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Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we celebrate the end of a very challenging and unusual year of school! I would firstly like to say just how proud I am of my team for doing their absolute best to support our children. They have gone above and beyond this year to ensure the transition back to school has been a successful one and that the children have had the opportunity to plug any gaps lost in their learning due to the pandemic. I am pleased with the progress that all our children have made and know that they have worked exceptionally hard to get back in to learning at school. Once again, I have been amazed by our children's resilience and commitment to their learning. They truly are the real superstars of Woodlands. Well done children, we are VERY proud of you!

I am also very proud of the amazing work we have done around mental health and wellbeing at Woodlands. As you know, a few weeks ago, we were very lucky to have the wonderful and inspirational Joe Wicks visit Woodlands! After hearing about all the work we have been doing on mental health, the BBC and Joe wanted to involve us as part of a new documentary that they were filming. We will be sharing more information on this in the autumn term when we are able to do so! Thank you Miss Moxom for making this happen for us!

We are sadly saying goodbye to Ms Soutinho, Mr Bentley, Ms Bailey & Miss Hadj this year. Ms Soutinho leaves us after 16 years to spend more time with her young family. She will be greatly missed by the school community and we wish her all the best for the future. Mr Bentley has been with us since October last year and has done a fantastic job with our Year 6's this year. He leaves us to work to a school closer to home. Ms Bailey has also been with us since October and has done a wonderful job with our Year 2 class. She is leaving to continue her studies as she starts her Masters! Miss Hadj has been working to help our children catch up following Covid. She has now come to the end of her contract as an Academic Mentor and is moving on to start her training as a Teacher! It has been a pleasure to have them all on the team and we wish them the very best for the future!

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Niroshan in Reception and Ms Hilli in Year 1 who will be starting with us in September. We look forward to the experiences and knowledge they will bring to the team.

As we come to the end of this year, we are already thinking about plans for next year. The team have worked hard to develop our school curriculum and we are very much looking forward to a fantastic year of learning ahead. We hope to be able to invite parents back in to school for events, but are also mindful of the rising number of Covid cases. We will need to wait for updated government advice before we are able to make any further changes, but will keep you updated.



Children had the opportunity to meet their new class teachers a few weeks ago and were very excited about going in to the next year group. Here is a list of their new class and

teacher

| Class | Teacher |
|-----------------------|---|
| Nursery (Owls) | Mrs Sherborne |
| Reception (Robins) | Mrs Niroshan |
| Year 1 (Starlings) | Mrs Ashley (Mon, Tues & Weds) & Ms Hilli (Weds, Thus & Fri) |
| Year 2 (Woodpeckers) | Miss Chatrath |
| Year 3 (Hummingbirds) | Miss Moxom |
| Year 4 (Sparrows) | Miss Barry |
| Year 5 (Kingfishers) | Mrs Dharsani |
| Year 6 (Nightingales) | Mrs Kanval |

names:

I would like to thank you all for your kind messages following my pregnancy announcement last week. We have been busy planning my cover for when I go on maternity leave following the October half-term and I will share details with you in the Autumn term. I have no doubt that the team will continue all the fantastic work we have started.

Just some of our plans for next year include:

- The launch of our fantastic new library! Thank you to Mrs Kanval for leading on this project for us. Everyone is in for a treat!
- We are also beginning our new journey to become a Forest School. This will be led my Mrs Sherborne & Mr Savage. This is a very exciting project for us as we are very lucky to have an incredible outdoor space with lots of opportunities to work with nature.
- We have purchased lots of new Chromebooks for our pupils to use in school and we are continuing to develop our digital skills. We have fantastic Google Certified Teachers who will be finding creative ways to use technology to enhance learning.
- We look forward to bringing back our fun fantastic finish days where we showcase all the great learning from each half-term!
- We will be continuing the development of our new and enhanced school curriculum. I
 would like to take this opportunity to CONGRATULATE Miss Chatrath who was successfully
 appointed as our new Curriculum Leader and will begin this role in September.

Stay tuned for all this and more!

