



Oldbury Observer Spring 2025 Edition 12

Mr Irving's Comment

Many congratulations to our Year 6 poets (Lily-Sue, Mille M, Peyton and Bonnie) who represented Oldbury Park in the Poetry Slam final on Tuesday evening. Supported by Mrs Tudge and Mr Dyer, the girls took to the stage at Redditch's Palace Theatre and scooped third prize with their powerful performance poem - well done girls. Well done also to our Year 5/6 boys' football team for a convincing 6-0 win against Redhill Primary School on Thursday - once again, their team spirit and sporting attitude was praiseworthy.

You will have noted that next week we are once again taking part in the CRST Charity Week, raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Please check the letter that was sent out this week so you know how you can support Wednesday's cake sale and Thursday's virtual duck race.

My contribution to the newsletter is most frequently focused on giving thanks and recognising the efforts of those within our community - and rightly so. This week's Observer demonstrates that Oldbury Park is very much a community school - we have welcomed high school work experience pupils, undergraduates from Worcester University, a STEM ambassador ran a workshop for Year 4 and our pupils in Years 1 and 5 benefitted from events hosted at the university too. Alongside all this is the day-to-day partnership of staff and parents/carers working towards our shared aims - thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Term Dates

2024-2025 Term Dates

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.

School Dates

Week commencing 7th April - Charity Week

7th April - Year 5 University Visit for Drama Workshop/Performance

8th April - 2.45pm Easter Parade - Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a letter was sent home Friday 7th March)

11th April - Year 5 Bishops Wood Trip

Week commencing 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 21st May - PROVISIONAL date for class photos and Leavers' photos.

Weekly Internet Safety Update

This week I have attached a wide range of helpful resources to support the children over the Easter Holidays.

1. Game Safe Guide

With the school holidays just around the corner, some children will be looking forward to spending longer online, with their friends, playing online games. There always has to be a

balance, but gaming can be a really positive activity for lots of reasons. But as we all know there are lots of risks and issues.

Internet Matters has a brilliant guide for parents which goes into lots of detail in relation to balancing gaming with other activities, setting up consoles correctly, connecting with others and much more.

The full guide can be found [HERE](#).

2. Internet Matters

Internet Matters have created resources to support families with neurodivergent children to help keep them safe when playing games online as well as information on how you can access **Family Pairing** on Tiktok.

Supporting Neurodivergent Children in the Online World:

[Roblox parents' guide for neurodivergent children | Internet Matters](#)

Family Pairing on TikTok:

[TikTok parental controls guide | Internet Matters](#)

3. The West Mercia Police

A message from the West Mercia Police:

The Easter School holidays are just around the corner and children will have more spare time on their hands.

What's almost certain is that during the school holidays, they'll be going online much more than in term time ... for entertainment, keeping in contact and chatting with their mates, gaming, and the multitude of other things kids use the Internet for.

With all the additional time spent doing more online, how can you be sure that the young people in your family are safe from the issues they can encounter every day?

The Internet lets children connect with friends and learn new things. But there are also dangers to going online, and children can be particularly vulnerable.

Talking to your children is one of the best ways to keep them safe online. By understanding the risks, and keeping yourself up to date on the latest technology, websites and social networks you can help your children enjoy the Internet safely and securely.

To help protect your children online:

- keep computers, phones and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity

- install parental control software or activate parental controls through your Internet Service Provider (ISP) to prevent access to inappropriate content
- ‘friend’ or ‘follow’ your child on social networks, so you can see how they're using them
- check age restrictions for websites or social networks to make sure your children are allowed to join
- advise your child not to post personal information, or any images they wouldn't want everyone to see
- check their social media accounts' privacy settings, so their posts are only seen by friends and their location isn't tracked
- avoid using webcams, unless talking to close friends or family, and consider covering it when not in use
- monitor how your children use the Internet and watch for any secretive behaviour
- encourage your child to be open about what they do online, and who they're talking to
- insist you go with them if they wish to meet online friends face to face
- ensure the games your children play online are age appropriate

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor.

The hours are 1hr 15mins Monday to Friday (Grade SC1 Pay Scale 2)

If anyone is interested in this important role, please come to the office for an application form.

Swap Shop!

Swap shop (free pre-loved uniform) will be open from 3.15pm every other Thur

Holiday Clubs



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FOOTBALL
COACHING

**EASTER
FOOTBALL
CAMP**

£70
for 4 days!

Fun filled sessions, action packed matches and competitions for trophies!

