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# CLASS NEWS

23rd June 2023

## Message from the Headteacher

What an eventful couple of weeks, the children have been demonstrating their resilience, even more so as the temperature heats up and the sun shines. We have been proud to hand out so many certificates in assembly this week including three children who received their golden rainbow points certificate. Well done to those children! We have also seen an improvement in attendance this week so thank you for your ongoing support.

Reception had a fabulous time at Weston Super Mare, despite leaving Worcester in the rain, they arrived in Weston in glorious sunshine. They ate chip and built sandcastles. The children loved being on the beach.

There are lots of events planned for the end of term, please make sure that you read any letters in book bags and the information on the rest of this newsletter so that you are fully informed on what is happening. We look forward to seeing you at the events as your support is very much appreciated and valued. Thank you. **Mrs Sheeran-Ball**

## ATTENDANCE

Current School Attendance: 90.96%

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	89.39%
Year 1	89.71%
Year 2	90.49%
Year 3	93.04%
Year 4	93.66%
Year 5	89.24%
Year 6	92.39%

### Remember...

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.



**JUNE 2023**



**Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5 Taster Day at Bishop Perowne

**Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>:** New Reception Stay and Play: 1.30pm

**Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6F Swimming

**Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>:** Cricket Coach – various year groups

**JULY 2023**



**Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>:** TGAW Transition Days

**Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6F Swimming

**Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Cricket Coach – various year groups

**Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Bishop Perowne Transition Days

**Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6F Swimming (last one)

**Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Cricket Coach – various year groups

**Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Trip to the Thinktank

**Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Trip to RAF Fairford Airshow

**Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Sports Day & Family Picnic **9.15am**

**Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Whole School Transition morning

**Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Prom **5 to 6.30pm**

**Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Year 6 Leavers Assembly **9.15am**

**Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>:** **School closes for the Summer**



# NURSERY

Nursery have been soaking up the sun. We have spent a long time in the garden playing in the paddling pools and exploring the sand and water. The children have had so much fun but, are aware of how we need to stay safe and look after ourselves in the sunshine.

'We put suncream on because we burn in the sun' – Charlie



# RECEPTION



Reception have really enjoyed having year 6 come to join us each day. It has been lovely to see the new friendships formed and how they interact with one another. They have been enjoying reading with their partners, learning number bonds and flashing phonics cards. Year 6 have really helped Reception become more confident with these skills.



# YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous few weeks! In talk for writing, we learnt to retell the 'Elves and the Shoemaker' story and we have even had a shoe workshop in our classroom! The children enjoyed making their own shoes and they came up with some creative ideas!



We have also had some 'Off the Trolley' music sessions where we had the chance to explore the instruments and the sounds they make. We focused on loud/quiet and fast/slow. The children then got into groups and made up their own songs. We had so much fun!



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been developing their needlework skills in DT to create seasonal coasters. We chose the colours of the squares based on colours we associate with different seasons throughout the year and designed our coasters in our books. We have been developing our confidence in using running stitches to create the squares on our binka material. We then stuck our binka onto cork to create our coasters. Here are some of the children's opinions on this process; "It is relaxing, and I liked choosing the colours!" "It made me calm and happy," "I want to keep getting even better."

For Art we have been learning about Antony Gormley and how he is influenced by the face and body to create sculptures. We used a range of tools to experiment creating different textures on clay to add details. We then developed our modelling skills by making pinch pots and then used the techniques we had developed when making these, to create little sculptures of animals. The best part was using the tools we had experimented with to add the textured details onto our animals.

We started off our new writing unit linked to the book, 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by conducting a Q and A session where the children were in the 'Hot Seat' as Fantastic Mr Fox and were being asked questions by the interviewer. The children had to use their knowledge of Fantastic Mr Fox to answer questions on general knowledge of foxes and to support their imaginations.



## YEAR 3

In Science this term, year 3 have been learning all about forces and magnets. We have conducted investigations to compare how things move on different surfaces. We have also explored magnets and learnt that they have two 'poles' that can attract and repel. We had a go at organising different materials based on if they were attracted to a magnet or not, and in doing so identified magnetic materials.



In maths we have been investigating mass, capacity, and volume. We have learnt how to read a variety of scale, to accurately measure in grams and kilograms as well as millilitres and litres. We can compare values of mass as well as volume and capacity. We can also use our formal methods of addition and subtraction to add and subtract units of measurement.

