

WARREN Primary School

NEWSLETTER 26 MAY 2023



What a busy couple of weeks ! Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parent voice questionnaire and for your well wishes during the inspection process. Thank you also to the staff and children who spent time talking to the inspector about our school and answering her questions. We expect that the report will be published early next half term.

Last week was rounded off by the amazing efforts of our PTFA team in organising and running our school fair. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who gave their time to raise money for school funds for our children after what had already been a very busy week. Our PTFA committee are all volunteers who juggle their own time and jobs to not only raise money but also put on some fabulous events for the children so thank you once again for those who volunteered and those who supported the fair with their attendance. More to follow later.

We wish you all a happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 5th June.

Outdoor classroom day

Last week was also busy as many classes marked outdoor classroom day by making good use of our fabulous grounds and taking their learning outside. Photos to follow in class pages and you can find us on the map at [Outdoor Classroom day](#). It was lovely to see so many activities taking place especially in the glimpses of sunshine!

Parking

Mrs Roper and school staff have noted many near-misses caused in part by poor parking on the approach to school, especially on the corner opposite the nursery gate. Not only does this cause difficulties with traffic flow (and would hamper emergency vehicles) but also presents difficulties to parents and carers trying to cross with their children and for those with pushchairs trying to pass. Unfortunately, it does seem to be the same vehicles parking up on the pavement and / or blocking our neighbours' drives. Please do think about leaving your vehicle in a safe space and, if necessary, leave 5 minutes to park in Sainsbury's and walk from there.

Lost Property

Unnamed lost property is now located outside the main office in the brown trunk. Any clearly named items will be returned to their owner so please help us to minimise the contents of the lost property box and save yourselves some money by naming all items!

Inclusivity and Diversity

Please note that Warren and The Osborne Trust are inclusive organisations and will not tolerate discriminatory comments and language. We celebrate the diversity in our community and the opportunities this presents to us.

Treats sent into school

We are aware that lots of parents/carers like to send their child into school on their birthday with a treat (e.g. sweets, chocolate) for their classmates. Please can you ensure that these treats do not contain nuts and that you are only providing **store bought wrapped** items which are labelled with their ingredients and allergens.

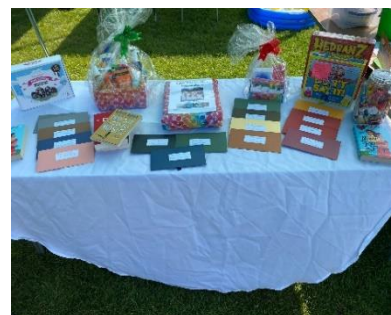
Ms V Green and Mrs C Evans Co-Headteachers



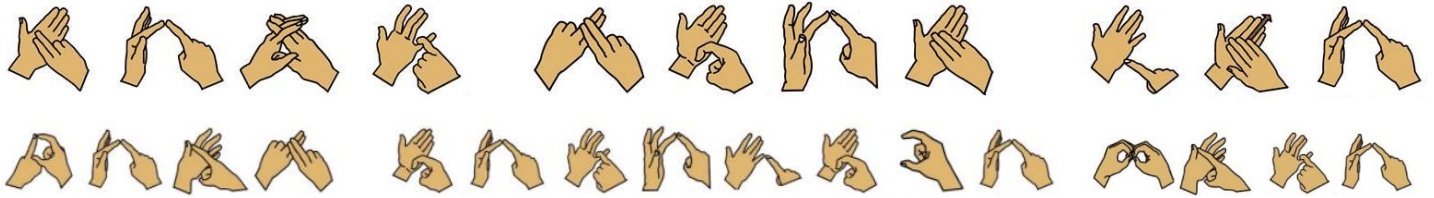
25th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE held on the 20th of May



A group of year five girls designed and made their own bracelets, they also offered a design your own option which proved very popular. From their profits the girls will be making a donation to Cancer Research.



A Successful Summer Fayre organised by the PTFA with the help of Parents, Pupils and Staff



News From The Resource Base for Deaf Children



WELCOME

Both open hands with palms facing
signer bend at knuckles in short
repeated movements.

TO
OUR



SCHOOL

Open hand with palm facing
signer makes side to side
movements in front of face.