For now, I would like to wish you all a well-deserved summer break with your family and friends. Please remember to stay safe in the sun and also follow government guidelines for Covid, If you or anyone in your family has any symptoms of Covid, please do take a PCR test and follow the rules for isolation.

Summer break

I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Mrs Magan,

Headteacher



This has been a most challenging year for everyone in our school community. It does not seem like four months ago that we welcomed everybody back into school on March 8th after the second lockdown. We cannot thank you and the staff enough for the support and commitment you have all shown to Woodlands Academy this year.

Throughout this year, our families have faced some unimaginable challenges as have our staff. Everyone has shown great determination to give the best possible teaching and learning experience to all our pupils despite the disruptions. It is a great achievement of the whole school community that our pupils have shown that they are ready and eager to learn whether at home or at school.

Everyone has had to make changes to reflect the Government restrictions that have been imposed in order to try to mitigate the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. We decided to maintain our existing safety precautions, based on the latest risk assessment (June 2021), until the end of term rather than change our operation for the final week and to mitigate the risks of more positive cases as we go into the summer break.

We will be making changes for our return in September to get back to some form of "normal" but we will continue with some measures that we have found worked particularly well such as soft starts in the morning and the use of technology to enhance classroom teaching and administrative efficiency.

Governors too have had to adapt and use different methods to ensure we carry out our remit such as virtual meetings with the leadership team and subject leaders have presented to the Curriculum Committee. We have reviewed progress data and the impact of our learning mentor compared to the baseline of achievement in September. We are delighted that our pupils have made significant progress this year despite the disruptions and we know that there is more work to be done to catch up with the skills and knowledge that was missed but we have plans in place to do so.

We have carried out our checks on the single central register virtually and met with the safeguarding group on zoom. We have sought support from the MAT premises team with health and safety concerns and all our meetings have continued as planned but on zoom. We have worked with The MAT team to monitor the budget spend and plan our expenditure for the next 3 years.

We hope that next term we will be able to visit in person more often to experience the school atmosphere and see for ourselves the wonderful opportunities our children have at Woodlands Academy to develop their love of learning and the skills that they will need to access the next stage of their learning journey. We will continue to meet virtually in committees but we intend to meet as a Full Governing Board termly at school.

Changes to the Governing Board.

We are delighted that we have co-opted Amy Williamson, who we recruited through the Governors for Schools programme. She brings skills in Premises and IT management. Vanessa Valentine stood down as a parent governor in April due to other commitments. We thank her for her insightful contributions to the Governing Board in the past 2 years. We will be holding a parent governor election in the Autumn Term. Please let the admin team know if you are interested in standing for the role.

The Governors wish you all a happy, healthy and enjoyable Summer Break and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back for the Autumn Term on Monday 6th September.

SAWright

Shirley Kenworthy-Wright, Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Board.



Goodbye and Hello...



Goodbye from...

It is with a heavy heart that I am saying goodbye. I wanted to thank all the children and parents here at Woodlands for making my time here so enjoyable and unforgettable. I will miss you all, but I will make sure I will come and visit.

Love

Mrs Soutinho

What a wonderful and exciting year it has been.

To the Nightingales, I would like to say thank you. For when I teach, I learn. This year we have grown together. To spend the working week with such inquisitive and charming people has been a pleasure. Always strive to be the best that you can be. I have every confidence that you will achieve great things in the years to come. High school is awesome; enjoy it.

To the parents and staff at Woodlands, I would like to say thank you for letting me teach your children and to be a part of your lovely little community school. I will remember my time at Woodlands fondly, for a very long time.



Good luck.

Mr Bentley



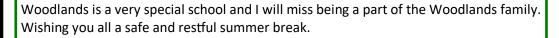
Before I embark on a new adventure, I would like to take a moment to honour our journey shared. Working with the staff and children of Woodlands Academy has been such an enjoyable experience, one I will treasure. Thank you to Mrs Gostelow and Year 1 Starlings for being the flowers who brightened my day. Working with you was one of the perks of being here, and I am going to miss seeing you every day. I also enjoyed being a part of a wonderful, helpful and supportive team and it has been an experience I will cherish. Thank you again for everything and I hope our paths will cross again someday.