During our writing lessons we have been writing for the purpose of explaining. We have looked at a variety of Wallace and Gromit's 'cracking contraptions' and used our writing skills to explain how these contraptions work.

We have also been looking after our minds and engaging with mindfulness activities. We used paperclips to be still and focus on linking and unlinking them. We then used the paperclips to create our own images.



## YEAR 4

The times table assessments are now complete with all children showing progress throughout the year in securing their knowledge of times-tables to 12. Whilst the focus is reduced, we will continue to encourage children to keep these facts fluid as they support general maths learning throughout their schooling.

In reading lessons, we are enjoying a new suspense short story called 'Cogston House'. We are finding lots of cliff-hangers keeping us guessing about what will happens next.



Our current writing is also supported by the 'Cogston Hall' text, we are writing a narrative that has detailed setting descriptions and uses figurative language and speech to provide rich character descriptions.



We have begun a seven-week cricket course on Thursday afternoons – we are focusing on a new skill each week and are all enjoying these sessions immensely.

In science, we are looking at the topic of sound. We successfully completed a whole lesson without uttering a single word whilst recording other sounds we could hear in various locations around the school.



The theme in art is Cath Kidston – the children are using her London inspired prints to create their own Mayan pattern design.

In PSHE we are working on the 'Economics' aspect by considering the role of money and how we keep track of spending.

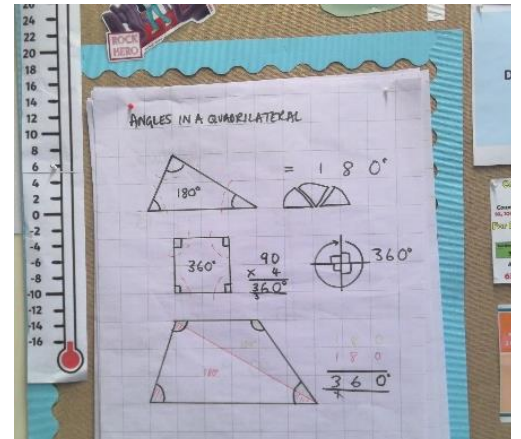


As we move towards the end of this school year, we will reflect on our time in Year 4 and our intentions for Year 5. We will look at change and ambition through learning about Tenzing Norgay (Everest explorer) – feel free to collect some facts to share in class.

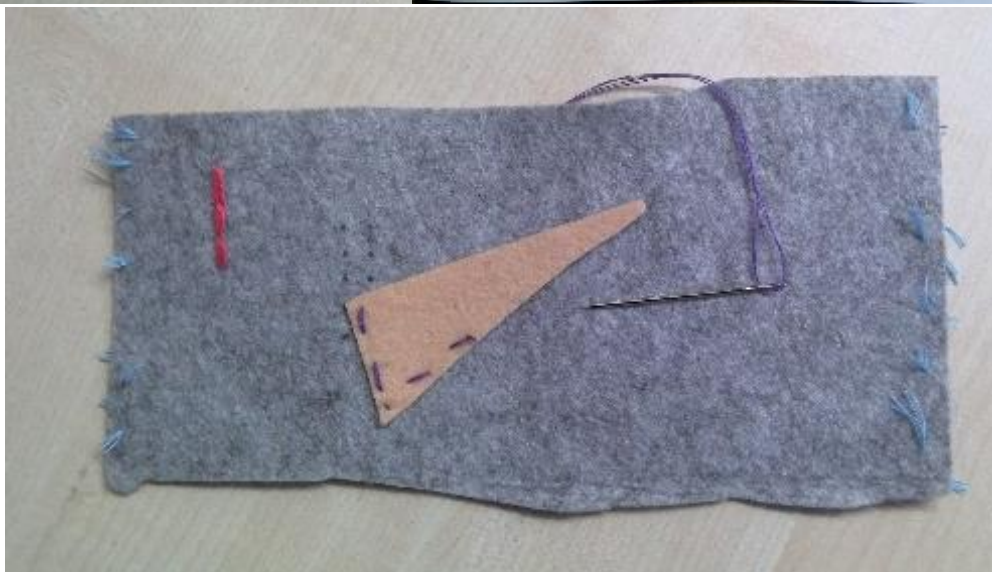
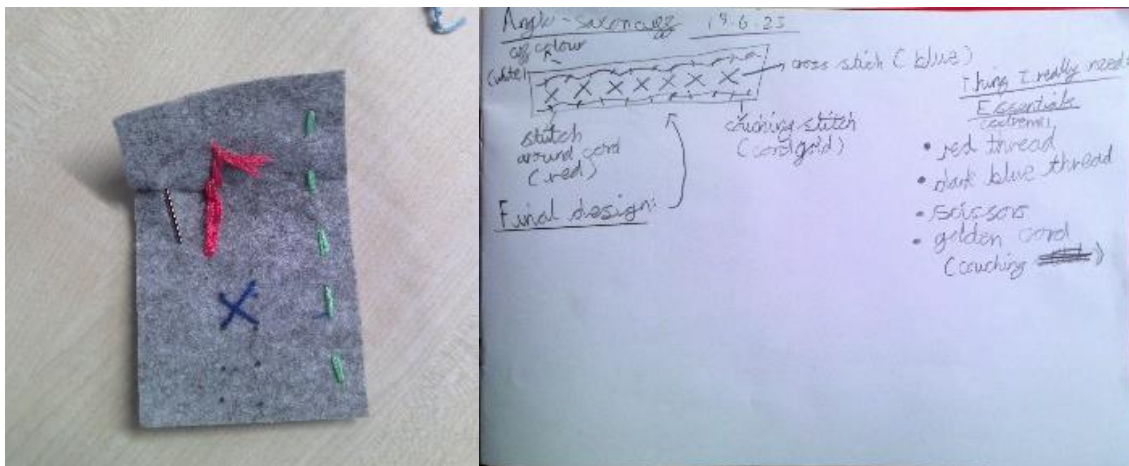


