

Autumn Term Weston Schools Federation Newsletter

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Message From Mr. Wiltshire



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another fantastic half term at Weston Park and Weston Shore. The children have been incredible once again with so many making so much progress.

I would like to thank each of you who have been bringing your child to school every day on time. It is so essential for their personal, social and academic progression that they are not missing vital, essential education.

The highlight for me, and I know for many of the children, was September's Magic Moment day. The extra playtime fuelled with ribbons, bubble wands, kites, balloons and dinosaur gliders! No wonder The Daily Echo wanted to write a story about your brilliant children.

With half term coming I want to thank you all once again for having such a big impact on our school, for being so positive and for supporting our staff. We really enjoy working with you all. Have a peaceful rest and we will look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes,

Mr. J. Wiltshire.

This Term in Key Stage One

Reception

Reception have had a brilliant start to the year and the whole team are so proud of how well they have settled in. They have adapted to school life superbly and you would never know they have only been here for 7 weeks! The children have quickly learnt new routines and their way around the school.

This half term, we have been learning all about journeys. The children have enjoyed sharing different journeys they have been on and how they travelled to their destination. We have enjoyed reading popular texts that are about journeys and have made our own maps to show the bear hunt journey we went on! It was lots of fun exploring the school grounds and we have been on lots of welly walks and started 'adventure club' where we look at the natural world around us.

Next half term our topic is 'Once Upon a Time' where we will be sharing lots of traditional stories and fairy tales. Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back in November.





Year One



Year One have had a fantastic first half term and we are very proud of how well they have settled. They have worked incredibly hard at learning new routines as well as consolidating phonics skills learned in Year R. We are already so proud of the progress they have made.

Our topic has been linked to ourselves and the human body. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the great stories "Funnybones" and "Juniper Jupiter" and showed off our sentence writing skills with our linked English work. In Science we have been learning about the five senses - sight, sound, touch, smell and taste. The children have enjoyed the practical opportunities of exploring a different sense each week. Some of the smells and tastes were better received than others as you can see from the photos!

We wish all of our children and families a restful half term and look forward to more learning adventures with them after the break.













Year Two





1 - A citizen of London!



2 - We learnt about colour mixing in Art.



3 - Our 'tussie mussies'. These are what people used in 1666 to stop the stench of the dirty streets.



4 - We got into role as firefighters and explored a box of historical artefacts including leather buckets and hats.



5 - We used the VR Headsets to feels as though we were actually experiencing the Great Fire of London. We walked the streets and watched the fire spread.



6 - What a fantastic effort everyone made!

Year 2 have had a fabulous first half term with our topic The Great Fire of London. We began with our hook day when the children came to school dressed as if they were a citizen of London in 1666. Thank you so much for your support with this, they looked incredible! The children took part in a day of exciting activities that helped them to understand what life

was like over 350 years ago. This gave us a great launch pad into our half term's learning and the children have continued to be fascinated by the events of the past.

In English, we have had a key focus around sentence mechanics, spelling and handwriting. The children have been putting in a huge amount of effort and the result has been a great deal of progress already. We can't wait to invite you in to show you our recent independent write about the Great Fire of London and showcase our hard work.

In Maths, we have been doing a lot of learning about understanding place value and developing our addition and subtraction facts. It would be fantastic if you could continue to work on these at home.

We have been working on developing fluency in reading and closing gaps in phonics. The children have been loving reading longer chapter books and are becoming much more independent. Please continue to log the children's home reading on Boom Reader so that they can earn their reading badges. Please ask if you need the login again.

Attendance continues to be vitally important and as a year group this has improved from last year, although we are still only in 4th position in the Year group attendance race! Come on Year 2, we can do it!

We would like to wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you in November!

This Term in Key Stage Two

Year Three



Year 3 have settled so well into being mature junior children, all staff are super proud of the hard work and commitment they have been demonstrating. In DT this half term we have been considering the role of sauce in a pizza. We explore different textures and types of foods, such as vegetables, sauces, herbs and seasoning to create our own perfect blend of pizza sauce. When we were happy with the taste, texture and appearance of the sauce we used it to top our pitta pizza.

