

Happy New Year to all!

January Newsletter 2023

We are now fast approaching the end of term 3, which means that we are nearly halfway through this academic year! Over this term, we have enjoyed many celebrations and we have been thinking about our Jigsaw theme 'Dreams and Goals'. We have led gatherings about resolutions, Chinese New Year, Burns Night and actor and strictly star Rose Ayling Ellis. We wanted to say a belated THANK YOU for all those volunteers and participants who helped and supported our mammoth Christmas celebrations. Our first 'Made for Christmas' event which saw learners setting out their stalls to sell their home made produce was a huge success. Thank you to the Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy for your support and engagement in our whole school events and for the commitment to fund raising for the school. We are looking forward to many more!

Charlotte Black (Principal)



Christmas Celebrations

A massive well done to our fabulous choir who have performed at many events over the last few weeks. A special well done to those who performed at St George's and to Charlotte Lecomte for performing a solo!

A Visit from a Bristol Flyer!

Professional basketball player, Corey Samuels, visited WFA. He talked to us about how he set out to achieve his dreams and goals. We were very inspired!



Staffing Update

Baby News!

We are thrilled to be able to let you know that Ms Scott and Mrs McLaughlin are both doing well and have welcomed two new baby girls into the world! 😊

New Appointments - We are delighted to have welcomed new staff members to the WFA team:



Mr Kwok
Year 6 Teaching Partner



Mr Underwood
Year 1 Teacher
Covering maternity leave



Mrs Kwok
Year 1 Learning Partner
1:1



Mrs Sharma
Lunchtime leader

We have also internally recruited Sarah Berry who is now our Family Support Worker and Lauren Collins who is now a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.



Miss Collins
HLTA



Mrs Berry
FSW/HLTA



Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for a Teaching partner to join our year 5 team and we also have vacancies for Lunchtime Leaders. Please pass this information on to any interested people! 😊

Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details including mobile number and emails for our school comms text and email service

Follow us on twitter @wallscourt and the learning zones @YRWFA, @Y1WFA, @WfaYear2, @Y3WFA, @Y4WFA, @WFAYear5, @WFAYear6 @WFAtheArtists These are official school twitter accounts

Joy-filled Learning



Celebrating Term 3 Learning

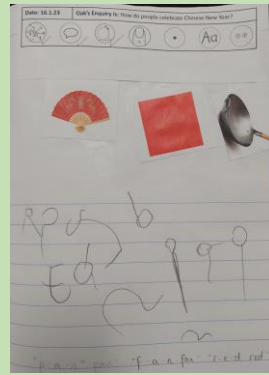
This term we have seen some fantastic learning experiences where all year groups are progressing well into the year. Here are some of the key themes this term.



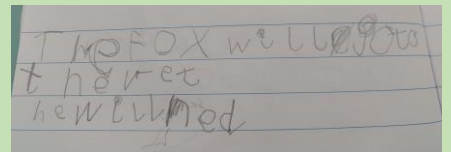
Oak learning zone have now started coming to Celebration Gathering on a Friday. We love to celebrate with you all!



They have been learning their phase 3 sounds and revisiting phase 2 sounds.



When they are writers, we use symbols to help everyone to remember how to be successful.



Beech Learning Zone Enquiry 2.4
How do authors describe?

Writing to Entertain

Learning to write...
Descriptive Poem
Non Fiction: fact files using key text.

Beech Learning Zone Enquiry 2.3
How do computers remember?

Being a computer scientist

Writing to Inform
Instructions and posters

Beech Learning Zone Enquiry 2.3
Has the way we send messages changed?

Being a historian

Writing to Inform
Writing a letter

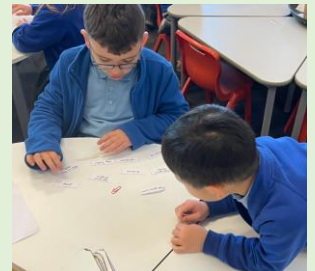


They explored sending messages and programming!

This term, Beech Learning Zone have been writers, historians and computer scientists. They have really been developing as writers and have been learning how to use 'and' to join ideas and adding a /er and /est suffix to words.

