



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

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Y6 went on an adventure...

From 13th - 17th June, Year 6 went to Boreatton Park, a PGL centre in sunny Shropshire. After not having had a residential trip since Year 3, hopes and excitement were high, from both children and staff, and it didn't disappoint! The children experienced over 20 different activities, including Trapeze, Aero-ball, Jacobs ladder, Abseil, Robot Wars, Giant Swing (an absolute favourite) and who could forget Rafting!

The weather, food, staff, organisation, house, grounds and setting were all fabulous, but the people we were most proud of, were of course, our beautiful Year 6 class. It was our absolute pleasure and privilege to have made so many wonderful memories with your children. Thank you Year 6!

Holly - My favourite activity was the giant swing, because I went on with my best friend, Alice.

Maja - I loved the trapeze, because it helped me gain courage to have another go.

Annabel - At first, during the abseil, I felt really nervous, but as soon as I started, I really enjoyed it.

Isaac - My favourite activity was the giant swing, because it pushed me outside my comfort zone.



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Twycross Zoo

Reception and KS1

Reception and KS1 have had the most amazing day at the zoo! We saw monkeys, giraffes, zebras, rhinos and lots more amazing animals, birds and butterflies. Reception class loved the fact that many of the animals that we saw lived in Tropical Rainforests, which is the topic we are studying now. The children made us all very proud with their lovely behavior and manners. There was a lovely Gruffalo trail, which the children enjoyed, as they are so familiar with the story. We all had a thoroughly amazing day and it was so lovely to be out and about on a school trip after all of the Covid restrictions.



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Transition Time

Many of our Year 6 pupils have been to visit their new high schools this week. This has involved getting themselves to and from their new school at the beginning/end of the day and having the opportunity to experience lessons at high school level. In addition, they have had to navigate the new school sites, which are much larger than Greysbrooke, to get themselves from lesson to lesson. Well done Y6, you have been so mature in your approach this week and given your new schools a marvellous first impression of how hard working you all are.

Mrs Glandfield was delighted to welcome the new Reception 2022 children into school this week. They took part in 'stay and play' sessions which enabled them to meet their new classmates and experience what being in the Reception setting will be like. We look forward to them all joining the Greysbrooke family in September.

During w/c 11th July, children from Reception-Y5 will get the opportunity to meet their new teacher and support staff. They will take part in a morning of transition activities and have the opportunity to ask any questions they have about next year.

Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th July from 4.00-5.00pm. All staff (current and new for 2022-23) will be on site so it would be lovely if you are able to join us to look through children's learning and meet the new staff.



REMINDER!



Bug Dress Up Day on Monday 4th July

On Monday 4th July we will be having a dress up day on the bug theme. Have fun making a simple costume...this might be a t-shirt, head-dress, face painting, etc - please keep it simple!

On Tuesday 5th July we will have a guest in school bringing a fantastic collection of bugs and other creatures that pupils will get to observe and handle. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of just **£2.00** to cover the cost of her visit, which is now payable via ParentPay. Thank you.

Summer Events

Please see the attached flyers for various events/activity clubs taking place this summer.

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Sports Day Information - Tuesday 12th July

We are really looking forward to welcoming family members on Tuesday 12th July to our first sports day with spectators for 3 years. Key things to remember:

- Children to come to school in their PE kit (this must include their house coloured t-shirt)
- Children will each require a water bottle, sun hat and sun lotion to have been applied before coming to school
- Only 2 adults/family members per family to attend
- There will be NO access to school building/toilets for family members
- Reception/Key Stage 1 family members to be on the school field by 09:00 as the gates will be locked after this time and we will be unable to let you through the school building for safeguarding reasons
- KS2 family members to arrive between 12:55-13:10; the gates will be locked after this time and we will be unable to let you through the school building for safeguarding reasons
- Reserve date is Monday 18th July



For more detailed information, please refer to the info flyer that was recently emailed to you.



'Bee Friendly' at The Cooper Room

Village Festival Weekend

2nd & 3rd July 2022

11.30am - 3.30pm



Starting at the Beehive (aka the Cooper Room) will be a 'Bee Trail' for the children. Pick up a question sheet and collect the answers as the clues take you on a short tour around the village, finishing back at the Beehive to receive your reward.

Then why not stay at the Cooper Room for a well-earned rest? Enjoy the refreshments or pick up a box of cupcakes to take home.

