

# WARREN Primary School

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 27 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Update re. strike action

Following my letter sent on Monday regarding the organised industrial strike action by the NEU, I am writing to update you.

I am able to inform you at this time that **Hedgehogs, 2R, 3F, 3S, 4B, 4K, 5L and 5R classes will definitely be closed to pupils on the strike days** below. Other classes may be closed, as staff do not have to inform us if they are striking, I may have to announce further class closures to you at short notice. Therefore, **we are advising you to organise emergency childcare in case it becomes necessary.**

We will endeavour to offer critical workers and vulnerable pupils the opportunity to attend school, if you believe that you are a critical worker and are unable to secure childcare in order to carry out your roll, then please send an email to: [admin.wps@osborne.coop](mailto:admin.wps@osborne.coop). If the school classifies your child as vulnerable, you will be contacted separately.

We are only able to offer childcare where we have capacity. My decision will not be taken lightly but I must ensure the safety and wellbeing of the pupils first.

## Confirmed strike dates

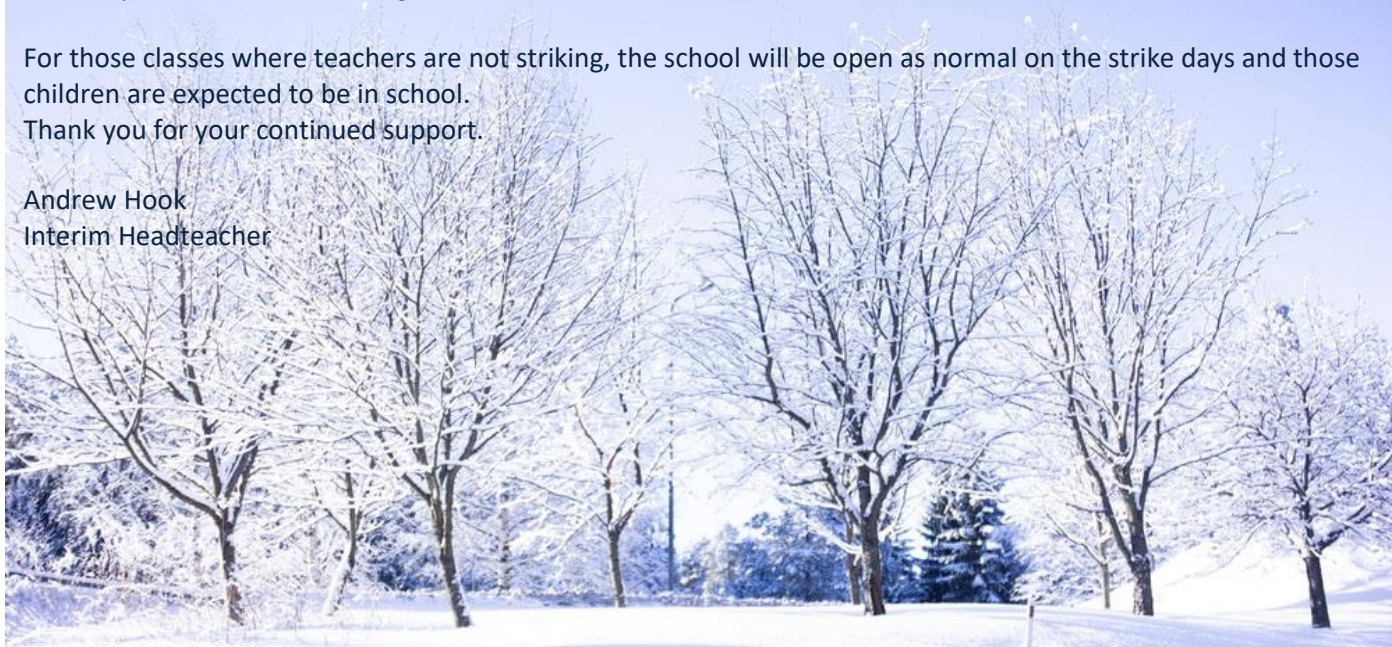
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

If your child's class is affected by the strike you will receive a Parentmail communication containing links to teaching videos from the Oak Academy website that the children can carry out whilst at home, linked to their learning in school. They also have access to Doodle, Mathletics, Oddizzi, Spell shed and TT Rockstars where they can carry out additional learning tasks.

