

NEWSLETTER 9, CYCLE 2, WEEK 5

# REACH ACADEMY FELTHAM NEWS



# TERM DATES 2022-2023

## Autumn 2022

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### Key

- School Day
- Training Day (School Closed)
- School Closed
- Bank Holiday

Please note training days in 2022/23 are subject to change.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<b>Monday 30th January</b>	<b>Reading Workshop 15.30 - 16.00</b> <b>Y6 - Workshop - SATS and Writing Checklist 15.30 - 16.00</b>
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b>	<b>R - Visit from a Community Police Officer</b> <b>Y1 - Let's talk about health 15.20- 15.50</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd February</b>	<b>Y9 - PCE 15.30-18.30</b> <b>World Book Day</b>

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<b>Wednesday 22nd February</b>	<b>Y4 - Workshop - Times Tables 15.20 - 15.50</b>
	<b>Y12/13 - English Lit Trip to Hampton 13.00 - 17.00</b>
<b>WB 27th February</b>	<b>Primary Music Competition Auditions</b>
<b>Wednesday 1st March</b>	<b>Y4 - Trip to Lion King [Provisional]</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd March</b>	<b>Y1 - Trip to Natural History Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th March</b>	<b>EYFS Parents' Evening 15.00 - 19.00</b> <b>Y11 - Mock Results Evening 16.30 - 18.30</b> <b>Y10 - NCFE Health and Fitness Exam</b>



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<b>Monday 20th March</b>	<b>Y2 - SATS (all week)</b> <b>Y6 - SATS (all week)</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st March</b>	<b>Y1 - Celebration Event</b> <b>14.30 - 15.00</b>  <b>Y8 - IWM Trip</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd March</b>	<b>R - Trip to Hounslow Urban Farm</b>  <b>Y5 - Parent Celebration</b> <b>14.30 - 15.00</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b>	<b>Y2 - Celebration Event</b> <b>14.30 - 15.00</b>  <b>N - Y6 Parents' Evening</b> <b>15.00 - 19.00</b>  <b>Y6 - Reach Score Prize and Auction</b> <b>14.15 - 15.00</b>  <b>Y7 - Your Life, You Choose</b>
<b>WB 27th March</b>	<b>Y12 - DofE Practise (New Forest)</b> <b>Y6 - SAT Mocks Week</b>
<b>Monday 27th March</b>	<b>R - Big Goals Afternoon Tea</b> <b>14.00 - 14.40</b>

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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<b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	<b>N- Y6 Parents' Evening 15.00 - 19.00</b>
<b>Date: TBC</b>	<b>Y9 - Options, DofE and First Give</b>

# LOVE YOURSELF DISCO!

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FRIENDS OF REACH  
PRESENTS

DJ KOOLKATS

LOVE YOURSELF  
DISCO

10.02.2023 | 3:30-5:30PM

NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2

£3 ENTRY INCLUDING A DRINK & SNACK  
PARENTS WELCOME FREE OF CHARGE  
ONLINE BOOKING DETAILS TO FOLLOW



# COFFEE MORNINGS

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*Coffee Mornings for Parents of Children with Additional Needs at Reach*  
Throughout November, Aimee (Early Years SENDCo) and Natasha (Speech & Language Therapist) ran a weekly coffee morning to support nursery and reception parents with early communication. We all had a great time sharing tips and strategies to support different areas of speech, language and communication, and parents built a strong network of support amongst each other (and there was coffee and biscuits!).

"Helpful, supportive and lovely. I learnt many useful things to communicate and interact with my child e.g. gestures and techniques. Aimee and Natasha are simply great and lovely."

"It was useful meeting the professionals and other parents and sharing advice and tips."

"Many thanks to both for a successful and very helpful coffee morning it was great getting together with other parents to share our concerns and also praise children. Please let's continue in future 😊"

"I found what activities I will do with my child to improve her communication."

"I learnt about how to deal with my child's communication development and speech delay."

After this positive feedback, we would like to offer more Additional Educational Need (AEN) parent sessions for pupils of any ages. If you are interested in attending, please complete the short questionnaire:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-wQ7fI7XcOIkRV0xUV1n9FggCB63vrh8SC9mONXwgaQ/edit>

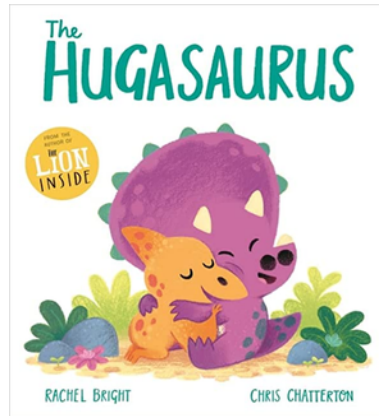
# REACH RECOMMENDED READS

We hope you enjoy our recommendations!

