



Deer Park School

LEARN ENJOY SUCCEED

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Dear Families,

There will, I'm sure, come a time when the newsletter doesn't start with a description of how active and busy the past two weeks have been. It is certainly not this time, however. The past two weeks have been frenetic with events and opportunities, and the next two weeks promise more of the same. Wednesday's Sponsored Walk encapsulated Deer Park's community spirit beautifully, with our largest ever group of family volunteers coming together to support the school. The day itself was wonderful, the children were resilient and enthusiastic throughout, and we thoroughly appreciate the immense effort of Maia, Darcy and our family to make the day happen. On the very eve of this organisational feat, the inaugural family 6-a-side cup was a resounding success; you can read more about this on the sports page of this newsletter.

Further excitement descended upon classes with the fortnight's 'DT Days', with yet more amazing support from our families. The children built electric cars, working kites, steady hand games and more, working alongside staff and family members to develop their technical skills and design acumen. The Year 6 children

enjoyed a visit to our friends at the Vineyard last Friday, to share a picnic and an afternoon of sport, the pupil leadership team bought a dinosaur (more on that next week) and the swimming team racked up a weighty haul of medals and awards at the Richmond Swimming Gala – more on that last topic on the sports page.

In recommended reads this week, we begin with our adults. Your recommendation this week is a poem, and a good one. '[My Honest Poem](#)', by Rudy Francisco. I think he's an interesting new voice – you will of course make your own mind up. For our youngest readers, a frankly *beautiful* book from Poonam Mystry - 'How the Stars Came to Be'. It's illustration as high art, and it works. Finally, for KS2 bookworms, a literary classic: 'Watership Down' by Richard Adams. On the surface a loveable story about rabbits, in reality a grim and serious tale of bravery in the face of brutal tyranny.

Have a wonderful weekend together.

