



Oldbury Observer Autumn 2025 Edition

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Mr Irving's Comment

My sincere thanks to everyone in our community for making the first week of 2024/25 a success; the school has felt positive and purposeful. Our INSET days at the beginning of the week were a busy two days in which staff were involved in further professional development, there was some collaboration with the university to build on what is a valuable partnership and plenty of discussion about the children and our hopes and aims for the for the year ahead. As a staff we also reviewed our strategic priorities for the year ahead: I will share aspects of these with you in the coming weeks as your contributions to your child's development will be essential in making this a successful and happy year.

Next week we will be sending home end of year expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths for each year group so that you feel fully informed of what our children are expected to know and to be able to do - these are the expectations we then report against at the end of the year. Alongside this we will also publish a reminder of home learning expectations and guidance on how to support home reading.

My thanks to staff for their efforts in preparing classrooms and the school in general ahead of this year, as you will see (when join us for our Meet the Teacher sessions on Wednesday) the school is looking smart and welcoming. My thanks especially to Mr Davies for his efforts over the summer - classrooms have been painted and work carried out to improve our two playgrounds. In addition to the painted woodwork, we were also lucky enough to benefit from the expertise and generosity of Mr Lynn of XTC Cleaning (www.xtxlimited.com) who volunteered his time and know-how to clean the Year 2 canopy which has helped to give the whole area a welcome lift.

I take this opportunity to give a special 'well done' and a warm welcome to our new Reception intake (and their families) who made a success of their first few days at Oldbury Park and also to the many new children in classes across the school who have joined us this year.

We look forward to welcoming you into school between 3:30 - 4:30pm on Wednesday 11th September to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. We will dismiss the children at

3:15pm following the normal routine and then invite you into school using the main (office) entrance where you will be welcomed and directed to the classrooms.

Have a lovely weekend.

Bike Bus

A volunteer run Bike Bus operates within our school community and many families participate in this very positive scheme. The organisation and running of the bike bus is solely the responsibility this group and those who join them en route - they would gladly welcome enquiries when they are on site each Wednesday morning. Please see a message from the group and a map of their route below.

Every Wednesday in term time we run Oldbury Park's very own Bike Bus!

What is a Bike Bus, you may ask? It's a group of parents and children, riding to school as a group every Wednesday morning. To make the Bike Bus even safer, the Bike Bus is supported by volunteers from Bike Worcester. They help marshal the Bike Bus and often bring along stickers, music, and occasionally Kiki the Bike Bus dog.

We meet at 8.10am at the dead-end road halfway down McIntyre Road, to depart at 8.15am. We have two 'bus stops' where we will wait for anyone joining us, at the corner of Penhill Crescent/Sanctuary Close (8.20am) and at the corner of Newbury Road/Oldbury Road (8.25am).

Of course, you are also more than welcome to join us anywhere else along the route!

Grown-ups have responsibility for their children and must attend and supervise those participating at all times. Everyone who joins does so at their own risk. Please make sure your bikes are in road worthy condition with working brakes and pumped up tyres.

We'd love to welcome you to the Bike Bus, so grab your bike and hop on our Bus! All abilities welcome!

Would you love to join, but are you struggling to get a bike? Have a look at Bike Worcester's bike recycling scheme: <https://bikeworcester.org.uk/recycling/>



School Dates

Academic Year 2024/2025

2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 2nd September 2024
STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 4th September 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 22nd November 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Monday 6th January 2025
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7th January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

TERM STARTS	Monday 28th April 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 23rd May 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 18th July 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 21st July 2025

Notes:

The 2024/25 Staff Training Days may be subject to change.

The Best of Oldbury this week...

Reception

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you in joining the Oldbury Park family. We have had a fantastic few days getting to know your children, and we hope that they (and you!) have enjoyed the first week of school. We hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to in the photos below.

Over the coming weeks we will be focussing on getting to know both the staff and our peers within the classroom and learning the school daily routines.

As a reminder, PE is on a **Monday** for both Monarch and Carriage. Please ensure a PE kit is ready to be kept in school from the 16th. Forest School will be on a **Thursday** for Carriage and a **Friday** for Monarch. We please ask for children to arrive in school on these days in their Forest School clothes (a pair of old, comfortable clothes, with full legs/sleeves). If possible, please bring a puddle suit which can stay in school so it can also be used for outdoor play in wet weather. Forest school will begin next week (*Carriage - 12th, Monarch - 13th*).

