



SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER



It's the end of the Spring term and what a fab one it has been! This half term has seen many events and workshops, I continue to love being Executive Head and being able to have the chance to see the children's faces as we invite parents to school for events such as 1,2,3 read with me, Easter crafts, Reading Sessions and Parents' evenings. This term has seen us explore being artists, carpenters, sewers and historians. Children have explored a range of religions, learnt about how to keep safe on the internet and in the wider world. Our reading ambassadors continue to bring the library to life and run lunchtime reading sessions and our new bilingual reading group is so popular. It has been lovely seeing children reading to each other in different languages. We are looking to broaden the range of books we have in different languages and currently setting up an Amazon wish list. Please have a look at home and if you have any you could donate for the children to use please let us know.

Maths ambassadors have taken leadership in supporting children in KS1 and Year 3, learning how to access Numbots and TTRS apps, and we hope the children continue to explore these at home over Easter. Please keep your eyes open for the Numbots Easter challenge that Mrs Hill and Mrs Smith are going to be launching! Year 6 have found out which schools they are going to and we are currently contacting all schools to book in any transition sessions they are running. Please keep your eyes open for emails, letters and social media posts that your secondary schools will be sending to update you on events and dates.

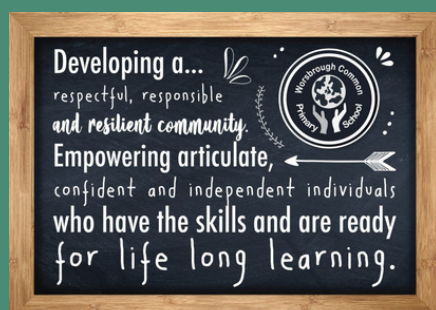
This week we have said happy goodbyes to Mrs Howell and Mrs Wigglesworth-Fisher from Class 5. We wish them Goodluck as they both start their Maternity leave and we cannot wait to welcome their babies in to the WCPS family! Next half term, Class 5 welcome Mrs Hayes and Mrs Lowrie into class to lead them into the summer term. They have worked alongside Mrs Wigglesworth over the last few weeks to support a smooth transition.

Year 2 & Year 6 have SATS next half term and I know teachers have spent a long time creating some revision tasks to keep children practising over the holidays! I know there are rewards for those children who complete and return them.

Next half term, the school will be exploring art as our subject driver and I know we have got lots of trips booked in so that pupils can make real life links to the learning we are doing in school. Year 5 also have some sports sessions booked in that will be run by 'Totally Runnable' which look great!

Here is to another wonderful half term as we head into Summer Term 1 on Monday 17th April 2023. Don't forget our next INSET day on 14th July where the school will be closed to pupils.

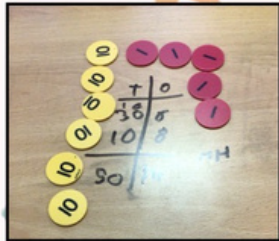
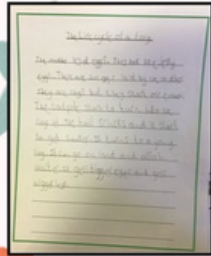
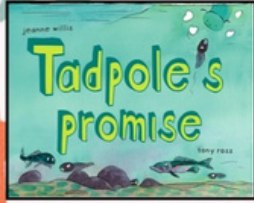
Mrs Paddock x



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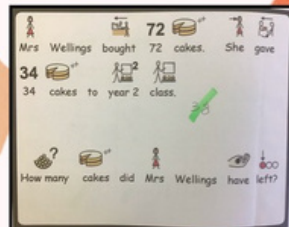
HALF-TERM RECAP

CIRP



We have had another busy half term in CIRP. We have been learning about the history of coal mining. In PE we developed our gymnastic skills. We have learned new vocabulary to write facts about frogs and their life cycles in literacy. We practiced the four operations in maths. In Science we really enjoyed exploring magnets.