Yours as ever,
Alex Lee



Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

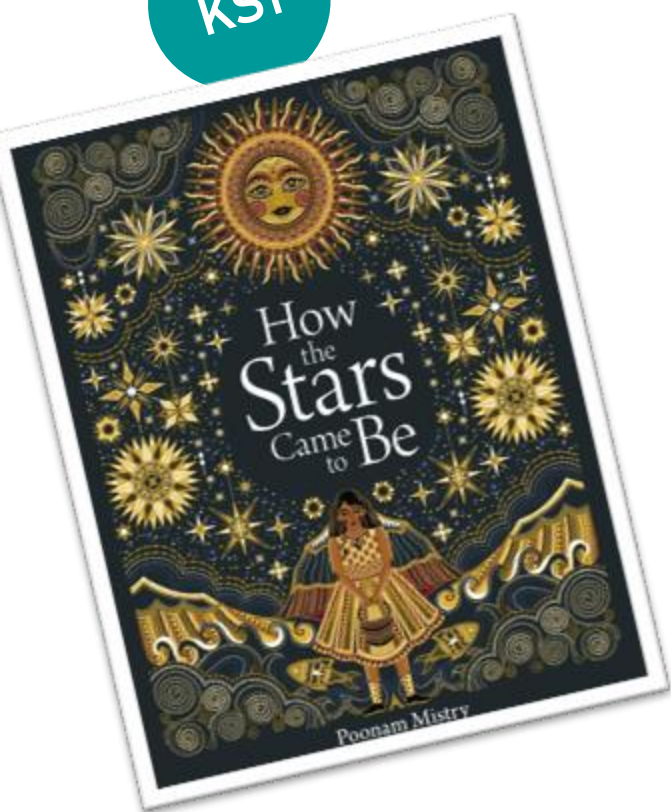
Stay Social



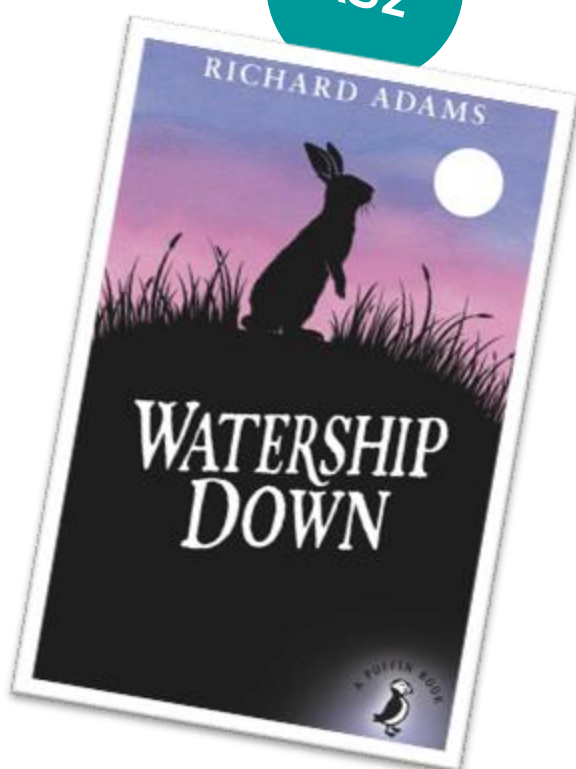
Recommended READS

For Children

KS1



KS2



For Adults



Stay Social

Please like our Facebook page

Please follow us on Twitter

Spotlight on....

Debating at Deer Park

As part of our focus on oracy this year we have been developing debating at DPS. We have been working with Julian Bell from [Debating for Everyone](#).

Year 5 and 6 took part in informative and inspiring workshops and all had an opportunity to debate, rebut and sum up. The skills they honed were quick-thinking, prioritising, justifying and explaining and being persuasive and expressive.



On Wednesday 29th June, Buster, Max, Isabelle, Hanan, Freddy and Monty went to Kilburn Grange School to take part in their first debate competition with 5 other schools. They returned having won both the planned and the impromptu debate after arguing very difficult motions and emerged as the overall winners of the day.



Year 5 and 6 DPS Debate Club is starting in September on Tuesdays with Julian Bell. Sign up if you wish to learn how to debate.



Please like our Facebook page



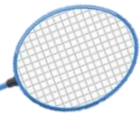
Please follow us on Twitter



Stay Social



Sports news



Swimming Gala

A highly successful swimming gala for Deer Park this term, with children in KS2 winning an impressive haul of awards across different events. 10 medals, 4 rosettes, and 2 overall winner shields, in fact.

Congratulations to Liv and Charlie in Year 4 for taking Gold in their individual events, and to the relay teams for both girls and boys for bringing home the Bronze.

Deer Park 6-a-Side Family Cup

On Tuesday this week, families from across the school gathered at Orleans Park's astro to compete in the inaugural football tournament. Nine teams entered the group stages, and a competitive set of playoffs saw three games finish in penalties between evenly matched teams. After an all-Reception semi-final between Fawn and Sambar, and a heart-breaking exit on penalties for the staff team in the other semi, the evening's final saw the Marsh Class parents emerge victorious with a 2-0 victory over the mighty FC Sambar-celona. Results aside, it was (another) wonderful community evening, full of the togetherness and spirit that make these Deer Park family events such a joy to be a part of. A huge thank you to Luke, Nadina, Tori, Amie, Toby and Sian for putting the evening together, and for creating an event that we'll all be looking forward to next year.