For those classes where teachers are not striking, the school will be open as normal on the strike days and those children are expected to be in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Hook  
Interim Headteacher



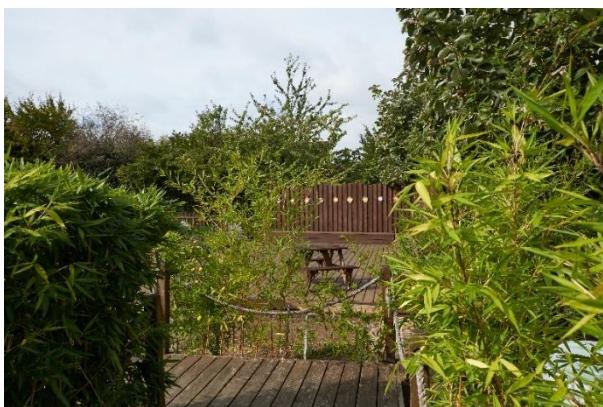
# READING VOLUNTEERS

We are keen to hear from any parents, carers, grandparents etc who may be free even for an hour or two a week to regularly volunteer to hear children read in school. If you think that you may be able to do this then please email the school office with your details. If you would like to discuss this further, then someone will get back to you accordingly.

**Vashti Green - Deputy Headteacher**



**Closing Date for September 2023 Nursery spaces is 28th February 2023**



If you have a child born between **1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020** and would like to apply for a place in our Nursery follow the link to download an application form <https://www.warrenps.co.uk/nursery-admissions/>. Please return this to the school office via email [admin@warrenprimary.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:admin@warrenprimary.thurrock.sch.uk) or in person by 28th February 2023.

Children can attend for up to 30 hours of funded sessions, subject to eligibility <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. All children are entitled to 15 hours of funded sessions. Families with children in our Nursery can also apply for a space in our Weavers Club which provides before school, after school and holiday childcare.







Over the last two weeks, the children in the resource base have been learning about China and the Chinese New Year celebrations. We finished this topic by having our own Chinese themed celebration. We tasted traditional food and tried to use chopsticks! We all had a fantastic time!

## Stay & Play Coffee Morning

Support network for  
pre-school children  
and parents/families  
of Deaf children

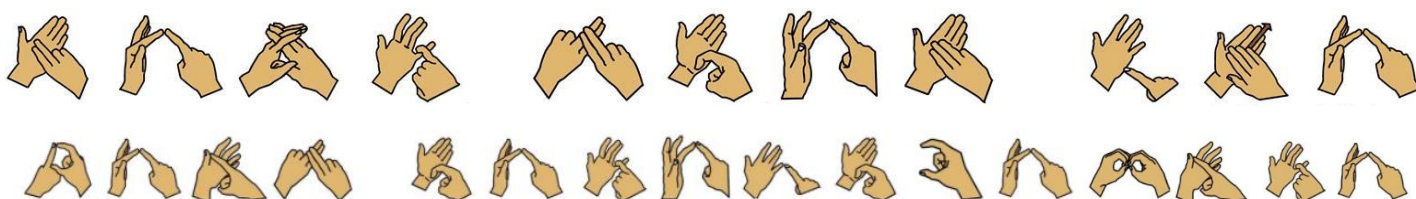
**Sessions:** Half Termly  
**Time:** 10am - 12noon  
**Dates:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
& 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## STAY AND PLAY

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, audiology will be attending the Stay and Play Coffee morning to offer moulds and/or impressions for children 0-5. If your child would benefit from seeing the audiologists for moulds or impressions, please let a member of the Green Room staff know in advance so we can facilitate this.



