



Oldbury Observer Autumn Term 2025 edition 1

Mr Irving's Comment

Thank you - thank you to every member of staff, all of our children and all of our families for making the start of 2025/26 a success. Our school has felt calm, positive and full of learning in so many ways and this is only possible when everyone works together as a community. I have praised and thanked the children for their efforts in arriving to school on time, looking smart and showing that they understand the importance of being kind, safe and respectful.

At Oldbury Park we pride ourselves in starting the year with a keen emphasis on ensuring the children feel secure in the organisation of our school and the 'nuts and bolts' of daily life. Each year we start the term spending time on ensuring the children are taught key skills and knowledge such as: learning inclusive playground games, learning the names of all classmates and the members of staff in their class/phase, knowing how to access first aid, how to use ipads/laptops safely....the list goes on. To support this, our assemblies are also tailored to ensuring our children know our expectations and routines - this week our whole school assemblies have included an introduction to key members of staff, a focus on healthy snacks and also a chance to meet the Aspens lunchtime team. On Monday, Mrs Davies will lead an assembly focusing on the importance of communication: asking for help, using our Talking Pegs and using the Stop Rule.

Finally, my thanks to Mr Davies and supporting colleagues from CRST for several well planned school improvement projects over the summer. The Key Stage 2 playground has been transformed with brand new perimeter and internal fencing, the school has been fitted with LED lighting throughout and our project to refurbish the Key Stage 2 corridor is well underway. In addition, we have been able to complete creating an Art Studio room which is now a valuable asset and inspiring space.

Have a lovely weekend.

Term Dates

School Dates

Friday 12th September - First Believe in Best Assembly (invited parents only)

Monday 15th September - Year 4 Swimming starts

Monday 15th September - Clubs start

Wednesday 17th September - Open Classrooms (3:30pm)

Wednesday 17th September - Year 6 Residential Meeting (4pm in Main Hall - flagpole entrance)

Friday 19th September - Year 5 Art trip to University Worcester

Wednesday 8th October - Year 3 trip to Lower Smite Farm (letter to follow)

Tuesday 14th October - Year 2 trip to Dudley Zoo

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - HALF TERM

Attendance Update - **IMPORTANT for ALL FAMILIES**

You might be aware that School Attendance has received significant coverage at national level with the government identifying good attendance as one of the most important priorities for ALL schools.

Since the Covid pandemic, attendance in school at a national, Trust and school level has not returned to pre-Covid levels with more children absent from school each day and more children being categorised as PA (persistently absent or missing 10% or more (19.5 days) in a school year) or SA (severely absent - missing half or more of the days in a school year).

We are all now accountable to for ensuring children attend school as often as possible.

If a child is absent, their absence will be recorded as authorised (illness, unavoidable medical appointments and other exceptional circumstances) or unauthorised (holidays, birthdays, day trips). **It is also important to note that being late after the register closes counts as an unauthorised absence.**

Last year, we wrote to inform you about the new government policy - Working Together to Improve School Attendance - and the implications for families whose attendance is below expected.

Key considerations:

- Holidays of 5 or more days are unauthorised and may lead to the parents receiving a penalty notice.
- Children who are at risk of persistent absence or who have unauthorised absences will be supported by school to understand barriers for attendance and to find solutions to enable improvement. This may take the form of an attendance contract (an agreement between school and parents). Should there be unsatisfactory improvement, the case can be escalated.
- Children who have missed 10 sessions (5 days) in a rolling 10 week period may be subject to a penalty notice and cases CAN ultimately end up in the magistrate's court.
- Absences where no explanation is provided will result in an unauthorised absence. The office will make fair effort on a number of occasions to make contact.

To support all of our families, we will be monitoring absences closely and you should not be surprised if your child's class teacher contacts you, even if you have missed just a few days. Research has found that children missing days of school in the first couple of weeks are significantly more likely to end the year as persistently absent. Class teachers, Phase Leaders, Miss Miller (SENDco), Mrs Davies (DSL) or I may also request a meeting to help identify barriers to attendance and suggest means of supporting families.

Things families can do to help:

- Make every effort to have children in school, on time each day.
- Not book holidays, day trips or visits during school time.
- Avoid, wherever possible, medical appointments during the school day.
- Be aware that it is not uncommon for children to find coming to school challenging - we will identify strategies to support children in school - being at home only makes the situation much worse, even if they may have fun at home.
- Report sickness and unavoidable medical appointments to the office, promptly, each day so that absences are not recorded as unauthorised.
- Be mindful that EVERY day is an important part of your child's education - missing lessons decreases their chances of achieving well in school both in the short term and the long term and in turn research shows that their long term employment prospects may be damaged.

