



Newsletter Friday 9th October 2026

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Huge Thank You for Parents' Evening It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Parents' Evening. There was such a warm, positive atmosphere and it was fantastic to discuss the progress and achievements of our children. Education is always a partnership, and your continued support highlights what we can achieve when we all work together for the benefit of every child.

Join Our Friends of the School (PTA) Speaking of working together, our "Friends" group is looking for a few new faces! We are a small, lovely, and welcoming band of folks, and we meet very infrequently throughout the year—so please don't worry, there is no big commitment and absolutely nothing scary involved!

The funds raised by the Friends are vital for buying the extras and special experiences that our regular school budget simply doesn't stretch to cover. Alongside our usual annual commitments—such as subsidising travel costs for school trips, hosting the Year 6 Leavers party, and providing book bags for every new Reception child—we have an exciting new project!

Mr Briggs, the Eco Council, and the School Council are working hard to develop our Reflection Area into various usable spaces. Ideally, we would love to build an undercover area to keep children sheltered during wet weather, as well as purchase a new waterproof shed. We estimate this project will cost around £3,000, so all our upcoming fundraising efforts will be going towards making this vision a reality.

We would love to have a few more people attend our meetings and share ideas. If you have even a little spare time to pop along, you would be warmly welcomed!

Autumn Weather & School Clothing As we move further into the season, the weather is turning noticeably colder and wetter. Please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing a suitable, waterproof coat.

Additionally, as the playground can become damp and slippery, please check that children are wearing sensible, sturdy footwear. If your child wears wellies for the walk to school, please send them in with their normal school shoes to change into for the classroom. Don't forget to label coats and shoes clearly with your child's name to help us return any stray items!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Mrs M Underwood

Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Friday 9th October KS1 LAL Have a go with
Lego (Pre-bookings only)

Wednesday 14th October Harvest Service Led by
Year 1 (9am)

Thursday 15th October Year 4 MTC Parents
Evening 3.30pm

Thursday 22nd October School Closes 3.30pm

Friday 23rd October School Closed INSET

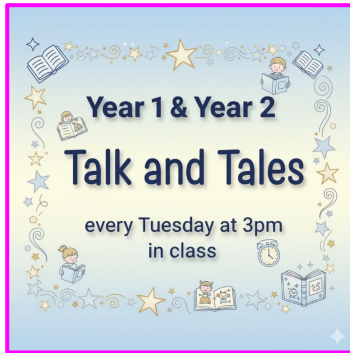
Monday 2nd November School re-opens 8.45am

Thursday 26th November Goldilocks Pantomime

Don't forget : Starting on **Tuesday 22nd
September** - Talk & Tales and Rhyme Time will
be running every Tuesday at 3pm for Reception,
Year 1 and Year 2.

PLACES AVAILABLE!

We currently have availability across most year groups. If you or someone you know is new to the area or considering a school transfer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office directly with any enquiries or to register for a place.



Talk & Tales & Rhyme Time

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and interactive fun - EVERY Tuesday at 3:00 PM across Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. Come along and share the magic of storytelling with us!



Goldilocks Pantomime Performance

On Thursday 26th November, the whole school will have the opportunity to watch a special performance of the Goldilocks Pantomime right here in the school hall! The cost for the performance is £4.00 per child, which also includes a snack for everyone to enjoy during the show. To make a payment for this event, please login to your Arbor app.



GMSJ Award Winners



Umara - Year 6

For Fabulous 'Nowhere emporium' writing

Evie - Year 6

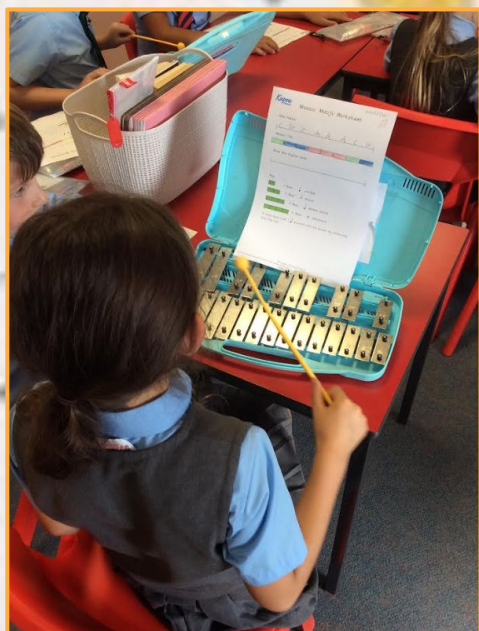
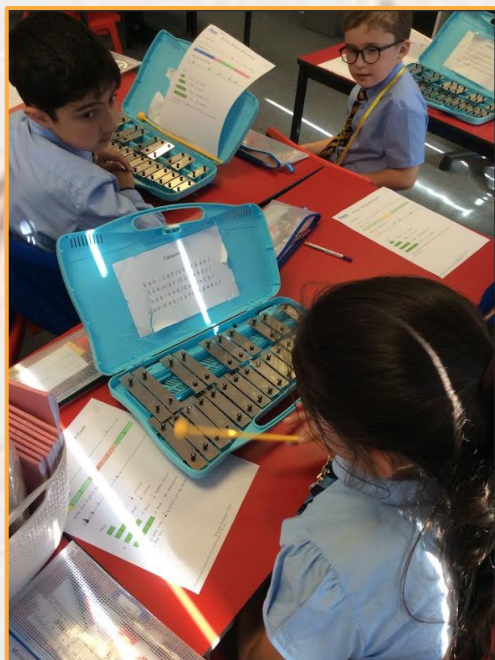
For a Fabulous, Funky, Fantasy story.

