

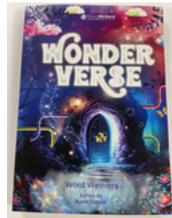


Dear Parents and Carers,



This week, our children have truly embraced one of our core values: **kindness**. Each class has been busy filling their **class buckets** with notes about the acts of kindness they've received from their friends. These thoughtful contributions were shared and celebrated during our **values assembly**, reminding us all that every one of us carries an invisible bucket. Each time we show kindness or care for someone, we fill not only their bucket but our own too!

In other exciting news, we are thrilled to share that **seven of our Year 5 students** have had their poems published in the latest edition of the **Young Writers poetry anthology**. The children worked on their poems as a homework task, and seeing their wonderful creations in print is a proud moment for all of us. To read their fantastic work, please check out our recent post on **Facebook**.



This week, some of our **School Ambassadors** have been visiting reading and phonics lessons across the school. They have been asking their peers what they enjoy about reading, how often they read at home, and exploring how we can continue encouraging every child at WBP to become a lifelong reader. A gentle reminder: spending **10-15 minutes reading with your child each day** is one of the best ways to support their confidence and progress across all curriculum areas.

### Class Sharing Assemblies

We are delighted to invite you to your child's sharing assembly to celebrate their hard work and achievements. Please find the dates below:

Y6 Larch Class	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Y5 Hazel Class	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Y5 Walnut Class	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Y4 Almond Class	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3 Redwood Class	Friday 04 <sup>th</sup> April
Y2 Hornbeam Class	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Y1 Yew Class	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
EYFS Magnolia Class	Friday 2nd May
Y6 Sycamore Class	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May

All assemblies start promptly at 9:00am.

Thank you for your continued support.

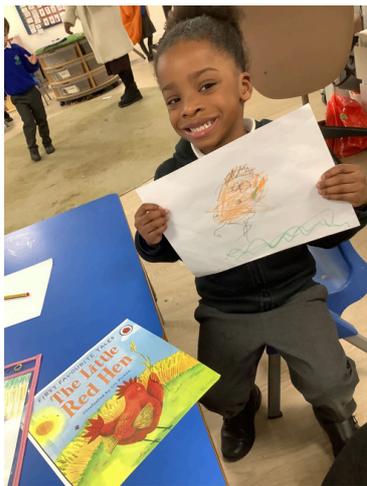
Have a lovely weekend,  
 Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



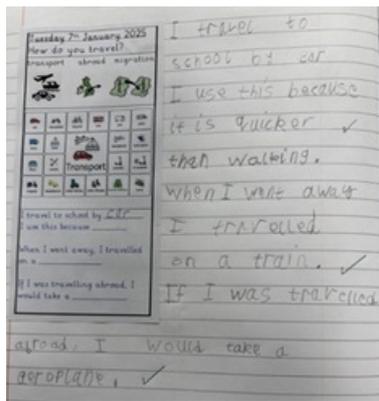
## Year R

This week, we continued to explore the book *The Little Red Hen!* We worked together to change the story and made the characters kinder to the Hen. We drew pictures of the characters and even practiced writing some of the fun words and phrases we hear over and over again in the story. It was a great way to be creative and think about how we can be kind to others, just like the Hen!



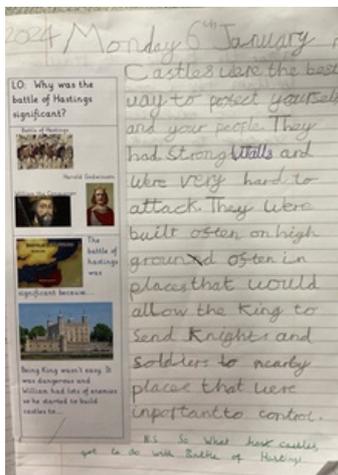
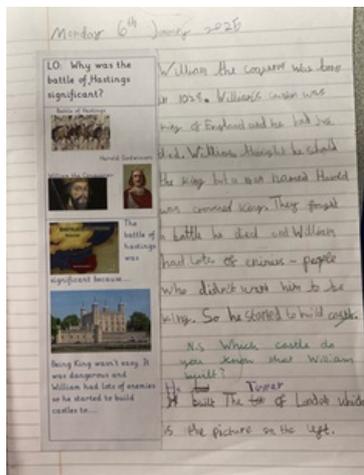
## Year 1

Year 1's Big Question for History is 'Has how we travel changed over time?'. To begin answering this question we have been learning about different modes of transport and how we use them in our daily life. We found out that most children in Yew class walk to school and would like to travel on a train or an aeroplane in the future!