Your children are the biggest winners when they attend school regularly - they are able to thrive academically and make progress towards their targets, they are able to build more solid, sustainable friendships, their confidence increases and they do not have to spend time 'catching up' on missed learning (which children tell us they find hard).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Williams

Senior Attendance Champion for Oldbury Park

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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 few days of school. We hope you enjoy seeing a little bit of 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.

PE

PE is on a **Monday** for both Monarch and Carriage.

Please ensure a named PE kit is in school from **Monday 15th September**. PE kits will be kept in school for the half term.

Forest School

Forest School will be on a **Tuesday for Carriage** and a **Thursday for Monarch**.

We please ask that children come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes (old, comfortable clothes, with full legs/ long sleeves). Children will also need a pair of named Wellington boots that can stay at school. 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 - 9th, Monarch - 11th*).



























Year 1

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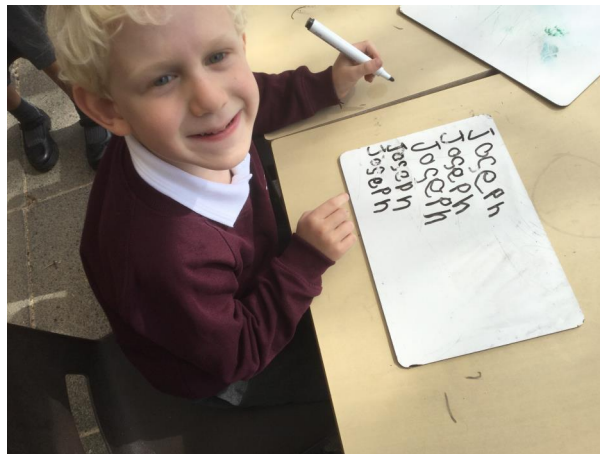
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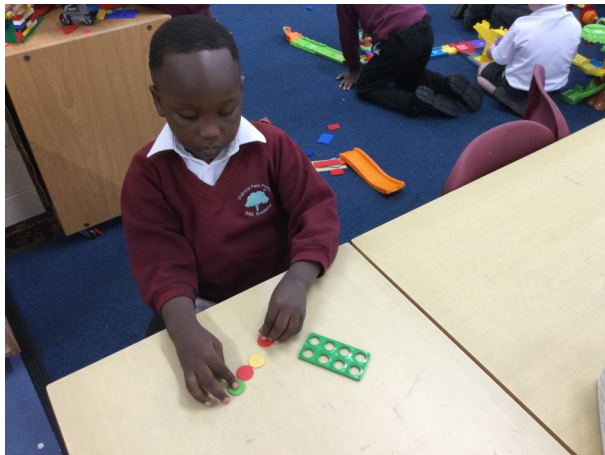
























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Year 2

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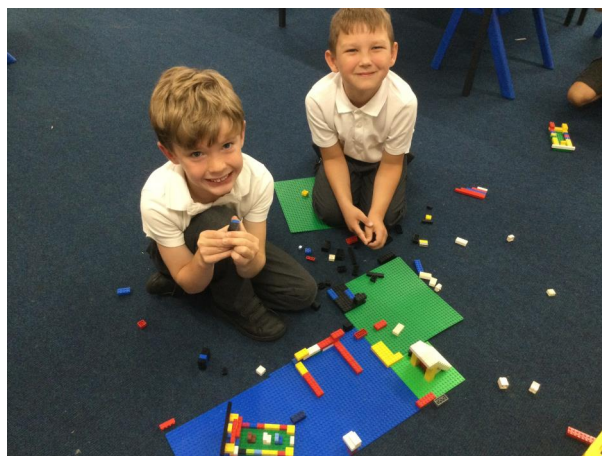
Just a reminder that PE is on Monday and Thursday, And PE kit should be left in school for the half term and the clothing requirement is as per the school uniform policy.

Forest school is on a Monday afternoon so the children need to come dressed in their forest school clothing, long sleeves and long trousers also wet weather gear if needed. They will need a pair of wellingtons, these will be kept in school. Sapphire class will first be attending Forest school on Monday 8th Sept and Emerald will be in Monday 15th Sept.