WHEN
Monday 14 - Thursday 17 April
10am - 3pm

WHERE
St Clements School Playing Field,
Comer Road, WR2 5HS

- ✓ Ages 5-12, all ability levels welcome
- ✓ UEFA B & C qualified coaches
- ✓ All coaches are DBS verified and first aid trained
- ✓ Each child receives at least one medal

To register your child's interest please contact Jack:

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 [jhfootballcoaching](https://www.instagram.com/jhfootballcoaching)



**KICKSTART
FOOTY**

EASTER CAMP RUN BY EX PRO DANNY JACKMAN

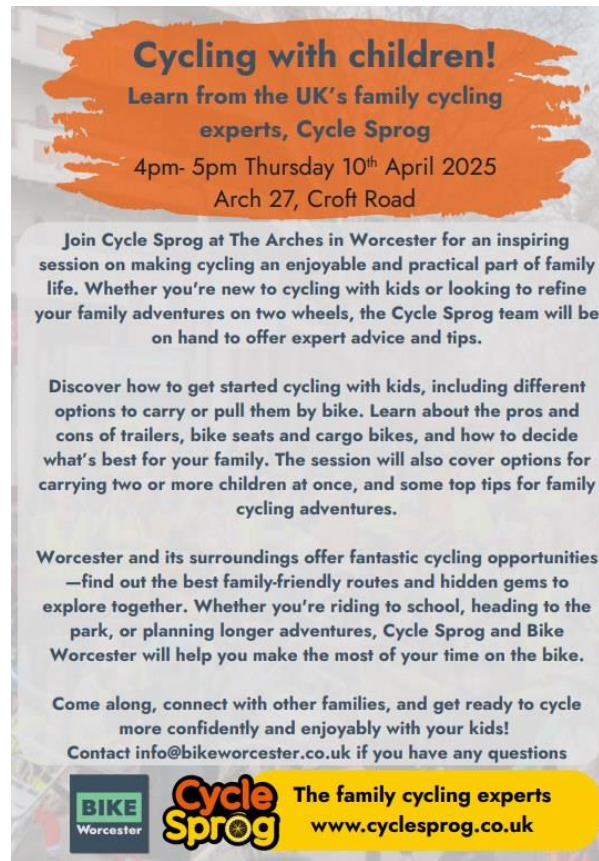
14th & 15th April

Oldbury Park School
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Ages 5-12

£20 a day 9am-3pm

Book today to secure your place;
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Bike Bus Update





Cycling with children!
Learn from the UK's family cycling experts, Cycle Sprog
4pm- 5pm Thursday 10th April 2025
Arch 27, Croft Road

Join Cycle Sprog at The Arches in Worcester for an inspiring session on making cycling an enjoyable and practical part of family life. Whether you're new to cycling with kids or looking to refine your family adventures on two wheels, the Cycle Sprog team will be on hand to offer expert advice and tips.

Discover how to get started cycling with kids, including different options to carry or pull them by bike. Learn about the pros and cons of trailers, bike seats and cargo bikes, and how to decide what's best for your family. The session will also cover options for carrying two or more children at once, and some top tips for family cycling adventures.

Worcester and its surroundings offer fantastic cycling opportunities —find out the best family-friendly routes and hidden gems to explore together. Whether you're riding to school, heading to the park, or planning longer adventures, Cycle Sprog and Bike Worcester will help you make the most of your time on the bike.

Come along, connect with other families, and get ready to cycle more confidently and enjoyably with your kids!
Contact info@bikeworcester.co.uk if you have any questions

  The family cycling experts
www.cyclesprog.co.uk

Co-op Travel Worcester Fundraising for our library! Please pop in to store to support.



The staff are running an Easter event in store from **Friday 11th April - Friday 25th April** to help raise more money to go towards enhancing our reference library.

They are going to run the following during the event:

Colouring competition - Children have from Friday 11th and the sheets must be taken into the store by Friday 25th April along with contact details.

Winner will be contacted week commencing 28th April - Winner will get an ENTERTAINER VOUCHER!

You can visit the store and get the colouring sheets from them or your child can choose one to bring home from school.

Guess the name of the Bunny - This will be £1.00 a go and will run in store from Friday 11th April - Friday 25th April. There will be a grid of names and children can pick a name that they think the bunny is called.

Leave your contact details in store and again the winner will be contacted week commencing 28th April - Winner will win the BUNNY!

Pin the tail on the Bunny - This will be 50p a go and will run in store from Friday 11th April - Friday 25th April. EVERY TIME a child gets the tail in the correct place; they will win an easter goodie bag of chocolates/sweets.

There will also be **cakes on sale** during this event (no set days for this).

The staff at Co-op Travel have been amazing and have already raised almost **£600** for us! This is the last event they will do for us before our fundraising period ends, so please do what you can to support.

Reception

Although Monarch were unable to attend Forest School today, we had a fabulous time on the field developing our gross motor skills and really challenging our fine motor skills, creating delicate daisy chains. We also enjoyed a few games of football!

Please be aware there will be no Forest School for Carriage on Thursday as they will join Monarch for an Easter themed session on Friday.