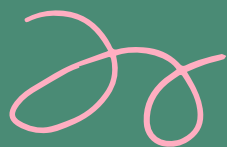
Have a very happy Easter everyone. 🐣😊



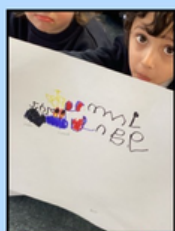
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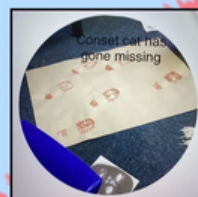


EYFS



SPRING 2 IN FS2

In pe we have done gymnastic working on rolling, travelling and jumping. In science we have explored sinking and floating. We made our own boats! In literacy we have explored people who help us like nurses, doctors and the police. We have had a great half term, it has been shocking, exciting and fun. We are looking forward summer to get outside more and what learning and surprises will happen!

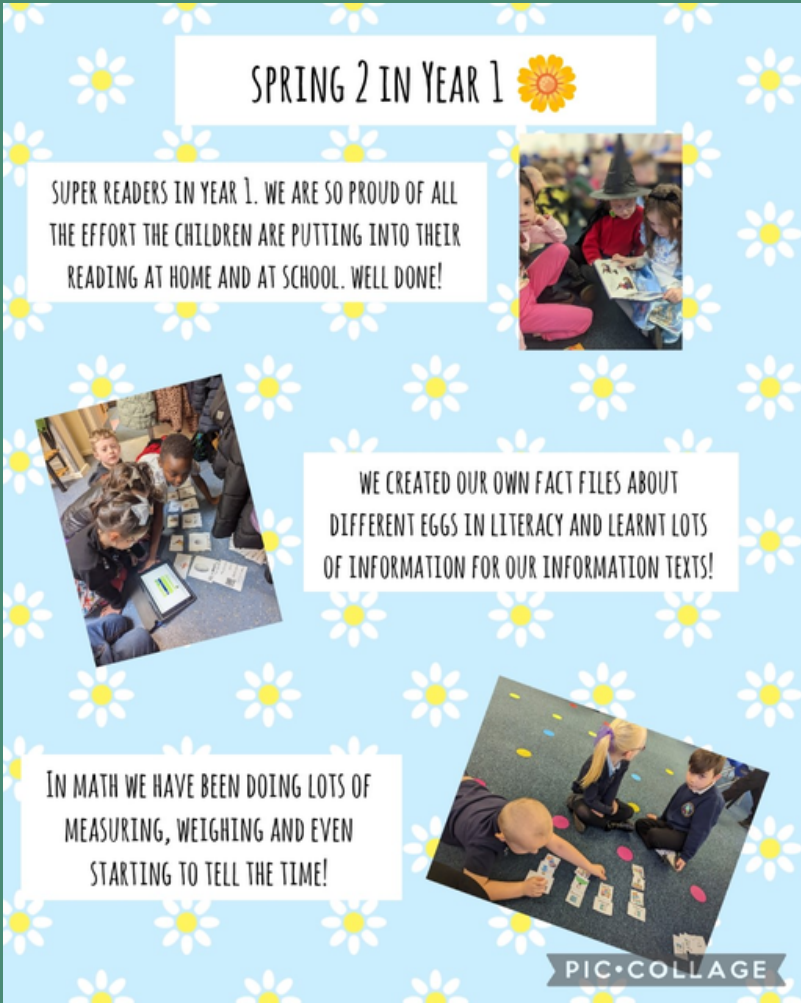
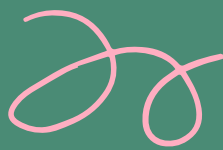


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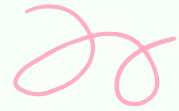


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YEAR 2



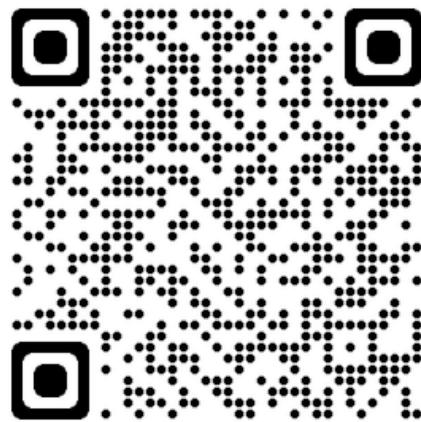
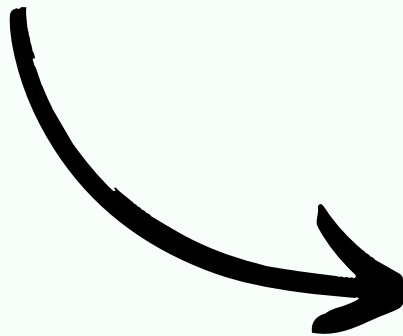
Reading: This half term we have explored a range of SATS style questions to prepare us for our SATS in May.

