

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



THIS WEEK

NATURE HUB

Reception have been outside exploring the Nature Hub. We discussed some of the features of Autumn - less leaves on the trees and more on the ground, leaves turning more yellow and brown and becoming crunchy under our feet!





THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Year 5 have been inspired by the novel 'The Wind in the Willows' and this week we have been outside, researching ideas for our own writing. We walked up to the woods to experience what it would have been like for Rat and Mole when they ventured into the 'Wild Woods'. We used our senses to gather ideas of what the characters might see, hear, smell and feel. Then we generated effective descriptive phrases (including figurative language) which we will use in our writing next week.

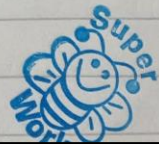




ghostly glow from the pallid moon
 huge canopy
 beckoning fingers of mist
 bush shivered

ghostly glow from pallid moon, the silence was pierced
 by a screech, eerie greenish gloom trapped in its thorny
 grasp

~~like ghostly stooped figures, blanket of leaves~~
 dark tangled, maze, spidery branches
 like the gnarled fingers of a witch



I could see :

- birds
- trees
- leaves
- holly
- nettles
- sticks
- roots
- ivy
- thorns

trapped in his thorny grasp
 icy fingers of snow
 blanket of dead leaves
 silent secret paths
 cloak of fog
 spidery knot of trees
 skeleton-like branches
 carpet of decay
 eerie crunch of leaves
 tangled overgrowth
 twisted to form dark overhead
 tunnels
 falling scarlet leaves
 trailing branches
 impenetrable nettles
 huge trunks
 mysterious mist
 finger-like twigs
 uncharted woods

GO WITH THE FLOW

This half term, the topic in Year 5 is 'Go with the Flow' and Year 5 have been finding out more about rivers. Having already learnt about the different features of a river, we went outdoors to make our own 'rivers'. In our investigation, we discovered that the water was strong enough to move the sand, cutting away at the 'banks' of the river we had made. We found out that when the water breaks away the material and carries it down the river, it is the process of erosion and when the water no longer had the energy, it drops the particles and this is known as deposition. These photos show our evidence of erosion and deposition.



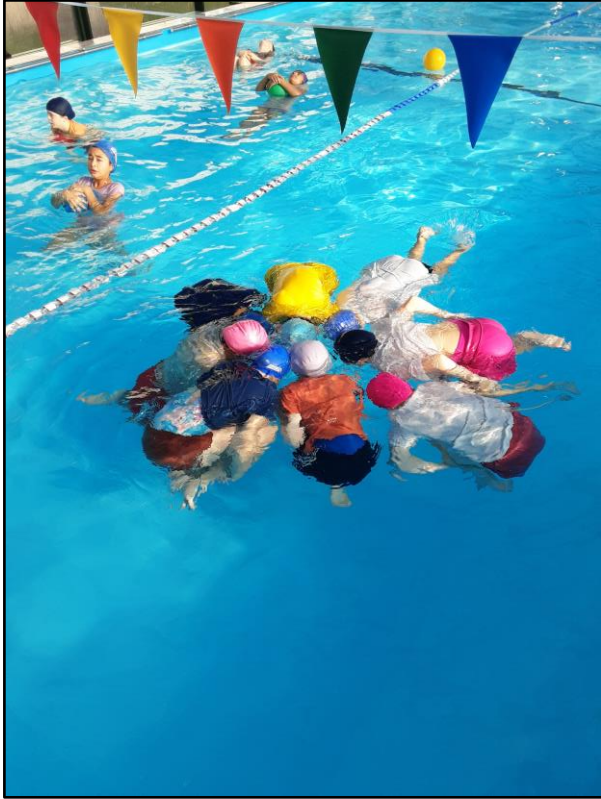
ANTI BULLYING WEEK

At Wray Common, during their weekly 'Chew it Over Tuesday' session, the children engaged in discussions about Anti-Bullying and the national initiative 'Choose Respect'. They were encouraged to convey their interpretations of respect and kindness through artistic expression, in addition to wearing mismatched socks.



SWIMMING

This week, Miss Alice taught the Year 2 and Year 6 children some really important life-saving skills. To make it more realistic, the children wore t-shirts and shorts over their swimsuits, pretending what the environment may be like during an accident. They learned how to float on their backs if they fell into the water and experienced swimming without goggles.



NEW SWIMMING BLOCK INFORMATION

Years 3 and 5 will be swimming in the next block starting 4th December.

Year 3 will swim on a Wednesday, with 3S swimming first (9:15-10:30am) followed by 3F second (10:30-11:45am).

Year 5 will swim on a Friday with 5J swimming first (9:15-10:15am) and 5E swimming second (10:15-11:15am).

Teachers have sign up sheets for volunteer helpers - if you hold a valid Wray Common DBS, have attended the Safeguarding training and are able to help, please let the teacher know, or via the school office.

Thank you to those who have paid for swimming so far this academic year. If you are yet to contribute and are able to do so, please pay via Scopay.

WE NEED YOU!