# News From The Resource Base for Deaf Children



## NURSERY

### Mrs Disley and the Nursery Team

This week the Nursery children have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We shared the story about the Animals in the race and discovered which animals represent the year that we were born. Our nursery children were born in 2018 the year of the Dog and 2019 the year of the Pig. We made some fabulous decorations as we developed our cutting skills and we discovered how to use a stapler to join paper together.



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR





# Hedgehogs and Rabbits

## Mrs Rose and Miss Tapson

This week in Reception, we have looked at the celebration of Chinese New Year. We have investigated what they do to celebrate and why they celebrate. For PE we even created our own dragon dances and made our own lanterns and dragon masks.

For aspirations week, we have looked at lots of different jobs we might want to do when we are older and been setting ourselves targets for the end of reception.



### Investigation Question:

Ask a grown up you know,  
what is their job, what do they  
do and what skills do they need?





# YEAR ONE Miss Studt and Mrs Gilbody

This week, in Science we tested materials to find out if they were waterproof. We had to work as a team to secure each material over a cup with an elastic band, and then drop water on top. We then observed closely to see if the water dripped through, and recorded our results. We were amazed with how well the children worked as a team and recorded their findings independently. Well done Year 1 – you are fantastic scientists!

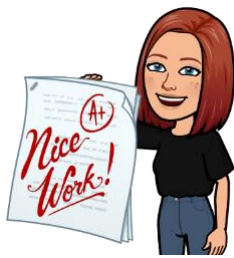
Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Minter



**Investigation question:**

What other materials can you find at home which are waterproof?





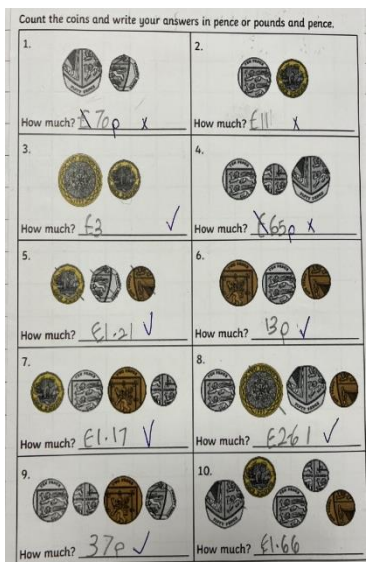
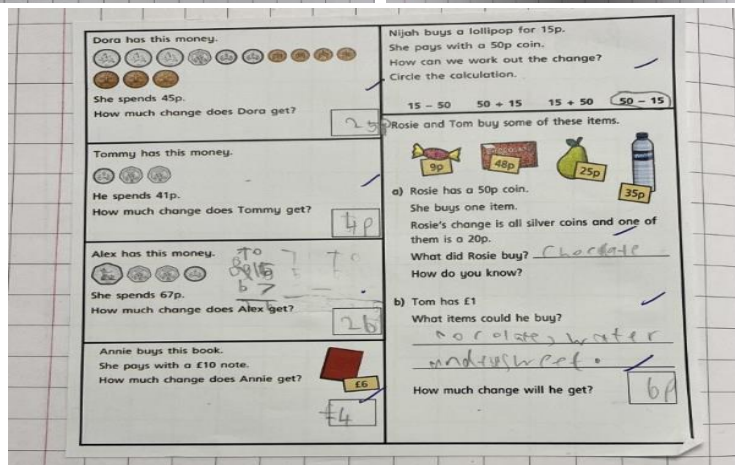
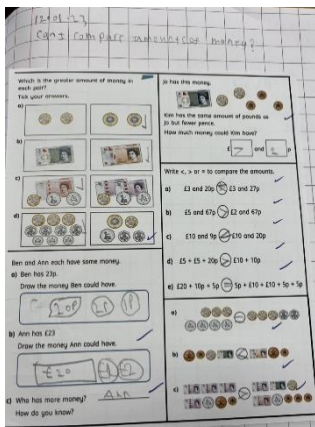
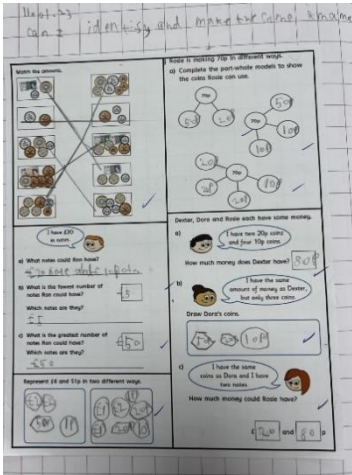
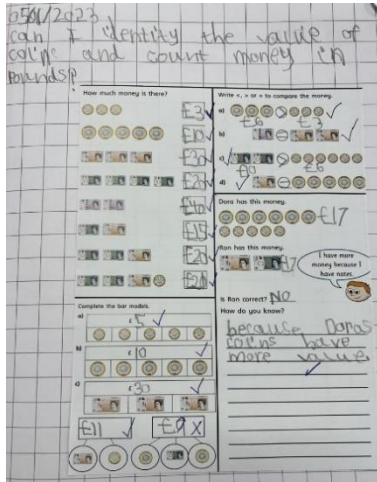
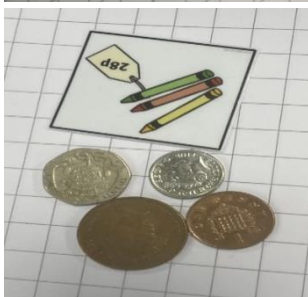
# Year 2!