Attendance Winners

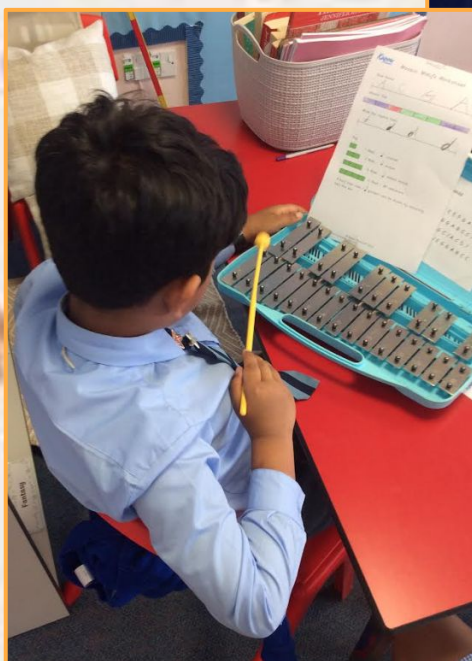
**Attendance Winners w/c 28th
September:**
Year 5

Most Improved:
Year 2

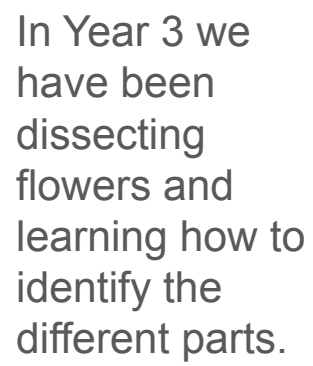
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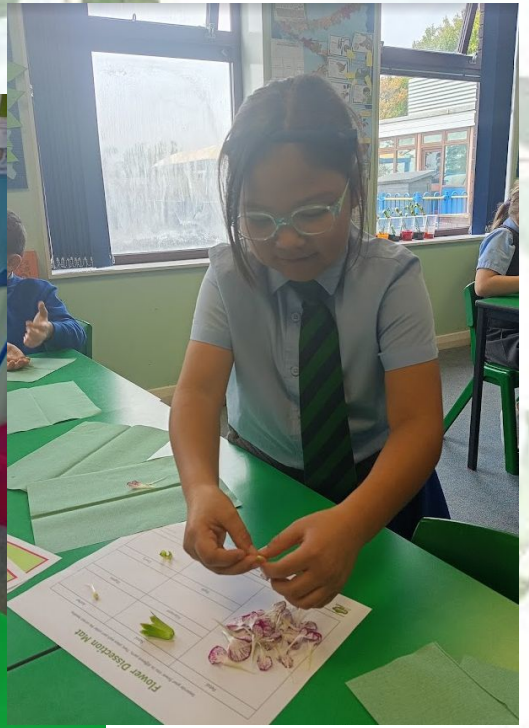
Year 4 have been composing their own motifs. They used graphic notation to record their motif and played them on the glockenspiels.