It has been great to see all of the children back and their smiling faces all eager to learn.

Year 2 Team

Miss Jones and Mrs Screen









Year 3

We're so pleased with how well the children have settled into Key Stage Two – they've made a brilliant start, and we're really looking forward to the year ahead!

PE and Forest School

Our PE days are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. On Tuesdays, the children will take turns coming in either their PE kit or Forest School clothes (please see the letter for confirmation of dates.) PE kit will need to be worn **every Thursday**.

- Next Tuesday, 9th September, it's Arrowsmith's turn for Forest School, so the children need to arrive wearing warm clothing. Hampton will be doing PE.
- The following Tuesday, Arrowsmith will be in PE kit, with Hampton going to Forest School instead – and so on, alternating each week.

PE Kit

For PE, please make sure children are wearing:

- Black shorts or joggers
- A plain white T-shirt
- Their school jumper

Forest School

For Forest School sessions, children will need:

- A waterproof coat and waterproof trousers if you have them
- Wellies

Now that autumn is here, this will help keep everyone warm, dry and ready for outdoor adventures! As our Forest School session will be in the morning, feel free to send a spare pair of trousers for afterwards, particularly if your child has a liking of getting muddy!

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 17th September, we'll be holding a Meet the Teacher event in your child's classroom.

- After collecting your child from the playground as normal, please head to the office.
- You'll then be guided through to the classrooms where you can meet the teacher and see some of the work the children have already completed.

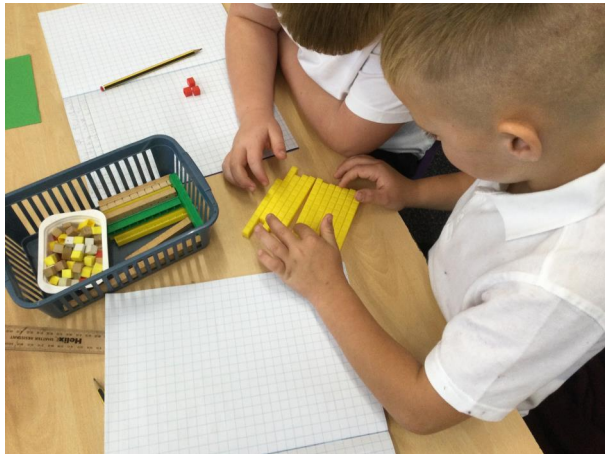
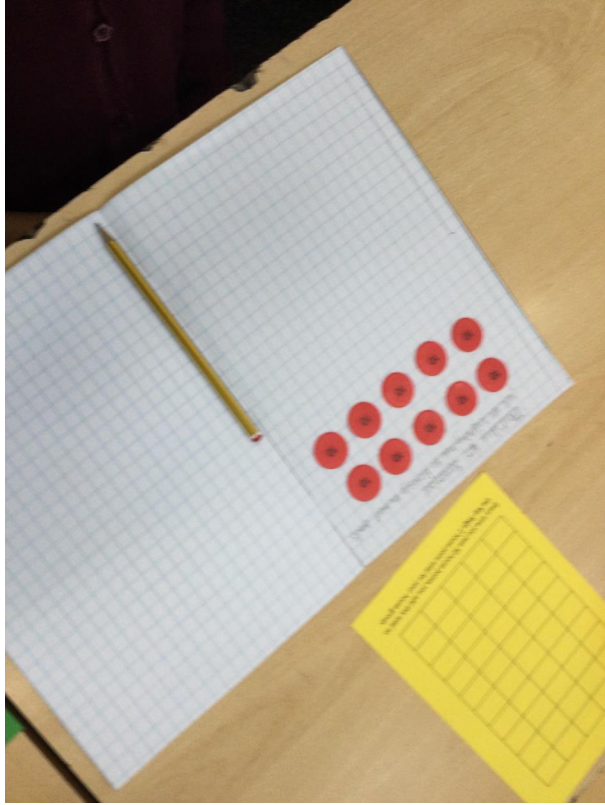
It's a lovely chance to get a feel for your child's learning environment and to put faces to names.

We can't wait to see you there!