## EYFS: Nursery and Reception

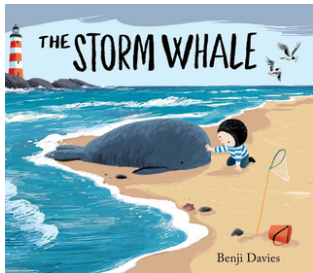


**Lia & Luis, who has more?**  
By Ana Crespo

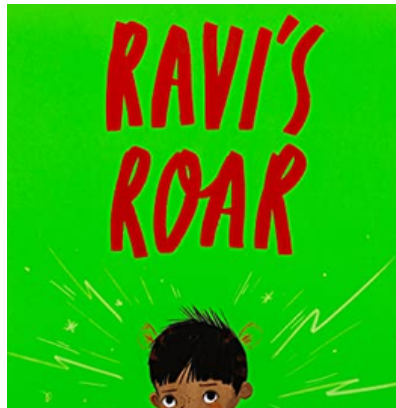


**The Hugasaurus**  
By Rachael Bright

## KS1: Year 1 and 2

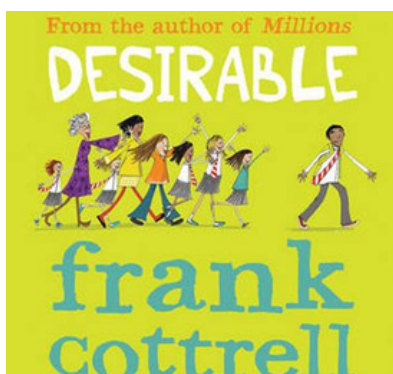


**The Storm Whale**  
By Benji Davies

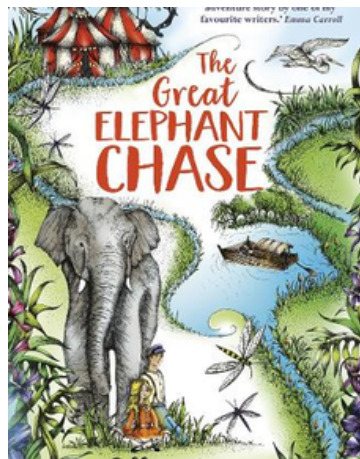


**Ravi's Roar**  
By Tom Percival

## LKS2: Years 3 and 4



**Desirable**  
By Frank Cottrell Boyce

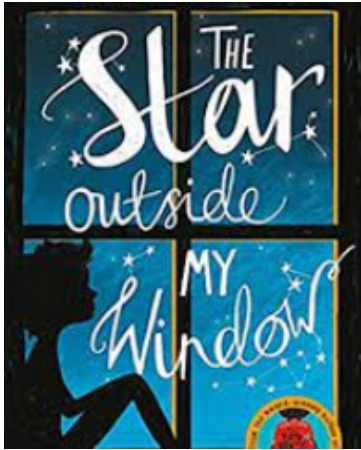


**The Great Elephant Chase**  
By Gillian Cross

# REACH RECOMMENDED READS

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UKS2: Years 5 and 6

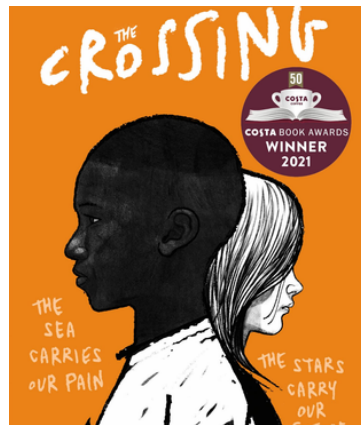


The Star Outside my Window by Onjali Q.Rauf

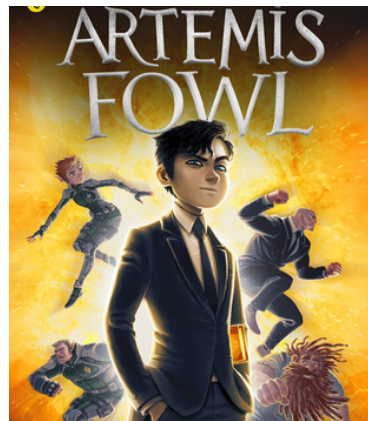


The Roman Mysteries by Caroline Lawrence

UKS2: Years 7 and 8

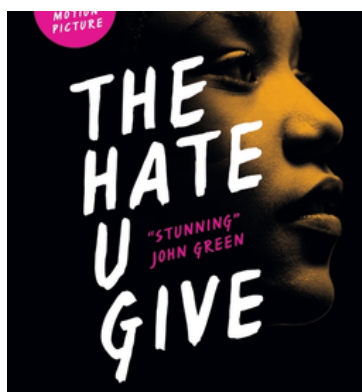


The Crossing  
By Manjeet Mann

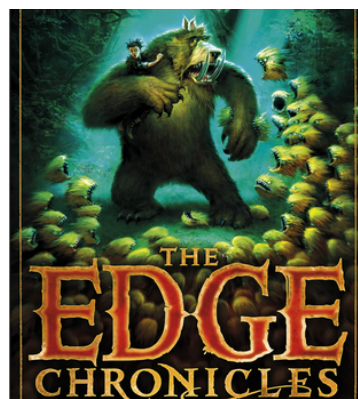


Artemis Fowl  
By Eoin Coleer

KS4: Years 9-11



The Hate u Give By Angie Thomas

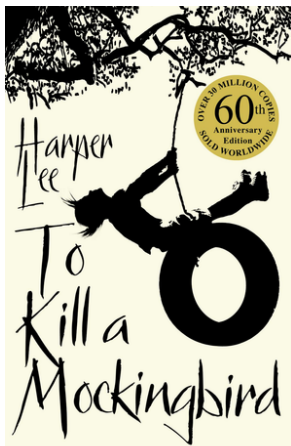


The Edge Chronicles by Chris Riddell and Paul Stewart



# REACH RECOMMENDED READS

KS5: Years 12-13

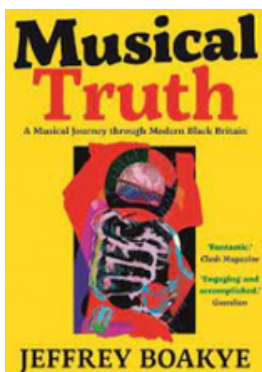


To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

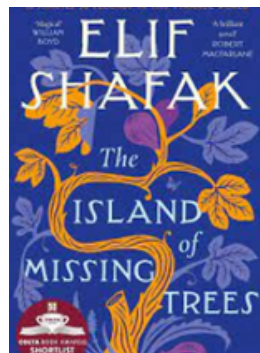


Black Leopard, Red Wolf  
By Marlon James

Parents

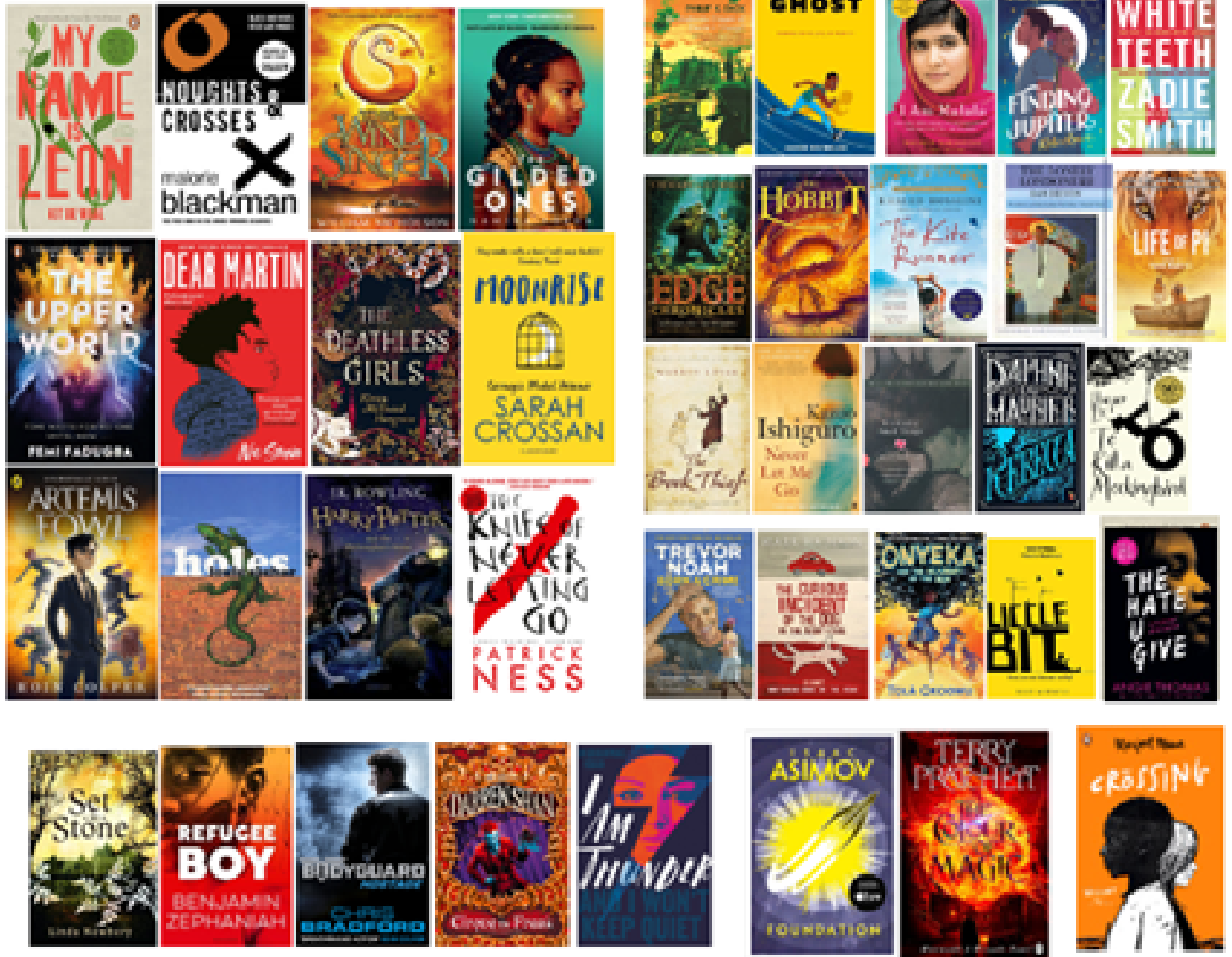


Musical Truth by Jeffrey Boakye



The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

# REACH READING CHALLENGE



# UNDERSTANDING FINANCES

## 1 Understanding school finances

Trips and visits are so important to your child's development. They enhance their experience of school. They help them to see the wider world and perhaps more importantly, they are fun, create lasting memories and build friendships for life.

### 11th in the country!

We submit balanced budgets, spend income thoughtfully and innovate where possible to create efficiencies in a fundamentally inefficient system, for example by creating the [Reach Children's Hub](#).

Our outcomes are in the top 10% nationally across all measures from Early Years to A Levels and 100% of our pupils in Y13 last year has a place at university or on a high tariff apprenticeship.

Of all schools in England in 2022 with pupil deprivation above 40% and no entrance selection criteria based on religion, Reach Academy's Progress 8 score ranked us 11th in the country.

Over the past 10 years we have significantly subsidised the cost of activities, educational resources and essentials such as costs of food and school uniform in order to ensure that every single one of our pupils is able to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity during their school years and, crucially, in their adult lives.

### Rising school costs

	Last year	This year
Box of paper	£11.93	£22.50
Gas bill	£18,000	£101,000
Electricity bill	£73,000	£368,000

We get funding per pupil and have not received additional money to cover these costs.

We are, sadly, not in a position to subsidise costs as easily as we have done in the past because of rising expenses out of our control. But we still don't want your children to miss out. That is why we need some help...

### What can you do?

- Please pay for trips.** Schools have to legally say that some parts of payments are 'voluntary'. In reality, if we don't get enough families paying then trips can't go ahead. Many schools just tell parents that all costs are compulsory, we don't, but please pay if you can.
- Please also pay for your lunches.** You can pay in advance to avoid getting into arrears.
- If you can't pay some or all of the cost please speak to us as early as possible and we will make a plan. We do not want your child to miss out. **We will find a way together.**

We will continue to manage things well and seek opportunities for funding and other resources.

We will also continue to support you and provide an outstanding education to your children.

We are here to work together for the very best outcomes for your children.

Thank you.

## 2 Do you wish to help a family?

If you can contribute more than the cost of your child's lunches or trips, then please do.

To make it easy for you to help if you would like to everyone will soon be able to see two additional payments on their Parent Pay account.

These are entirely optional, but any contribution will help other families.

**There is no pressure or judgment either way.**

- You will see an option to make a voluntary contribution for another child to attend a residential. You can contribute between £1 and £250.
- You will see an option to make a voluntary contribution for another child's lunches. You can contribute between £1 and £450.

Anything you can give will help a family.

## 3 Do you need financial help?

**1. Talk to us.** Lots of people are struggling at the moment. There is no shame and no judgment. Request a meeting with one of the team by popping in, sending an email to [info@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@reachacademy.org.uk), or calling the main office. If you do not want to disclose what the meeting is about please say that you would like a meeting about 'the newsletter' and the office team will discretely pass you through to the right person. **We will be able to help you.**

**2. Contact the local authority.** They have funding available for many things and have made it as easy as possible for you to access. Call the team on 020 8583 2000 or apply for a [Discretionary Local Crisis Payment here](#).

**3. Visit the [Citizens Advice Bureau website](#)** and find advice about various sources of funding and / or book an appointment to meet with someone face-to-face.





# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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In the Spring term, we will be hosting a series of parent workshops. The purpose of these workshops is to ensure that you are receiving information that will allow us to work together to keep your child/children safe. Therefore, it is really important that you are able to attend this workshop. We hope that by giving you lots of advance warning, you are able to make arrangements to attend this event.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming workshops:

Year Group		Date and Time	Where
Year 1	Let's Talk About Health	Wednesday 1st February 2023  3:20 - 3:50pm	Drama Studio
Year 6	Let's Talk About Relationships and Consent	Monday 22nd May 2023  3:30-4:00 pm	Drama Studio

Please save the date in your diaries.

We have chosen topics for each year group depending on the issues we think are most relevant to that age group. However, if you would like to attend a workshop run by another year group, you are more than welcome to attend more than one workshop.

We think it is really important that we can have honest adult conversations about the above issues and create a space where you feel like you can ask the questions you would like to. As a result, we do not think it is appropriate for children to be present in the room (except toddlers).

All children in the year group will remain in the classroom with an adult from the year group supervising them. They will watch a film in a room, until the workshop is over. They will then be dismissed in the Main Hall.

If this is going to be a problem, or if you can't stay for the event, please flag it with your child's class teacher before the event.

If you would like to attend a workshop run by a different year group, please email Harpreet or Francesca directly so that we can arrange for your child to be supervised until the workshop is over.

E: [harpreet.dhillon@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:harpreet.dhillon@reachacademy.org.uk)

E: [francesca.reid@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:francesca.reid@reachacademy.org.uk)

# REACH FAMILY GROUP

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## What happens at Family Group?