Over the past 3 weeks the children have been learning all about money and its value! They have worked hard to be able to identify the coins and their colours, understand the value of each coin and note as well as do lots of other things like make change from a pound or compare different amounts of money.

The children identified early on that it is not the amount of coins or notes that you have but the value they hold which is significant which can be a difficult concept to grasp!

The children have looked at real coins and worked on exchanging amounts for instance swapping a £5 note for 5 x £1 coins. They have enjoyed 'going shopping' and buying different items with their money as well as being able to explain their knowledge and experiences with pocket money and prices outside of the classroom.



**Mrs Letham and Miss Reed**

**Investigation question:** Can you order the 5 oceans into order from smallest to largest.

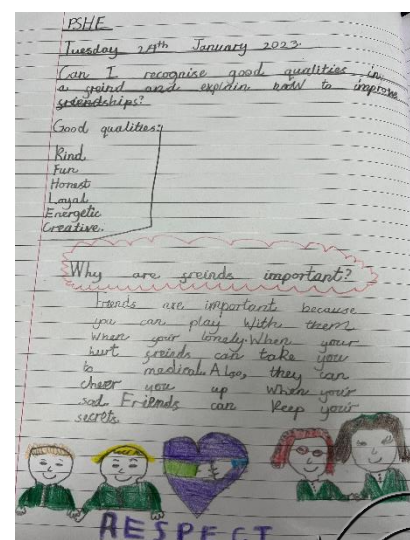
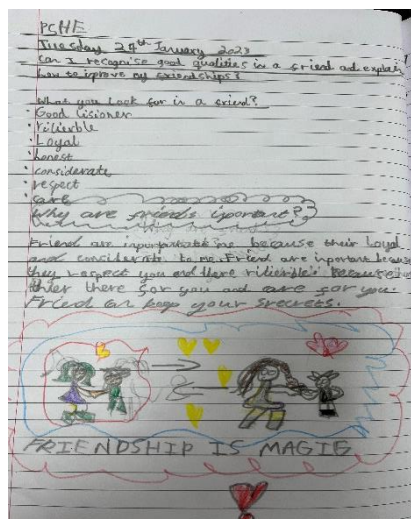
If you get stuck please refer to BBC Bitesize, Year 2, Geography, Oceans of the world for assistance. The page has details on each of the oceans as well as a helpful video!