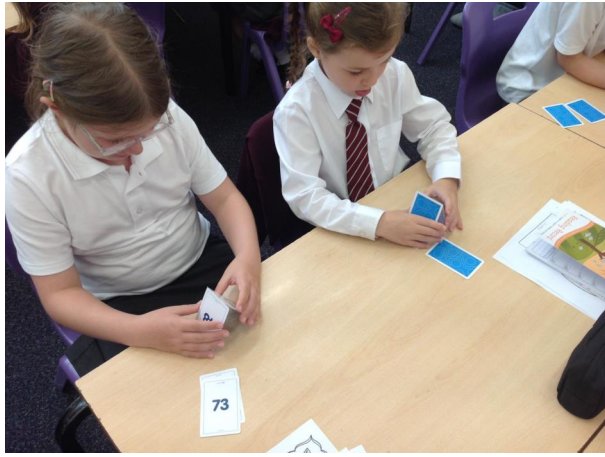


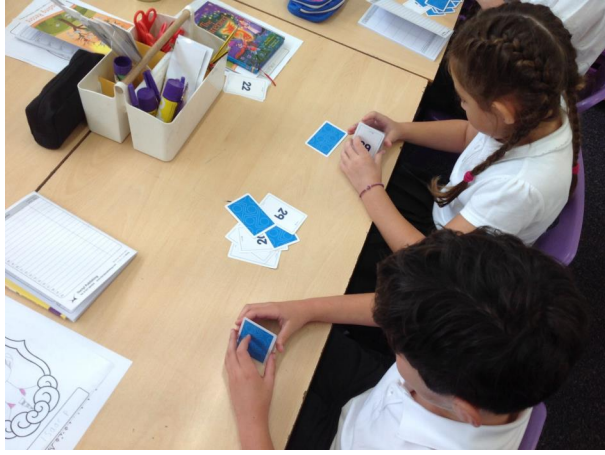
Thursday 4th September
We are learning how to identify number bonds

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80	+	20	=	100
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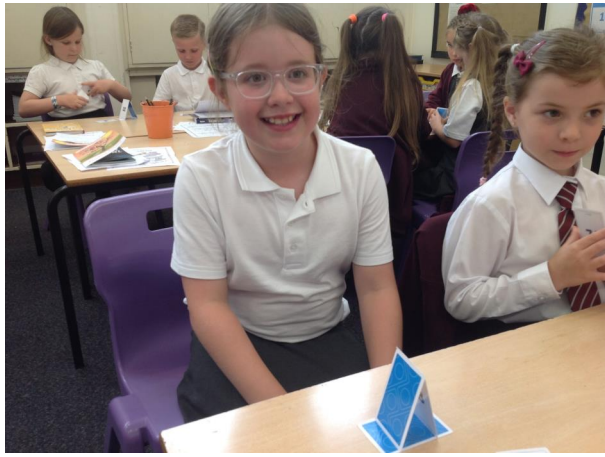
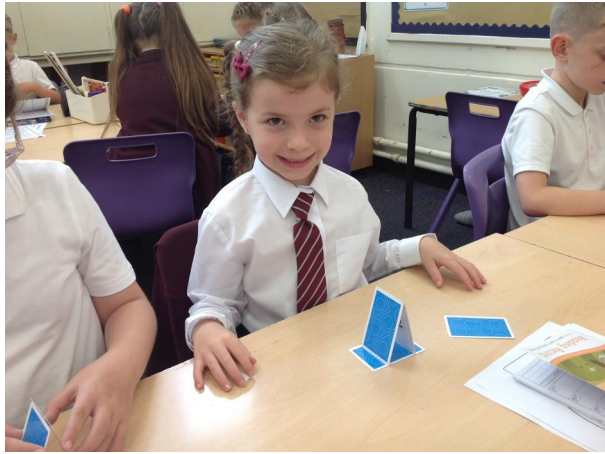
















Year 4

The children in Year 4 have all made a great start to the new term! They have been busy learning some new routines and adults but have all taken it within their stride.

PE and Swimming

Swimming will be on Monday's, starting on Monday 15th September. The children will need to wear PE kit on swimming dates and bring everything they need in a labelled bag.

PE will take place on a Thursday. Long trousers and jumpers (in line with the PE uniform policy) may be needed as we get closer to Autumn and Winter, as well as a coat.