This week, we have been finding out about some of the different types of environments that exist around the world, such as rainforests, deserts, and polar regions. We have looked at how the environments are similar and how they are different, and why certain animals live there.

We have pretended to be explorers and have imagined what it might be like to travel to these places; thinking about what we might see and hear there, and what we might need to take with us.

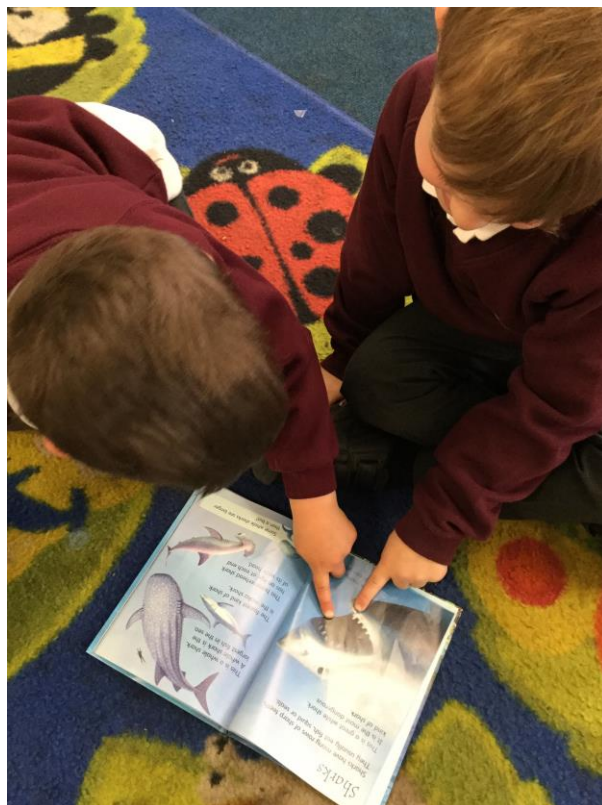
“We need a warm coat at the South Pole” – Lillie-Rose

“I think we should take a magnifying glass [to the rainforest] so we can see all the bugs” – Alfie

“We need a map, so we know where we are going” – Rory

“We need to have lots of water to drink in the desert ... it’s so hot there” – Emilia

We have really enjoyed exploring non-fiction books about animals and their habitats too!





Thank you for your continued support.

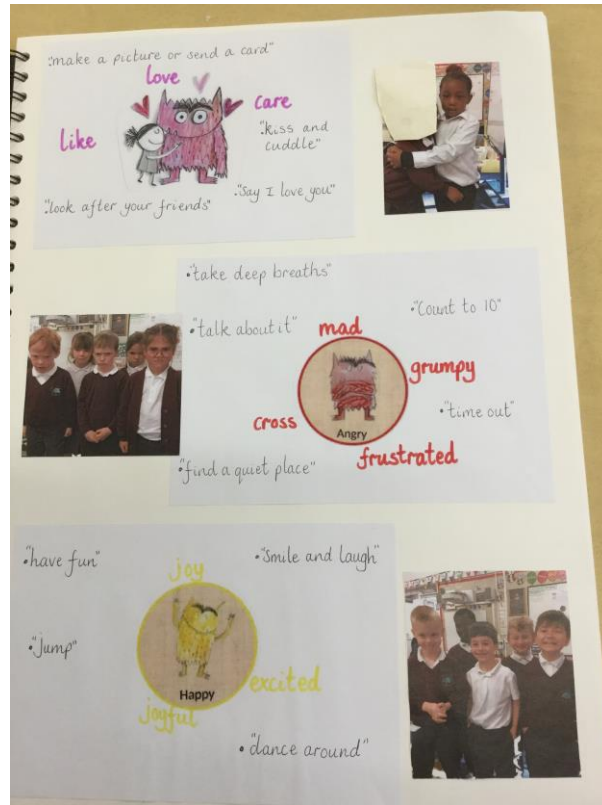
Miss Jones – Reading Lead

Year 1

Thank you to all of you that attended parents evening last week. We hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's learning in their books. Please remember to come and talk to us at any point if you have any further questions.

We have also used some big books this year to record other curriculum learning. This week we would like to share our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Emotional) learning with you.

Also, the children loved our PE event on Thursday this week at the Arena, run by some Worcester University students. Their behaviour and attitude was fantastic!