# YEAR 5

Over the last few weeks, we have been working hard, securing our knowledge of angles, through looking at the angles in triangles and quadrilaterals. We have also moved on to deepen our knowledge of converting units of measurement, for example grams to kilograms - we have really grasped this!



During the afternoons we have had fun in DT, making Anglo-Saxon cuffs – we threaded needles and tied knots which was the tricky part! We have used running stitch, back stitch, and cross stitch to create decorations and patterns. We will be selling our cuffs at the summer fayre for £2.00 – so please bring your change and treat yourself to a fashionable and unique cuff which will enhance any outfit!



We also finished writing our persuasive letters to Mrs Sheeran-Ball to convince her to keep our break-times – we came up with some firm and solid reasons, which luckily, she agreed with!

## YEAR 6C

6C have thoroughly enjoyed the start to the second half of Summer Term. We have enjoyed practicing the ukulele and having a go on the cello.

We realised there is more to playing an instrument, such as tuning it, than just playing it.



As explorers, we have enjoyed investigating our forest school area: building dens, making clay figures, creating bird feeders and being resilient with our digging skills.

We have enjoyed working on our team building skills using communication to be resilient and successful.

We are extremely excited about the following weeks. We are looking forward to repurposing garments, going on trips, joining in house competitions, preparing for our leavers assembly, and planning our Prom.

## YEAR 6F

We have had a busy few weeks, working hard and enjoying our learning. We are so proud of the children and the amazing writing that they have produced over the year – they have worked so hard!