If you need to contact the school, information for how this can be done can be found further down the page.

Have a restful weekend, and we look forward to our first full week of school next week!









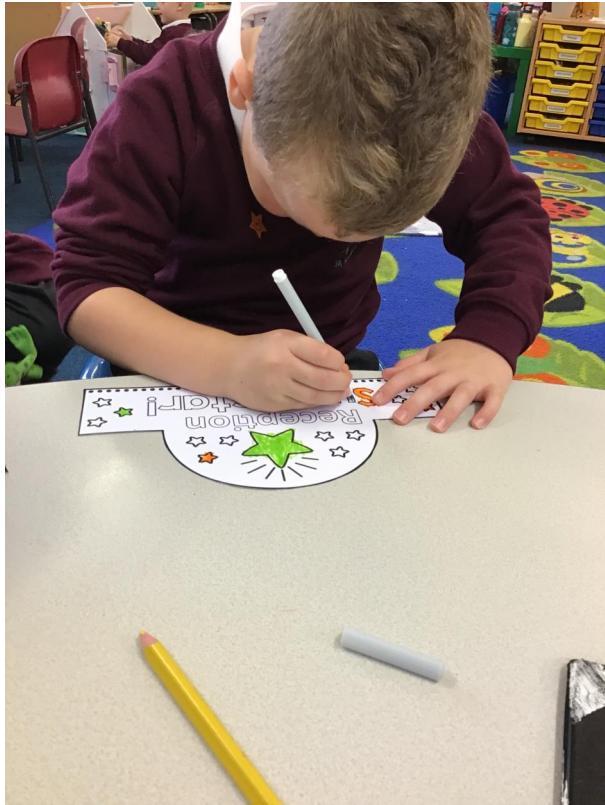




































Year 1

Welcome back and welcome to Year 1!

We have all been so proud of how all of the children have settled back into school and into Year 1. All of the adults are looking forward to the year ahead.

This week we have been getting to know all of the adults in Year 1 and our new routines. The children have shared their holiday news with the class and had a go at writing all about their summer. We have explored the outdoor classroom and started our class story, George's Marvellous Medicine.

Forest School

Our forest school day is a **Wednesday and we alternate weeks.**

Blenheim: 11th September, 25th September, 9th October, 23rd October

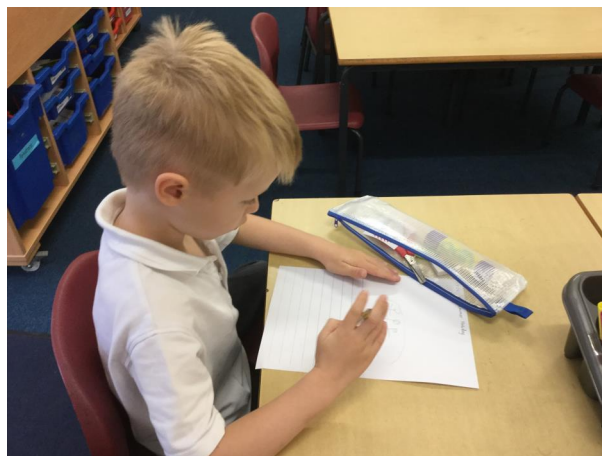
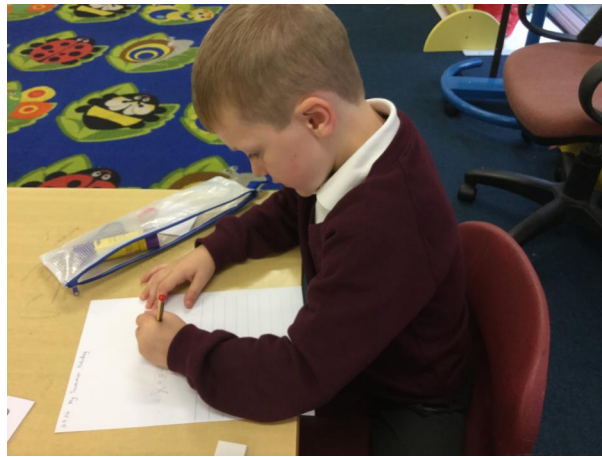
Windsor: 18th September, 2nd October, 16th October