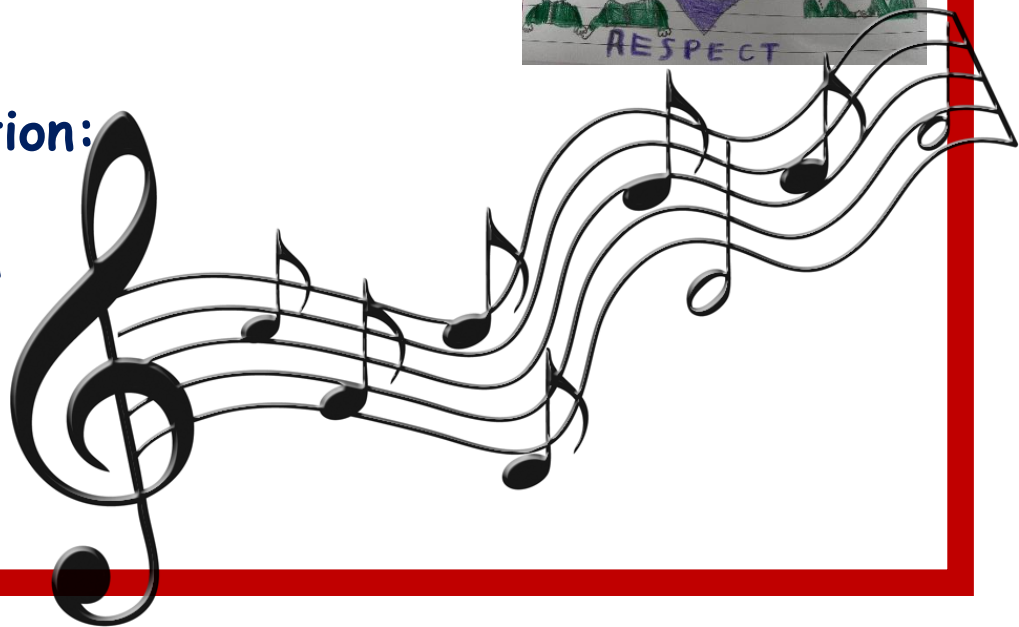
## YEAR THREE Mrs Smith and Miss Fraser

In year 3 we have been working on setting goals for the new year and looking at ways we can self-improve. This week we have been working on how to be a good friend and how to improve the friendships we have, in order to make them as positive as they can be! It has been wonderful to hear all of the children share their excellent ideas and to hear the children share their thoughts and feelings on how to ensure no one feels alone. They should feel very proud of the outcome of their collaborative team work!

Year 3 have also been enjoying becoming musicians. They have been excited to listen to Bob Marley's Music and explore the Reggae genre. The children also had the exciting opportunity to have a special young musician come in to share their expertise in playing the piano. It was lovely to see the excitement felt amongst the children and to see some true musical talent. We look forward to continuing playing and experimenting with different instruments.