Writing: To start the half term, we wrote a retell of the story 'The Journey Home'. However, our story we changed the ending to include a Bee as we know they are endangered too. We have written instructions on how to make our own biscuit bears, we are now writing a description of these characters.

Maths: This half term we have covered a range of skills during our maths meetings. We have recapped money and fractions and explored number bonds, partitioning and additive relationships.

Wider Curriculum: Our topic this half term was The Great Fire of London. We have been so absorbed in learning about how the fire service and housing has changed from then to now. We are working on producing a key note to present our knowledge.

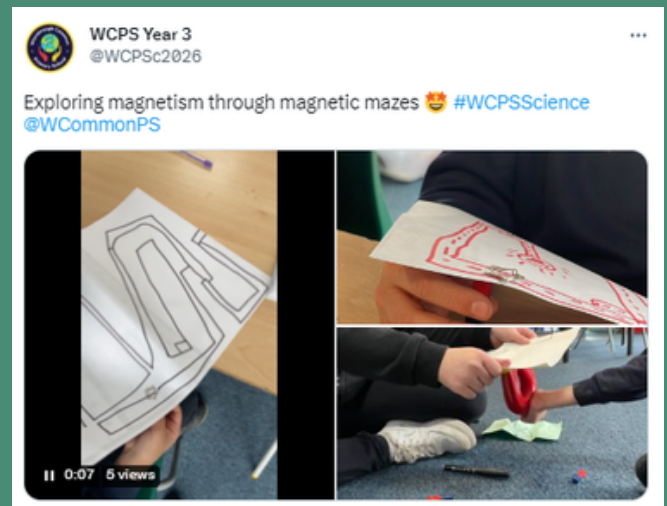
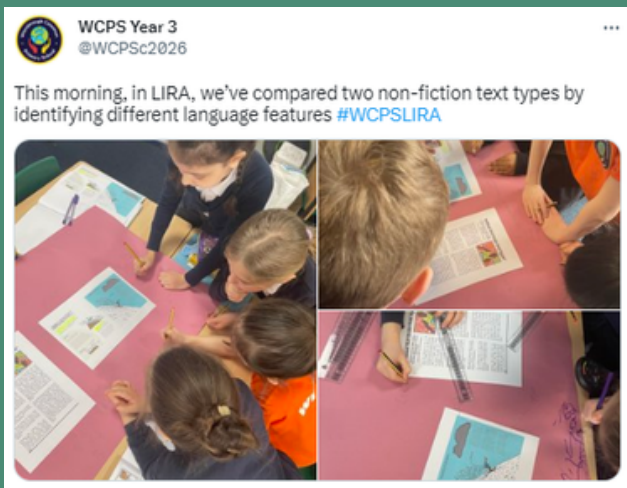
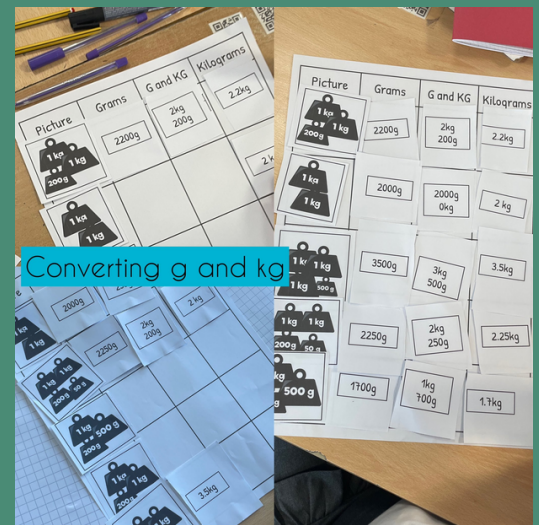
Here is a QR code to our Twitter where you can find a range of images of us getting stuck in to all of the above!