Stay Social

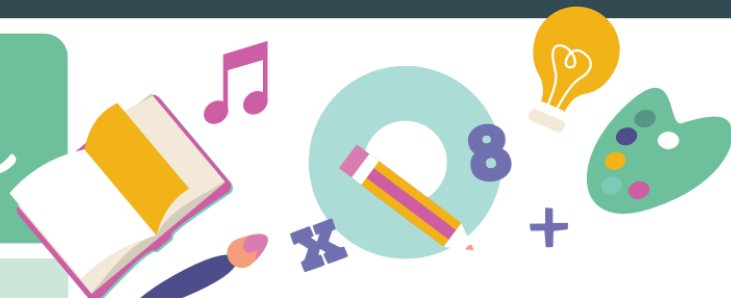


Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Class Updates



Sambar Class



Miss Levene



Miss Philip



Miss McCarty

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'What the Ladybird Heard Next'. We loved creating a story map to show our understanding of the main events of the story. We even thought about some alternative endings for the story and some of us thought that the ladybird should go into space next!
- In Maths we have been very busy indeed. We revised our knowledge of odd and even numbers by making odd and even monsters. We have also created patterns using blocks and then described our pattern for our partners to copy. This was lots of fun. Finally, we continued to work on subtraction by writing number sentences.
- In Art, we used stones and paint to create our own ladybird family! We selected the most appropriate paint brushes to use to allow us to achieve the effects that we wanted, such as the smaller paint brushes for the detail.
- In PE, we have been working hard on getting ready for our very first Deer Park School Sports Day!
- For our final DT Day for this year, we used a range of different materials to make our own kites. We loved running around in the playground to make them fly!

Our highlights:

- The highlight of our week was definitely our day out in Richmond Park!
- Sambar class love doing Art activities and they really enjoyed painting their own ladybird stones.
- They were also so excited about our DT Day and the opportunity to be creative in making their own kites to fly in the playground.

In other news

- Please continue to bring in any junk modelling that you have.
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

We will be starting to think about our move into Year 1 and some of the feelings that may arise. In Maths, we will be problem solving and revising our reasoning skills. We will be continuing to practise for our Sports Day.

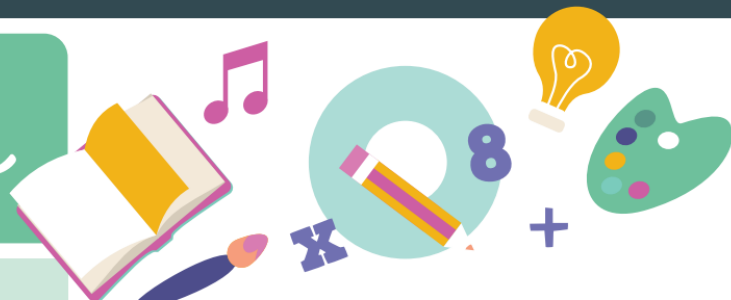
Trips and events:

Tuesday 12th July Kew Gardens trip.

Thursday 14th July Sports Day



Class Updates



FawnClass



Mrs. Zanini



Mrs.
Gordon



Mrs. Bebe

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'What the Ladybird Heard Next'. We loved creating a story map to show our understanding of the main events of the story. We even thought about some alternative endings for the story and some of us thought that the ladybird should go into space next!
- In Maths we have been very busy indeed. We revised our knowledge of odd and even numbers by making odd and even monsters! We have also created patterns using blocks and then described our pattern for our partners to copy. This was lots of fun. Finally, we continued to work on subtraction by writing number sentences.
- In Art, we used stones and paint to create our own ladybird family! We selected the most appropriate paint brushes to use to allow us to achieve the effects that we wanted, such as the smaller paintbrushes for the detail.
- In PE, we have been working hard on getting ready for our very first Deer Park School Sports Day!
- For our final DT Day for this year, we used a range of different materials to make our own kites. We loved running around in the playground to make them fly!

Our highlights:

- The children had an amazingly good time on the sponsored walk. They showed great resilience, pushing on to complete the route. They celebrated by having a wonderful picnic in the park.
- Today is DT day. Fawn Class thoroughly enjoyed making kites out of various resources. They had great fun playing with their creations in the outdoor area.

In other news

- Please continue to bring in any junk modelling that you have.
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

We will be starting to think about our move into Year 1 and some of the feelings that may arise. In Maths, we will be problem solving and revising our reasoning skills. We will be continuing to practise for our Sports Day.