**Investigation question:**  
How do you work on achieving your goals and aspirations?



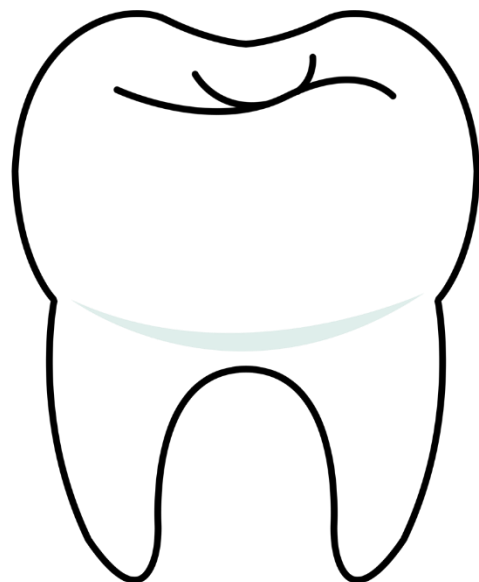


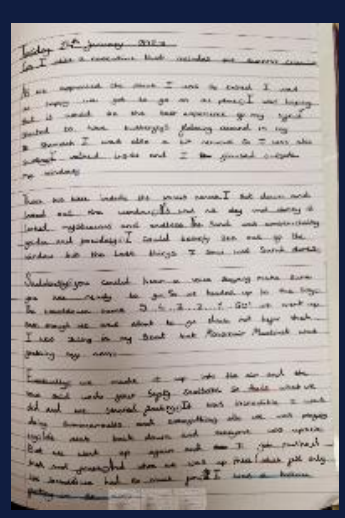
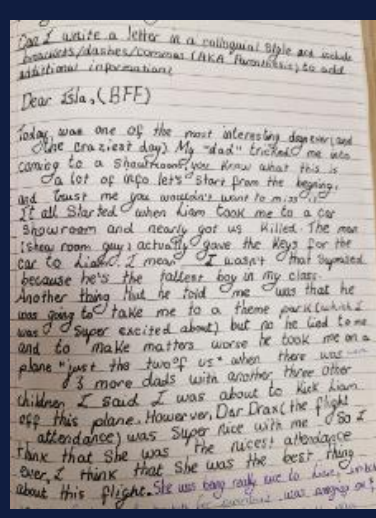
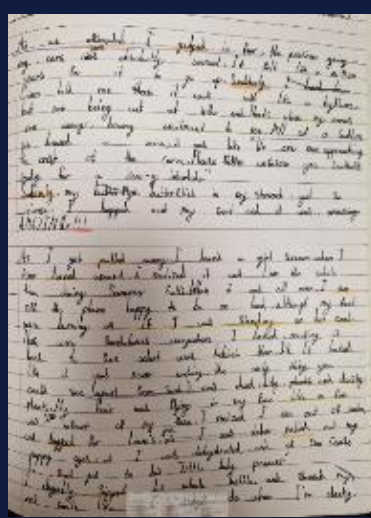
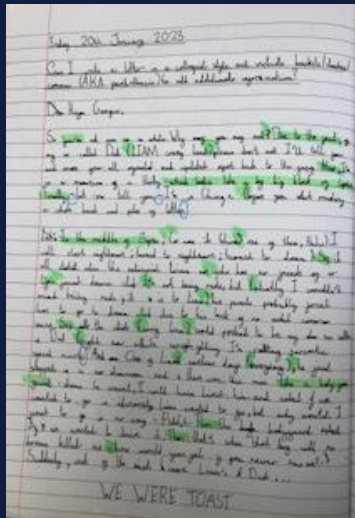
## YEAR FOUR Mr Kitchenner and Miss Belcher

This half term, Year 4 have been learning all about the human digestive system. This week, we have been focusing on teeth and why it is important to keep them healthy. We started our experiment by placing eggs into various liquids, with and without toothpaste. We wanted to see what affect the toothpaste had on our teeth and egg shell is a very close second to the enamel on our teeth. We are waiting until the end of the half term to see what affects there have been. The smell is incredibly pungent, but it is all in the name of science!