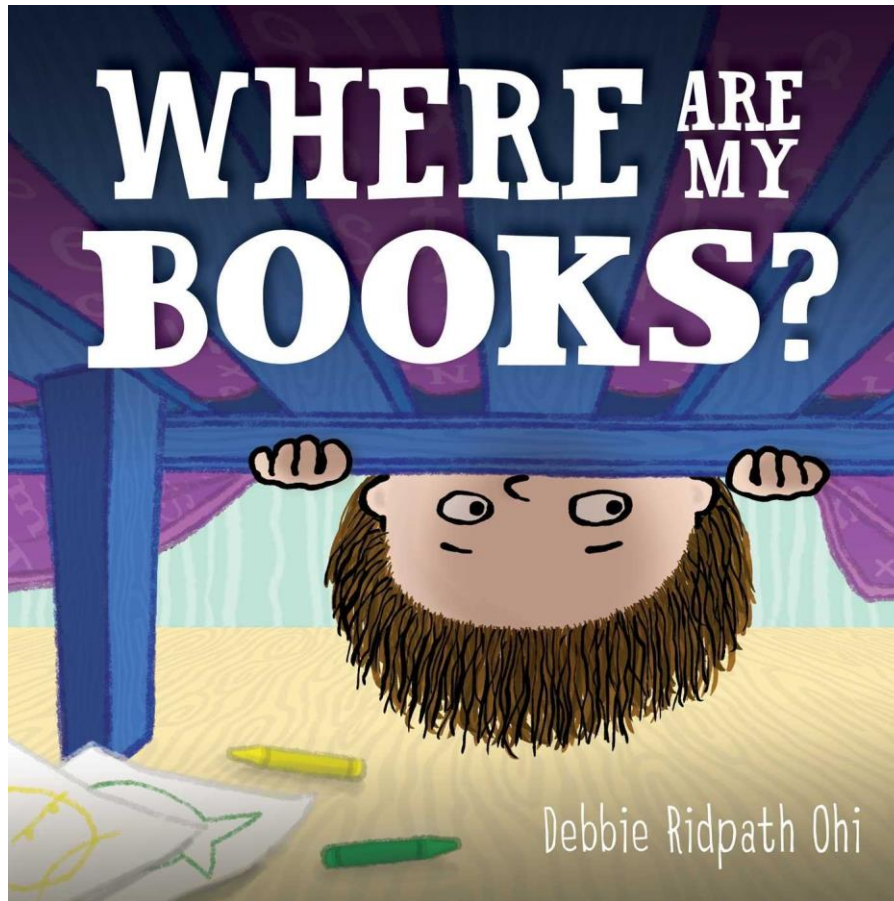
For this half term, we are privileged to have a cricket coach Sam leading a session every Thursday. We have been improving our throwing and catching skills as well as batting – ensuring that we are as accurate as possible. Sam has been so impressed by our cricket skills and resilience.



As part of our topic 'social enterprise' and DT topic we have been practising our sewing skills. We have been reactivating stitches learnt last year and just spending some time making things using our skills. This is what we have been doing so far and it's only a practise! We will be using our skills to repurpose materials to make some bags which we will sell at the Summer Fayre – see you there!



## Missing Books



Dear Parents and Carers,

The shelves of our library are looking a bit sparse!

We are delighted to be able to offer the children the opportunity to read many different books and take these home to share with parents and carers, however, this is only possible knowing that the children will bring them back for others to enjoy.

We have so many missing books at the moment that there are some children who are unable to access books within their level, as there are no more left on the shelves.

Please have a hunt for any schoolbooks that you may have at home. We would be very grateful to have them returned.

School books will have a coloured sticker on the spine or a RWI logo on the cover of the book.



Thank you for your support.

Mrs Keren Finnegan

Reading Leader

# What's on in the Summer holidays?



## Bookings for HAF Worcestershire summer 2023 are now **OPEN!**

We have an exciting range of activities this summer - there's something for everyone - including water sports, swimming, horse riding, team building, dance and performing arts, martial arts and much, much more!

Each child or young person will get 16 credits for the summer holidays. One credit can book one activity session via our booking site: [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk)

Some of our holiday club partners are also taking bookings via their own websites, which we will share on Facebook. So, if you're on the socials, please keep an eye on **Facebook/HAFWorcestershire** for the latest news and updates.

To book activities, the child or young person will need to be verified as eligible for benefits-related FSM meal, or in one of the other eligible groups.

Families and carers are urged to sign up to our website ([www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk)) to get verified if they have not already done so (those who signed up for Easter '23 will have accounts already so no need to sign up again, just login).

As always, should you have any questions, need further information or would just like to send us some feedback, we're ready to help and take your comments or suggestions for forward planning. Please contact us via [schools@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:schools@hafworcestershire.co.uk)

The Worcestershire HAF Team

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# FREE SUMMER MULTI-SPORTS\*

Oasis Warndon Primary School

\*\*Free camp for children that are in receipt of benefit related free school meals

9am - 3pm  
5-11 year olds

Football | Fun Games | Dodgeball  
Cricket | Arts & Crafts  
And Lots More...

31 JULY - 4TH AUGUST  
7 - 11 AUGUST  
21 - 25 AUGUST

CAMP



Lunch and snacks  
provided!

Scan here to book  
or visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mwrsafjp>

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2023**