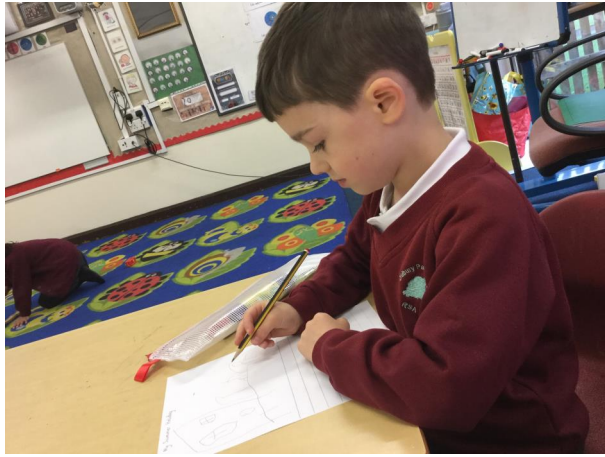
Please remember to bring in a pair of named wellies to keep at school.

PE kits can be kept in school please.

Please ask us if you have any questions at any point. Thank you

Over the next few weeks we will share a few photos each week of our settling in weeks.



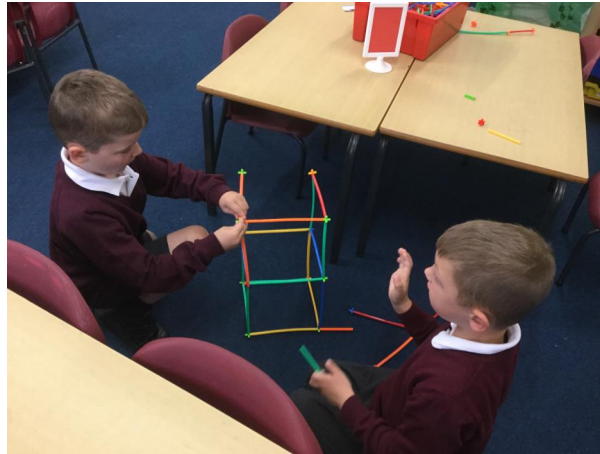












Year 2

We have loved welcoming all of the children back into school this week and we are all proud of how well they have settled into Year 2. We are busy getting to know them all and are looking forward to the year ahead!

As a reminder, PE is on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure the children bring their PE kit in to school and this will then be kept in school on their peg until half term. Forest School will be on a **Monday** but will alternate between the two classes, starting with **Sapphire** class on **Monday 9th September**. We please ask for children to arrive in school on these days in their Forest School clothes (a pair of old, comfortable clothes, with full legs/sleeves).

The children have come home with their reading books and diaries today. As we all know, reading is a fundamental part of learning and therefore we please ask that you try to read at home for 10 minutes every day and record this in the reading diaries. These will be checked weekly by school staff.

We look forward to seeing lots of you after school on Wednesday.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Jones and Mrs Screen





The Base

It has been a pleasure to welcome our Base pupils back to school this week and into their new classes in Years 1, 3, 5 and 6. The children arrived looking super smart and we were very impressed with how quickly they settled back into school routines. Over the next few weeks we will be building on the brilliant learning the children did last year, as well as enabling them to take part in the new and exciting opportunities that are coming up during the Autumn term. Thank you to our lovely families for helping the children have such a positive start and we look forward to continuing to work with you over this academic year.

Year 3

What a fantastic few days we have had in Year 3! The children have returned to school happy and excited and ready to get on with their learning. There have been some new classmates to get to know and many stories to share about their time at home over the summer. As far as the transition into Key Stage 2, this has been seamless and all children have mastered the long walk through the corridors up to the classroom in the morning. You can already see the independence and growth that this is bringing. At playtime, the children have enjoyed exploring the new playground - with the gym equipment being a popular choice. We have really been impressed with everyone in Year 3 this week.

Key Information

PE: Will take place on Monday and Wednesday each week. Please send your child to school wearing their full PE kit. This is black shorts or jogging bottoms, a white T-Shirt, school jumper and trainers.

Home Reading: Your child should have brought home a reading diary and a reading book. Please read with your child daily at home and record this in their diary. Opportunities to read frequently benefit all areas of learning and this is one of the most important things that you can do. All children will read independently for 15 minutes a day in school, in addition to our daily Guided Reading lessons, so please ensure books and diaries are in school each day.