Miss Bailey

Dear parents and pupils,

As some of you may know, I will be leaving Woodlands at the end of this year to start a new role as a trainee teacher in September.

Whilst I am excited for what the coming year will bring, Woodlands will be a very hard act to follow! I have been privileged to work with many of your children and it has been my absolute pleasure to play a small role in their learning journeys.



Miss Hadj:)



Goodbye and Hello...

Welcome to...

Hello Everyone.

I am Mrs Niroshan and I will be teaching in Reception from September. As a new member joining the lovely community, I look forward to working with everyone and feel excited to welcome all the lovely little members of my class. I hope to have a creative, memorable and enlightening academic year ahead of us. Wishing you all a safe and joyful summer break.:)

Ms Niroshan





Hello Woodlands Academy, I am Ms Hilli and I am super excited to meet the Woodlands family. I have been teaching for over a decade now and it is with great pleasure to work at Woodlands Academy and ensure our students continue to nourish and become life long learners.

See you all in September! Ms Hilli



Wellbeing at Woodlands



This year has been a challenging one to say the least. The academic year of learning has been disrupted but children adapted well to the remote learning that was put in place during the lockdowns. Our time away from school resulted pupils missing time with their friends and teachers. Since we have returned to school, children has shown resilience in their attitude to school and tried very hard to bounce back. Well done for all of your hard work this academic year.

One thing that has kept us connected is our weekly celebration and music assemblies. At the end of each week, we come together (virtually) to share great learning achievements across the school. We reflect on ways we can look after our wellbeing and how we can promote positive mental health. Remember to continue to get a good balance of the '5 ways to wellbeing' in your life during the summer holidays. To feel good about ourselves we can do the 5 ways to improve our wellbeing.

Parents, please remember to explore our <u>Woodlands Wellbeing site</u> for information and support regarding wellbeing. If you would like support for your child around wellbeing please speak to the class teacher.

To celebrate **Mental Health Awareness Week,** each class connected with nature and took notice of their surroundings to help their wellbeing. They did an activity for Wellbeing Wednesday. We have a nature corridor now.

















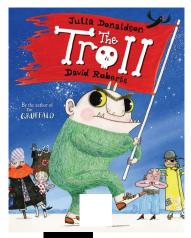




Year 6

Music at Woodlands

As well as our weekly Music Assemblies with Mr Jones, we have been practicing our singing and musical performance skills this term. Each class wrote their own song with Mr jones in music lessons based on a topic they were learning about. Then on 14th July, we made a special memory by doing a live concert in our playground. This was the first time in over a year that we were able to be together for a whole school event, so it was very exciting! Each class performed their song to the rest of the school.







Year 1

Year 2

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6







Best Performance on TTRS for this half term....













Reception Top 2 w

Hussein Monroe CLASS DOJO-Top 2 winners from each class...



Year 6

Rahma Maryam

Year 1

Wajed Aaniyah

Year 2

Sejon Mohammed R

Year 3

Alexandra Sayliah

Adam Yali

Year 5

Year 4

Bella Nasreen

You will get a prize from the BEHAVIOUR SHOP





This year we have been working hard to improve writing across the school and this term we have so many new improving writers and Rainbow Writers. Congratulations to all of these children!



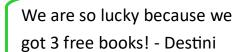


Young Readers Programme

This term, Years 2,3 and 4 took part in two more exciting book events to celebrate the enjoyment of reading. After each event they received a free book! As a result of this amazing programme, the pupils each received 3 free books to enjoy reading at home. HAPPY READING everyone!



Booknic







The booknic was so much fun because we got to sit outside and read our books together - Ruby



To mark Windrush Day on 22nd June, classes used their history and geography skills to locate where the Caribbean is using atlases, discuss what Windrush was and the impact it had on people's lives. Here is a selection of work throughout the school...