You could also test your luck on the Tombola table or enjoy a bag of Pic 'n' mix.

In addition, we are welcoming back the Heart of England China Painters who will be demonstrating their skills and displaying the beautiful items they have created.

So, please be sure to include a visit to the Beehive during your tour of the village over the festival weekend.

For further information, please contact 01543 481504. We look forward to seeing you!

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Important Dates

Friday 1st July: INSET DAY

Monday 4th July: Bug Dress Up Day

W/c Monday 4th July: All Clubs finish for the Summer term

Tuesday 5th July: Last Keyboard lesson for the term

Wednesday 6th July: Rocksteady Concert for parents of Rocksteady children (2.30pm - Hall)

Thursday 7th July: Last Guitar lesson for the term

Friday 8th July: Last swimming session (Y4/Y6)

Friday 8th July: Y6 visit to The Red Carpet Cinema, Barton Marina (Consent required via ParentPay by Tuesday 5th July)

Tuesday 12th July: Sports Day - Rec/KS1 (am); KS2 (pm) - more info to follow

Wednesday 13th July: Last Rocksteady session

Monday 18th July: Reserve Sports Day - Rec/KS1 (am); KS2 (pm)

Tuesday 19th July: Open Evening for all Parents (4.00-5.00pm)

Thursday 21st July: Y6 Leavers Assembly (10.00am)

Thursday 21st July: School Closes for the Summer holiday



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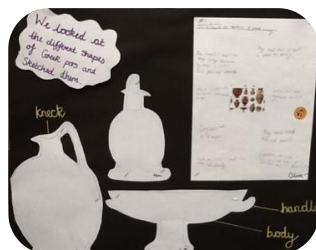
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Learning Update

Year 3

In topic lessons, Year 3 have been studying Ancient Greece. They have looked at how Athens and Sparta were very different places to live in Ancient Greek times, if you were to ask them where they would rather live, I am sure they could tell you and give reasons why. They have also been looking at pottery. They have studied pictures of Greek pots - looking at how different shaped pots were used for different things and have drawn pots before making and designing their own.



In maths, year 3 have started their shape topic. To start this topic, they have been looking at angles. They have learnt about right angles, obtuse angles and acute angles - these ones are really tiny and cute. In the classroom, they have been making and spotting different angles - they even found some on the ceiling!

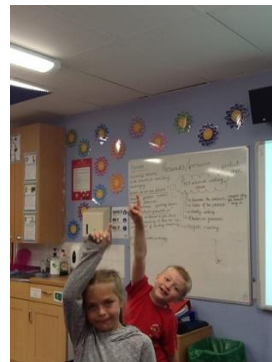




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Year 3 have been learning the skills needed for Handball. They started by making sure their passes were accurate, and were not allowed to move their feet. Then, they challenged themselves by making the circle of 4 larger and by using a smaller ball. They then tried intercepting the ball and marking their opponent, while others perfected their accuracy.



Year 3 winners of the cooking competition - 'We are chefs' were Madison Clarke, Rebecca Poole and Olivia Johnson, who created some mouth-watering delicacies.



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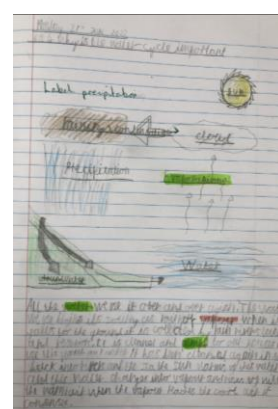
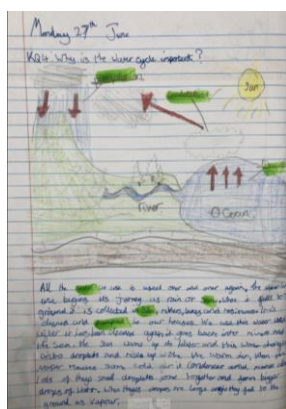
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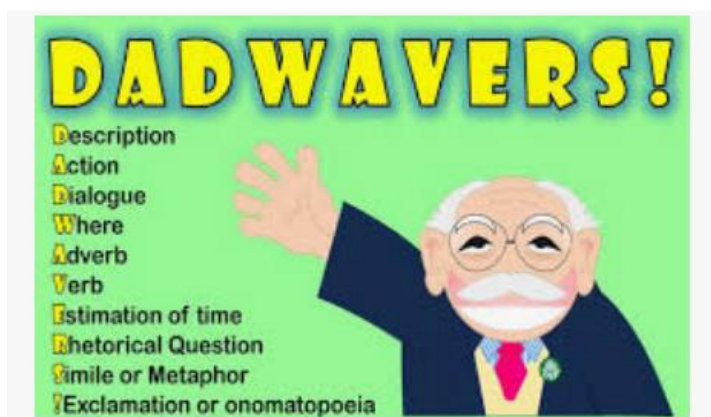
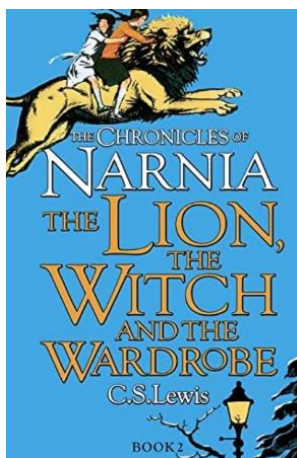
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Year 4