**Reach Family Group** provides an opportunity to spend some quality time with your child, away from the stresses of everyday life.

We talk, play, listen, have fun and use targets and games as vehicles for change

“ **Family Group works because of the acceptance in the group and that it is non-judgemental. We all make the rules and the children help too. We all look out for each other.** ”



Ask in school or visit our website

[www.sfwfamilygroup.org](http://www.sfwfamilygroup.org)



# OPAL (OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING)

We are excited to invite you along to a parent meeting with Tilly and Bella on Friday 3rd February from 3pm - 3:20pm. The meeting will focus on the introduction of the OPAL programme and the risks and benefits associated with the use of loose parts during the children's play times. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting. The meeting will be open to all year groups in primary; if you are interested in coming along, please follow the link below to register your interest:

<https://forms.gle/Fr7doeddDxF248hw8>

On the day of the meeting, please bring one of the following loose part items as a 'ticket' for entry and arrive at the front office at 2:50 for a prompt start at 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 3rd!

Fabricated	Sources
Astro turf off-cuts	Landscapers
Boards, old cabinet doors, panels	Parents, trades people
Bread, milk, bottle and grocery crates	Traders
Briefcases	Parents, charity shops
Buggles, pushchairs	Parents
Cable drums	Trades people
Cardboard boxes	Trades, deliveries, parents
Carpet samples	Carpet shops
Carpet squares	Carpet shops
Cuddly toys	Charity shops
Fabrics – all shapes and sizes	Parents, jumble sales, charity shops. fabric shops, markets
Foam pipe covers and noodles	Plumbers, pound shops
Guttering	Trades people, suppliers
Hoses	DIY stores, parents,
Keyboards	Computer companies, parents
Metal pots, pans, trays etc, especially catering sizes	Caterers, parents, Gumtree
Nets: fishing, cargo, football	Scrap stores, internet, football clubs
Office removal crates	Tea Crates Ltd, office movers
Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags	Parents, jumble sales, charity shops
Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc	Parents
One-ton dumpy bags	Builders
Pallets	Builders and builders' merchants, stores, parents
Phones	Phone companies, parents
Piping, gas, water and drainage	Trades people
Planks – decking, scaffolders (need sanding) (1m-2m)	DIY, builders' merchants, carpenters, builders
Plastic chairs with no legs	Schools and offices
Plastic road barriers	Highway firms, Border Barriers Ltd
Plastic trugs and bins	DIY stores and online
Ropes	Ships chandlers, online



# OPAL (OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING) CONTINUED...

As well as loose parts, we are also asking for further donations of old toys and household items for the playground. Please see the trash to treasure bingo sheet for Half Term 3 below. Once a class has ticked off all of the items on the Bingo sheet they will receive an extra playtime as a reward.

## Trash to treasure HT3

 Old pushchairs (not toy ones)	 Cars	 Dinosaurs
 Soft suitcase	 Blankets	 Clean, empty plastic bottles

Finally, please enjoy some recent photos of your children enjoying playtimes.



# NURSERY

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We are so impressed with the Seedlings positive return to Nursery this week. They have been able to remember the routines and boundaries and have been excited to share their new books with families at home. It is important for the children to have exposure to various types of books and stories and we will complete the book change every Friday. As always, upload your pictures or videos to tapestry, we would love to see them. Happy Reading!



The Saplings have also made a positive start to the year in Nursery. This half term we have developed our self registration routine to include signing in. The children will be practicing holding a pen effectively and writing their names, using their letter links name label for support. We are continuing to develop our writing skills as we also try very hard to write our names on our pictures and creations and write shopping lists for our new Tesco role play.



# RECEPTION

## Maths

Over the past two weeks, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of composition of numbers within 10. In busy learning, they have enjoyed putting their learning into practice by using combinations of numicon to represent numbers within 10, for example using different combinations of numicon shapes to make the number 6 such as 3 and 3, 5 and 1, 4 and 2.



They have also begun adding two numbers together to find a total within 10 using concrete manipulatives such as cubes and counters and a ten frame or number track. If you would like to practise this with your child at home, you can draw out the following ten frame template and use small objects such as raisins or figurines as counters to represent the numbers being added together.

**Blank template:**


**Example:  $3 + 4 = 7$**

♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
♥	♥			

## Big Goals

This half term, the children are working towards achieving a number of their big goals, including sewing puppets, playing a game of football and learning to play a song on the glockenspiel. The children have learnt all of the notes to play in 'Three Bling Mice' and are now practising playing the whole song from start to finish. As small groups, we are also considering how we need to play to have a good performance, for example making sure that we are keeping in time with our group and using the same amount of force to hit the keys.



# RECEPTION

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# YEAR 1

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In Year 1, we explored different addition and subtraction strategies to solve mathematical problems and prove our answers with a range of different manipulatives. We then discussed which of these strategies would be the most efficient depending on the context.

Finally, we moved to recognising and ordering numbers up to 50. This week, we started to recognise the Tens and the Ones in two-digit numbers whilst representing the groups using bead strings, counters, dienes, and lollipop sticks.

We are so proud of all the hard work all pupils have done in order to become expert mathematicians!



# YEAR 2

In writing, we are starting to plan and write our own fictional story based on the story 'Stardust' by Jeanne Willis. We have been practising using fronted adverbials of time, manner and place to vary our sentence openers and using subordinating conjunctions to join our ideas together. We have also been learning how important the editing process is, especially when checking for mistakes and adding improvements to our writing to make the story more interesting and descriptive.

In Maths, we have finished our unit on time and started to explore fractions.

A fraction is any part of a group, number or whole.

One circle has been cut in half.  
A half is a fraction.  
We write one half as



The top number is called the numerator.

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It is the number of parts we have.

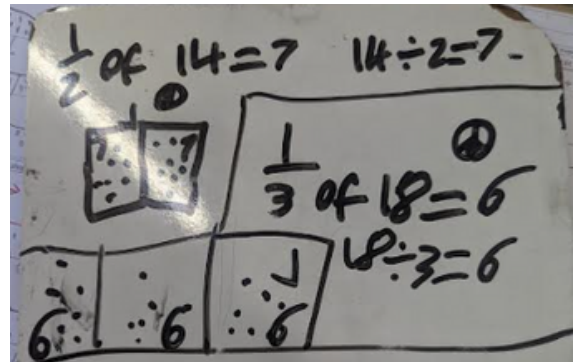
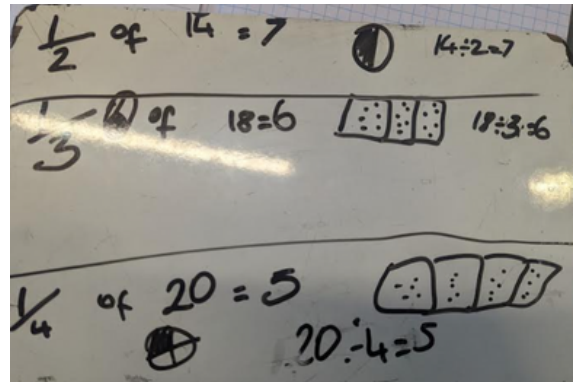
The bottom number is called the denominator.

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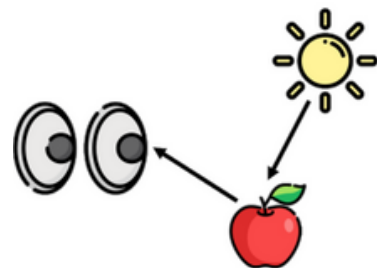
It is the total number of parts the whole is divided into.

The children have learned how to work out a half, a third and a quarter of a number, a group of objects and shape.

As this unit has progressed, the children are now beginning to work out a fraction of a whole where the numerator is more than one, for example  
23 of 9.



In Science, we have learnt that light is a type of energy that travels in a straight line that travels in waves. In History, we have started our exciting unit about the Stone Age.



# YEAR 2

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**In History, we have learnt that homio sapiens (humans) first appeared in East African around 300,000 years ago. They then travelled to the Middle East and then Europe. Moving onto the Ice Age, the children studied some of the animals that lived during this period, including the Woolly Mammoth, Sabre-toothed Tiger and the Woolly Rhinoceros.**

**In PE, we had a wonderful time challenging ourselves during the cooper run. There were some impressive scores all around. Congratulations to everyone for the wonderful effort!**

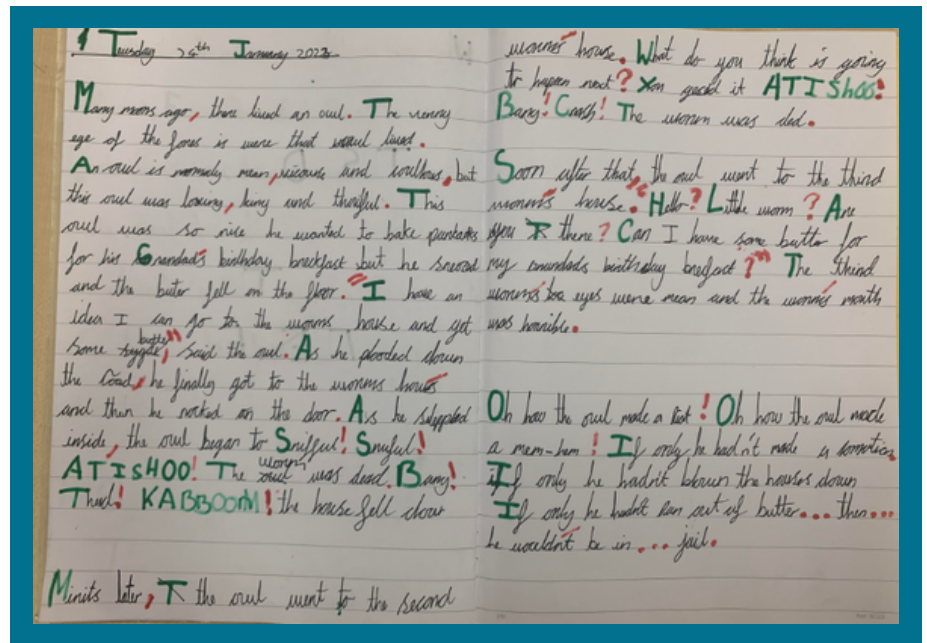
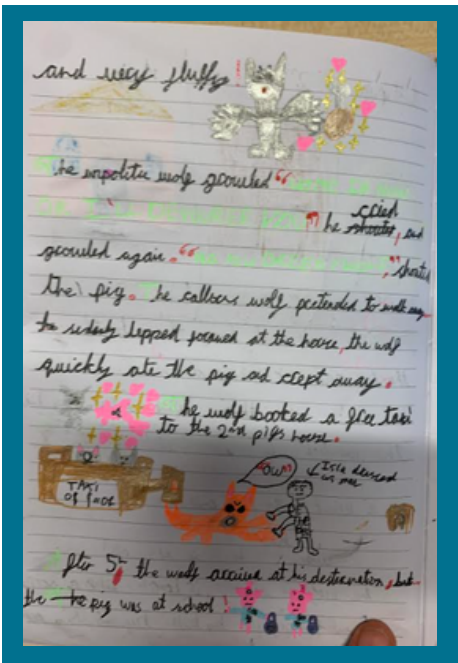
**In gymnastics, children have carried on working on a variety of movement. In fitness, we have been practising our skipping. Despite the cold weather, we have had so much fun develop this skill!**