As you are aware, we are competing in the Rethink Waste competition which ends tomorrow. Overnight, we dropped to 3rd place and we have been able to jump back to second, however we would love to get 1st place if possible! There are new activities to complete today which only take a few minutes, then your points can be donated to the school.

If you are yet to sign up, it isn't too late! Please visit www.rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools for full details. The higher up the leader board Wray Common finishes, the higher percentage of money we will receive which will enhance our learning and eco projects.

Thank you in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday - Wednesday - Elfridges Sale (Friends)

Monday - 4Br Class assembly

Monday - Y5/6 Girls Football at St Matthew's

Tuesday - 2T Class assembly

Friday - Non Uniform Day for sweet jars (Friends)

Friday - Girls and Boys Football v Lime Tree



If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help you source information about support through the right agencies, and make referrals ourselves to local support groups. Here are some of the things we have supported families with recently:

- School uniform, school bags, P.E. trainers and school shoes
- Pre-loved clothes for children
- Foodbank referrals
- Housing applications and letters of support
- Seasonal gifts for children

If you have any questions or would like to talk about how we can help, please contact Miss Kober on 01737 761254 or email familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE - 11TH DECEMBER

We would like to warmly invite you to join us for this festive celebration at school. It is a lovely occasion which gets us in the festive mood. The Choir will be performing some festive songs and carols and there will be some small group and solo performances, as well as some readings. If your child is in the choir, please can you help them make a tinsel crown or sash or wrist bands for the performance. The performance will start at 3:30pm and finish at 4:20pm. The Wray Common Friends will be selling hot chocolate, tea, Coffee and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you for some festive carol singing.



FOOTBALL BOOTS DONATIONS

Miss Alice would love you to donate good quality football boots/Astro turf boots to stop them ending up in landfill. If you have any used football Boots/astros which you no longer require, please donate these in the recycling box located in the bike shed. To request a pair of used boots, please email the school office for the attention of Miss Alice.

POPPY APPEAL

A huge 'thank you' to all those who donated towards the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised a total of £227.50!

HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Ronnie	For segmenting brilliantly to write cvc words independently.
1B	Nicholas	For using challenging vocabulary to retell Mr Bears sleepless night from our 'Peace at Last' book.
2T	Harry	For his effort and independence when writing a letter from a dragon to his friend.
2P	Willow	For her excellent use of expanded noun phrases in her dragon letter.
3S	Poppy	For using lots of skills from our writing toolkit when describing Pompeii before the eruption.
3F	Nicholas	For his excellent joined handwriting when describing what Pompeii was like before the eruption.
4BR	Leila	For super use of descriptive language in her suspense writing this week.
4BE	Jayden	For excellent use of descriptive language when setting the scene for the reader in his suspense writing.
5E	Isla	For her effective use of 'show-not tell' to bring her characters alive in her descriptive writing.
5J	Safa	For writing a brilliant descriptive paragraph using show not tell and relative clauses.
6C	Will	For using a wide range of vocabulary in his German in the Woods recount.
6F	Beaux	For great use of original similes in her German in the Woods recount.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each another.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at:



We are hiring!

School Office Assistant

Fixed term, term time,
20 hrs/wk

Closes: 18 November 2024



Music Teacher PPA Cover

Perm, 0.4 FTE, Tues-Weds

Closes: 25 November 2024



Senior Leadership Team Administrator

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 28 November 2024



School Cleaner

Perm, part time (15-20
hrs/wk), two roles available

Closes: 27 November 2024



KS1 Class Teacher

Perm, full time

Closes: 26 November 2024



View vacancies at:

greensandacademytrust.co.uk



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*** MONDAY 18TH - WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**

AT 1-2:30PM

We will be selling items for family members, friends, pets and younger members of the family.

£4 per gift - Please bring cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the value inside written on the front.



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* We appreciate this date may be too early for some but trees can be kept outside / in a shed until you need them. Occasional watering is required.

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All orders must be received before midnight on Thursday 28th November

SIZE	3 - 4ft 100/125cm	5 - 6ft 150/175cm	6 - 7ft 175/200cm	7 - 8ft 200/250cm
PRICE	£27	£37	£47	£57

If you require any further info please contact Lisa on 07980 855447

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE SCHOOL!

Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30
2-5PM AT WRAY COMMON SCHOOL

BUY YOUR TICKETS USING THE LINK OR QR CODE

£1 - ADULT ENTRY - CHILDREN FREE

PRE-BOOK YOUR SANTA'S GROTTO EXPERIENCE

LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE

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£5 PER CHILD - BABIES FREE

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Wray Common

Winter Wonderland

Refreshments

Selection of drinks & snacks from 50p - £3.00

Snow globe & inflatable disco dome

£2.00 - £3.00, timed slots

FOWC Gifts & Goodies

Selection of gifts from £2.00

Biscuit Decorating

with Mrs Michelle Claus & Di her helper

Game Stalls

10 fun Christmas themed stalls to enjoy

from 50p

Facepainters

Santa's Grotto

Pre-booked slots only. £5 per child

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