We are pleased to announce that Warren are hosting an activity day for the wider deaf community. We have invited local resource bases and deaf children in other mainstream settings to join us in a range of activities. These will include sports, crafts and Forest School! All of the deaf children at Warren are able to take part in this event.

The event takes place on the 30/06/23 throughout the school day.



For further information on deaf role models and personal stories, please visit:

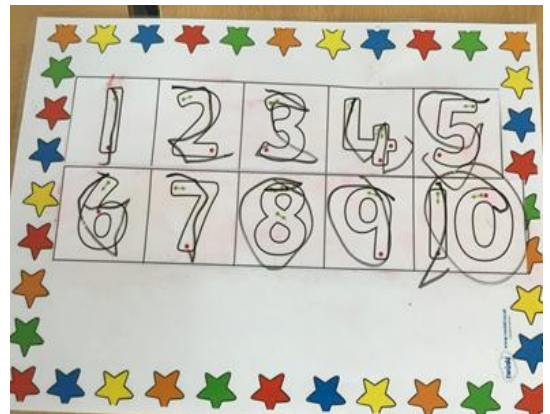
<https://nationaldeafcenter.org/news-items/importance-of-deaf-role-models/>

THAT DEAF GUY

BY MATT & KAY DAIGLE



In the Burrow, we have been working really hard on our fine motor skills, number and letter formation, cutting skills, mark making plus many more activities.



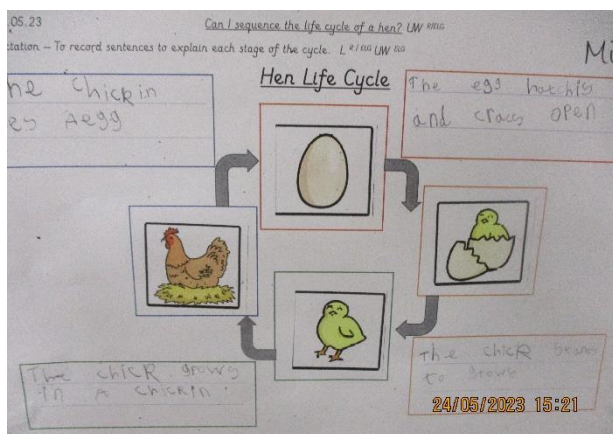
Nursery Mrs Disley

The nursery children have been sharing the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. It has been a very exciting few weeks as we have watched our own very tiny caterpillars spin cocoons and eventually turn into beautiful butterflies. This week we have been looking closely at the different fruits from the story and have spent time weighing, painting and tasting them



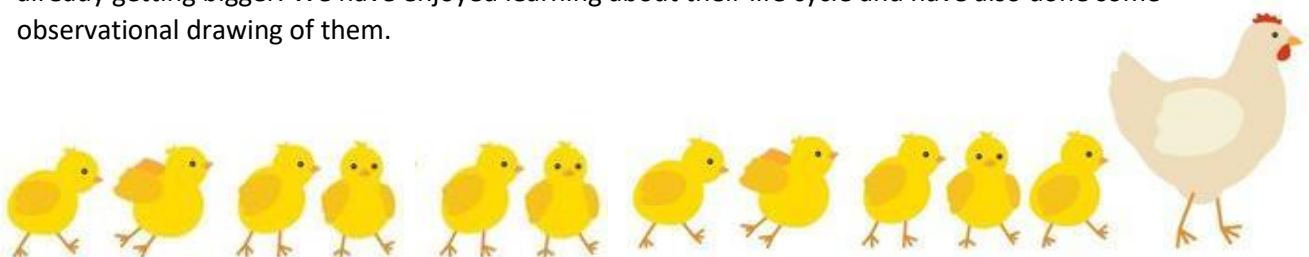
Hedgehogs and Rabbits

Mrs Rose and Miss Tapson



Chick, chick, chick, chick chicken!

Reception have been looking after eggs and keeping them warm in an incubator. The chicks hatched and have enjoyed watching them grow. They have started to grow feathers on their wings and are already getting bigger. We have enjoyed learning about their life cycle and have also done some observational drawing of them.



Investigation Question - Can you find out an interesting fact about a mini-beast of your choice

YEAR ONE Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Mahoney

his half term, Year 1 have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy. We noticed that he uses natural materials for his artwork, creating spirals, circles and pathways. He also uses reflection to enhance his work. We found natural materials and enjoyed creating our own natural artwork at Forest School and in class, using Goldsworthy as inspiration.