YEAR 3

In Spring 2 we have explored:

- Coal Mining in History
- Measures in Maths
- Poetry (Spider and the fly) and a Diary entry (Small in the city) in Literacy
- Beetle Boy in LIRA
- Magnets in science



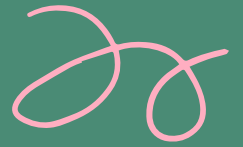
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YEAR 4



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ANOTHER REALLY BUSY HALF TERM FOR YEAR 4!

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

LITERACY

WE HAVE BEEN NEWS REPORTERS AND WRITTEN FANTASTIC NEWSPAPER REPORTS BASED ON THE IRON MAN, AND ALSO WRITTEN A SEQUEL TO THE AMAZING STORY "FARTHER" BY GRAHAM BAKER-SMITH. IN READING WE HAVE EXPLORED THE TEXT "ESCAPE FROM POMPEII" AND LOOKED AT THE FEATURES OF DIFFERENT NON-FICTION TEXTS.



MATHS

WE HAVE APPLIED OUR KNOWLEDGE OF WRITTEN METHODS TO SOLVE A RANGE OF PROBLEMS. WE HAVE ALSO EXPLORED EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS, CONVERTED A RANGE OF MEASURES AND CONVERTED FROM ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL TIME!



WIDER CURRICULUM

IN HISTORY, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE AS A ROMAN SOLDIER (IT WAS TOUGH!). WE HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED ACTUALLY BEING A ROMAN SOLDIER! WE WERE GREAT AT MARCHING, BUT WE DIDN'T LIKE THE FOOD MUCH...



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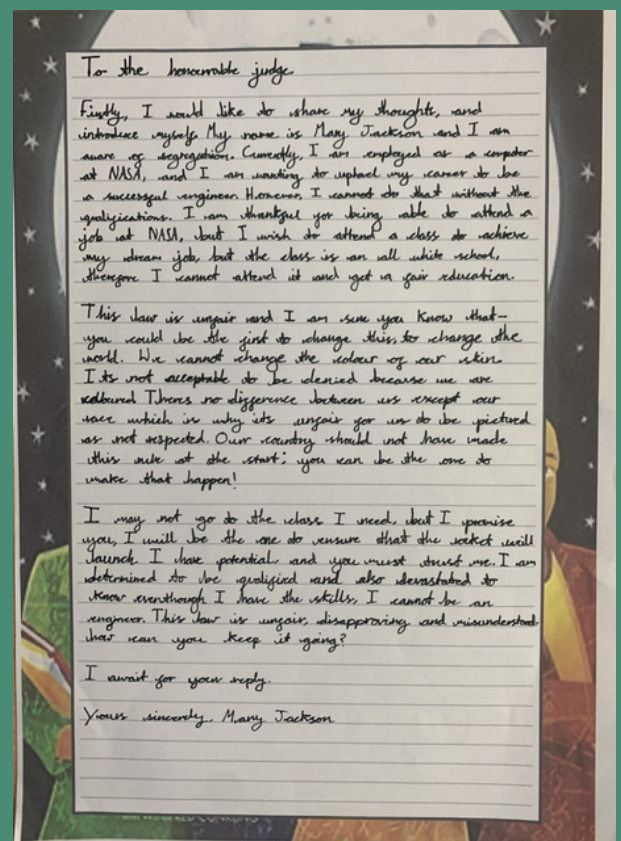
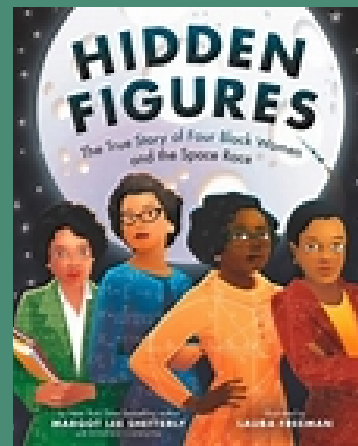
YEAR 5

Literacy: In literacy, we have used the book and film 'Hidden Figures' as a hook for writing formal letters to a judge.

Maths: This week, we have had a theme park context to solve problems involving measure and money.

Reading: We have used a range of texts, linked to our literacy and history topic, to develop our reading skills.

Wider Curriculum: We have explored Black history including slavery and segregation. Our outcome was a video to share our learning. We will upload this to seesaw – keep a look out! In this week's science week, we have learned about space – which fits perfectly with our literacy sequence!