Finally, please see us if you have any concerns or questions about your child - however small. We are on the playground at the end of each school day, and you are very welcome to talk to us once all of the children have been dismissed. Alternatively, you can contact us via the email address at the end of this document.



Year 4

Welcome to Year 4!

All of the staff in Year 4 were so happy to see the children on Wednesday and it has been lovely to welcome them into their new classrooms and routines.

Throughout our first few days together we have dabbled in some Maths, Art and got to know more about our class text this half term: Anglo Saxon Boy. We have also talked with the children about other school routines and familiarised them with trusted adults.

Below are a couple of images of the art we have started, based on still life. Next week, we will show you more photos of the children's work.

Important information:

Swimming will take place on a Monday (Letter to follow)

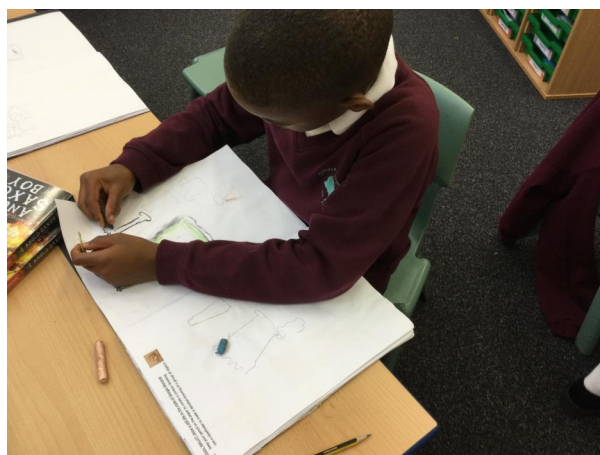
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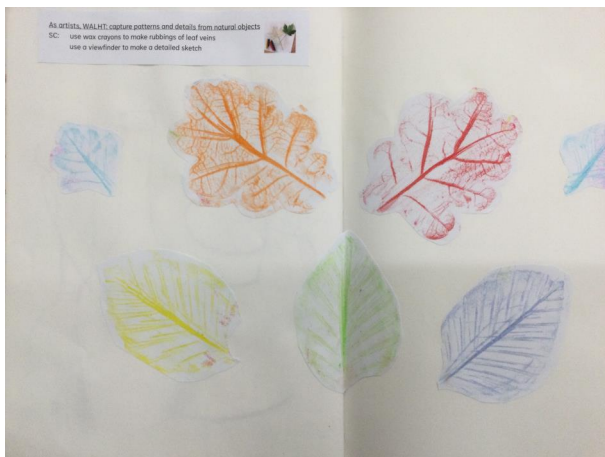
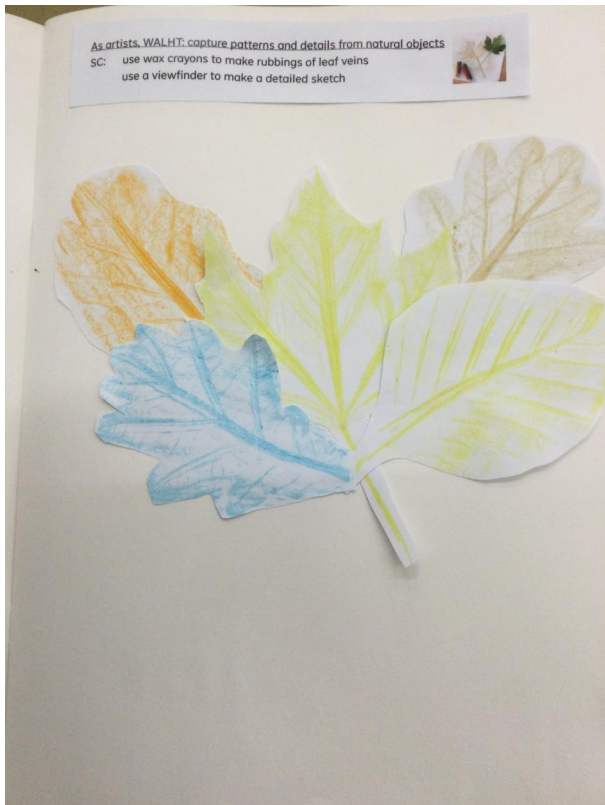
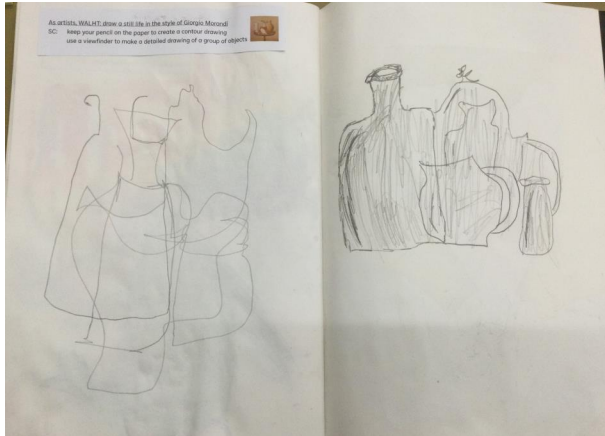
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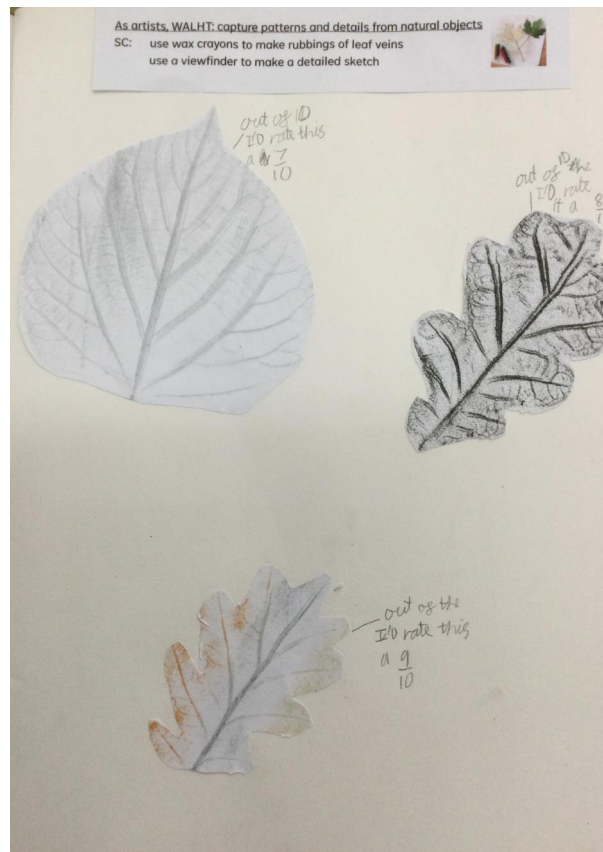
Reading at home, ideally, daily.