3.10.24 **WALHT**
 Here is our learning. We have learnt new words for how we are feeling and what we can do to manage those feelings.

relax
 "go to the spa"
 "listen to music"
 "take a nap"
 "snuggle"
Peaceful
 "watch the clouds"

fear
 "tell your Mum and Dad"
 "run away"
terrified
 "squeeze teddy"
 "hide"
frightened
 "turn the lights on"

upset
 "play with a friend"
 "have a snack and drink"
Sad
grumpy
 "have a cuddle"
teary
 "squeeze a teddy"
 "talk about it"

26.9.24 As citizens WALHT talk about and manage our feelings.

happy
 "Happy because I get presents" Cora
 "Excited to celebrate" Bill
excited
 "Happy to play with friends" Yusuf

Talking pegs
 "Excited to play" Bill
 "Sad as I would be cold" Gillian
 "Happy because I can make a snowman" Ayla


Lonely
 "Happy because I like chocolate" Lincoln
 "Lonely as I would be on my own" Jaxson
 "You had no one to play with at break?"


5 trusted adults


worried


Worried about what was happening? Reuben


We talked about what we can do?

How would you feel if...

 There was a fire alarm?
 An adult could help me.

How would you feel if...

 You went on a rollercoaster?
 Scared because it would be fast? Nathan


How would you feel if...

 You were sick?
 Sad as I would feel sick? Victoria

How would you feel if...

 You went on a rollercoaster?
 Scared if it was noisy? Olafya


How would you feel if...

 You went on a rollercoaster?
 Excited because they are really fun? Chloe

Scared


Sad


How would you feel if...

 You were listening to your favourite music?
 Happy because I love singing? Lalah

Stop rule


How would you feel if...

 You saw a hand sign?
 Stop rule

Cross

How would you feel if...

 School finished early tomorrow?
 Happy because I could go home and watch TV? Marvi

How would you feel if...

 You forgot your lunch?
 Cross because I would have nothing to eat? Rosie

mad

How would you feel if...

 You had an argument with your friend?
 I would be mad with them? Luca

Sad because I would be hungry? Jace

Stop rule

29.11.24 WAL about different celebrations.
 This shows our new learning about the foods people eat at different celebrations.

Diwali

The Hindu festival of light? Eliza

Indian sweets

They have sweets to celebrate? Lalah

Biryani

They eat yummy food? Bill

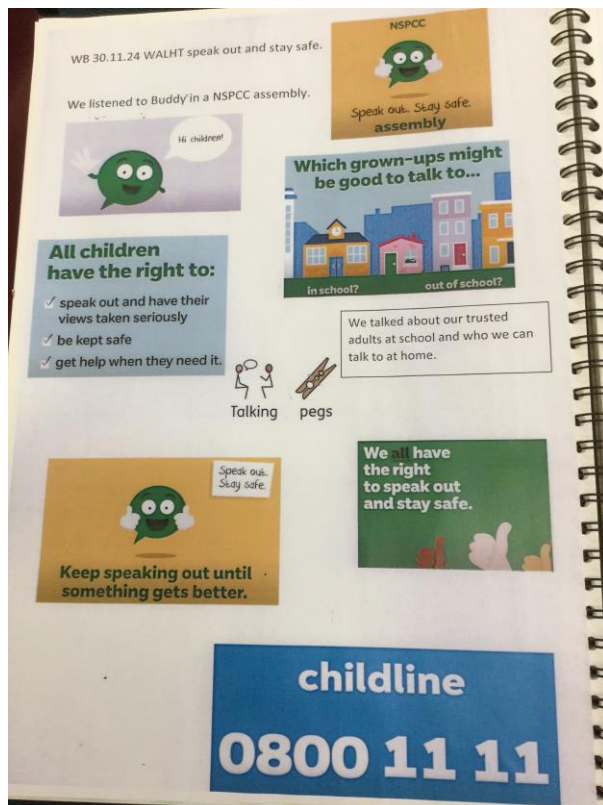
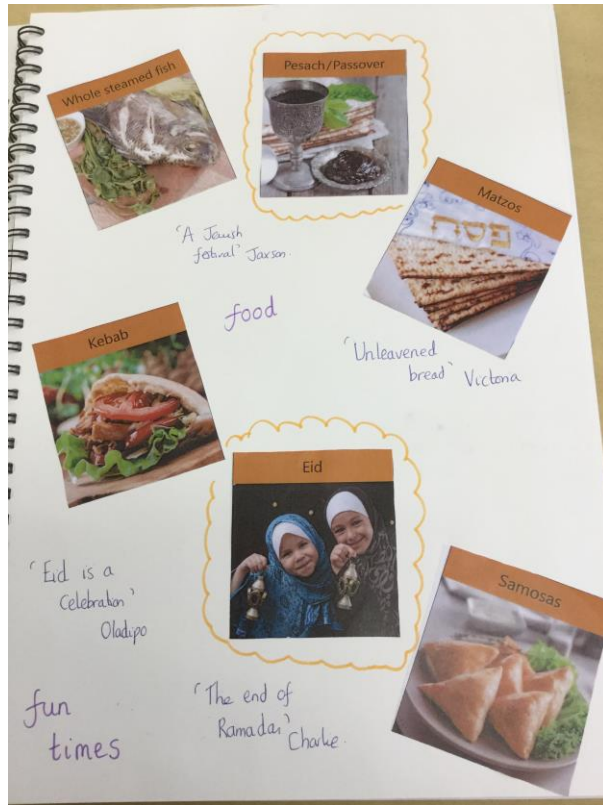
Celebrations

Dumplings

Chinese New Year

To celebrate they eat Chinese foods? Cora

Noodles



17.12.24 ROAD SAFETY



We talked about traffic and how to be safe crossing the road then we had a practice.