Claudia Jones was born in Trinidad
Belmont February the
21th in 1915 and
died on 30th september 2016 at the
age of 49 by a
heart disease. She
was a feminist political
activist, and pioneer
ina Journalist. She also
went to a school
called Anghea Dawis



Claudia Jones Started carnival in the late 1950s.

Motting hill carnival is roughly 15,000 costumes on display every year made by hand. It takes 1 million hours to make and decorate the lived in new york for over 30 years. Her mother also died at the age 37.

Nasreen

On 22 nd of June 1948, I travelled to England to help rebuild after World War 2. We travelled miles and miles on the Empire Windrush, until we girally smired.

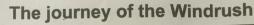
But ... it was nothing like I expected.

Britain was cold and grey. They had were seen black people before; for the girst time, I experienced racism and discrimination just because so the colour so my skin. It was terrible to be treated like this like araninal. There were ever comments sayings "Nor dogs, No Blacks."

A gew years later, Teresa May spologised and said that we are all connected, no matter our race. Soon agter that we shored our culture and good. Then Br Britain became a country that accepted as (well most people)

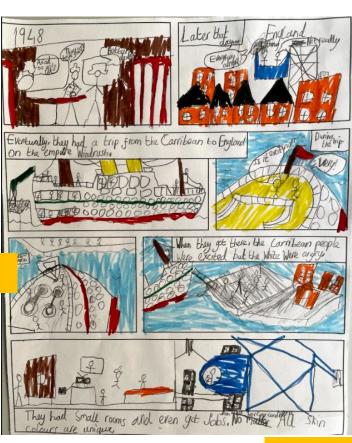
It was hard coming to a England, but I'm glad it turned out well.







The windrush people were treated unguirly when they came to Britain because they were black they got bad jobs and they found it we had to get a off accommodation. It has people travelling on the windrush ship had come from a long way. The host made several stops, including Triniclad, Jamaica, Barbarbes, Cuba and Mexico. It took 22 days to pivally reach Tilbury in England.



Justin

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Our topic this half term was 'Water'.



We practised blowing bubbles and then used bubble to paint a picture together.





When it rained, we made rainbows in the puddles.

We investigated capacity and drew around our puddles to observe how long it took for the water to evaporate in the sun.









...and wash the potatoes in the sink!



In Nursery we also chose our own ideas for learning and here we are playing hairdressers and schools!





RECEPTION



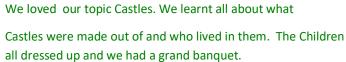
Reception enjoyed learning about germs and why it was so important to wash our hands properly.











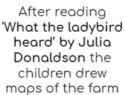


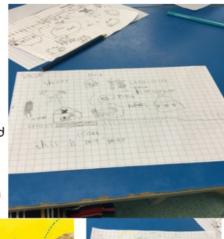


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Picture Map of the playground







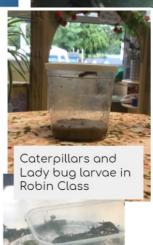
























Leeches

Did you know..?

A leech has 32 brains

A leech has 125 teeth

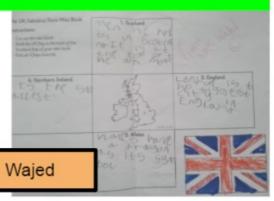
Leeches were used in the olden days for medicine and they are still being used today





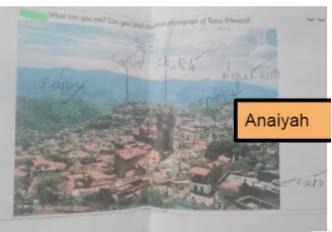
In **Geography** we labelled aerial photographs, wrote facts about the UK and practised using the coordinates on a compass to locate countries around the world.











Melody















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For the Musical performance day we dressed up as characters from our book The Troll by Julia Donaldson.

Take a look at our amazing costumes!















Geography

Finding physical features of the United Kingdom and England

Challenge: Locate hot and cold countries, colour code them AND find animals!



Amazing Geography!











Ingrid Inverse loves to check calcu

Can you help her check Ben's calcula

Maths

Getting started

In Maths we have been using calculations for adding and subtracting in different ways.