Trips and events:

Tuesday 5th July - Kew Gardens trip.

Thursday 14th July - Sports Day.

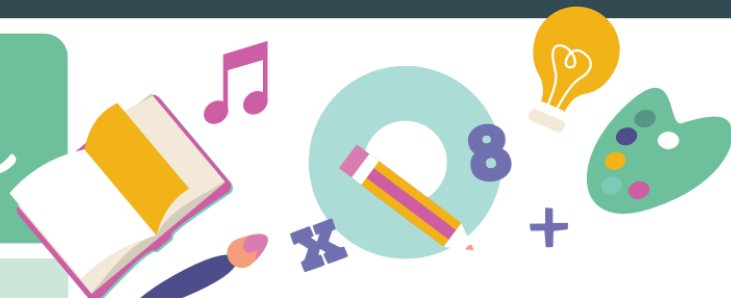


Stay Social

Please follow us on Twitter

Please like our Facebook page

Class Updates



RoeClass



Miss Copeland



Mrs. Amber

Our Learning

What have we learned?

In English, the children have been writing effective sentences for their own persuasive leaflet.

In Maths, the children have been learning about money, in particular recognising coins and notes. They have learnt the value of each amount and ordered coins and notes by value.

In Science, the children had a fantastic time experimenting with their sense of touch. They took turns feeling and describing different materials so the rest of their group could guess the item correctly.

In Art, the children have enjoyed making their own clay sculpture.

Our highlights:

- -Trip to the Barnes Literacy Festival.
- -Richmond sponsored walk.
- -DT Day; creating a pop-up storybook

In other news

- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

In Maths, we will learn about time.

In Science, we will be learning about healthy eating and the importance of exercise.

Trips and events:

- July 14th: Sports Day
- July 15th: Last day of school



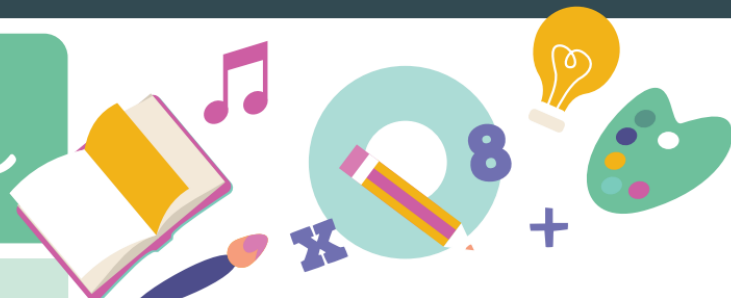
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



Brocket Class



Mrs. Baily



Miss Drew

Our Learning

What have we learned?

In English, the children have been writing effective sentences for their own persuasive leaflet.

In Maths, the children have been learning about money, in particular recognising coins and notes. They have learnt the value of each amount and ordered coins and notes by value.

In Science, the children had a fantastic time experimenting with their sense of touch. They took turns feeling and describing different materials so the rest of their group could guess the item correctly.

In Art, the children have enjoyed making their own clay sculpture.

Our highlights:

- Trip to the Barnes Literacy Festival.
- Richmond sponsored walk.
- DT Day; creating a pop-up storybook with sliders.

In other news

- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

In Maths, we will learn about time.

In Science, we will be learning about healthy eating and the importance of exercise.

Trips and events:

- July 14th: Sports Day
- July 15th: Last day of school



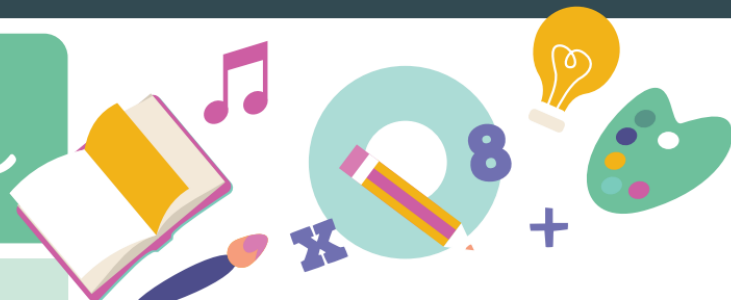
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



Marsh Class



Miss Bennett



Mrs. Kisby



Mr David

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- Exploring linkages and levers for DT. Designing a moving monster mechanism.
- Giving the correct amount of change from a given amount.
- Continue learning about safety around electricity.