Miss Studt and Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Mahoney



Investigation Question:



Year 2!



Last week Year 2 went on their school trip to Thorndon Country Park and had a phenomenal time!

Every staff member was impressed by the children's listening skills and respectful behaviour towards the rangers and the environment while on the trip.

The children had the opportunity to go pond dipping, take part in a huge bug hunt through Thorndon Woods and then explore the life-cycle of a butterfly using different natural resources.

All of Year 2 students did not stop smiling and laughing and had a fantastic day.

Since the trip the children have created some fabulous recounts of their time at Thorndon and you can tell from their memories just how much fun they had. Please have a look at the photos below to see some of the highlights of the adventurous day!

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our amazing parent helpers that came with us to Thorndon! Your energy and willingness to participate in activities made the day even more memorable for the children.



Miss Reed and Mrs Letham

Your investigation question:

How long was Queen Elizabeth II's reign?

If you get stuck please refer to BBC Bitesize, Year 2, Maths, Time and go to the Hours and Days section. Please get children to familiarise themselves with words such as seconds, minutes, hours and days.

YEAR THREE Mrs Smith and Miss Fraser

Year 3 enjoyed becoming active investigators this week exploring how water is transported through flowers and plants. The children discovered that the process, by which plants take in water, is called 'capillary action'. The children were thrilled to have the chance to conduct their own experiment to see how the water climbs up the very small spaces in the paper towels, similarly to the tiny tubes in the roots and stems of plants. Many doubted that the water will transport overnight to the empty beaker and were amazed the next morning to find that the water had indeed travelled from one cup to another via 'capillary action'. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm ooze from both classes and to see the children now carefully comparing their predictions to their observed outcomes, like true scientists. Keep up the fantastic work Year 3!



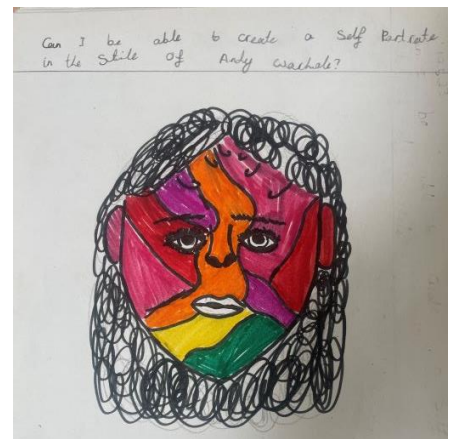
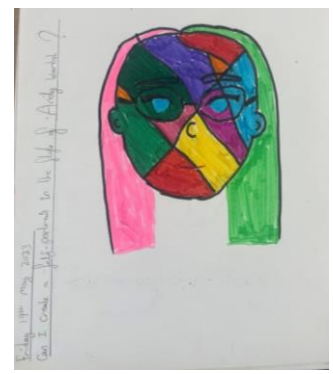
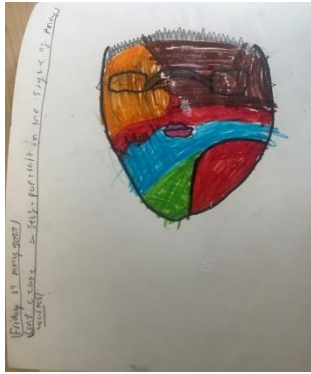
Investigation question:

How do flowering plants disperse their seeds?



YEAR FOUR Mr Kitchener and Miss Belcher

In year 4 this half term we have been studying the Art work of Andy Warhol, and recreating some of his techniques and styles. We have used tracing paper for one of these techniques to imprint a design of a celebrity onto plain paper using pencils. The children also drew portraits of themselves and then decorated one of them with tissue paper and the other with the black line effects and made their faces bright and vibrant with colours to replicate Andy Warhol's designs and techniques he used. Below are some amazing examples of the work which the children have produced throughout the half term.



Investigation Question: what impact have the Egyptians had on modern day life?