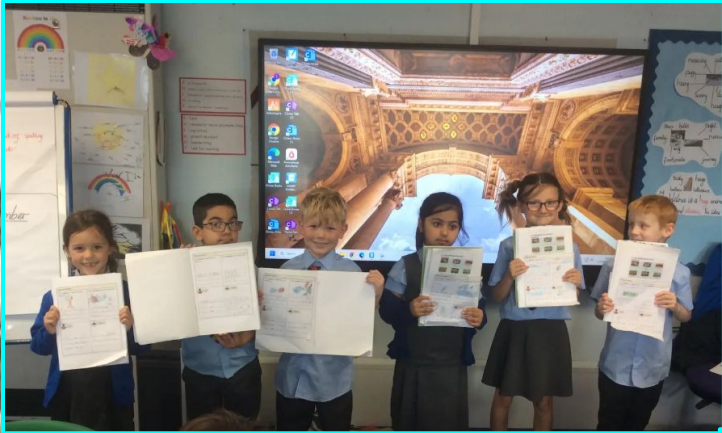
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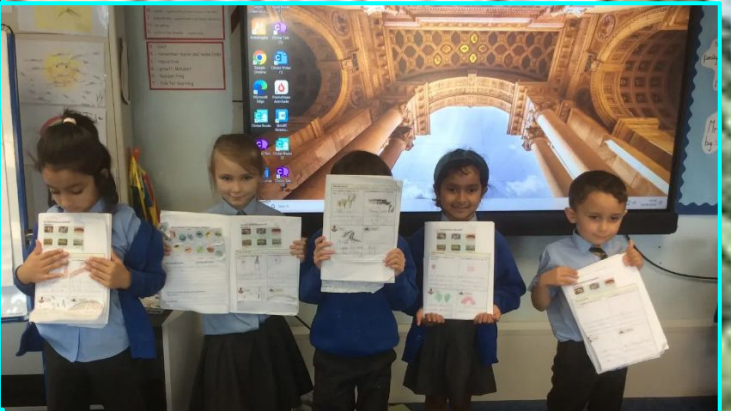
Year 3

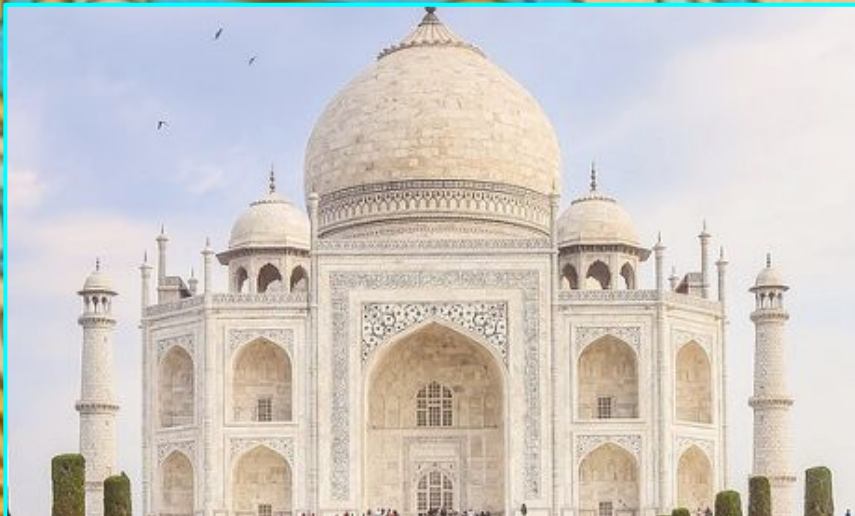


Year 2



Year 2 have been making information posters about different habitats.





FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

Around The World

Come and try our menu from

INDIA

For centuries India has had a reputation as the land of spices. The Mughal emperors influenced the cuisine with strong flavours and meat curries. India is the home of tandoori chicken and naan bread cooked in a clay oven.

Delicious food every day

YOU ARE INVITED!

YEAR 4 MTC PARENTS EVENING



COME & JOIN OUR ROCKSTARS!
LEARN ALL ABOUT THE
MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

WHEN?

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER
3.30 PM

WHERE?

IN THE YEAR 4
CLASSROOM



FOR ALL YEAR 4
PARENTS & CHILDREN



LET'S WORK TOGETHER
TO MAKE MATHS FUN!

* We look forward to seeing you all there! *



After School Club

for children aged 4-11

We accept childcare
vouchers and Tax Free
Childcare!

**PALS After School Club is Opening:
at Great Marsden St John's, NELSON.**

Times:

8:00am-8:45am
3:30pm - 4:30pm
4:30pm - 5:30pm
3:30pm - 5:30pm
INCLUDES SNACK



Prices:

8:00am-8:45am £3.50
3:30pm - 4:30pm £7.00
4:30pm - 5:30pm £7.00
3:30pm - 5:30pm £10.00

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FUN MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEGO
WORKSHOPS, CRAZY STEM ACTIVITIES, ERUPTING
VOLCANOES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BAKING, PLUS MUCH MORE!**

COMPETITION worth £100!

**Register your child's details below and we will pick one
lucky winner to receive £100 worth of PALS vouchers.**

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