TTRS 5 minutes daily. This is exceptionally important this year due to the Government Multiplication Tables Check in the Summer Term.

Weekly spellings will be handed out. This may include handwriting practice based on spelling words.







Year 5

Welcome back Year 5!

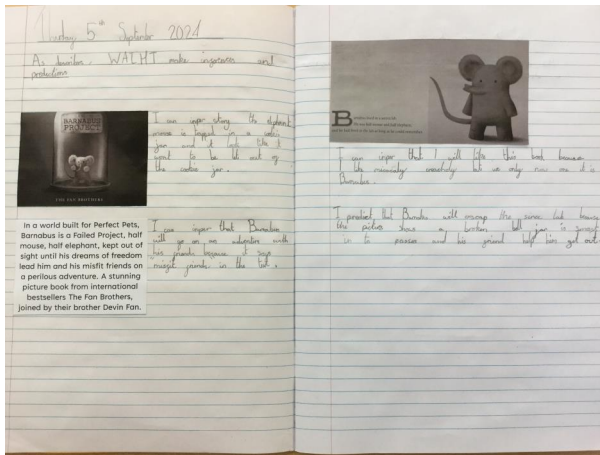
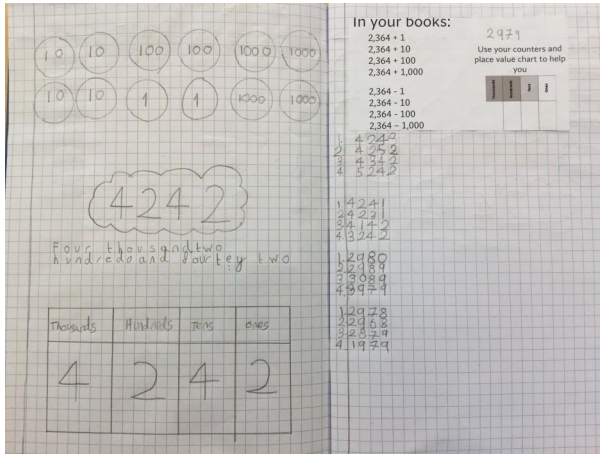
This week we have enjoyed seeing the children back in school. They all looked happy, smart, and ready to take on the new year. They have settled in really quickly and should be proud of themselves.