YEAR FIVE Miss Lewis and Mrs Redmond

This week in Year 5, to recognise Mental Health Awareness Week last week, we were visited by a parent who introduced the children to Mindfulness Photography. Gemma (Zooey's Mum) showed the children how to create a photograph using cyanotype, which is a camera-less type of photography that uses acetate and light to create an image. They learnt that it was invented by Sir John Herschel (1842) and the process is where the term 'blueprint' comes from. The children used mindfulness to create a picture/collage with dried flowers, which they covered in acetate in a frame, which they then exposed to light – all the time they were thinking about how the process made them feel. After a while, they saw images appear and after sealing the image with water, they were able to see their final photos.

Many thanks to Gemma for coming into school and allowing the Year 5 children to participate in this delightful, calming experience. They had a wonderful time



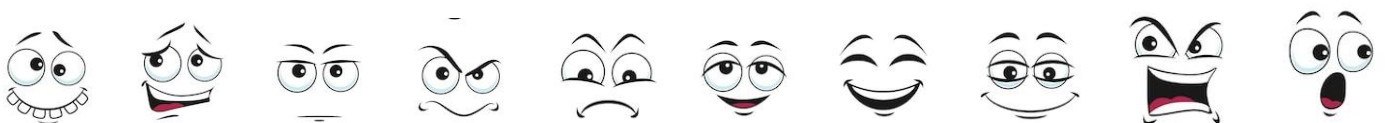
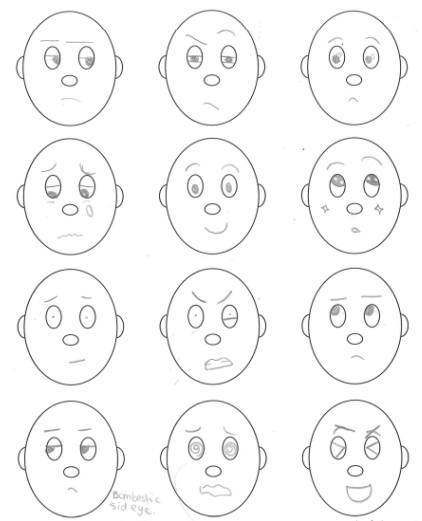
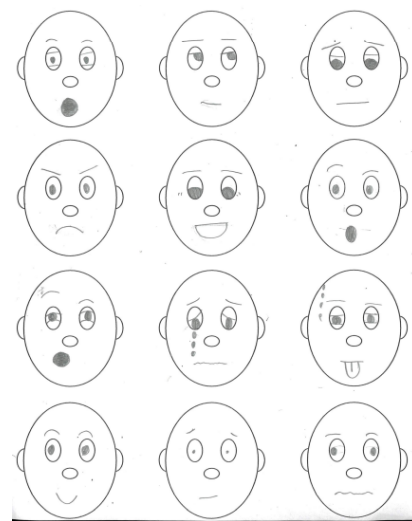
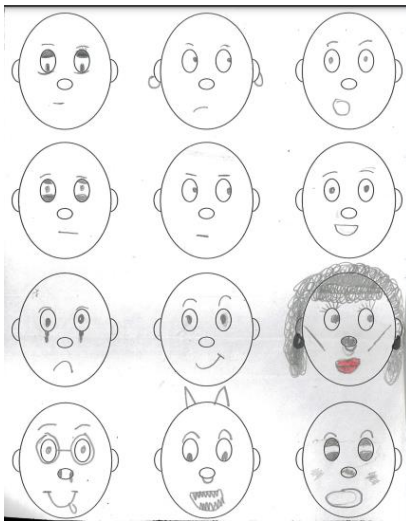
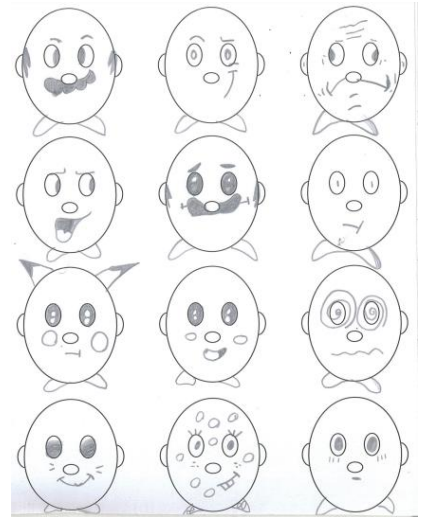
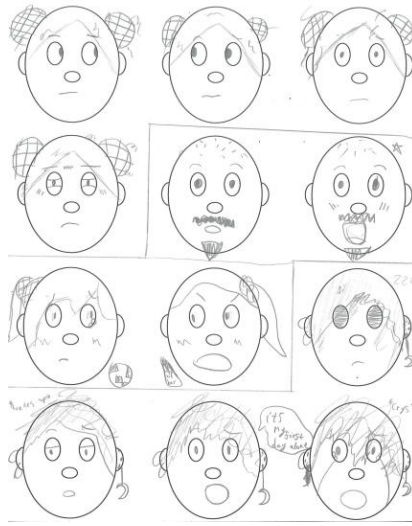
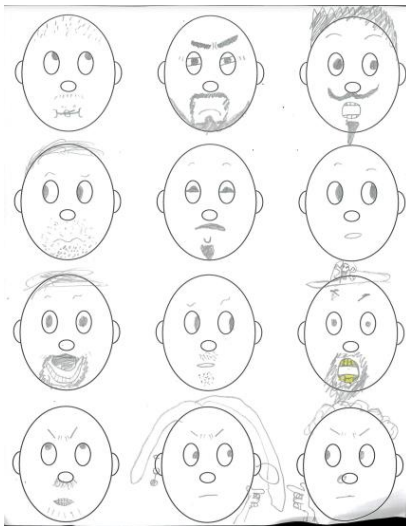
INVESTIGATION QUESTION:

Today we looked at how art and photography can help lower anxieties. We talked this week about how certain situations can cause anxieties and that this feeling is normal for all of us, but what other ways can you think of that might help to minimise anxiety in situations where we might feel this challenge?

YEAR SIX Mrs Emmerman and Mrs Fogg

In Year 6, we have been studying how to show different emotions and facial expressions by manipulating eyes, noses and mouths. Can you work out which expressions have been portrayed below?

Here are some examples of our work:



INVESTIGATION QUESTION

The homework for the next two weeks: Find out about cities in the UK. What are the ten largest cities?

Spelling Shed



Spelling Shed

Well done to **4K**, who are this fortnight's winners in the league table, with 10,967,355 points, followed by **1S** with 9,627,509 and **4B** with 5,260,370 points.

A reminder that all pupils in Years 1-6 have access to Spelling Shed, which is a scheme designed for pupils to practise age-appropriate spelling patterns, as well as their weekly spellings set by their class teacher, online via the use of the web link

<https://www.spellingshed.com/>.

Ms Lewis

English Coordinator



Spelling Shed



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PTFA

We just want to say a massive **THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who helped us over the weekend.

Whether you volunteered your time or just attended the event we couldn't do it without you!!

With your help so far we have raised **£2684.68**

TUCK SHOP VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for tuck shop on a Friday after school.

Are you free to help sell for 15/20 mins?

Tuck shop can be set up and put away with 2/3 people however we do find it better to serve with 4.

<https://volunteersignup.org/9Q9JE>

If you have any questions regarding volunteering then please, email us at ptfa.wps@osborne.coop



WRISTBANDS

We are selling Southend Wristbands this year. We are currently selling them through our PTFA Shop as well as at Tuck shop on a Friday. If you do purchase Wristbands through the shop online then please email us at ptfa.wps@osborne.coop to arrange a time for you to collect your order.

<https://warren-ptfa-fundraising.sumupstore.com/>

RECEPTION TEA TOWELS

Thank you everyone who has purchased tea towels these will be with you by the final week of term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 6 LEAVERS EVENT – SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 7TH JULY

Please 'like' our Facebook Page 'Warren Primary PTFA (Don't forget to answer the questions)

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 26th May 2023

Last Day of Term

Monday 5th June 2023

First day of Term

TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2023

SCHOOL CLASS/GROUP PHOTOS

THURSDAY 29th JUNE 2023

SPORTS DAYS

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Last Day of Term

Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET DAY

Friday 21st July 2023

INSET DAY

Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th September 2023

INSET DAY

Wednesday 6th September 2023

First day of Term

Friday 20th October 2023

Last Day of Term

Monday 6th November 2023

First Day of Term

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Last Day of Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

INSET DAY

Friday 5th January 2024

Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day

Monday 8th January 2024

First Day of Term

Friday 16th February 2024

Last Day of Term

Monday 20th February 2024

First Day of Term