - £22.00 plus up to 2 free children, Children 5 - 15 £6.00

## **JUNE**

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM £35.00 pp - Thursday 8th

An unforgettable day out at this living, growing tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our country. To ensure you make the most of your visit we have included a guided walk and trip on the Land Train.

# OXFORD - inc. walking tour £30.00 - Thursday 15th

'City of Dreaming Spires' - famous for it's university and place in history. The main sights of Oxford are very close so we have a local guide to take us on a 90 minute walking tour to ensure we get the full Oxford experience. The afternoon can be spent in one of the many museums or enjoying the beauty of Oxford.



### **RAF COSFORD** £25.00 pp - Thursday 22nd

Seeing is believing, you will see some of the largest and smallest machines flown by RAF in their full glory, our private guide will bring to life the unique collection, telling RAF stories and history of some of most iconic aircraft

### COTSWOLD FALCONRY CENTRE £30.00 - Thursday 29th

Home to over 60 different species of birds of prey, including Eagles, Owls, Hawks and Vultures, one of the leading Bird of Prey centres in the UK achieving Top rating on Trip Advisor.
One hour displays are shown throughout the day, each display different, admire their flying skills and experience their hunting techniques.



For prices and information on our trips please contact daytrips@astons-coaches.co.uk or call 07570 973842

### **JULY**

### **WITLEY COURT & GARDENS** £25.00 pp - Thursday 13th

£10.00 reduction for English Heritage members Spectacular ruins of one of the great houses of the Victorian period, enjoy the grand fountain and Great Witley church designed to show power and wealth, summing up 19th century Witley Court

### **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** £80.00 - Thursday, 27th

'Tour of Buckingham Palace State Rooms

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### **AUGUST**

### **BLENHEIM PALACE** £60.00 pp - Thursday 10th

For families so many gardens to explore ...Water Terrace, Secret Garden, lake, bridge, waterfalls ... For history fanatics we have a guided tour of Blenheim Palace, to ensure you get the most our of your visit.

### **HIGHGROVE GARDENS** £55.00 - Thursday 24th

A 90 minute private tour of King Charles III and the Queen Consorts' Highgrove Gardens, led by one of their experienced guides revealing the history, management and sources of inspiration behind the individual gardens.



### **WESTON SUPER MARE** Adults £25.00, Children £20.00 Thursday 31st

Coming to the end of the summer holidays, join us for our trip to Weston Super Mare. Buckets and spades, kites and cricket enjoy the long sandy beach, and of course the buzz of the Grand Pier.l