Meet the Teacher

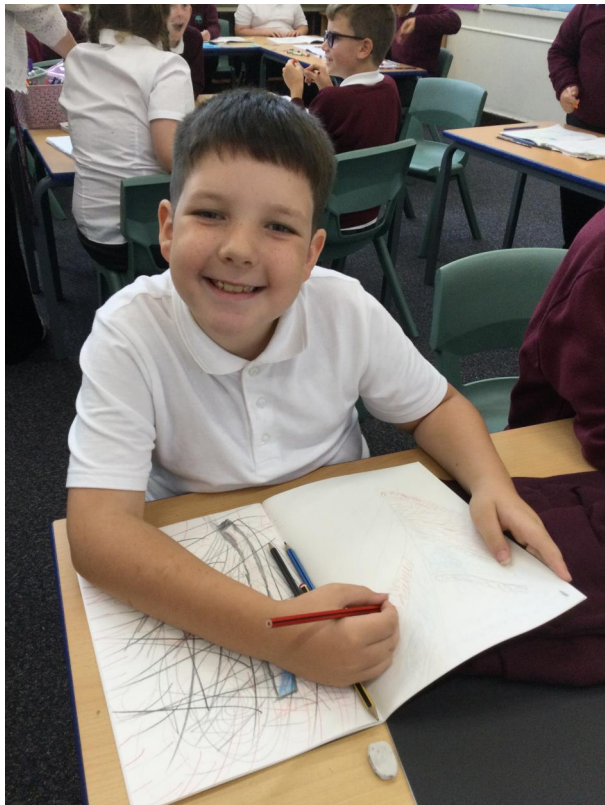
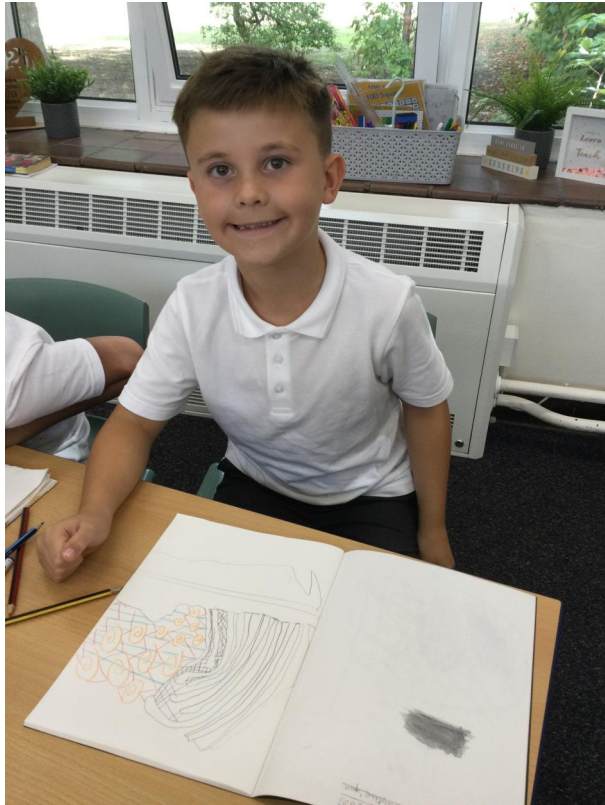
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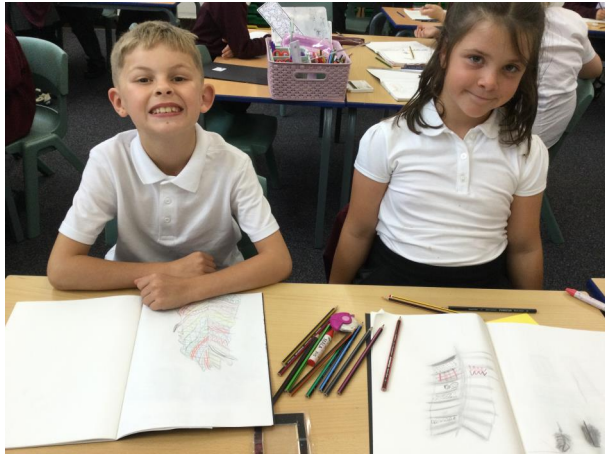
After collecting children from the playground as normal, please enter the main office at 3:30pm. You will be able to see some of the work the children have completed so far in their new year group.