Our highlights:

The children were fantastic at our book sale last week. They were polite and mature when interacting to the costumers and working out the change when books were being bought.

This week we loved taking part in the sponsored walk. Everyone was so enthusiastic and resilient when walking round. We had such a fun day out.

This week we had our DT day where the children designed and created their own moving monster using linkages and levers. They really enjoyed the day and were confident at making their own levers.

In other news

Congratulations to Marsh Class parents football team for winning the tournament Tuesday evening. The trophy is proudly placed, centre of the classroom.

Please can we ask all Alice in Wonderland costumes to come into school on Monday 4th July and the latest by Wednesday 6th July. Please make sure your child's costume is clearly labelled in a bag.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

- Maths consolidation of year 2

Trips and events:

11th July- Wetland Centre trip

13th July 2pm- Year 2 production

14th July- Sports Day



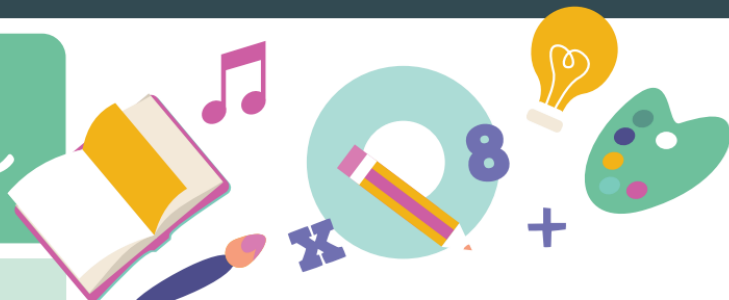
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



Fallow Class



Miss Conway



Miss Nadina



Mrs. Wilson

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- In finance, we have been evaluating the success of our projects. We thought about what went well and what we could do even better next time to make a greater profit.
- In writing, we have been learning about language and features associated with non – fiction chronological reports such as modal verbs and superlatives adjectives.
- In maths, we have been revisiting counting and ordering money. As well as finding lots of different ways to make the same amount.

Our highlights:

Rehearsing the Year 2 production 'Alice in Wonderland' showing courage to come up and perform in front of our peers. Displaying resilience with learning the lines of the songs and our own lines.

Taking part in the Deer Park sponsored walk – being determined to complete it as a team and persevering with the distance together.

Participating in the DT project creating a moving mechanism as a team.

In other news

Appreciation post to all Fallow parent helpers who have volunteered their time to support our play and to everyone who has helped with their child's costume. Thank you too to the helpers on the walk, it was lovely to see you at the stations when we turned the corner! Last thank you to our DT day helpers, I hope you enjoyed making the monsters as much as we did.

Please can we ask all Alice in Wonderland costumes to come into school on Monday 4th July and the latest by Wednesday 6th July. Please make sure your child's costume is clearly labelled in a bag.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

Consolidating topics learnt this term through assessment type tasks and group discussions on the carpet.