Year Four







Year 4 have had a fantastic first half term. We began our year with our Anglo-Saxon day. The children immersed themselves into the day by dressing up, learning how to write in Saxon runes and re-enacting the invasion of the Angles, Saxons and Jutes to Britain. In addition, this half term, the children have enjoyed reading the stories of Flotsam, I was a Rat and The Creakers. Year 4 have created some fantastic pieces of writing linked to our text I was a R at. Furthermore, the pupils have shown a noticeable increase in motivation towards mastering their multiplication tables. Their enthusiasm and consistent effort in school reflect a growing confidence and a positive attitude towards mathematical learning. This half term, we have also seen a noticeable uplift in pupil attendance for our year group. However, if we want to win year group attendance each week, we need to work as a year group to be here on time every day. Every school day matters!

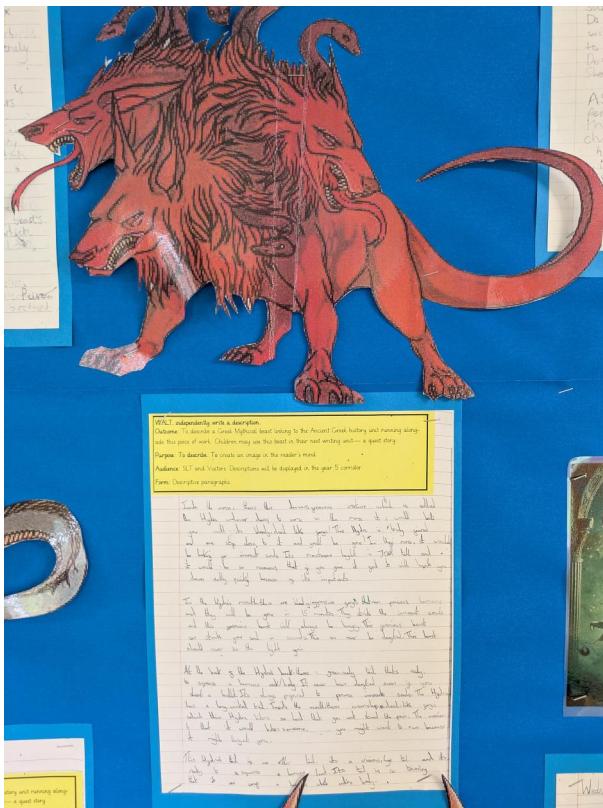
Year Five

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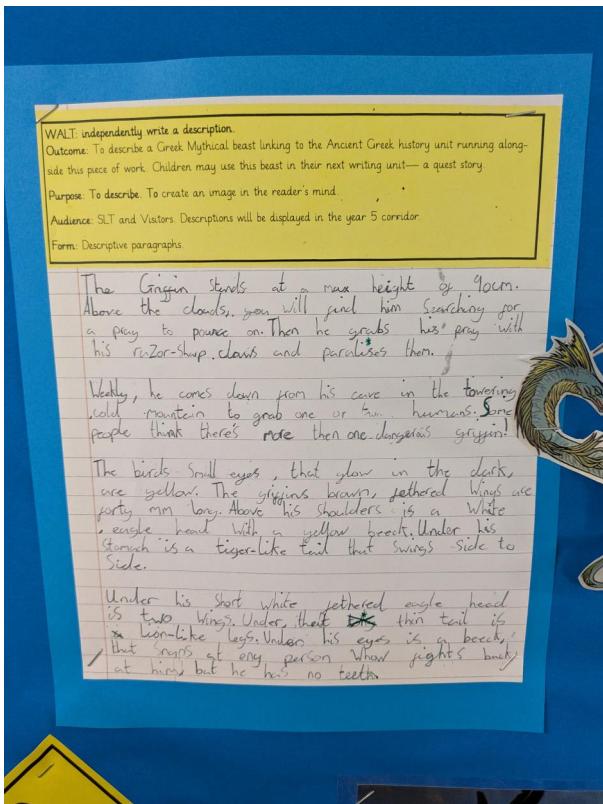
This term, Year 5 have immersed themselves in the captivating world of the Ancient Greeks. They have explored the permanent legacy of this significant civilisation, designed authentic Greek vases, and demonstrated their creativity by crafting original myths featuring vivid descriptions of mythical beasts. Their enthusiasm and effort have been evident throughout the half-term. We are also delighted to report that Year 5's attendance has shown a marked improvement from last year—well done! However, if they wish to secure the title of Weekly Attendance Champions, they must continue to work together as a team to be in on time, every time. As the saying goes, "Consistency every day leads to greatness over time".