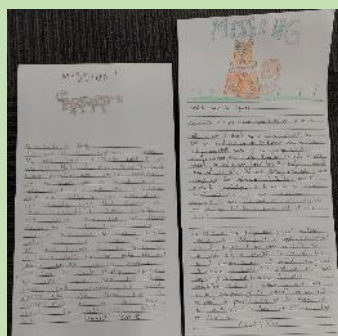
Today we're going to think about using 'and' to join clauses to describe the animals in Monkey Puzzle.

gray body	huge wings
funny skin	brown spots
yellow body	red feathers
little wings	long body
four legs	yellow eyes



This term, Willow Learning Zone have taken part in three enquiries and have been writers, geographers, scientists and computer scientists.

They have been writing missing posters for the Eggbox Dragon!



Willow Learning Zone Enquiry 3.1
How do authors create interesting characters?

Writing to Entertain

Writing to Entertain
The Character Descriptions, short here

Willow Learning Zone Enquiry 3.3
How do computers follow instructions?

Being a citizen

Being a computer scientist

Writing to Explain (Extract)
Instructions for the algorithms

Willow Learning Zone Enquiry 3.2
How is where I live different to other places?

Being a geographer

Writing to Inform (Recount)
Weather Report - Postcard

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Acer Learning Zone Enquiry 3.1
How does an author develop a character?
Writing to Entertain
Writing to Inform

Acer Learning Zone Enquiry 3.2
What do I need that for? The human body
Being a Scientist
Writing to Inform

Acer Learning Zone Enquiry 3.3
What makes a healthy diet?
Being a Scientist
Writing to Explain

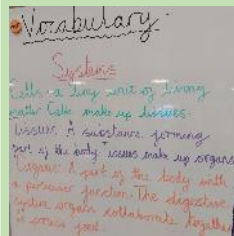


Mr Bones came to visit!

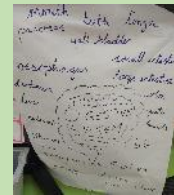
Everyone loved learning about how the body works and particularly the digestive system!



This term, Acer Learning Zone have had a big 'health' focus! They have been learning about the body and about how to stay healthy.



In their writing, they have been using scientific vocabulary.

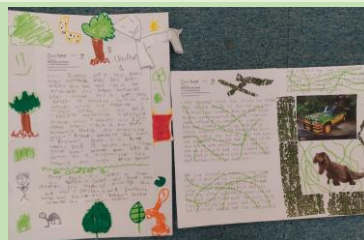


This term, Maple learning zone have been writers, musicians, designers and scientists.

Maple Learning Zone Enquiry 3.1
How does a light bulb work?
Being a Scientist
Being a Designer
Writing to Explain (Instruct)

Maple Learning Zone Enquiry 3.1
How do authors create settings?
Being a Writer
Writing to Entertain

Maple Learning Zone Enquiry 3.2
Can you feel sound?
Being a Scientist
Being a Musician
Writing to Inform



They have produced some spectacular descriptive writing that they have published with illustrations.

They made some links to how the ear works and how we feel sound.

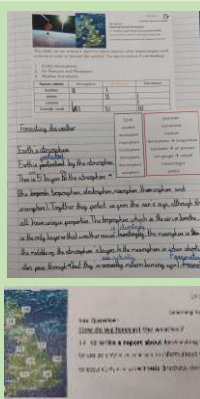


This term, we have seen year 5 as writers, geographers, computer scientists and historians.

Hazel Learning Zone Enquiry 3.1
How do authors bring characters to life?
Being a Writer
Writing to Entertain

Hazel Learning Zone Enquiry 3.3
What can we learn from the Romans?
Being a Historian
Writing to Inform

Hazel Learning Zone Enquiry 3.2
How can we forecast the weather?
Being a Geographer
Being a Computer Scientist
Writing to Inform



They have been weather reporters and have written and presented some brilliant reports.

This term, the Hazel learners have won the Ship Shape award twice! Keep it up everyone 😊



Our Elm Learners have been taking part in some great learning opportunities this term.

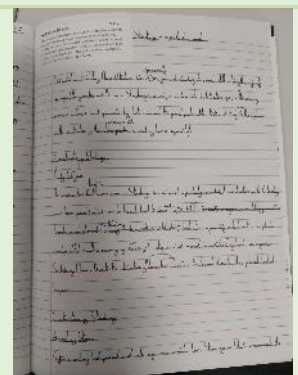
Elm Learning Zone Enquiry 3.1
How do authors develop characters through dialogue?
Writing to Entertain
Writing to Inform

Elm Learning Zone Enquiry 3.2
What did the stone age ever do for us?
Being a Historian
Writing to Inform (Report)

Elm Learning Zone Enquiry 3.3
Are bakers really scientists in disguise?
Being a Scientist
Writing to Explain (Instruct)



They are becoming expert notetakers so that they can build their subject knowledge.