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YEAR 6

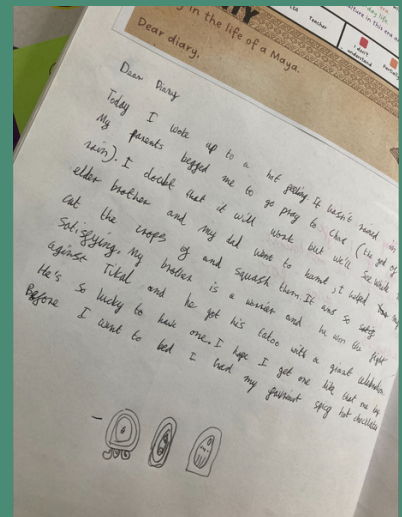
Reading: We've been working on our test technique in preparation for SATS – we've seen some great progress in terms of reading pace and comprehension!

Writing: We have just finished our flashback narratives on The Piano, and are currently writing a non chronological report on The Suffragettes – watch this space.

Maths: We have been very busy in maths this half term – we have explored geometry, statistics, measure, ratio and algebra!

Wider Curriculum: Our Topic has been the Ancient Maya. We have been researching the Maya and comparing them to other periods we have studied in history. We have recorded a podcast to share this learning with a wider audience!

Take a look.....



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WIDER CURRICULUM



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RE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

WANTED!!

We are asking for donations of bilingual books for our group on Wednesday lunchtimes. Any donations will be much appreciated! Here is the link to our Amazon wishlist:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1W3QYYUDEP5DX?ref_=wl_share

COME AND EXPLORE BOOKS IN
A RANGE OF LANGUAGES!

WEDNESDAY
12:15-12:45

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ART




WCPS ART WEEK 2023

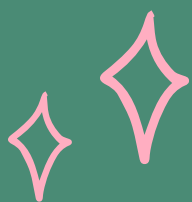
Many thanks to everyone who donated to buy your child's art work. These were amazing drawings and we hope you enjoy displaying it at home. You generously helped to raise £125.00 which will be split between the Born Free Foundation (which Gary Hodges our theme Artist supports) and to help buy new art supplies for school.

Many, many thanks for all your support.