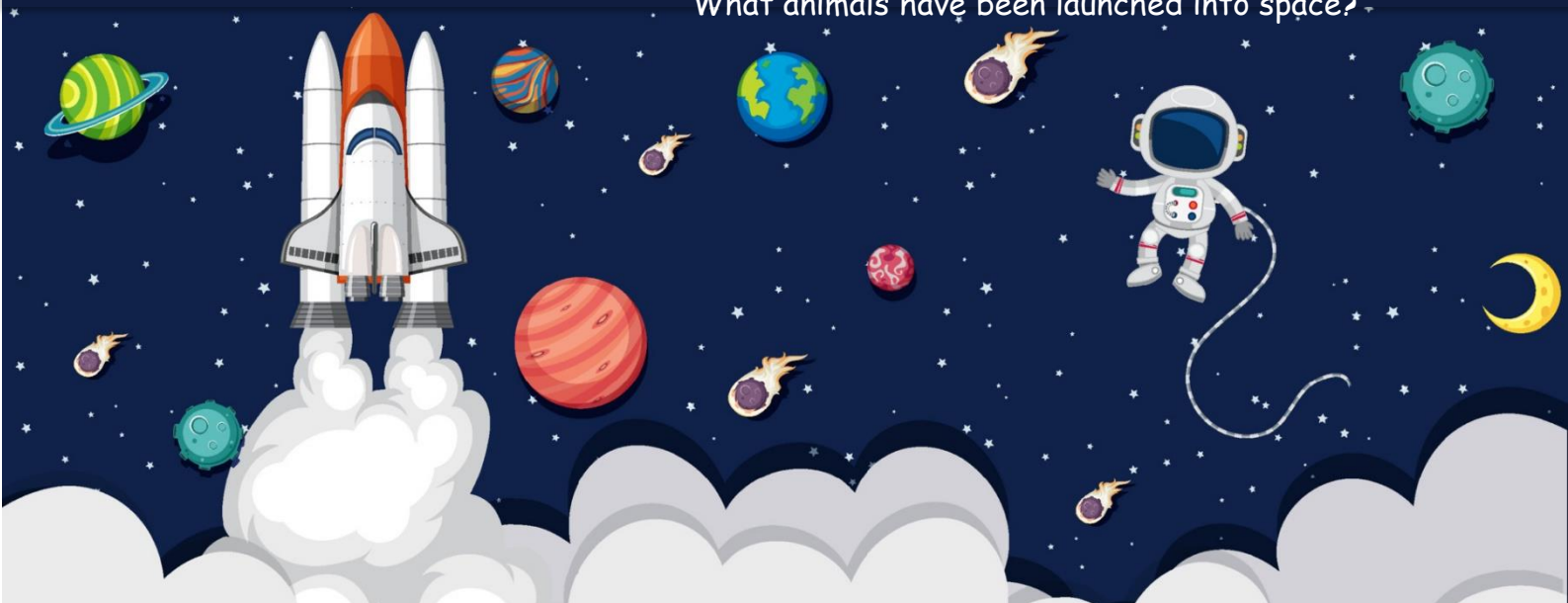
**Investigation question:**  
Why was Æthelred so unready?





Excellent work, Year 5!

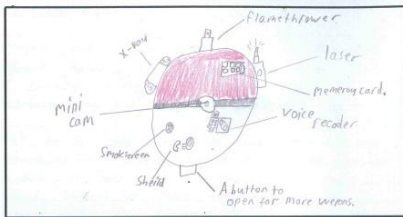
Which country has had the most launches into space?  
Who was the youngest/oldest astronaut to go into space?  
What animals have been launched into space?





# YEAR SIX Mrs Emmerman and Mrs Fogg

## The Pokeball Blaster!

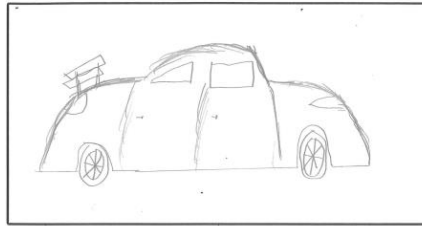


Do you need a gadget to help you blend in? Are you a spy? Need some more protection? Well, welcome to The Pokeball Blaster!

First of all, this latest, specially-designed technology takes the form of a pokeball! Yep, you heard it right - a Pokeball! It's available in different colors which disguise perfectly, for you is a little dangerous with this flamethrower.

In this first feature, seems too great to be true but wait about our second! Not only does it have a flamethrower but also a mini camera in the middle of a pokeball. Seems strange, well the mini camera is clearly helpful and records every bit and sent it to me. There is a bonus a magnificent, easy to throw, is a smoke-screen bomb!

## The Pocket Potcho

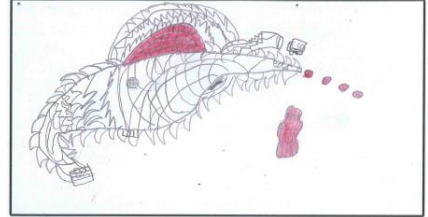


Are you the only spy being lost behind? Are you ever caught in tight situations and need a quick escape? That's why the pocket potcho is here!