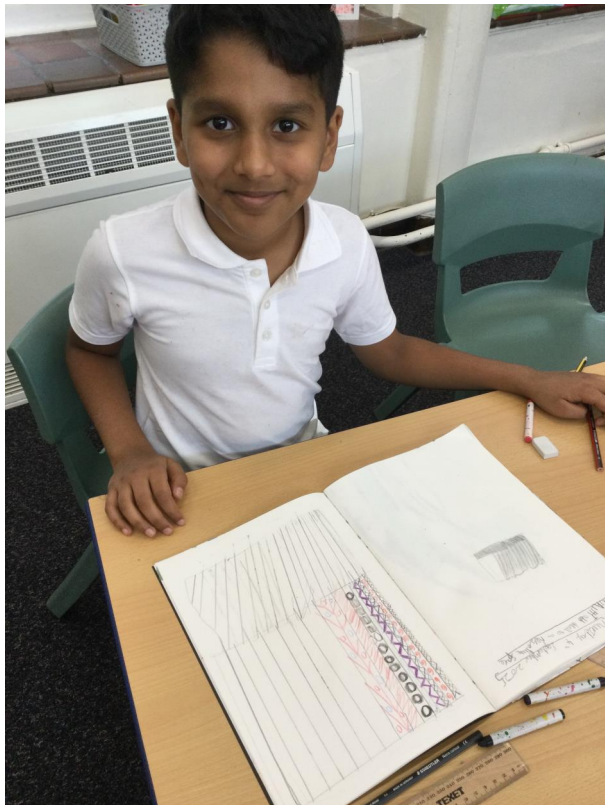
Reading and TTRS

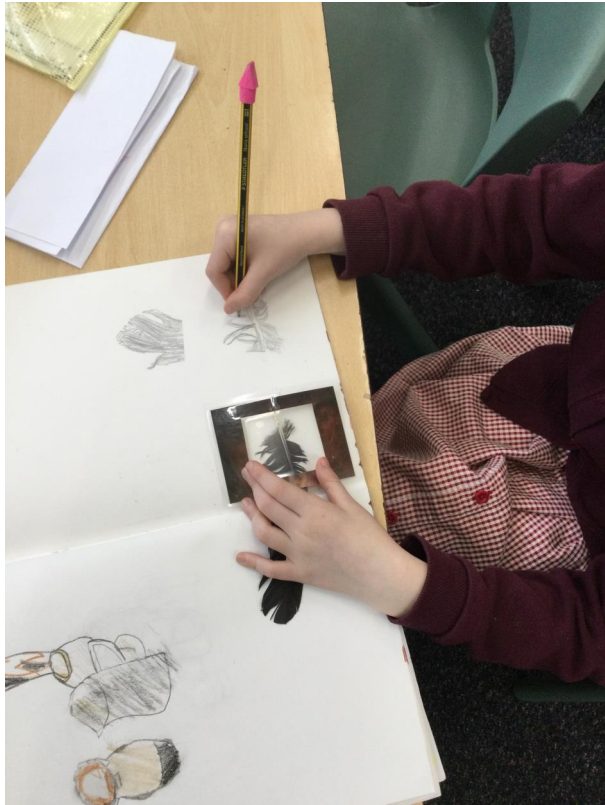
We would like to ask for your support with Reading and TTRS at home. Both are extremely important for the children this year, especially times tables. A small amount of time each day will be very supportive of your child's learning.

Below, you can see some of the Art that has been completed this week!

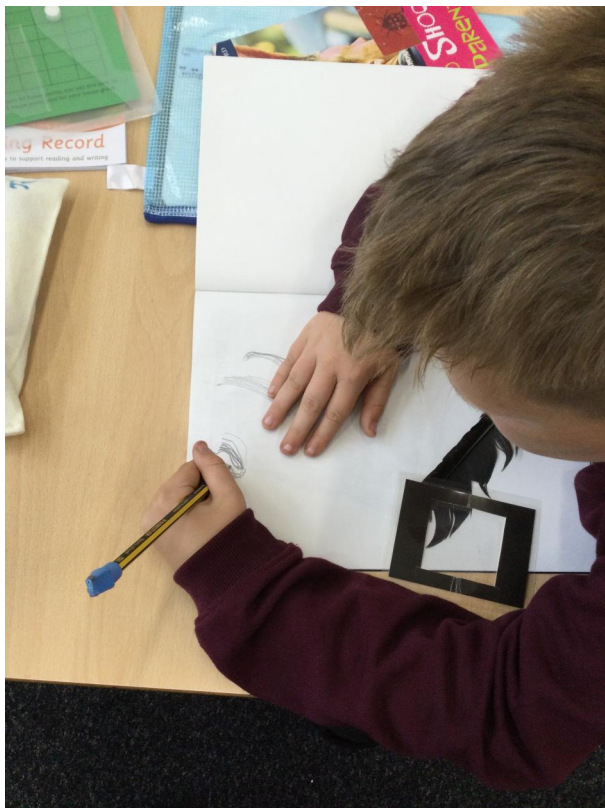








1 - Art in Newbury Class





Year 5

It has been wonderful to see all of the Year 5 children back in school and excited and ready for the year ahead! All of the children have come into school looking very smart in their uniform, and everyone has made a positive start to the year!