Trips and events:

7th July – Skipping workshop

11th July- Wetland Centre trip

13th July 2pm- Year 2 production

14th July- Sports Day

15th July – Last day of school

Photos



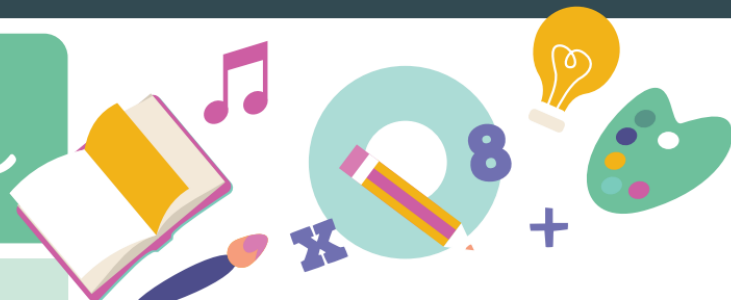
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



Muntjac Class



Miss McMartin



Mr. Luke



Mrs. Barbara

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- How to cross stitch and applique
- How animals adapt to their environment, specifically how a polar survives in the freezing conditions in the Arctic
- Consider a character's thoughts and feelings in a play
- Use a compass and grid reference to locate areas on a map

Our highlights:

Last week we were lucky enough to go to **Barnes Literacy Festival** to see Steven Lenton, the author of the book series *Genie and Teenie*. The children were so engaged during his talk about his inspiration behind his books. We even got to sketch our own illustrations alongside him and some of us got books signed by him at the end too.

On Monday and Tuesday this week we completed our final DT day of the year. The children were incredibly patient and focused when learning how to use cross stitch and running stitch as well as practising applique. All of the children created beautiful cushions and they should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to the parent helpers who came in on Monday, we couldn't have done it without you!

Finally, on Wednesday we embarked on a 7.5km walk with the rest of the school around Richmond Park. I was so impressed with every single child who completed the walk with a smile on their face the whole time. Thank you again to the parent helpers who came along with us. Well done Year 3!

In other news

Please return all library books by the end of next week.

Please could all children in Year 3 bring in a carrier bag/bag for life so that we can start to collate their workbooks from this year ready to bring home on the final day.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

- How to draw shapes and lines accurately
- To compare land use over time
- To understand vocabulary used in a play script
- To replicate the work of Barbara Hepworth

Trips and events:

4/7/22-6/7/22 - Richmond Safer Walking

4/7/22- Skipping workshop

6/7/22 - Cricket coaching

8/7/22 - Orange Tree Theatre visit

14/7/22 - Sports Day

15/7/22 - Last day of school



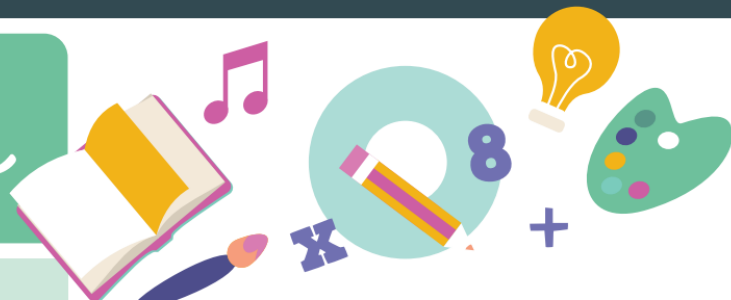
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



SikaClass



Mrs. Ridley



Mrs. Bebe

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- How to write a newspaper article
- Polygons
- Sculpture
- Digestion and the human body
- Healthy relationships
- Tennis & gymnastics
- Typing

Our highlights:

We had an amazing talk from Ross Welford at the Barnes Literacy Festival. He gave an inspiring and fun talk about magic and his life as an author. A big thank you to our family volunteers for helping us throughout our day!

In other news

Please return any remaining library books.