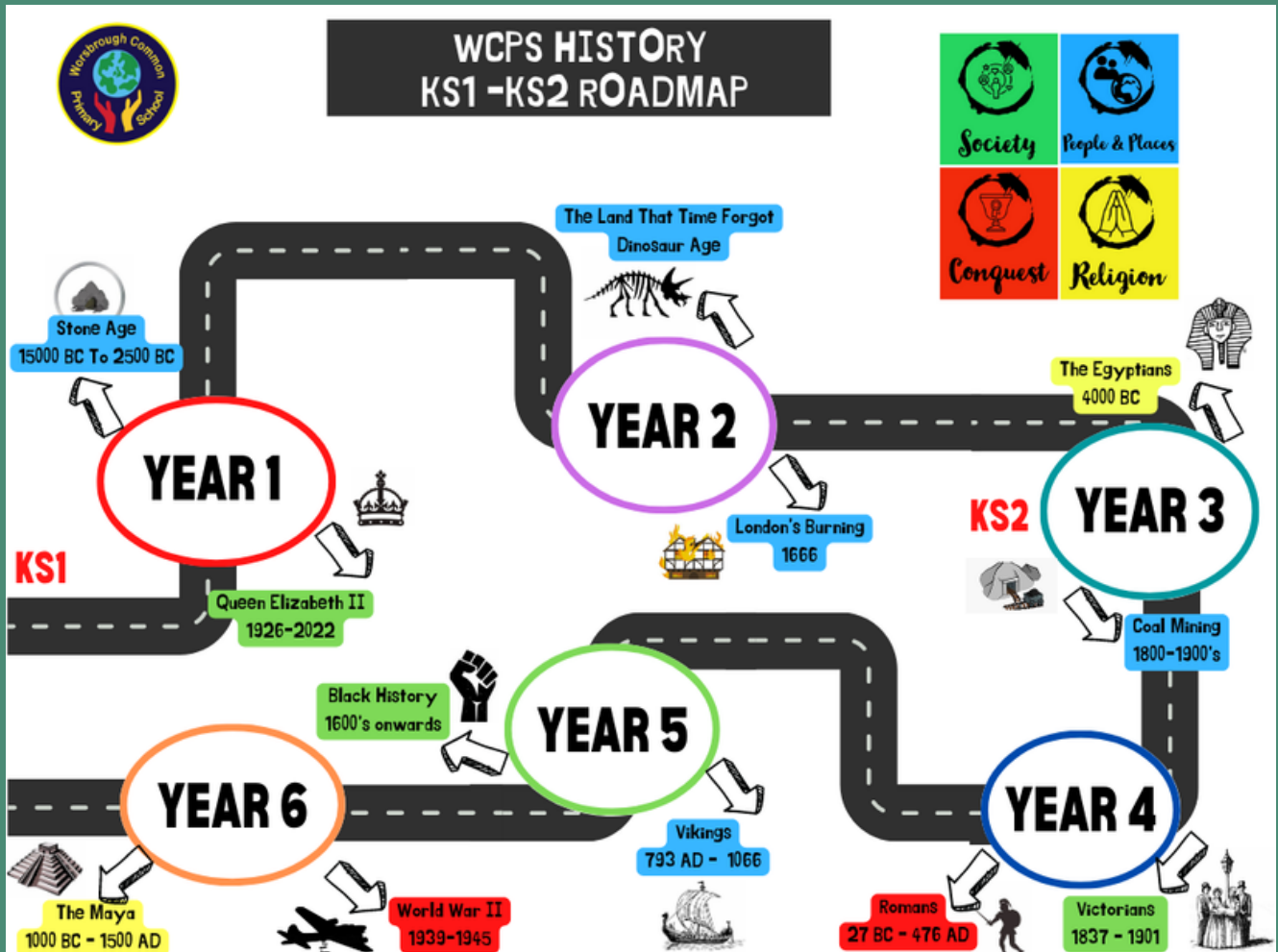


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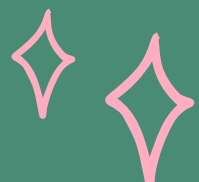
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HISTORY RETRIEVAL CHALLENGE



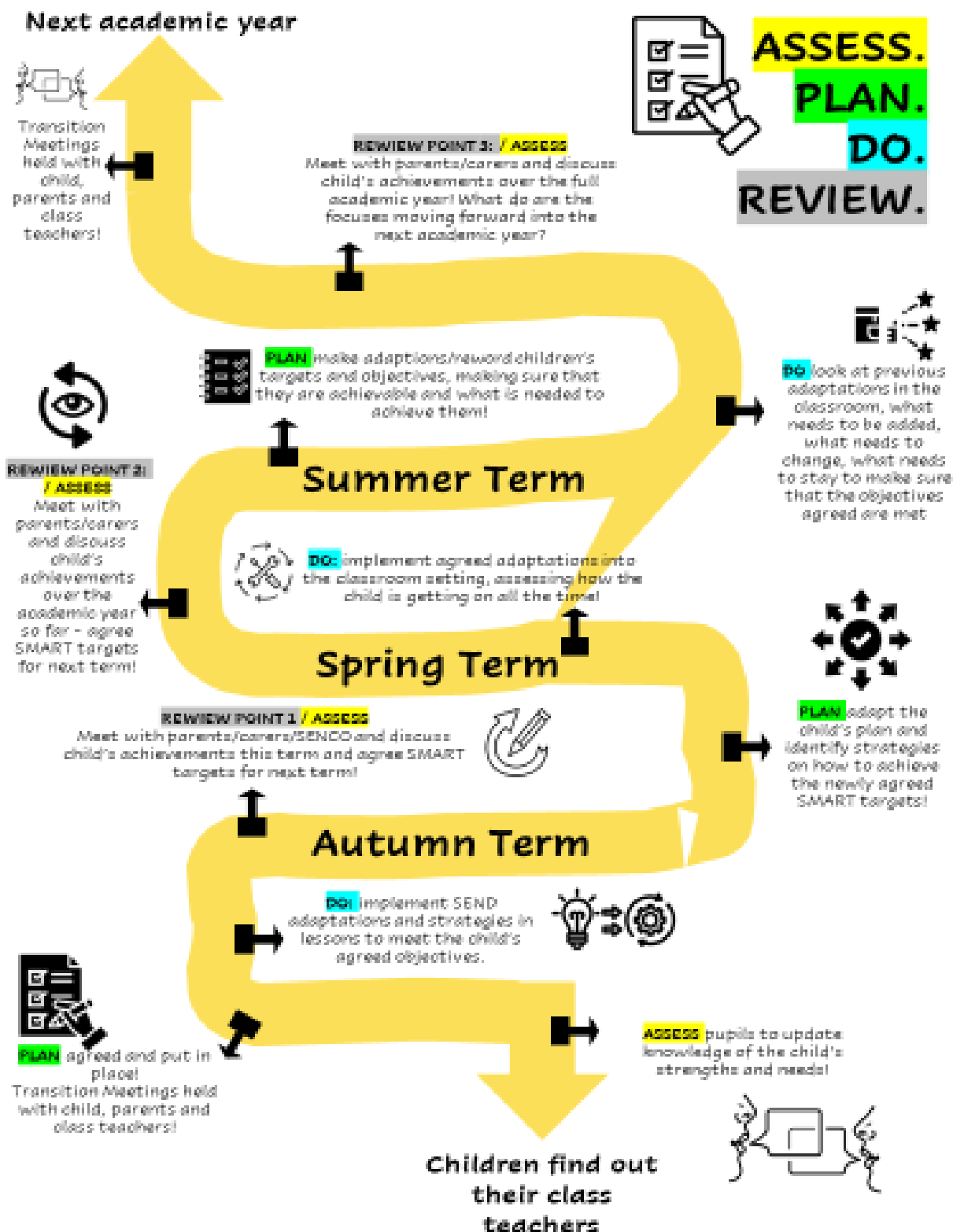
Your child has been set a challenge to see how much they can remember about their History learning. Not just from this year – but beyond! Please ask them what they know. They have a task set on seesaw where they can share what they can remember and earn house points over Easter.