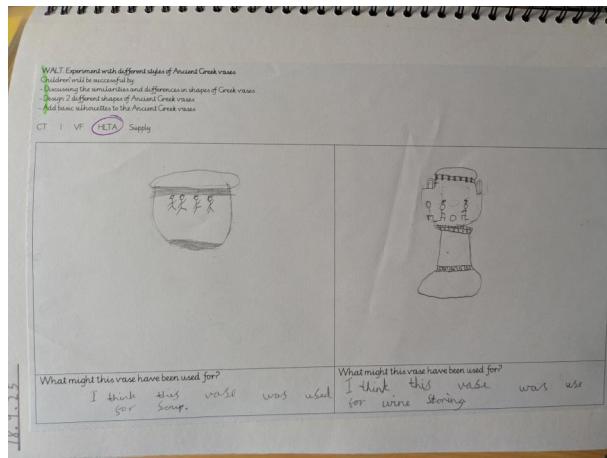
7 - Our focus text: *Who Let the Gods Out.*



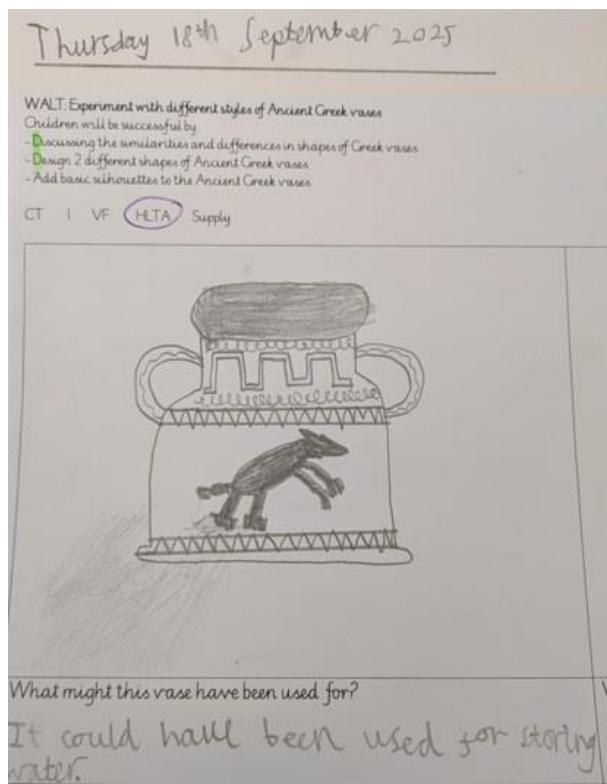
8 - A spine-chilling description of the Hydra!



9 - Another vivid description of the Minotaur!



10 - Some beautifully designed vases depicting Greek sport.



11 - A vase, crafted with authentic Greek patterns.

Year Six

Year 6 have been immersing themselves in a rich and varied curriculum this term.



12 - Using the VR sets to consolidate our learning about the function of the heart.



13 - We were able to see the different components of the blood.



14 - The VR sets allowed children to see 3D models of the heart.

Through the gripping historical theme of *Crime and Punishment*, pupils have explored how justice has evolved, drawing comparisons between past and present. Their engagement with the novel *Wild Boy* has inspired **sustained pieces of writing**, showcasing their ability to write with depth, empathy, and historical awareness.

In science, children have been learning about the **function of the heart**, brought to life through the use of **VR headsets**, allowing them to explore the circulatory system in an interactive and memorable way.

Maths lessons have focused on developing confidence and fluency in **solving fraction equations**, using a range of methods to deepen understanding. In art, pupils have applied their knowledge of perspective to create **detailed and expressive drawings**, demonstrating growing skill and creativity.