The pocket potcho is so good we even made a game to play. It's called 'Pocket Potcho' and it's a game where you have to escape from a tight situation. It's a game where you have to escape from a tight situation. It's a game where you have to escape from a tight situation.

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## THE PAINT BALL GUN!



Do you want to be a hi-tech spy? Are you a spy? Do you want to be a hi-tech spy? Are you a spy? Do you want to be a hi-tech spy? Are you a spy?

What it can do!

This is called the F Paint-ball gun. The reason it is called that is because it looks like a normal paintball gun but the paint is explosive! But don't worry, it's not dangerous. It's a game where you have to escape from a tight situation. It's a game where you have to escape from a tight situation.

In Year 6, as part of our English lessons, we have been designing gadgets for a spy that would be suitable for Alex Rider to use. We have then been writing a persuasive advert to capture the attention of possible purchasers!

## The MEGA MASK

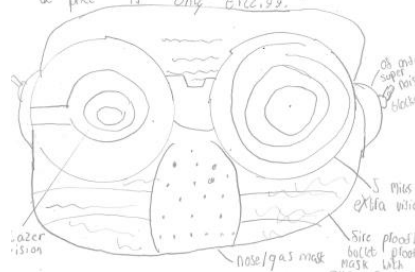
Are you a set up spy in need of a helping hand? A need of 'freaky' gadgets? Then your luck runs on!

First of all, we have a bulletproof mask. It's a mask that will protect you from bullets. It's a mask that will protect you from bullets. It's a mask that will protect you from bullets.

One of the most best features is a noise canceling device. It will cancel out all noise around you. It's a device that will cancel out all noise around you. It's a device that will cancel out all noise around you.

The mask also comes with a camera. It will take pictures of everything around you. It's a camera that will take pictures of everything around you. It's a camera that will take pictures of everything around you.

Alex Rider has bought the pocket potcho. It's a gadget that will help you escape from a tight situation. It's a gadget that will help you escape from a tight situation. It's a gadget that will help you escape from a tight situation.



## THE BRILLIANT TAZER

Are you a spy in need of help? Can you not find any cool and portable gadgets for your top-secret missions? Well, you're in luck! This gadget will make your job so much easier. Don't be the odd one out.

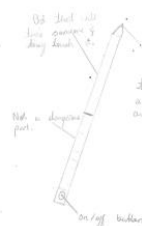
If you get this amazing spy gadget then you will be one of the luckiest spies out there. It's a gadget that will make your job so much easier. Don't be the odd one out.

Another reason of why you should buy the latest gadget is because it will help you find out if anyone is in your way while on your mission. It will make your mission so much easier and maybe even quicker.

Even one of the most famous people in the world said that this is a wonderful gadget. This is one of the best spy gadgets I have

seen in quite a while." stated James Bond.

The first ten people to buy this spectacular gadget on [spygadgets.com](http://spygadgets.com) online will get 50% off (\$100 - original price - \$50). Get it while you can!



## Investigation question:

How have humans evolved over time? Why is evolution necessary?



## BAG 2 SCHOOL CLOTHES COLLECTION

A massive thank you to all who donated to this clo collection. We collected a massive amount of

**310kg** which raised **£124**



### TUCK SHOP

Just a reminder that we do hold tuck shop on the playground by Reception and Year 1 on a **Friday after school**. We have a wide range of goodies that change, and some favorites. So please pop along and say hi.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**YEAR 6 Leavers hoodies** – Will soon be available to order on the online shop.

**End of term Disco** – Two discos for years 1-3 and 4-6 will be coming up shortly in March

**Celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School - Summer Fayre**

Details of all of the above will be communicated further over the coming weeks so watch this space

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

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## Dates for your diaries:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Last Day of Term  
First day of Term

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Last Day of Term  
Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

First day of Term  
BANK HOLIDAY  
BANK HOLIDAY (Coronation)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Last Day of Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

First day of Term  
Last Day of Term  
INSET DAY  
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