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Useful Information

SEND Support at WCPS





REVIEW POINT 2:

/ ASSESS

Meet with
parents/carers
and discuss
child's
achievements
over the
academic year
so far - agree
SMART targets
for next term!



Review Time:

Almost Summer Term... As we head into the Summer Term, parents and carers of children with an SEND School Support Plan in place should now have discussed the Review Point 2 with their class teacher.

This review, we hope, will allow you as parents and our staff to come together, discuss the progress that your child has made and make reference and notes against the outcomes of the objectives set at the previous support plan meeting.

Should you not have yet been contacted to discuss this with your child's teacher please email:

admin@wcpssedu.org

If you have any further queries, do not hesitate to email the above address or speak to your child's class teacher!

OUR SEND TEAM:



Jenny Chambers
Assistant Head/SENDCO



Dale Haslam
SENDCO Admin



"Sometimes real superheroes live in the hearts of small children fighting big battles". - Anonymous

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
 - Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.**

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

How many points did you earn for your house this half term?

House Point totals:



Highest Earning Pupils Per House:

WEMBLEY	Niall Gurney - 321 Points Monika Bula - 203 Points Chloe Beaumont - 146 Points
TWICKENHAM	River Lawton - 236 Points Brooke Wood-Kilgariff - 208 Points Michael-Patrick McDonagh - 184 Points
WIMBLEDON	Faith Sullivan - 130 Points Blake Allott - 124 Points Riley Oertel - 121 Points
HEADINGLEY	Amelia Bennett - 180 Points Matilda Brearley - 134 Points Alisha Wall - 121 Points



RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE

For our Behaviour Policy details, please refer to our Behaviour Policy at
<https://www.worsbroughcommonprimary.co.uk/>

Attendance






LATENESS!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (AVERAGE)

Over this last half term we have an average whole school attendance

94.1%

-  Down last half term at 95.12%
-  Below the school target of 97%
-  Above the UK average of 93.6%

235 late marks
4,977 minutes of learning lost!

NOTE:

We will CONTINUE to report persistent late comers to the EWO (Education Welfare Officer)

ABSENCE!

Over this last half term we have seen the below figures for absence from school.