# YEAR 3

What a fantastic two weeks we have had in Year 3. Children are endeavouring and aspiring in all areas of the curriculum. Teachers are so proud of the Year 3 team!

We have just finished our first piece of independent writing based on The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. Children came up with the most imaginative stories and managed to consolidate some fantastic sentence structures, including subordinate clauses at the beginning of sentences. Some children loved their stories so much, that they even wrote some extra parts at home. Have a look at a story Aya wrote at home and Olivia's beautiful golden writing book.



## Maths

Children have been focussing on multiplying by 10 and 100. It is so important that children have a secure understanding of number and place value so they can build on this as they progress up the school. We are so proud of some of Times Tables Rock Star champions in Year 3. Big shout out to Carter Beale, who has practised his times tables every day this month!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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# YEAR 3 Continued...

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In Art, we have been mastering the technique of creating pale and vibrant hues with watercolour. We have also looked at how colour combinations evoke emotion. This is in preparation for our final piece, which will be inspired by Wassily Kandinsky's Concentric Circles.

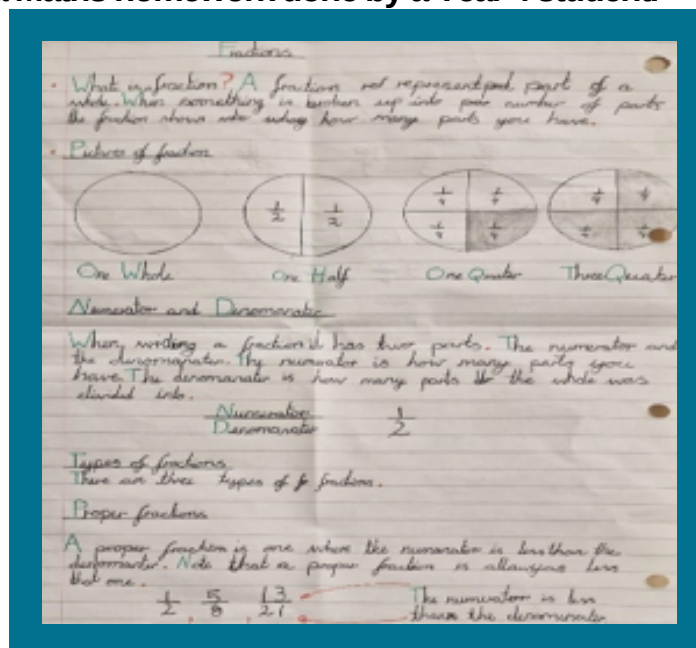


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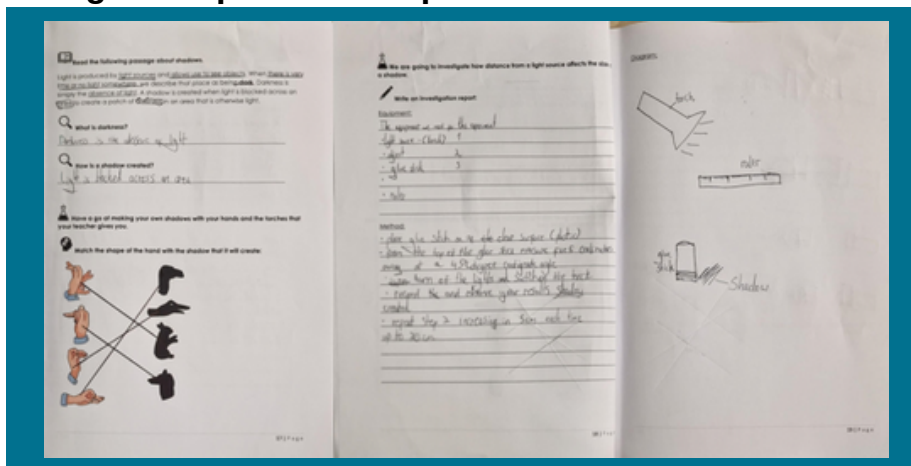
# YEAR 4

Year 4 have had an amazing Spring 1 term so far. Andie, Alex and Becky have been so proud with all the hard work and thinking done this week.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We are moving to learning improper fractions and mixed numbers. All the children's hard work in previous years is paying off and this topic has been such a blast to teach! Take a look at the extra Maths homework done by a Year 4 student.



In Science, we have been learning about what is light, how light is made and the effect light has on objects. This week we learnt about shadows, we made our own hand puppets to test out the shadows shapes. We even have written an investigation report on the experiment we did with shadows.



Looking ahead to next week, all the children and staff are looking forward to the Lab in a Lorry experience coming to year 4 at Reach. We are excited to share this opportunity with the children.

# YEAR 5

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Year 5 have had an exciting couple of weeks! We have been lucky enough to go on two fantastic trips.

On Thursday 19th January, we went to the London Museum of Water and Steam. This trip was to support our learning of our history unit this term, 'The industrial revolution', and also one of our science topics from Autumn term, 'Separating materials'. We took part in two workshops. One was all about how to make sustainable steam and the other was on how to filter water. Year 5 were amazing and showed off lots of their science and history knowledge and loved exploring the huge steam engines housed at the museum.



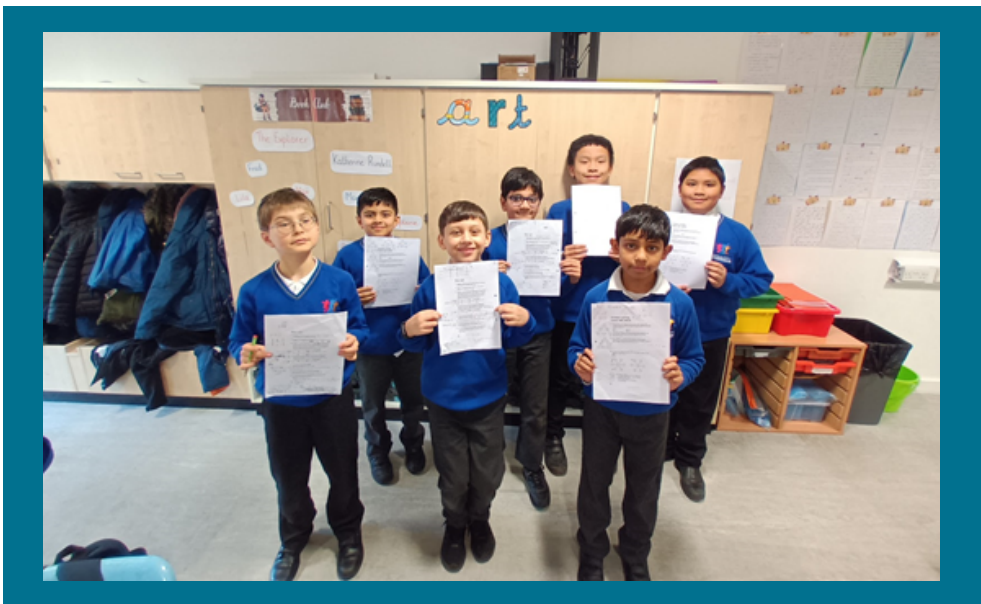
On Monday 23rd January, we went to the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena. The Young Voices concert is the largest children's choir concert in the world! Year 5 have been working so hard on learning all the songs in their music lessons and it was wonderful to see them have the chance to perform them.

# PHASE 2 ENRICHMENT

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Reach Academy offers a fantastic Enrichment Programme which gives students the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of projects, sports, creative and performing arts as well as academic classes. These activities are run by our own staff to ensure a high quality offer for students. All Phase 2 students must take part in an activity, to enrich their experience and enjoyment of learning as well as develop new skills, interests and friendships. Currently this term we are offering a broad range of activities ranging from football and netball to cultural awareness and art history. Other notable activities this term include comic strip making, yoga and maths problem solving.