We can tell an adult if we do not feel safe.



Everyone in Y1 needs a car seat because we are all shorter than 135cm.



Cold task

10.1.25

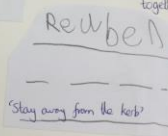
Keeping safe

What do we know already?

Buddy

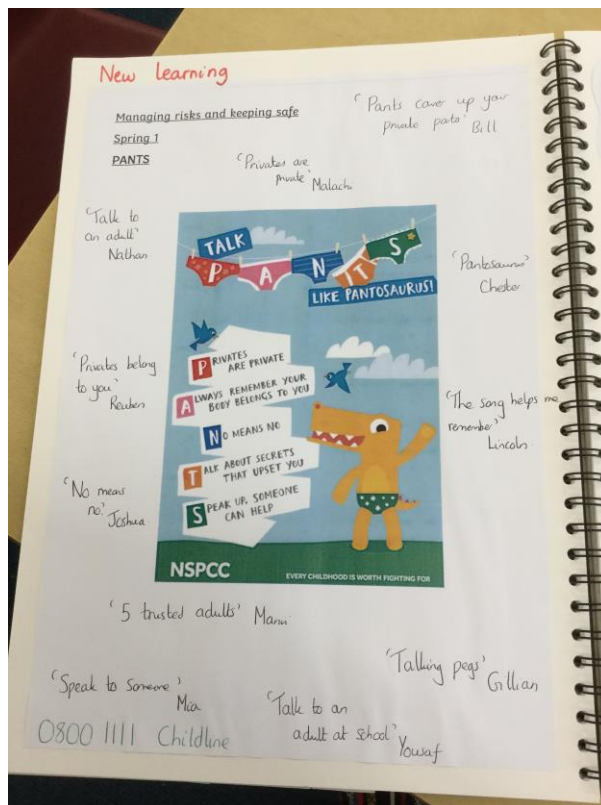
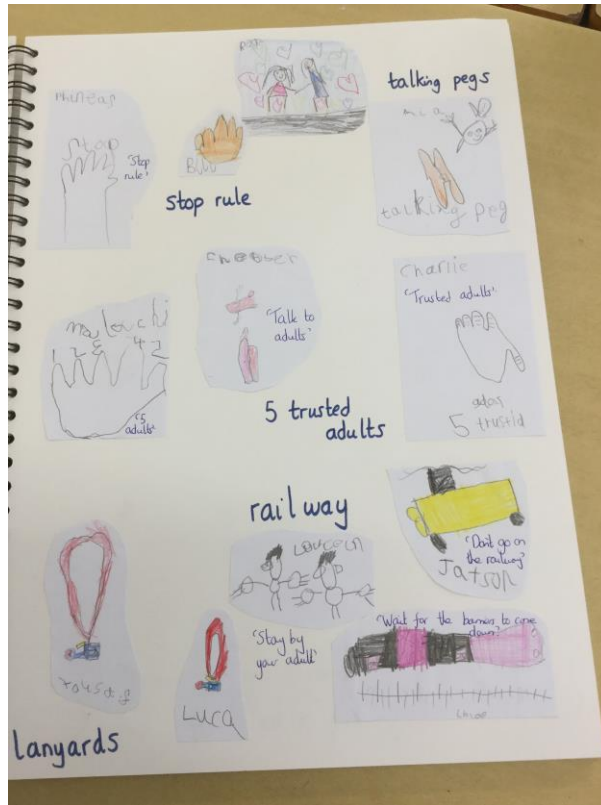


Childline



road safety





Spring term 2
WALHT understand what is safe and unsafe to go in and on our bodies

WORLD TASK: What do we know already?


'Make up' Jace
'Suncreon' Arla
'Cream for dry skin' Chloe
'Clothes' Jaxson
'Face paint' Eliza
'On our bodies'

Safe
'Drinks' Malachi
'Food' Reuben
'Luca' - 'Fruit and veg.'

Unsafe
'Bermes' Charlie
'Grass and plants' Lilah
'Poisonous plants' Phineas

What would you do if you ate some bermes?

- Tell an adult
- Drink lots of water
- Wash your hands.
- Ask an adult if you don't know if you can eat it or not!