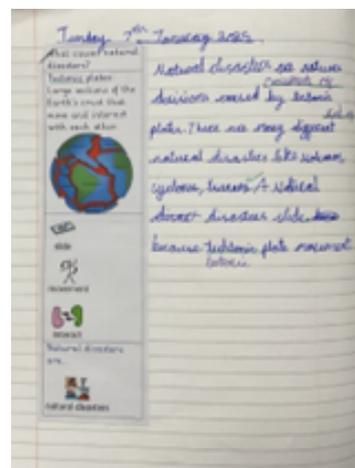
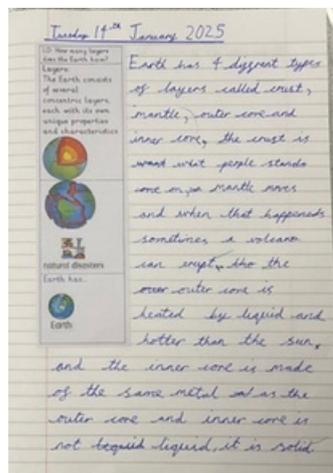
## Year 2

In Year 2, students learned about the exciting events of the Battle of Hastings in 1066, a key moment in British history. Children wrote what they discovered: They discovered how William, the Duke of Normandy, fought King Harold II for the English throne. After a fierce battle, William emerged victorious and became King of England, forever changing the country's future.



## Year 3

In year 3, we have been investigating Natural disasters and their causes. We identified that tectonic plates could cause Natural disasters. Building on this, we have started to look at the various types of Natural disasters that may occur when tectonic plates move.





## Year 4

In Year 4, our big question is 'Should the Earth's resources be shared equally'. During our hook lesson we stepped into the roles of traders and explored the fascinating world of goods and services. We discovered how civilizations across continents have historically exchanged raw materials, manufactured goods and even information to meet their needs and enrich their communities.



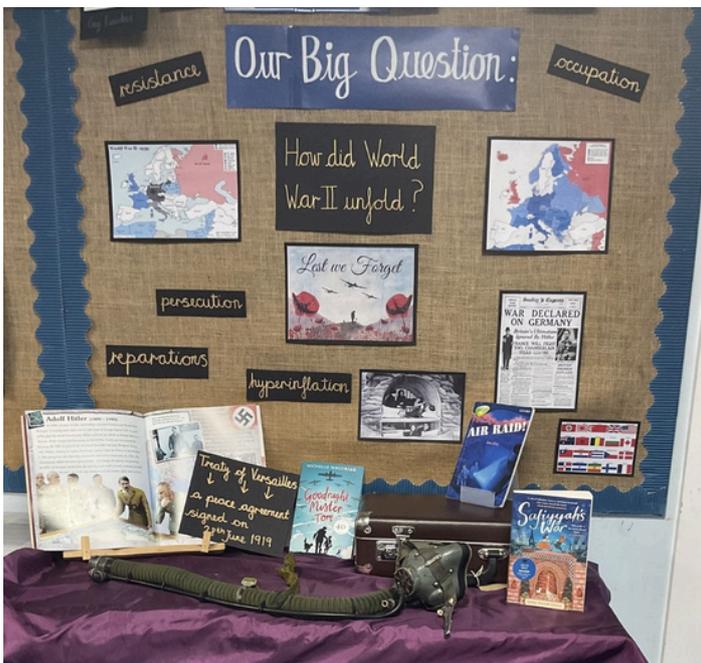
## Year 5

In Year 5, we have been investigating how space exploration has developed over time: From the early days of the Space Race, to sending animals into orbit, all the way to modern day space tourists. Children have learnt about Yuri Gagarin (the first man in space), Valentina Tereshkova (The first woman) and Tim Peake (The first Brit to do a spacewalk.)



## Year 6

The Big Question for Year 6 is 'How did World War II Unfold?' We will be exploring the conditions that preceded the start of World War II and the events leading up to the Holocaust as well as marking the occasion of Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27th.



## OUR CORE VALUE FOR SPRING 1 IS KINDNESS

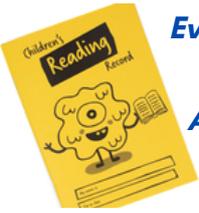




**KS1 & EYFS Parent Reading Morning**

**Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am**

**All parents and carers welcome!**



We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our Yr 1 & 2 classrooms and listen to our children read.

If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.



Well done	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 90%	Yew - 90%
Hornbeam - 88%	Redwood - 92%
	Almond - 95%
★ Hazel - 100%	Walnut - 93%
★ Larch - 98.5%	Sycamore - 92.5%
	

**School Reminder**

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am, for Bagel Breakfast club from 8.25am - 8.35am  
 School gates close at precisely 8:50am. After this time, entrance is via the school office and parents will need to sign your child/children in using the screen.

**A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.**

As a school we provide ongoing support for the children’s wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the ‘Chance to chat’ box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.  
 We also have an online form which is located on the school website named ‘Chance to chat’.  
 The children can complete the form if they are worried about something or need some advice? A member of staff will get back to the child at school.

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.  
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MvrWB2Z-r0qnuEuN-giOI1CAPQc0X4RFje43giTliLNUOE5BWUFISE40VjBXODZYRVFITLNXVzZYNCQLQCN0PWcu>



### **Maudsley Charity – Families under pressure**

Tips and tricks to help with challenging behaviour, formulated by researchers and NHS mental health experts, which are backed by science and proven to work with families:

[maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure](https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure)



### **Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week: 3-9 February**

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health week launched by Place2Be to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

Find out more: [Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week - Official site \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Parents and carers play an important role in your child's mental health. Every year, Place2Be experts create free resources to help you support your child's wellbeing from home.

Find out more: [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

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