Below are some photographs from the maths problem solving enrichment sessions we have been running this term:



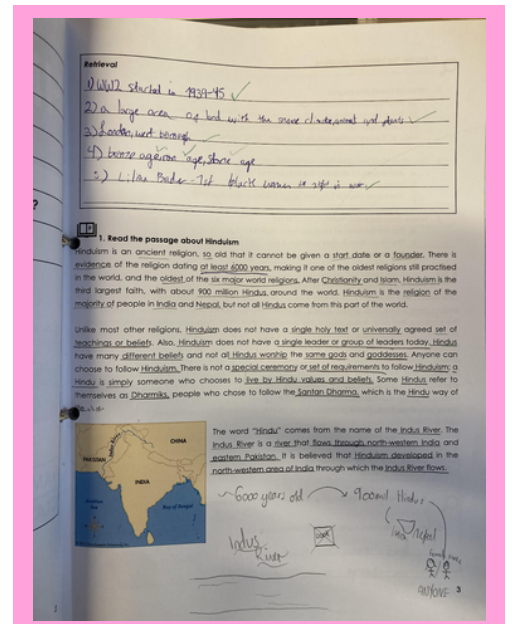




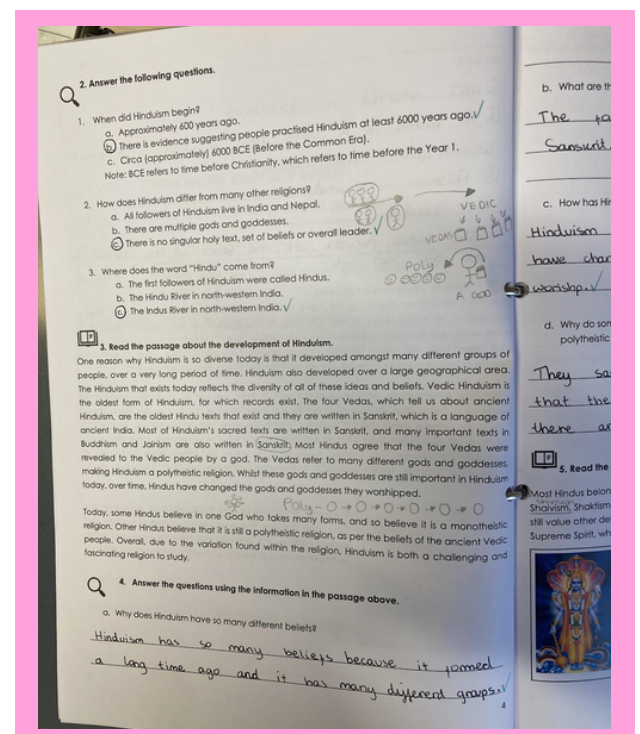
# YEAR 6

This term in Religious Studies we are studying Hinduism. So far we have learned about where Hinduism began, why Hinduism is such a diverse religion and we have learned about the four Vedas. In Religious Studies lessons, we are revisiting the knowledge that our pupils acquired in Judaism (Y2), Christianity (Y3), Islam (Y4) and Buddhism (Y5). Revisiting prior knowledge enables the students to compare and contrast the beliefs, practices and and features of different religions. It has also been amazing to hear so many personal reflections and insights from our Hindu pupils in Year 6.

Here, Mia in 6 Tyne has used small diagrams to help summarise the key information from the lesson.

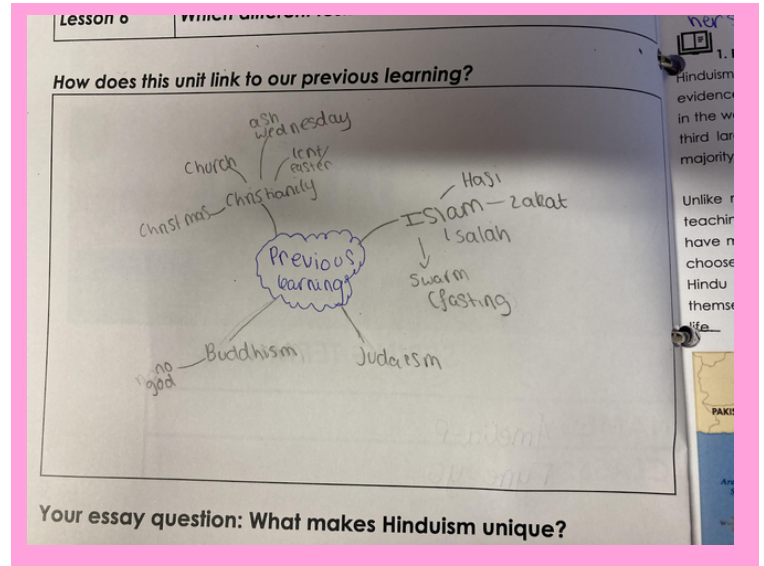


Klaudia in 6 Don has drawn a beautiful diagram to show the difference between polytheism and atheism.

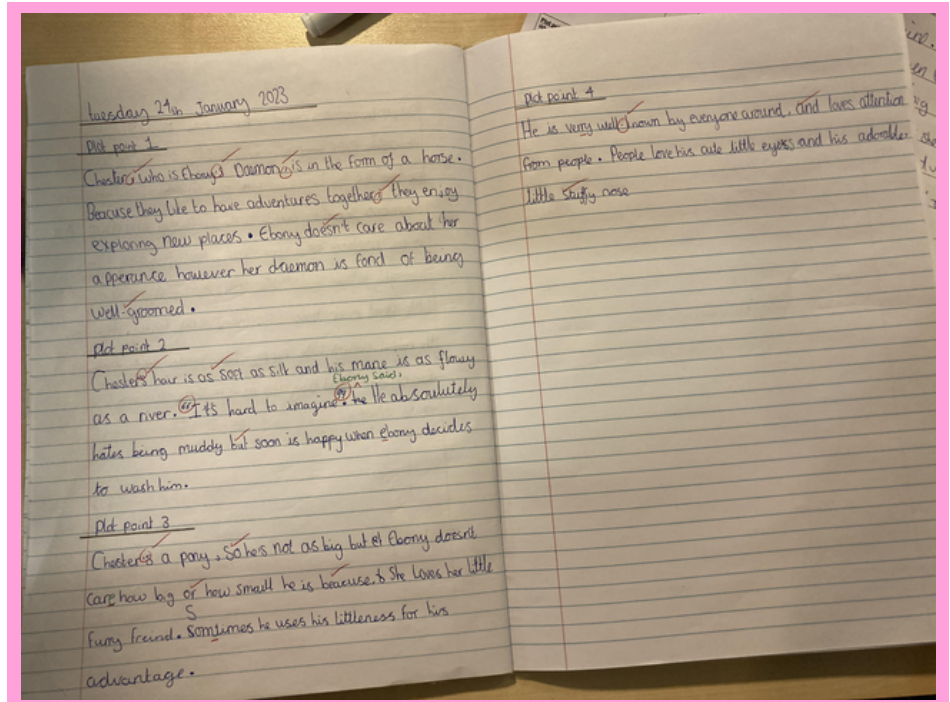


# YEAR 6

Amelia in 6 Tyne has used a mind map to connect her prior learning in Religious Studies to her new learning.



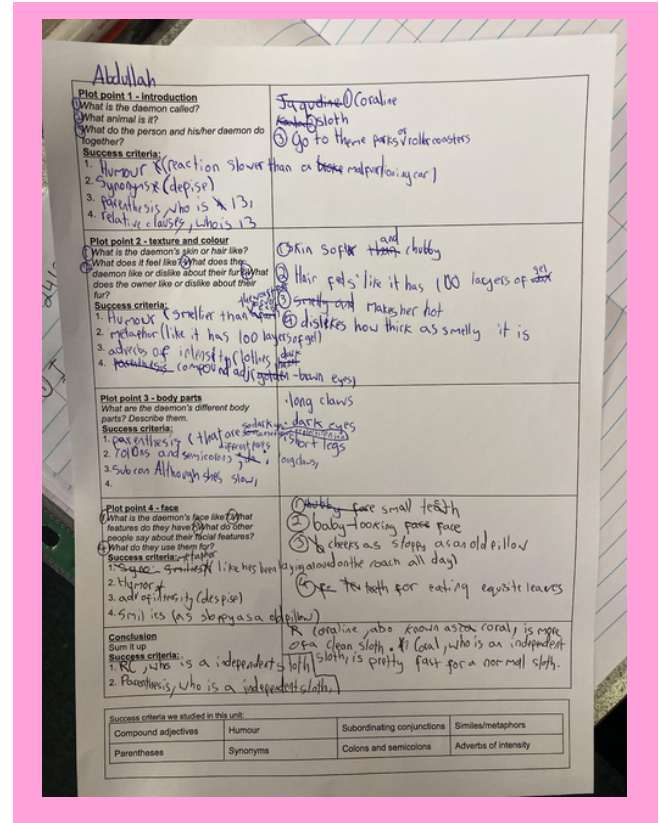
In our most-recent writing unit, pupils have been writing about their imaginary daemons, based on our class text, Northern Lights. Ebony's daemon, Chester, is a pony.





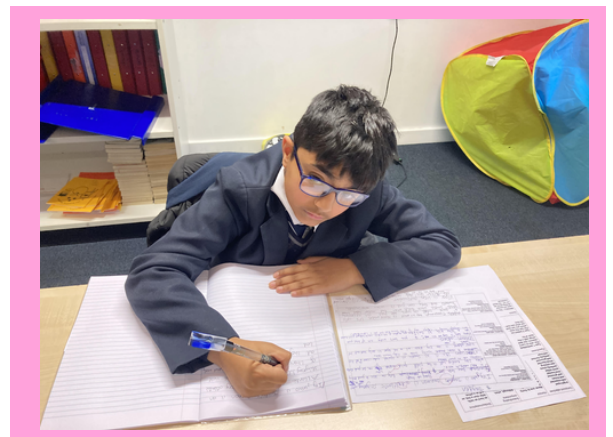
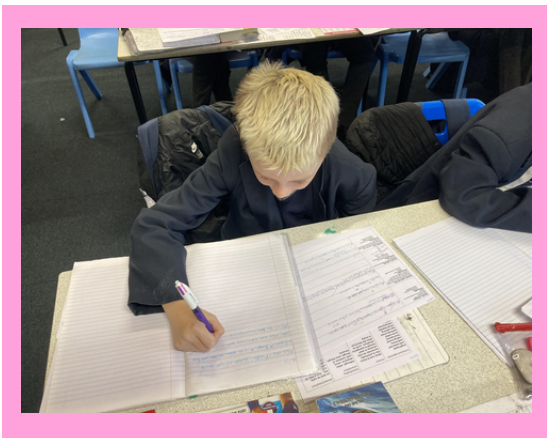
# YEAR 6

Abdullah has produced an excellent plan for his daemon, Coraline.