In Year 4 we are enjoying our topic '**Weather and Climate**'. We have so far found out about the different climates around the world and, this week, we have learned about the part that the Water Cycle plays in our weather systems. Some of us chose to draw and label our own diagram of the Water Cycle. We are very proud of our work.



Our class reader this term is '**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**' by C.S Lewis. We are absolutely loving the book and are really enjoying getting to know the main characters. We have done some amazing work in literacy and are particularly proud of our narrative writing using DADWAVERS to help us. Can you spot these different elements in our writing?



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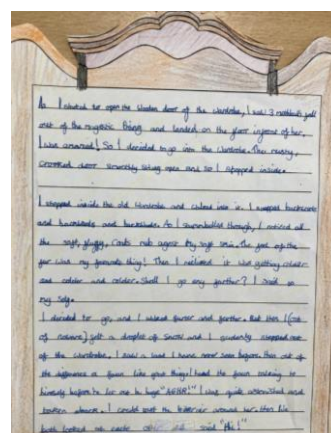
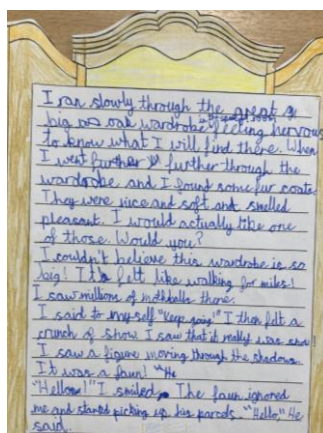
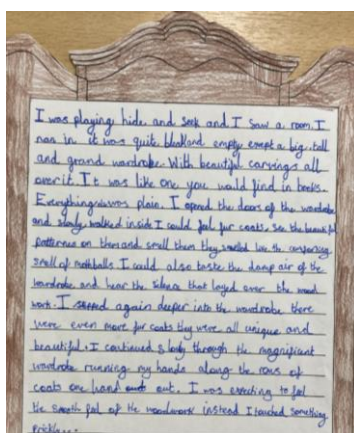
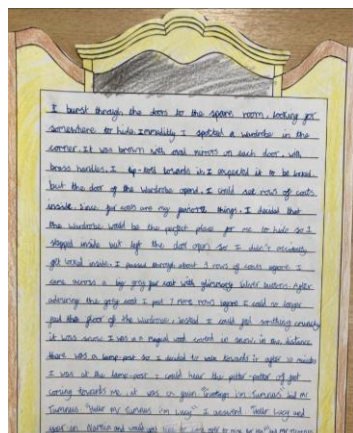
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As part of our topic on 'Sound', we made a 'sound sandwich' using lolly sticks, elastic bands and a straw. We learned that a range of sounds could be produced by blowing the sound sandwich to make the elastic band vibrate. The tighter the band, the higher the pitch of the sound. We had the best fun and could be heard 'making music' all through the school!



Our art topic this term is 'Sculpture' and so far we have enjoyed looking at the work of famous abstract sculptors such as **Sir Anthony Caro** and **David Annesley**.

Over the next few weeks we are going to create our own abstract sculptures but, to begin with, we have experimented by creating different shapes using paper art techniques. Can you work out how we created these effects? We are very proud of our work.



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