New learning from this topic

What Are the Risks?
There are many things that we need to be careful around. Some of them are more obvious than others.

Do you know of any things in your house that could be dangerous?
Let's look at some examples together.

Safe
Luca - 'Smoking can make your lungs go bad.'
Chloe - 'Smoking gives you grey lungs.'

Unsafe
We talked about the things at home that might be dangerous, in and on our bodies.

Don't Eat It
There are some things that some people use in your kitchen that are for grown-ups, not for children. Cigarettes are very bad for your health and drinks with alcohol in them, like wine and beer, are not safe for children to drink.

Ask an adult.
Suncream to keep us safe in the sun.
Some children might be allergic to some Suncreons.
Don't share Suncreon.





Year 2

We had a great time completing our history topic on The Battle of Worcester. We uncovered the different roles the common soldier played in the Civil War by learning about the pikemen, the musketeers and the cavalry officers.

We stepped into their shoes by putting on replica armour and handling replicas of the weapons, their equipment was very heavy!

In our small groups we had to report for training as a soldier! We all became a Civil War soldier by taking part in fully interactive pike and cannon drills using replica equipment. As groups, we all walked up to Fort Royal Hill and learned about the diamond fort built by The Cavaliers, taken over by The Roundheads in their successful battle but subsequently demolished by Charles II, so Worcester no longer had any City Walls to protect it- ever as decreed by law (also no castles are allowed to be built!)

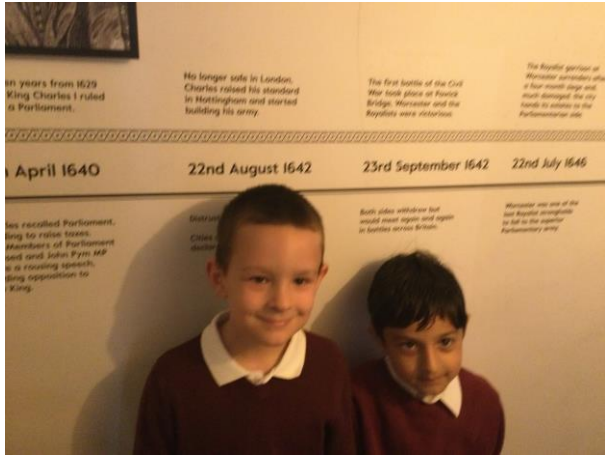
We had a great time and added so much to our knowledge about our local surroundings.

























Year 3

Another glorious time outside for year 3 on Monday! Spring has most definitely sprung and it was lovely to spend time outdoors. The children in Arrowsmith have been engrossed in excavating the forest school, on the hunt for artefacts! They have found some interesting pieces of rock which they showed to the rest of the class. Hampton have been working on their map skills during Outdoor and Adventurous sessions, and this week they designed their own obstacle course with its own map, using a key for the different parts of their course. They worked collaboratively to create an obstacle course, before demonstrating this to the rest of the children in the class and then finally having an opportunity to explore each others courses.

On Thursday, we had another successful cooking lesson! Thank you all for your contributions. The children chopped, deseeded and stuffed peppers with bulgur wheat. They learnt that Bulgur Wheat is a great source of fibre and fibre is important for our digestive system. After the preparation was complete, the children had a great time adding seasonings to their peppers before eating them!

A huge thank you goes to Marley for bringing in his Roman artefacts to tie in with our History learning. Arrowsmith and Hampton joined together to allow Marley to showcase his artefacts and his brilliant Roman knowledge!