Preston has been using his plan really effectively to write his daemon description.

Jayden has been ensuring that he's using his green pen to edit and improve his work.





# YEAR 7

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Year 7 have shown exceptional endeavour and joy in the last couple of weeks (read the shout outs and see the photos below). A massive shout out to Team Thames who were 100% attendance winners last week and will be rewarded with breakfast this week!

During History lessons in the last two weeks, Year 7 have studied the impact of the Industrial Revolution on life in Britain. They discussed the positive and negative consequences in a mini essay.

During French and Spanish lessons, Year 7 have learnt to describe their school and give their opinion about their school uniform. Using their 100% texts, they have worked hard to memorise impressive language to be able to give detailed answers to the questions 'Do you like your school?' and 'Describe your uniform?' - They have also revised the grammatical concept of adjective agreements.

## Notices:

The Reach Reading Challenge launched this week. This is a competition from Years 7-10. If you are in Year 7, you have 4 years to complete the challenge! There are the 40 books (see below) that we have identified as books that you should read before you are 16. Some are easier and some are more challenging. There are a range of genres, time periods and writers mentioned. We believe that if you read as many of these as you can:

Your reading skill will improve

You enjoyment of reading will grow

You will find new books that are interesting for you

You will do better in English, and all your other subjects

## Key dates:

Y7 Netball vs Lampton: Tuesday 31/01/23

Y7 Netball vs Heathlands: Tuesday 02/02/23

Half Term: Monday 13/02/23 - Friday 17/02/23

INSET Day: Tuesday 20/02/23

IOW Residential: 17/04/23 - 20/04/23

## 7 Thames Shout Outs:

Brandon - Endeavour - he is always going one step ahead!

Andra - Show courage - trying something new by joining netball.

Tyler - Have Fun - for spreading so much joy with his positive attitude.

Austas - Reflect - for being nominated by the team as kindness hero of the week!

Daisy - Endeavour - for working hard to make sure our form room is a tidy, organised space for all students.

## 7 Leam Shout Outs:

David & Yara - Endeavour - for organising the class shelves and making sure the class is tidy.

Bikal - Show Courage - taking over the HOR board, organising it and updating it every lesson. Thank you for volunteering to complete this task.

Jayden - Aspire - getting on with his English reading and demonstrating great interest in the novel 'Of Mice and Men'.

Stanley - Reflect - always ready to help anyone in need and putting yourself forward to help during lunch time.

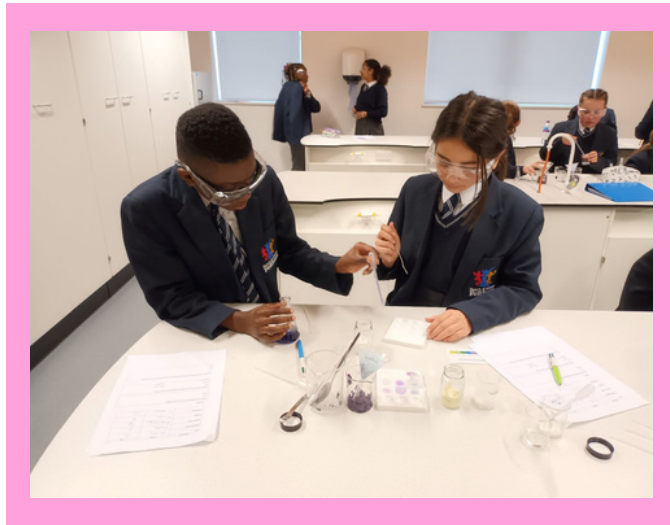
Riley - Reflect - always ready to help during lunch time and setting up so that all can have their lunch on time.

Maisey - Have Fun - for being a fun person to be around, always laughing and encouraging her peers. #letsgo!

# YEAR 7

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## Enrichment

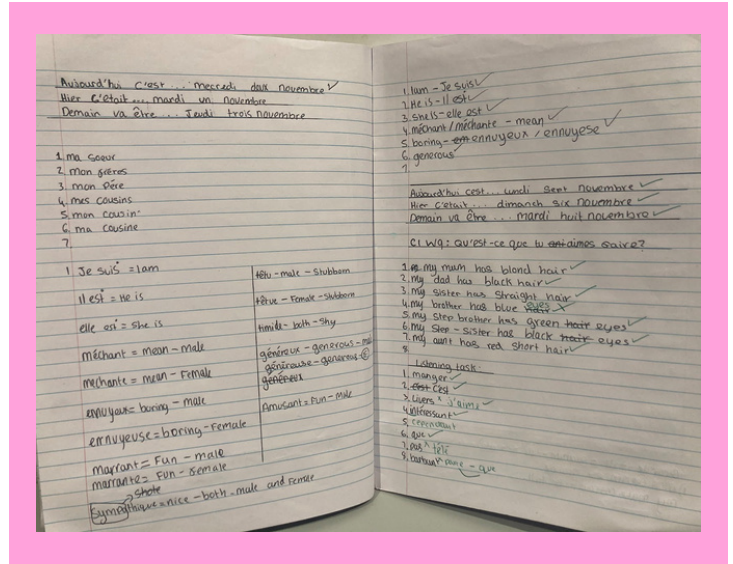
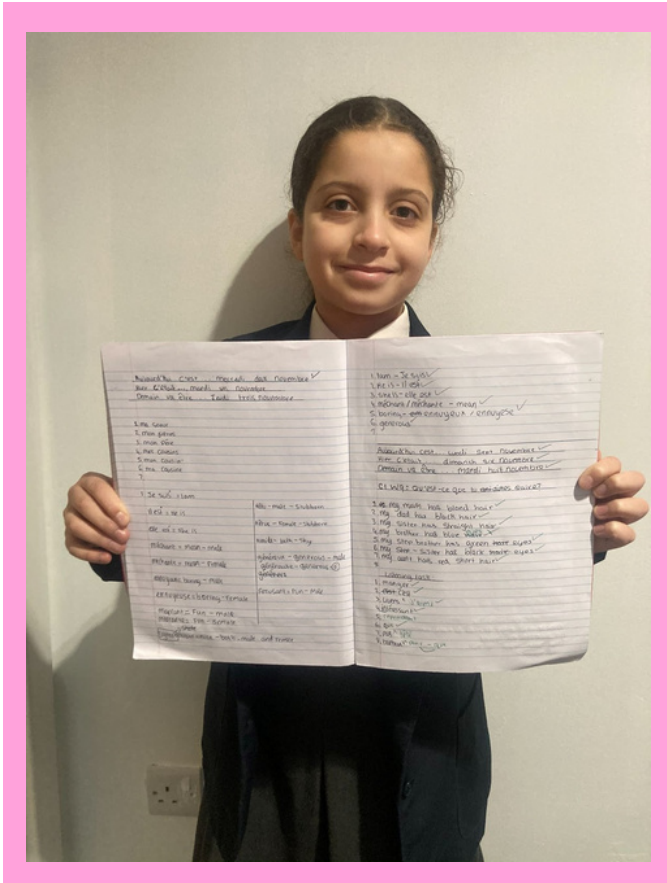


## Bertha Earth



# YEAR 7

## Excellent Endeavour by Gabi





# YEAR 8

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Another great two weeks for Y8, who are showing lots of enthusiasm and endeavour in lessons. Thank you for attending Parents' Evening - it was great to see so many of you. All the teachers had so many positive things to say, that we were all running late! We would never have enough time to tell you just how awesome and hardworking our students are. I spoke to many of you about the residential trip - thank you for all your questions. I will put together a short document with answers to your questions and some additional information and share this with you and the students before the half term. Please email me if you have any questions about the trip, activities, payment etc.

## Our first Boys' Football match!

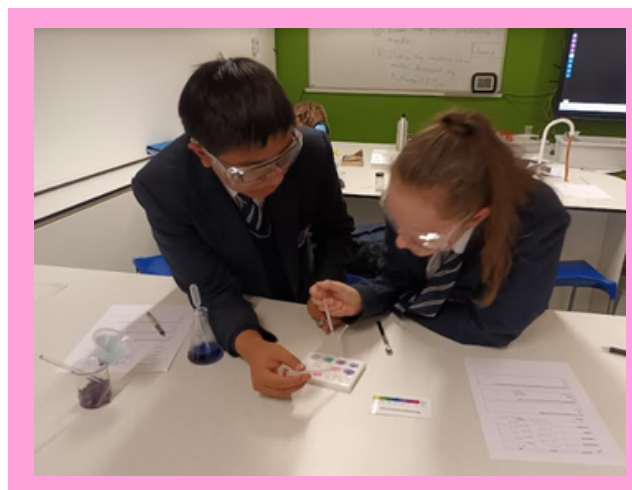
The Year 8 boys had their first game of the season against Rivers Academy Feltham and it was a great performance from both teams. The result is not what we wanted due to us losing to the last kick of the game which ended Rivers Academy 2-1 Reach Academy.

The boys were nervous before the game but once the whistle was blown the nervousness instantly turned into confidence which was clearly shown on the pitch in terms of passing the ball to each other and working together as a team on and off the ball. All in all the boys should really be proud of their performance. They made themselves and the school proud.