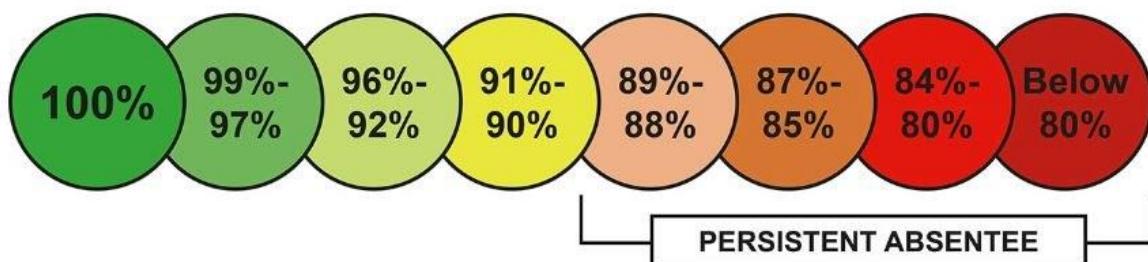
While academic progress is developing, **attendance remains an area for improvement**, and we continue to encourage consistent school attendance to ensure every child benefits fully from these enriching experiences.

Watch out for details of our Parent and Carer SATs information evening in Autumn 2, where we will be handing out free revision guides.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

The government have placed huge emphasis on the monitoring of attendance in schools and have published guidance on 'improving attendance in school'. This initiative stems from vast research that proves that children who achieve great academic success in Year 6 (KS2 SATs) and Year 11 (GCSEs) are those same children who have good attendance in school above 96%. We want (as I am positive you do too) for your child to have the best opportunities in life and to grow up to be successful young adults. To ensure this, it is our joint responsibility to ensure children receive their entitlement and right to an education, this means attending school every day. We have shared with you our school's approach to managing and challenging poor attendance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Moments Matter / Attendance Counts. We are working hard to support you and your children overcome their barriers to attending school every day and on time - if you need help or support please see Nicki Windle, Jan Carr or Charlotte Dugdale. Let's work together to make sure your children don't miss out!

After School Clubs



We are currently offering the following after school activities on the following days:

Weston Park Primary

Monday -

- Multi Skills with a Saints coach -Years 1, 2 & 3 ***spaces available***
- Board Games - Years 1 & 2 ***spaces available***
- Eco Club - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 ***spaces available***
- Dance - Years 4, 5 & 6 - ***no spaces available***

Tuesday -

- Dance - Years 1, 2 & 3 - ***no spaces available***
- Choir - Years 4, 5 & 6 - ***no spaces available***

Wednesday -

- Board Games - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - ***no spaces available***
- Football - Years 1 & 2 - ***spaces available***

Thursday -

- Drama - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - ***spaces available***
- Basketball - Years 4, 5 & 6 - ***spaces available***
- Art - Years 1 & 2 - ***no spaces available***

Friday - **No Clubs Available**

Weston Shore

Monday -

- Crafts - Years R, 1 & 2 - ***no spaces available***

Tuesday -

- Art in Nature - Years R, 1 & 2 - ***no spaces available***

Wednesday -

- Cheerleading - Years R, 1 & 2 - ***space available***

Thursday -

- Gymnastics - Years R, 1 & 2 - ***spaces available***

Friday -

- Gardening - Years R, 1 & 2 - ***spaces available***

Superstar Sports

We have partnered with Superstar Sports who provide wraparound after school clubs. These clubs run from 3.15pm - 5pm. For more information please visit their website www.superstarsportsuk.com or call them on 02382 127331 to book.