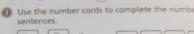


a) 54 + 5 = b) 44 - 8 =

Aradhika

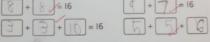
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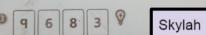
d) 34 - 20 =

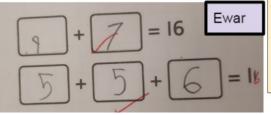




2 Complete the following number sentences in different ways.









| Calculation | Inverse | Correct? ✓ or × |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 12 + 5 = 17 | 17 - 5 = 12 | 1 |
| 25 - 13 = 10 | 10+17=25 | 7/ |
| 6 + 15 = 22 | 22-15=6 | × |
| 32 - 11 = 21 | 21+11=3 | |

the inverse? Ingrid has done the first one.

Ewar

We used these methods to work out our answers

2 Use the 100 square to answer these calculations,



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Column method with Part part exchanging

| Which calculations are correct? Which are incorrect? Write them in the columns. | Janice |
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| incorrect? write them in | the columns. |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 32 + 30 = 62 🗸 | 75 - 15 = 90 × |
| 2 + 45 = 65 X | 58 - 20 - 10 - 10 - 10 = 8 |
| 17 + 53 = 60× | 40 - 40 = 40 / |

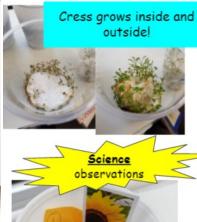
| Correct V | Incorrect X |
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| 58-20-10-10- | 10-85-15-90 |
| | 2+45= 65 |
| | 17+53=60 |

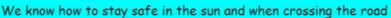


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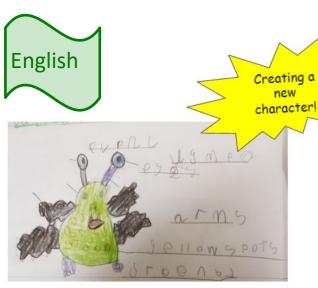


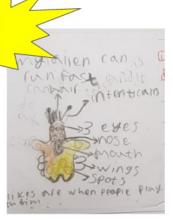


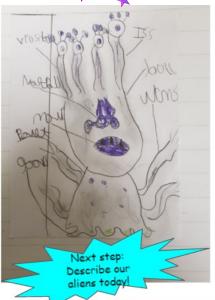






























Improving our map skills..

Discussing the 4 types of settlements. Hamlet, Village, Town, City









Colour coding ordnance survey maps and comparing to aerial photos.

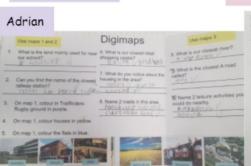
Investigating the school schools...

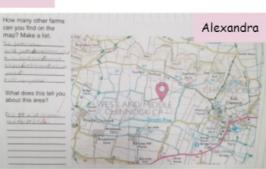


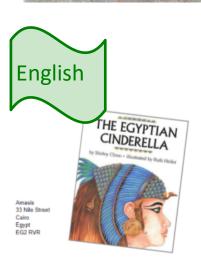
Discussing where milk comes from...











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534 BC

Lilly

Elusha Tera 37 Acropolis Way Athens Sevia Amiti 37 Acropolis way Athens Greece

543 BC

Dear Amasis

I am writing to ask you not to marry Rhodopis

Firstly, I think you should send her back to her home Greece What would you do if you were snatched away from your home?Did you know she belonged in Greece?

Secondly, you don't even know her and she doesn't even know you. You one day you might not love her. How do you feel about that?

Don't you think her family really miss her.Her mum can't sleep at all.Please bring her back.

Finally me and Rhodopis are great friends. We miss each other Before you return her you could say you can be her friend. Do you have any important friends?

I hope you listen to me and do the right thing.

Yours faithfully Amber 33 Nile Street Cairo Egypt EG2 RVR

Dear Amasis,

I am writing to tell you not to marry Rhodopis because she belongs in Greece.

Firstly, don't marry Rhodopis because how would you feel if you were stolen by pirates' She was taken from Greece and sold as a slave in Egypt.