The next two weeks

- July 4th-8th: Health and Activity Week
- July 6th: Oli Davies workshop about his career as a pro rugby player and firefighter
- July 8th: Trip to Orange Tree Theatre to see Midsummer Night's Dream
- July 11th: Whole School Reading Café
- July 12th: Entrepreneurship workshop
- July 14th: Sports Day
- July 15th: Last day of school



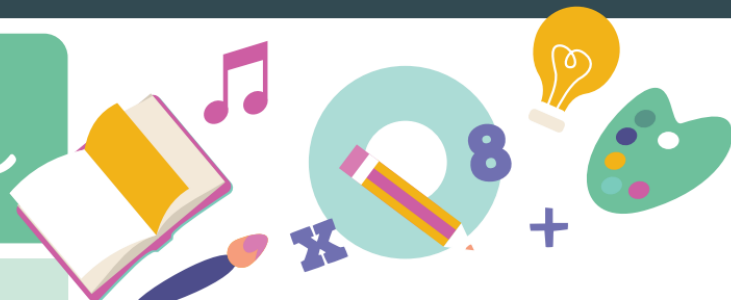
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



Elk Class



Miss Haddock



Miss Mandy



Miss Susie

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have explored the themes of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. These include:
 - Love
 - Jealousy
 - Order vs. Disorder

We have also been practicing performing the play in class and have been hosting auditions to understand the processes of performing.

- In art, we have begun sculpting bowls using clay. This is work inspired from Thancoupie – an Aboriginal artist and educator.

Our highlights:

The Sponsored Walk was an absolute delight for our class. It was here we showed determination and enthusiasm as we made our way through Richmond Park – a much shorter walk than two weeks ago in Wales!

The enthusiasm didn't stop for Elk the following day – we had a wonderful and exciting time on DT Day. We were able to demonstrate our knowledge of pulleys, which we had learnt in Science. The finished product was a battery-motored car. Although it was challenging, each member enjoyed every part of the engineering task. Well done, Elk!

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers over the past week – you are amazing, and we appreciate the support!

In other news

- Please return any remaining library books.
- In Week 5, please wear **PE kit** Monday to Wednesday.

The next two weeks

Trips and events:

1. Monday 4th:
 - Skipping workshop in the morning
 - OAA afternoon
2. Tuesday 5th
 - OAA afternoon
3. Thursday 7th
 - Jubilee tea
4. Friday 8th
 - Orange Tree Theatre



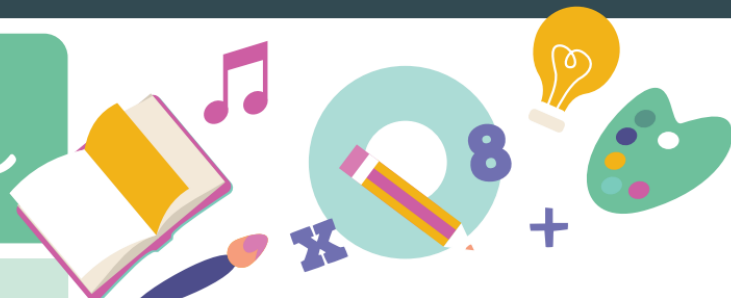
Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social

Class Updates



RedClass



Miss Williams



Mrs Hazell

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- How to build a successful circuit, which included a buzzer, to be used in steady hand game.
- How to plot a route using a six-figure grid reference system.
- How to navigate using a map successfully around a 12.2km route.
- How to correctly debate in a competition, including the roles of the Proposition, Opposition, Rebuttal, and Points from the floor.

Our highlights:

- Some of our Year 6 members winning the BPET debate competition on Wednesday – well done!
- Watching Onjali Q. Rauf talk at the Barnes Children's Literacy Festival.
- Visiting Vineyard to have a picnic, play sports and make new friends.

In other news

Continue practicing your lines for our performance!

The next two weeks

We will be:

Preparing for our performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream ready for our Dress rehearsal next week.

Trips and events:

04/07/22 - Outdoor Activity afternoon
06/07/22 - Cricket Workshop
07/07/22 - Leavers Evening Celebration
08/07/22 - Orange Tree Theatre Visit
11/07/22 - Whole School Reading Café
11/07/22 - Dress Rehearsal to Whole School.
13/07/22 - Evening Performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream
14/07/22 - Sports Day
15/07/22 - Leavers Assembly and Last day!



Please like our Facebook page



Please follow us on Twitter

Stay Social