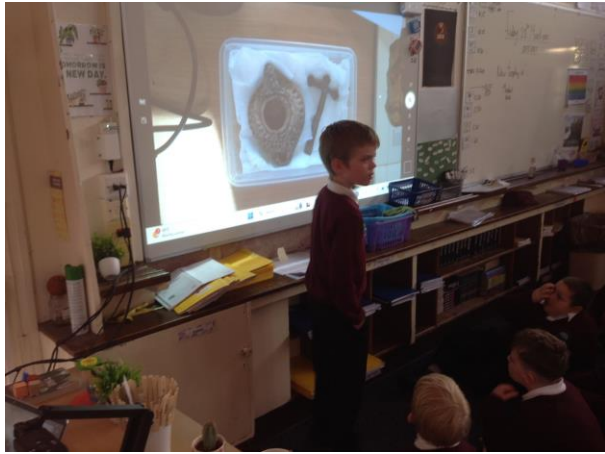




















Year 4

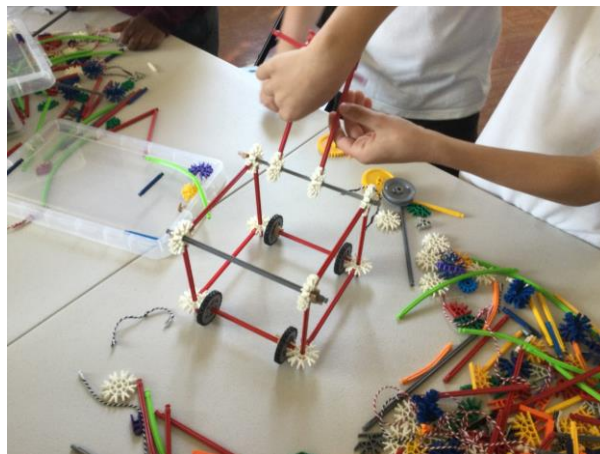
On Thursday afternoon, Year 4 had a visitor in school from the Worcester Stem Challenge. The Primary STEM Challenge is a unique opportunity for students to learn about structures and mechanisms and apply this knowledge to solve a construction challenge.

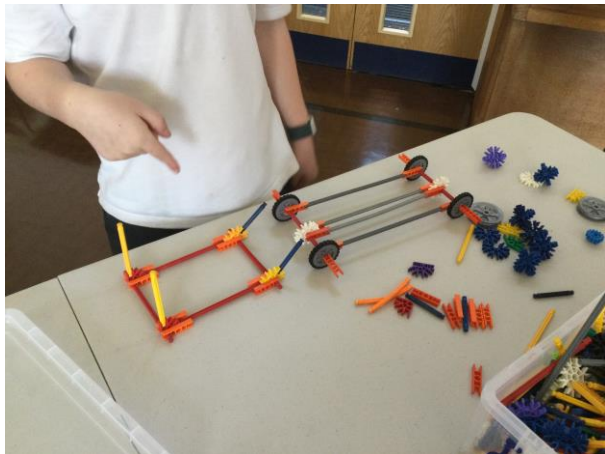
This competition allowed the children to work in small groups to create a loader style vehicle that could be used to move objects on a building site.

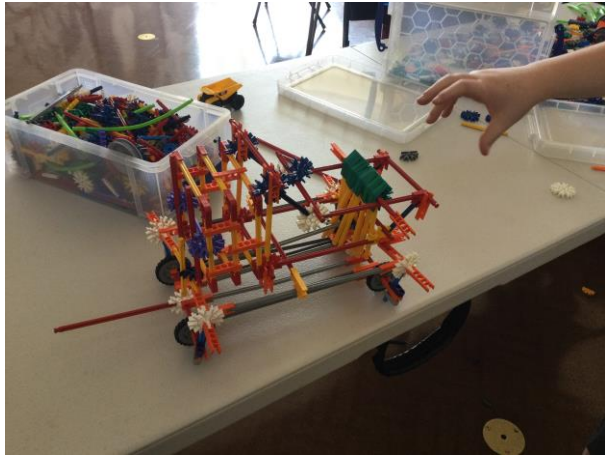
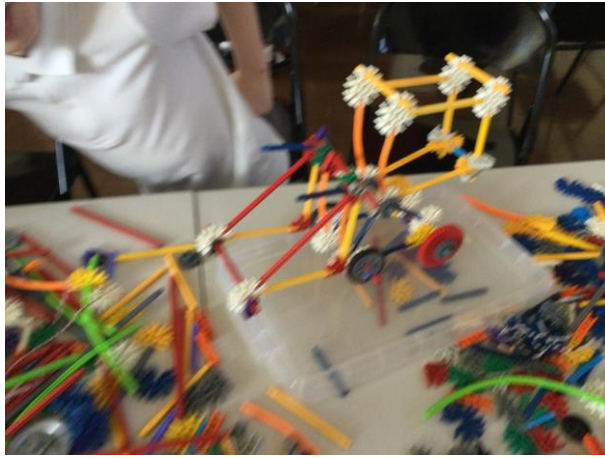
The children used K'nex kits to design and build their moving vehicle.

The winning team had a successful moving vehicle at the end, worked well as a team and used good communication to problem solve with each other. This team will then go on to compete in the final later in the summer term.

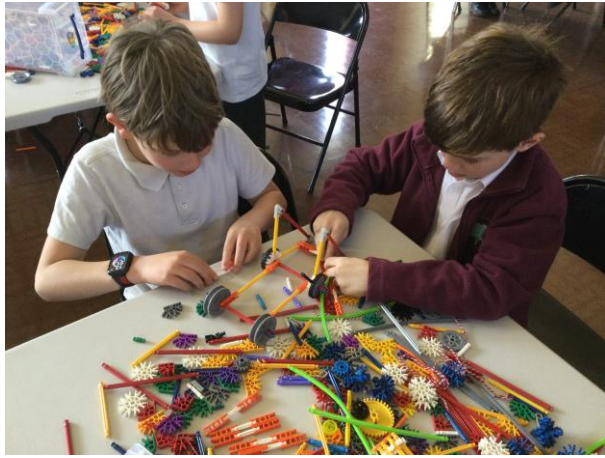
Below you can see some photos of our exciting afternoon.