Secondly, you do not know Rhodopis that much, please return her to greecel I know that she likes dancing and singing. Do you know that?

Lastly, her mum can't think straight and heer hair stood at the end. If you marry her it will be the end to Rhodopis and her family.

I hope you understand my point of view and that you don't marry Rhodopis

Elusha Tera

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Dear Ama

I am writing to you because I heard you are getting married to my best friend Rhodopis. You do know she came to Egypt by getting stolen by pirates and sold as a slave.

not fit in and to the curiture and being queen can't fix that.

Please fix this mess you started, firstly to return Rhodopis to Greece ,secondly apologize to her family and, thirdly get the pirates punished for what they did.

Rhodopis getting solved on a ship by pirates. In my opinion, return Rhodopis to her joyful dancing self.

whom you are being crue keeping her in Egypt since she was stolen when she was a girl st won't even know Greece.

Yours faithfully Sevia

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History

For our Fantastic Finish for our topic on Ancient Egypt we dressed up as Ancient Egyptians for the day, made and tasted Egyptian flatbread and performed our Ancient Egypt song outside to the school.

We had a great day!











Ancient Egypt Day





















We used an atlas to find different mountain ranges in Europe

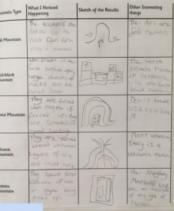
We found out some interesting facts about Mount **Everest**



Nasreen



Assia



We looked at the different mountain types and how they are formed

We looked at the features of a mountain

'My School My Planet' project



We continued to work with Chris, our Project Leader, who helped us to develop our garden area and connect with nature again. This term, we have been planting onions and garlic in the garden in our field. We have loved learning about the importance of growing produce and the role agriculture has in



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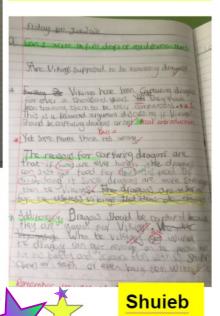




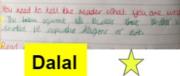




Fantastic editing & improving from all of Year 4!



Dalal









For Child Safety Week, we designed posters about being safe in the sun.

Top TIPS:

- UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday.
- Look for sunglasses that block UVA and **UBA** rays.
- Use SPF 30 or higher for sunscreen and reapply every three hours or after being in the water.





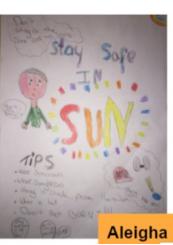


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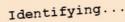








Accurately drawing...



Maths



Measuring... · (13) Elias

Tel. 3 Agridge ! Amolika

Said

Calculating missing angles on a TODAY straight line & around a point...









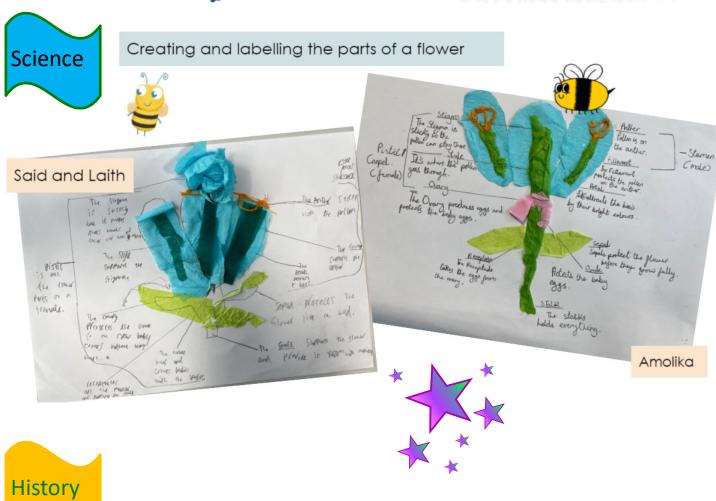




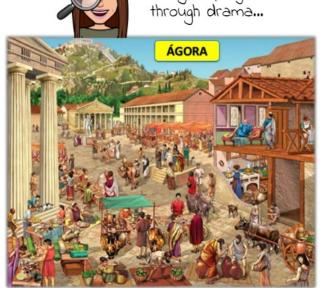
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Using enquiry skills