Half Term: Monday 13/02/23 - Friday 17/02/23

INSET Day: Tuesday 20/02/23

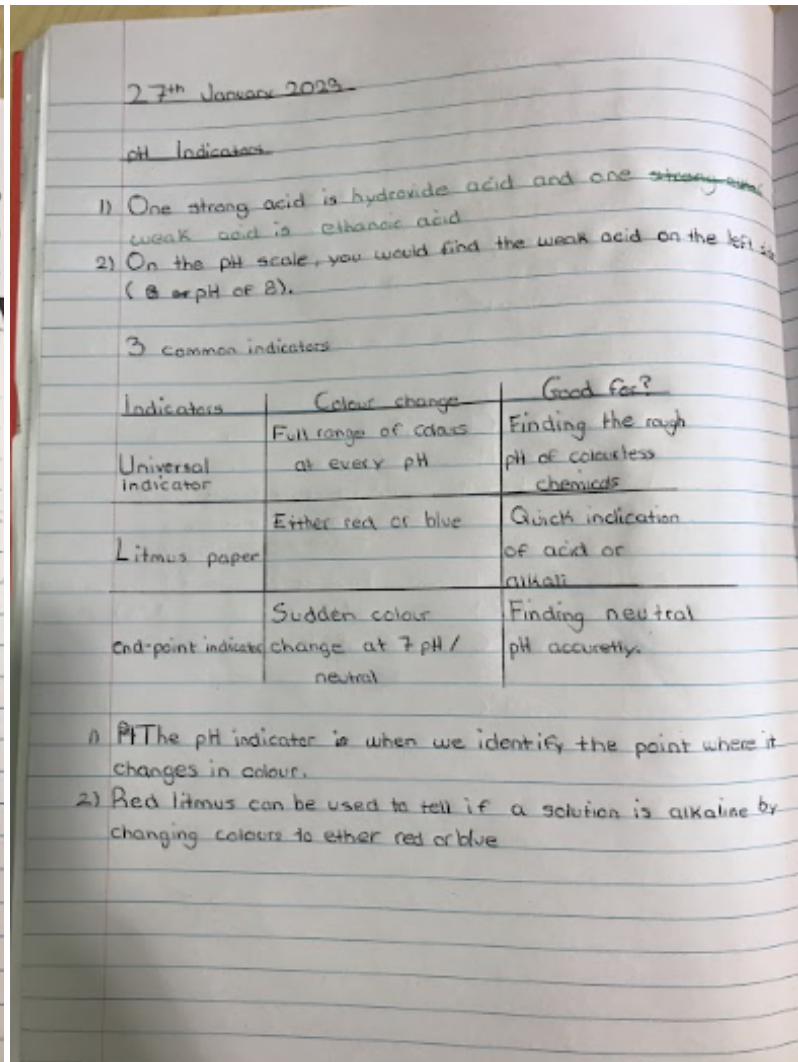
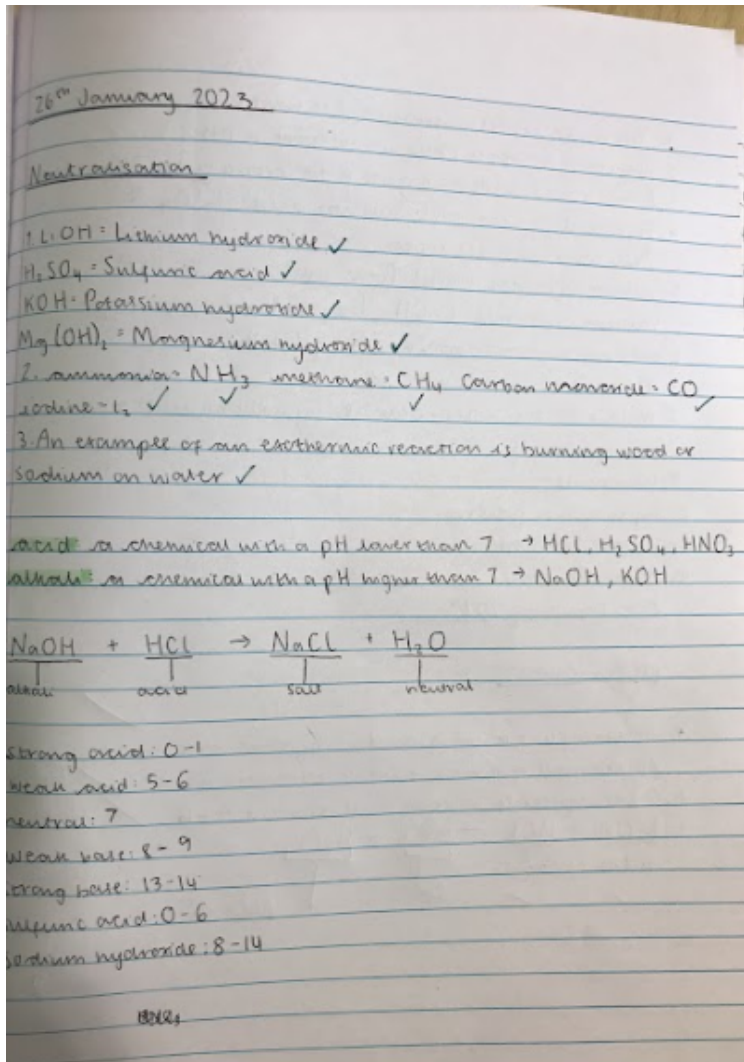
IOW Residential: 23/04/23 - 26/04/23





# YEAR 9

In Science this week, we are looking into what makes a substance an acid or an alkali. Students are investigating neutralisation reactions and learning about types of chemical indicators that will signify whether a solution is an acid, base or neutral.



# YEAR 10

We are excited to invite you to a parents vs students Sports event on Wednesday 8th Feb.

This will be a lovely chance to have a chat to the Y10 tutor team, and for us to welcome you into school again. We had a fantastic time at the Y10 Get to Know You Dinner, and are looking forward to seeing you all again.

We will be playing Dodgeball and Table Tennis, and are excited to see who comes out as champions!

This event will take place in the Sports hall from 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

We were also excited to have our Y10s receive their Health and Fitness assessment results this week. Some more information below to help you in understanding your child's grade:

Old GCSE grading structure	New GCSE grading structure	V Cert grading structure	
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
B	7		M 5.5
C	6		P 4
D	5	Level 1	D* 3
E	4		D 2
F	3		M 1.5
G	2		P 1
U	1	NYA (Not Yet Achieved)	
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You can only get a level 2 distinction\* when you have completed both parts of the course

## Headlines:

- 28/59 of Y10 got a Level 2 Pass and above- 48% of the year group passed with these grades
- 12/59 got a Level 1 Distinction - 20% of Y10 were 1 level off of passing with a level 2 pass
- 8 people attained the highest level of a level 2 distinction - congratulations!


The exam is worth 40% of their final grade, so a massive focus and push towards their synoptic project now which is worth 60%

- If your child got a level 2 pass, merit or distinction they need to focus on making their synoptic project as good as it can be
- If your child got a level 1 pass, merit or distinction they may be invited to resit the exam on Wednesday 8th March
- If your child is asked to resit they will attend masterclasses on Mon 30th Jan, 6th Feb, 20th Feb, 27th Feb and 6th March with Sam or Andy.

# YEAR 11

Year 11 have continued to show their dedication and positivity towards their studies. They have mainly been focusing on feedback from their mocks before Christmas, to identify the areas that they need to work on. Masterclasses have started again to help students work on these areas, and we continue to encourage all students to stay for independent study so they can work with the support of their teachers.

We have also published the upcoming mock timetable for their next assessments, which will be just before and after half-term. The timetable is published below, and students have been sent an electronic version. We are encouraging them to start planning their revision around this timetable, and ensuring that they are making the most of the revision tips that are being shared in form time every week.

FEBRUARY/MARCH		GCSE MOCK TIMETABLE 2023				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 PM: Further Maths 1	2 PM: Dual Spanish Reading	3	4	5
6 AM: English Literature 1 PM: History Paper 1	7 AM: Maths Paper 1 PM: English Language 1	8 AM: Geography Paper 1 Religious Studies 1 PM: Biology Paper 1	9 AM: Maths Paper 2 PM: Chemistry Paper 1	10 AM: Spanish Reading & Writing French Reading & Writing PM: English Language 2	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>HALF TERM HALF TERM HALF TERM HALF TERM HALF TERM HALF TERM</b>						
20 INSET DAY	22 AM: Maths Paper 3 PM: Physics Paper 1	21 AM: History Paper 2 PM: Geography Paper 2 Religious Studies 2	23 AM: Biology Paper 2 PM: Chemistry Paper 2	24 AM: English Literature 2 PM: Physics Paper 2	25	26
27 AM: French Listening PM: Further Maths 2	28	1	2 AM: Spanish Listening PM: Dual Spanish Writing	3		

# SIXTH FORM

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It has been a busy few weeks in Sixth Form with Year 12 recently completing their AP2 exams and the Business Studies students completing two external exams as well. Year 13 are working industriously as they prepare for their mock exams which will start in the week before half term.

A number of exciting opportunities are lined up over the next few weeks for our pupils. This week we will be hosting Professor Justin Fisher from Brunel University who will deliver a lecture for pupils on Electoral Integrity. We are also very excited to be hosting a series of finance workshops for pupils provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation on a range of topics including budgeting, credit cards, student finance, and cryptocurrencies.

Excitingly the Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh participants were briefed this week on their upcoming expeditions. At the end of March, the pupils will be taking part in their much-anticipated expedition to the New Forest. Later during the summer, they will be spending three days camping and hiking in Wales. We look forward to reporting back on their adventures!





# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

**Would you like to have a direct impact on Reach Academy's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion School Policy?**

The school have set up a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group who have been listening to parents and students about their experiences of race.

This listening has informed the first draft of the school's policy.

**Help us review our school's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy in a neutral listening space.**

**Come along to our meeting, we would love to hear from you regarding themes such as:**

**Race**  
**LGBTQ+**  
**Disability**  
**Neuro-diversity**  
**Gender**

**When:** Friday 10th February, 9.30 - 11.00am

**Where:** The Hub Room, Feltham Library, The Centre, TW13 4GU

**Who:** All Reach parents are welcome

Let us know you are coming by e-mailing: [katherine.richards-bryant@reachfoundation.org.uk](mailto:katherine.richards-bryant@reachfoundation.org.uk)



**Katherine, Lily and Tara look forward to meeting you soon!**

# FELTHAM CONVENING PROJECT



#### Agenda:

- Breakfast and Networking
- Presentation: Why Feltham?
- Panel Discussion: The benefits of offering work experience to young people
- Spotlight: Career Ready - the Power of Paid Internships
- Spotlight: Royal Holloway - the importance of place-based outreach
- Presentation: What good-quality employer engagement looks like
- Q&A



Monday 20th February,  
8am - 11am

@ **REACH ACADEMY FELTHAM**

53-55 High St, Feltham TW13 4AB

The closest car park is Leisure West, or alternatively it is a 10 minute walk away from Feltham train station.