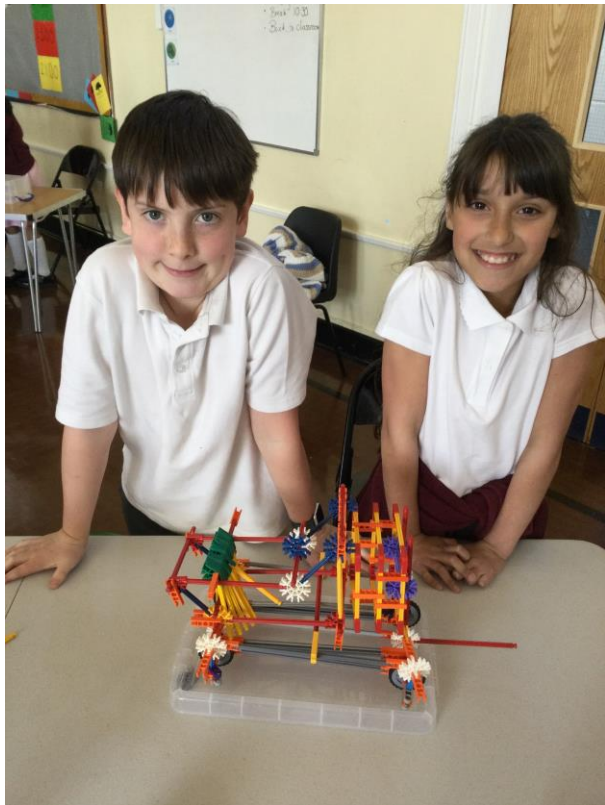




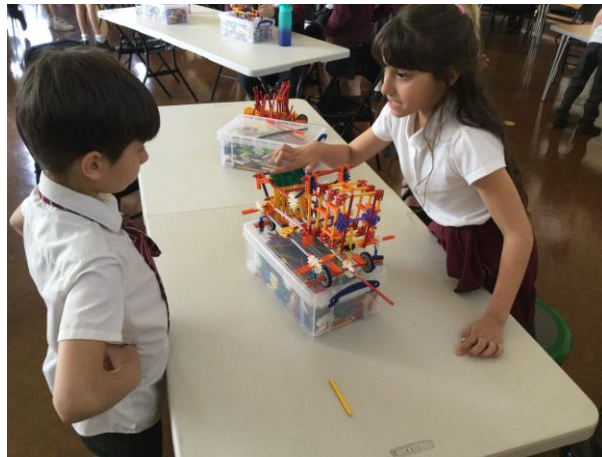












Year 5

On Thursday Year 5 had the opportunity to go over to Worcester University and take part in an Art and DT day led by some of the students. The children had a very busy day and were able to learn a range of new skills.

For Art, the children took part in two different sessions, both with a theme of nature and insects. They carefully drew insects using observational drawing, followed by painting their completed drawings using watercolours. They then rolled out ink and experimented with

print making. The completed designs, some are shown below, were very effective. The children were also able to have a go at Sgraffito, where they were using oil pastels to colour and scratch off their designs.

For DT, the children tasted breads from around the world and commented upon their appearance, texture, aroma and taste. They then designed their own bakery coming up with clever brand names. The children were then able to make their own Focaccia bread using the skills on mixing and kneading before cutting vegetables and decorating the top and baking before taking their bread home to enjoy with their families!

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done Year 5!



Year 6

It's been another busy week in year 6, with our eyes now towards the start of the summer term. As you can see in art the children have been finishing their work inspired by Terry Gilecki. The final pieces look fantastic and will make for a great display around the school. In English we have started a new piece of writing using the skills of a diary entry, written from the perspective of Maia the main character in our spine book Journey to the River Sea.

In maths we have been exploring the ways to represent data using both different types of charts and graphs, all in good preparation for some practice reasoning papers during next week. In geography we have continued our studies around the environmental factor of different continents around the world with a clear focus on North and South America as well as Europe. As a part of this topic the children have been able to describe the contributing factors towards population change and what this might mean for our future.





Poetry Slam

On Tuesday evening, Millie, Bonnie, Peyton and Lily, from Year 6, went to Redditch Palace Theatre to perform in the Worcestershire Schools Poetry Slam. Their poem, which they had written during our day with Spoz back in February, was inspired by the theme “Count on me”. The girls spent time in school rehearsing and adding choreography and then took to the stage with great confidence! They performed amazingly, competing against 8 other schools including some middle schools and high schools. At the end of the evening, our

Oldbury Park Team were awarded third place and received a rather shiny trophy to bring back with them! What an achievement! Well done girls - we are all very proud of you!

Contact Us



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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.

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