430 marks of absence since 20th February 2023 (excluding 51 marks of lateness after register closes)

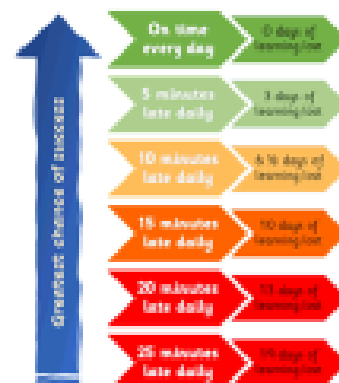
**If this was one single child:
A total of 86 school weeks lost.
A total of 2.2 school years lost**

Attendance target is 97%		
Outstanding	100% - 99%	
Good	98% - 97%	
Satisfactory	96% - 96%	2 School Weeks of Lost Learning
Unsatisfactory	94% - 90%	4 School Weeks of Lost Learning
Unacceptable	89% - 76%	8 School Weeks of Lost Learning
Totally Unacceptable	75% - 70%	12 School Weeks of Lost Learning

OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM



Sam Billingham
Office Manager/
Attendance Officer



EASTER HAMPER WINNER!!!

Well done Xavier!

Enjoy your chocolate goodies!



SPRING 2 EVENTS



Dates for your diary:

- 26th April Books and Breakfast 8.50am
- 9th-12th May Key Stage 2 SATS
- 123 Read with me Class 1 and 2
- 4th May The Giant Jam Sandwich! (Reading Instructions focus)
- 24th May Jack and The Beanstalk story telling
- 26TH May HCAT ROCKS – Going for gold TT rockstars

More details to follow regarding each of these events.

Sports Day

The dates for sports day are during the week beginning the 3rd July. The date for year 6 is provisional depending on secondary transition dates.

They are as follows:

EYFS Mon 3rd July – PM

KS1 Tues 4th July – PM

LKS2 Wed 5th July – PM

UKS2 Thurs 6th July – PM

CIRP children will be with their year group.

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Finally, below are the details of some exciting external opportunities available to our pupils.



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- A registered charity founded in 2009 that provides exceptional opportunities for children in Barnsley
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- The highest ranked choir from Great Britain in the Interkultur World Rankings, with an international reputation for excellence
- Regular national and international tours such as Latvia, Germany, South Africa, Sweden, Ireland and Scotland. The choir also organises exciting social events throughout the year
- Released Albums and Videos to critical acclaim and appeared on National TV and Radio, including appearing on Britain's Got Talent in 2022 at the London Palladium
- Winner of 8 First Prizes in major international choir competitions including the World Choir Games and European Choir Games
- Led by an award-winning group of over 50 volunteers who work alongside a world class team of 16 Music Leaders
- Hosts outstanding international choirs and choral experts each year who work with BYC members in workshops, rehearsals and concerts
- Sings a wide range of music with a professional band, including Pop, Gospel, Spirituals, Folk as well as more conventional choral music
- Offers subsidised and low-cost subscriptions, as well as bursaries for low-income families

Contact bycauditions@gmail.com or visit www.barnsleyyouthchoir.org for more information



We hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter break.

We will see you back in School on Monday 17 April 2023!

LITTLE SINGERS WEST 0-4 Years Old Sessions on Wednesday mornings at Penistone St Johns Community Centre	LITTLE SINGERS CENTRAL 0-4 Years Old Sessions on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings at Emmanuel Methodist Church	JUNIOR CHOIR CENTRAL 4-7 Years Old Rehearsals 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Thursday afternoons at Barnsley 6th Form Centre
JUNIOR CHOIR WEST 4-7 Years Old Rehearsals 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Wednesday afternoons at Penistone St Johns Community Centre	CHILDREN'S CHOIR CENTRAL 7-12 Years Old Rehearsals 5.45pm - 7.30pm on Thursday evenings at Barnsley 6th Form College	CHILDREN'S CHOIR EAST 7-12 Years Old Rehearsals 5.45pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings at Astrea Academy Dearne
CHILDREN'S CHOIR WEST 7-12 Years Old Rehearsals 5.45pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings at Penistone Grammar School	INTERMEDIATE CHOIR 10-18 Years Old Rehearsals 6.15pm - 8.15pm on Thursday evenings at Barnsley 6th Form Centre	SENIOR CHOIR 14-24 Years Old Rehearsals 6.45pm - 9.00pm on Thursday evenings at Barnsley 6th Form College

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respectful, responsible
and resilient community.
Empowering articulate,
confident and independent individuals
who have the skills and are ready
for life long learning.