Scan the QR code and complete the Google Form to express your interest in attending  
Email Lily on [lily.bough@reachfoundation.org.uk](mailto:lily.bough@reachfoundation.org.uk) if you have any questions



# REACH CHILDREN'S HUB WORKSHOPS



**REACH  
CHILDREN'S  
HUB**

**SCAN ME**



**Supporting your child's  
happy eating**

Thursday 19th January

9:30-11:00

**or**

1:30-3:00

Both @ Hub room  
next to the library

**Supporting your child's  
speech and language**

Thursday 2nd February

9:30-11:00 @ Hub room

next to Feltham Library

**or**

1:30-3:00 @ Reach

Academy drama studio

Contact Jennie to book a place or scan the QR code:  
[jennie.tweedy@reachfoundation.org.uk](mailto:jennie.tweedy@reachfoundation.org.uk)

# STAINES RFC U15'S

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The poster features a dark blue background with a large red oval in the center. At the top, there are two red swan logos with the text 'STAINES RUGBY 1926' on either side. A red banner across the top contains the text 'Staines RFC U15's'. The central red oval contains the text 'NOW RECRUITING CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 10'S' in white. Below this, there are several lines of text in white on a dark blue background, followed by a photograph of a rugby team in red and black kit. At the bottom, there is contact information and the club's location.

**Staines RFC U15's**

**NOW RECRUITING CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 10'S**

We are looking for new and experienced players to join our expanding team!  
So if you want to try something new!  
Meet new friends!  
Come and join us!

Training Tues and Thursday 6.15-7.30 PM

For information please contact Pat 07852233186 or Dave 07398012286  
Club based in Snakey Lane, Feltham



# SKILLZ4LIFE



## **FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS CAMP**

**WHERE:** HOUNSLOW TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL ROAD, HOUNSLOW TW3 1QZ

**WHEN:** 13<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> February (Monday to Friday)

**TIME:** 9.00am – 3.00pm

**NEW OFFER FROM THIS HALF TERM!!!!  
EARLY DROP OFF AT 8:30AM & LATE PICK UP AT 4:00PM**

**COST:** ALL 5 DAYS £80 OR SINGLE DAY £18

Early drop off additional £2.50 per day \*pre booking required  
Late pick up additional £5 per day \*pre booking required

Skillz4Life Sports Coaching is running multi sports camp comprising of highly professional coaching sessions for **ALL CHILDREN** during the **February half term** in which boys and girls of all abilities from **4yrs – 11yrs old (Reception to Year 6)** are welcome.

We have a great team of experienced, fully qualified and DBS checked coaches who can provide fun, knowledgeable sessions aimed at teaching range of skills from variety of sports.

Children will have an opportunity to practice games and techniques, as well as participate in matches and fun activities every day.

All children who attend the final day of the camp receive a personal achievement certificate, daily certificates are awarded for most improved and player of the day. **VALENTINES DISCO ON FRIDAY AFTRNOON!!! PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SOMETHING RED!!!**

All you will need to do is provide a packed lunch each day for your child. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SECURE A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD AT THE MULTI SPORTS CAMP, PLEASE TEXT US ON 07402550606**

**PLACES ARE VERY LIMITED TO ADHERE STAFF-PUPIL RATIO SO PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

**NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY.**



[www.skillz4life-sportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.skillz4life-sportscoaching.co.uk)



# NYC

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**NYC**  
NETBALL YOUTH CAMP

**Wednesday 15th February 2023**  
**Alec Reed Academy, Bengarth Rd, Northolt UB5 5LQ**  
**Ages 9-11 Years Old**  
**10am - 3pm**

To book a place or for more information please contact  
[Izzy.Murphy@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:Izzy.Murphy@englandnetball.co.uk)

# ENERGYKIDZ



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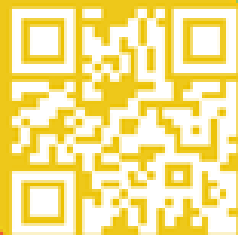
## FUNtastic February

Save 10% off your booking!



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## Amazing Club Experiences!

Energy Kidz are bringing an explosion of play and activity this February half term! Our holiday clubs are the perfect solution to ensure your child enjoys an unforgettable school holiday like no other, as we invite your child to us on a jam-packed holiday. Our whole of child philosophy powers our programme with an amazing mix of skills for sports, energising activities to get children moving, creative sessions that encourage children to express themselves and much more - ensure your child doesn't miss a moment by securing their place today.

- ✓ Ages 4-11 years
- ✓ Venues across the U.K
- ✓ Keep active & improve wellbeing
- ✓ Release Creativity
- ✓ Make memories to last a lifetime
- ✓ Explore a variety of child interests

Book now at [energy-kidz.co.uk](https://energy-kidz.co.uk)



# ENERGYKIDZ

## What to expect

Our engaging, fun-tastic week of activity will include an extra splash of positivity and an added focus on wellbeing with our kindness and connections theme! Children will enjoy random acts of kindness, exploring the benefits of wellbeing, connecting with each other through dance and activity and much more! There is no limit on the amount of fun that's going to be had this February half term!

- ★ The kid's favourite WOW activities - Mission Possible, Target Archery, Ultimate Frisbee and much more!
- ★ Themed Activities - Random Acts of Kindness, Exploring the Benefits of Health & Wellbeing with active sessions and Celebrating Diverse Cultures through messy Arts & Crafts!
- ★ Pulse-raising Activities - discover high energy multi-sport sessions from connecting with friends through dance and music or engaging in team sports and games including football, basketball & obstacle courses!

### Our Activity Categories:



Creative Kidz



Discovery Kidz



Wellness Kidz



Energetic Kidz



Practical Kidz



Sporty Kidz



There's something for every child this Funtastic February!



## Book Now!

Ensure your child doesn't miss a moment by securing their spot today!



Scan here for more information & our limited time 10% Early Bird savings...

- ✓ Childcare voucher accepted
- ✓ Tax free childcare
- ✓ Weekly booking discounts available
- ✓ Flexible payment options

\*ages and activities vary per venue



# TALKING TEENS WORKSHOPS

## How the Talking Teens Parent Group has helped other parents

"I realised that you're really needed as a parent even if your teenager behaves otherwise"

"I'm doing a better job than I thought I was"

"I like the time for discussion during the sessions"

"It has been really interesting and informative, both leaders great and lovely approach, felt very relaxed"



check out [familylinks.org.uk/Parents](https://familylinks.org.uk/Parents)

## The Nurturing Programme Talking Teens Parent Group

**Where:**  
Belvedere House Resource Centre  
Lemon Grove  
TW134DH

**When:**  
Start date to be confirmed will be on a Wednesday afternoon after the February half term

**Contact details:**  
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[jennie.tweedy@reachfoundation.org.uk](mailto:jennie.tweedy@reachfoundation.org.uk)  
Kay  
[Kay.stone@reachacademy.org.uk](mailto:Kay.stone@reachacademy.org.uk)



[familylinks.org.uk](https://familylinks.org.uk)  
Charity no. 1062514



## Talking Teens Parent Group

Information for parents and carers



# TALKING TEENS WORKSHOPS CONTINUED...

## What is Talking Teens?

Teenagers are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but being a parent of one can be stressful and challenging.

The Talking Teens Parent Group helps deal with those challenges so you can have a calmer, happier family life.

A tried and tested Programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel and looks at questions that many parents have, like:

How can I stop my child always getting the last word?

Why do they always sleep in so late?

Can I do anything to help them argue less?

What's normal?

Why don't they want to tell me how they're feeling?

Inside every  
teenager  
is a child and  
an adult

## The Four Sessions

- 1: Being a parent of a teenager;  
The role of parents for teenagers;  
Responding to difficult feelings
- 2: Understanding your teenager;  
Understanding teenage development;  
Parenting styles; Praise and criticism
- 3: Communicating with your teenager;  
Talking and listening; Communicating clearly;  
Handling difficult issues
- 4: Managing conflict;  
Rules and boundaries;  
Choosing how to respond;  
Problem solving

## Practical information

There are four 2-hour sessions over four weeks

10-20 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with another relative or friend

You'll get the most out of the Programme if you come to all four sessions.

It's not  
what you  
say; it's  
what they  
hear

# DADDY DAY CARE

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## Daddy Day Care

A place for Dads, Babies & Toddlers  
to Chat & Play. Free for Feltham Fathers.

Email: [rebecca.leuw@reachfoundation.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.leuw@reachfoundation.org.uk)



# **E-SCOOTER MESSAGE FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS**

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In the run up to the holidays, please can families be reminded that electric scooters remain illegal to ride in public spaces (on roads and pavements) despite being available to purchase in many well-known retailers. They are still an unregulated vehicle so should not be used for the journey to school or be ridden with children in tow. For this reason, we also ask that parents and guardians are warned against purchasing electric scooters over the Christmas period as they run the risk of being fined and the vehicle being seized by the police. The only legal e-scooters in London are available to hire as part of Transport for London's trial in participating boroughs, operated by Dott, Lime and Tier as these adhere to stringent safety requirements.

Zahra Ali | Transport Projects Officer | Transport Planning & Road Safety

# **HOT SHOWERS**

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We have become aware of an initiative in Essex promoting access to free use of hot showers at leisure centres for people unable to avoid their energy bills due to the cost of living crisis. Hygiene poverty is an issue being exacerbated by the cost of living crisis and leads to shame, humiliation and social isolation. If any schools where there are shower facilities want to provide access to pupils who might not be able to shower at home, we would be able to promote this alongside the [Warm Spaces](#) and other support available to residents this winter. If you are thinking about putting an initiative in place please contact [romilly.mavin@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:romilly.mavin@hounslow.gov.uk).

Romilly Mavin - Policy and Partnership Officer | Community Solutions



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