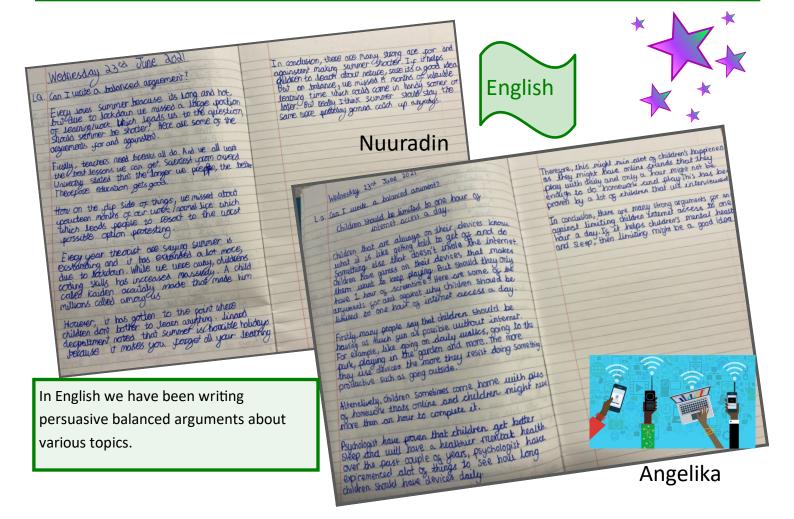


Did you know?

Forest cover 30% of the Earth's land

Within 100 years, rainforests will be completely wiped out!

Agriculture is the main cause of deforestation







In Science, we have been doing experiments investigating how microbes work.



Goodbye and Good luck Year 6!



Well done Year 6 for a fantastic journey at Woodlands Academy. You have all grown so much physically, emotionally and academically. Always remember to be yourself and stay positive. From everyone at Woodlands Academy.





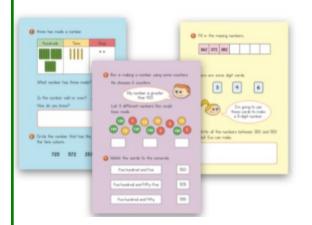
Have a safe and happy Summer break. See you back in school on Monday 6th September ready for a new year of great learning.

Stay safe and follow guidance to protect your family and others around you.

See term dates on the next page.







Free maths catch up books from Morrisons



Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.



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| AUTUMN TERM 2021 | |
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| INSET Days (Teacher Training) | 1st, 2nd & 3rd September – School closed to pupils |
| First Day of Term | Monday 6 th September |
| Half Term Break | Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - School Closed |
| Return to School | Monday 1st November |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 17th December – 1pm finish |
| <u>Christmas Break – School Closed</u> Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January | |

| SPRING TERM 2022 | |
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| INSET Day (Teacher Training) | Tuesday 4th January – School closed to all pupils |
| First Day of Term | Wednesday 5 th January |
| Half Term Break | Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February – School Closed |
| Return to School | Monday 21st February |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 1st April – 1pm finish |
| <u>Easter Break – School Closed</u> Monday 4 th April – Monday 18 th April | |

| SUMMER TERM 2022 | |
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| First Day of Term | Tuesday 19th April |
| May Day | Monday 2 nd May – School Closed |
| Half Term Break | Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June |
| Return to School | Monday 6 th June |
| Last Day of Term | Thursday 21st July – 1pm finish |
| INSET Day (Teacher Training) | Friday 22 nd July – School closed to all pupils |

INSET (Teacher Training) days - School closed to all pupils:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd September 2021
- 4th January 2022
- 22nd July 2022

Occasional Days - School closed to all:

25th, 26th & 27th July 2022

Please note:

On the last day of each term (17th Dec, 1st April & 21st July) school will finish at 1pm for all pupils and there will be no after school care available.