We have had a busy few days this week getting our learning underway. We have worked particularly hard on our presentation skills and careful handwriting. We showed off our neatest work in English by writing a poem. In Maths we have started our place value unit of work and have been exploring how we represent numbers.

Key Information:

Our PE days are Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor) so the children can come dressed in kit on those days.

On Friday 27th September Year 5 are running a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for charity. We will be asking for donations of cakes nearer the time. More information on this to follow.



Year 6

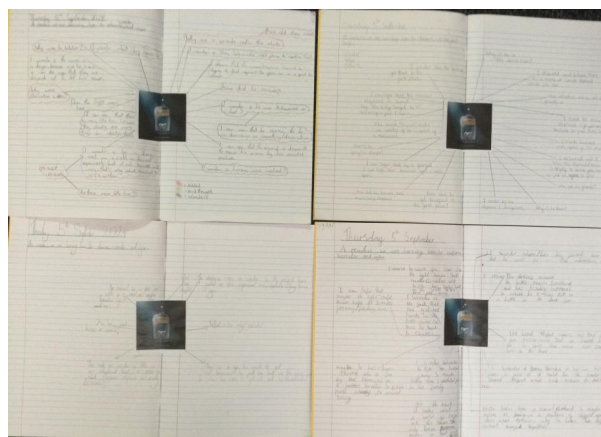
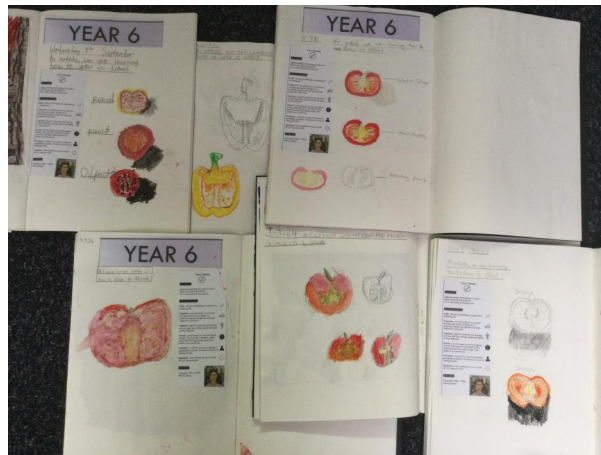
A warm welcome to our new Year 6 children and their families. We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer.

We have enjoyed getting to know the children this week and they have all got really stuck in to Year 6 life. There has been lots of discussion about routines, expectations and everything Year 6 has to offer. We have also made a great start to our first English unit based on a book called 'The Barnabus Project' and our Art sequence. We have focused on our drawing techniques looking in detail at

various fruit and vegetables and will be learning how to enlarge our initial sketches and experiment with the effects of using different media.

A detailed curriculum map will be coming out soon but for your information PE days this half term will be Tuesday and Friday.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to our first full week.



Contact Us



If you wish to get in touch with the school, please use the following details:

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Oldbury Road Worcester WR2 6AA

01905 424878

office@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk <http://www.oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk/>

Phase email addresses:

For ALL parents, we have set up a new way of contacting Phase Leaders. These email addresses are SOLELY for classroom, pastoral and academic enquiries and NOT for general enquiries which should still come through the office@ email address.

Children in Reception eyfsparents@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk (Miss Molloy)

Children in Years 1 & 2 KS1parents@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk (Mrs Marks)

Children in Years 3 & 4 LKS2parents@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk (Mrs Davies)

Children in Years 5 & 6 UKS2parents@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk (Mr Williams)

SENDco Enquiries SENDCO@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk (Miss Miller)