We fully understand that families may want to top-up the branded Wallscourt Farm uniform with plain jumpers, t-shirts and school uniform trousers etc. These can be purchased from any number of budget and high street shops.

Jumpers need to be Primary Blue, and t-shirts need to be light blue. School uniform trousers and skirts need to be grey or black, and appropriate school shoes in black must be worn.



Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery to school other than simple stud earrings or small objects of religious significance. Ideally, for health and safety reasons, these should not be worn on the day your child is an athlete.

PE Kit



A blue school jumper, cardigan or fleece can also be worn if it is cold.

Term 4 Sports – On this day, send your child to school in their sports kit

Oak	Beech	Willow	Acer	Maple	Hazel	Elm
Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday

Remember, the PE kit does not include football shirts or other T-shirts with logos and emblems etc.

Important Reminders:

We will see you on the gate on Monday between 8.30 and 8.45.

Don't forget, we close the gate at 8.45 so please make sure you are through the gate before this time 😊

Parking – Please ensure that you are respectful of each other when you park to drop off or pick up. We would like everyone, adults and children, to feel safe whilst at school or when coming to school. We regularly have the community support officers in attendance before and after school. This is to maintain the safety of our children on the road.



Emails: If you would like to contact us please ensure you email info@wfa.clf.uk as our schoolcomms system does not allow us to access replies to emails sent. Emails will be forwarded to class teachers if marked FAO with the teacher's name.

Birthdays

We will always make your child feel special on their birthday. We request that you **do not** send sweets or **chocolates** into school or give them out at the end of the day.

Trim Trail and Monkey Bars

Please **do not** let your child use any of the outdoor equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. This equipment is for use during learning time only.

Due to serious allergies we are a **nut and seed free** school – please do not send these items into school as part of a packed lunch.

Term Dates

22-23				
Term	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Inset Dates	Bank Holiday
4	Tuesday 21st February	Friday 31st March	Monday 20th February	
5	Monday 17th April	Friday 26th May		Monday 1st May Monday 8th May
6	Monday 5th June	Friday 21st July	Friday 7th July	

23-24				
Term	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Inset Dates	Bank Holiday
1	Tuesday 5th September	Wednesday 18th October	Friday 1st September Monday 4th September Thursday 19th October Friday 20th October	
2	Monday 30th October	Friday 15th December		
3	Wednesday 3rd January	Friday 9th February	Monday 1st January Tuesday 2nd January	
4	Monday 19th February	Thursday 28th March		Friday 29th March
5	Monday 15th April	Friday 24th May	Monday 15th April	Monday 6th May
6	Monday 3rd June	Tuesday 23rd July	Friday 5th July	



We would like to say a big thank you to families for ensuring your children are in the garden before 08:45 when the main gate closes. This has had a very positive impact on learners across the school and has created a much smoother start to the morning.



Is your child too ill to attend school?

Your child can still attend school if they are suffering from a cold or if they have hurt themselves e.g. due to a sports injury.

If you feel your child needs to rest an injury, please let us know so we can make adjustments for them in school. It is important that they do not miss out on learning due to this.

Did you know we have specially trained staff in school who are able to administer medicines?

This means that if your child is needing to take a course of medicine or requires Calpol for mild symptoms such as a headache or earache, they will not miss out on their learning. Please bring any medication to the Welcome Zone and ensure that it is clearly labelled, with your child's name, their class and the frequency of doses required. You will be asked to complete a form to authorise the administering of these medicines.

Broken bones / fractures

Children can still attend school if they have had an accident resulting in a broken bone. Please make sure you visit the Welcome Zone on the first day of attending with such an injury so we can ensure all staff are aware and a risk assessment can be put in place.

If your child is too ill to attend school, parents / carers should phone the Welcome Zone **BEFORE 09:00** on the first day of absence.

If your child is ill for more than one day, **you will need to call on each morning of the absence BEFORE 09:00**, unless otherwise agreed by the school.

To report an absence, please call the school office on **0117 370 9860**. Please explain clearly the symptoms your child has, when the symptoms started, and when you expect them to be well enough to return to school. By law, schools must record all pupil absences, whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Please only book a holiday during school holidays. **We do not authorise holidays taken during term time.** Unauthorised absence may result in a fixed penalty fine.