This week we have enjoyed getting to know the children and talking about their goals for the year through PSHE work. We have also started our Art unit of work and have looked at German artist Frank Auerbach and his work with subtractive drawing.

Key Information:

- PE will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please can children come into school wearing their PE kits on those days (black/grey bottom, white

Year 6

Welcome Back! All of the children in Year 6 have made a great start to their final year at primary school. We have been really impressed with their attitude towards their learning, care and consideration for each other and how smart they look.

This week we have focused on getting to know each other and reflecting on ourselves in some PSHE work. We have read a book called Bloom and considered what makes us bloom and what can sometimes make us wilt. We have also started our first art sequence of learning, commencing with some observational drawing of fruit focusing on details and scale.

Year Group Information:

- PE will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please can children come into school wearing their PE kit (black/grey bottoms, white t-shirt, black sweatshirt or school cardigan/jumper) on these days.
- Please join us on Wednesday 19th September for an open classroom, 3:30-4:00, followed by our residential meeting in the hall, 4:00-4:30.

RESIDENTIAL MEETING - IMPORTANT

Following the open classrooms opportunity for parents/carers to visit their child's Year 6 classroom and meet their new teachers on Wednesday 19th September, we will be holding a residential information meeting at 4pm in the main hall. If you have come to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms, you can go directly to the hall for 4pm. If you are unable

to make the open classrooms invite, entrance to the hall will be through the flagpole entrance.

This is an important meeting as we will be sharing lots of important information about the upcoming residential trip including what to pack and wear, what the accommodation/catering is like, what activities the children will be doing and lots more.

Whilst it is preferable to have everyone there, we understand this is not always possible - please don't worry, we will send out the information on paper and will be available to answer any questions you might have via the UKS2 parents email (at the bottom of this page).

MAB

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome our MAB community back to school this week. In the MAB, we have had a super start to the term and have enjoyed welcoming Mrs Keehan to the MAB team. It was delightful to see our wonderful children coming back looking smart and with lots of news to share about their holiday.

Our focus this week has been getting back into a good routine as well as getting to know Mrs Keehan. We have been working hard and enjoying our play too.

P.E. and Forest School:

This year, we are very excited that the MAB will have a Forest School session together on a Friday morning. We will be doing some activities in the forest as a group which will help us with following instructions, listening skills, being creative and working collaboratively. The children will also have a forest school session with their mainstream class at some point in the year. Please see their year group section for days and times. Not all of the children will have Forest School with their mainstream class this term, but reminders will be communicated on the observer and in the children's communication books nearer the time.

Please ensure that the children come to school dressed in clothing suitable for the forest and the weather conditions on , each Friday. This may include having wellies in school and a change of shoes and a waterproof coat.

Some of the children also have P.E. on Friday afternoon (see their mainstream section). If this is the case, please send in their P.E. kit to change into. All P.E. days have been communicated in the mainstream section for your child.

Meet the Teacher:

On Wednesday 17th September, we are inviting parents in to school to meet their child's class teacher. We would like to give you the opportunity to visit the MAB as well as visiting

your child's mainstream class. In order for you to do this, we would like to invite you to visit the MAB at 2.45pm to 3.15pm on this day. There will be an opportunity to see some of the work that the children have been doing as well as a chance to do an activity with your child.

If you would like to join us for this session, please let us know so that we can plan for numbers as well as keeping the MAB a calm and quiet space for the children. Please also let us know if you would like to collect at 3pm as usual. The main doors (by the office) will be open to welcome you to visit the mainstream classes from 3.30pm.

Contact Us



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

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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.crst.org.uk (Miss Molloy)

Children in Years 1 & 2 KS1parents@oldburypark.crst.org.uk (Mrs Marks)

Children in Years 3 & 4 LKS2parents@oldburypark.crst.org.uk (Mrs Davies)

Children in Years 5 & 6 UKS2parents@oldburypark.crst.org.uk (Mr Williams)

SENDco Enquiries SENDCO@oldburypark.crst.org.uk (Miss Miller)