Key dates



3rd - 7th November - 5F Swimming

4th November - Year R Daily Echo class photos

10th - 14th November 5G Swimming

10th November - Individual school photos

17th - 21st November - 5D Swimming

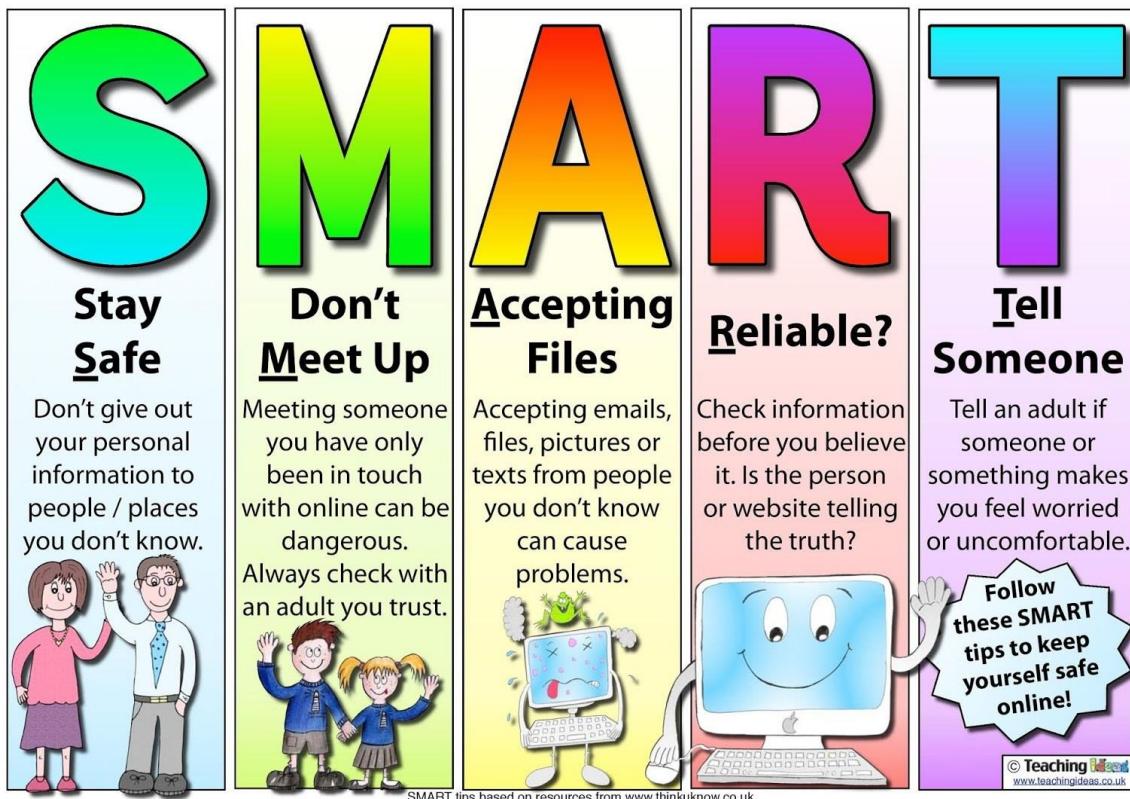
26th November - Whole school Flu/nasal spray immunisations

19th December - Last day of Autumn term

Community News



Wake up Wednesdays



Understanding online safety is tricky for all ages, so we have joined forces with the Wake Up Wednesday campaign to keep you updated with tips and tricks for keeping your children safe whilst online. So, every Wednesday keep an eye out on our Website and social media pages for the latest online safety advice.

SEND News Splash



We are very excited to be sharing SEND News Splash!

This will be a half termly newsletter where we will share any updates, support and overall successes that are happening in the world of SEND.

As always if you have any concerns or would like to talk about your children regarding supporting them in their neurodiversity please contact Miss Windle who will be happy to support where they can.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Miss Windle will be holding a series of **online safety sessions for parents** during the **Autumn term**. These sessions are designed to help families understand how to keep children safe online and support responsible digital behaviour at home.

Further details, including dates and how to join, will be shared soon.

Contact

Weston Park Primary School

Book review: Mr Osborne

Beetle Boy by M. G. Leonard

Reviewer: Mr Osborne

Beetle Boy is a thrilling and imaginative adventure that blends mystery, science, and heart in a truly original way. The story follows Darkus Cuttle, a boy determined to uncover the truth behind his father's mysterious disappearance. What begins as a puzzling mystery quickly evolves into a fascinating journey into the secret world of beetles creatures that are far more intelligent and powerful than anyone could have imagined.

One of the most captivating aspects of the book is how it brings beetles to life, not just as insects, but as characters with personality, loyalty, and surprising abilities. The author's passion for entomology shines through, making the science feel magical and accessible. The bond between Darkus and the beetles is both touching and exciting, adding depth to the story's emotional core. The villain, Lucretia Cutter, is delightfully sinister, and the plot is packed with twists that keep readers guessing. I especially loved how the mystery unfolded gradually, with clues hidden in unexpected places and allies emerging from unlikely corners. Overall, *Beetle Boy* is a clever, fast-paced read that celebrates curiosity, friendship, and the wonders of nature. It's perfect for readers who love a good mystery and want to explore a world where beetles are heroes.

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