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Value of the half term

"Unique"

We all have different strengths and abilities and are special in our own way. It's good to be me!

Mrs Tones' message of the week

Dear Parents & Carers,

June is the National Smile month. Did you know it takes more muscles to frown than smile? Did you know that smiling is good for you? Smiling can make you feel happy, make other people like and trust you more, help you to keep calm, make other people smile and feel happy too. It is National Smile Month every June – this is a chance to think about our smiles and how we can make them brighter and better by looking after our teeth. Do you know how to brush your teeth? Of course, you do, but did you know that to clean them properly you should: clean them at least twice a day (once just before you go to bed, use toothpaste that contains fluoride), move your brush in gentle circles, and up and down as well, clean ALL your teeth for 2 minutes (even the backs of them), and gently brush your tongue, So come on everyone smile bright and keep your teeth nice and clean!

Please can we ask that everyone drives into school slowly and carefully. We have had complaints from the neighbours about cars driving into school too quickly. Can we also ask that all visitors park carefully in school: a member of staff's car was damaged this week by a visitor reversing into it. Thank you for helping to keep our site safe.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Tones



Our Vision

At Fellgate Primary School, through an ethos of respect, challenge and resilience, we aspire to create an inclusive, safe, vibrant, happy school where each member of the school community - children, parents, carers, staff and governors - feels valued and are encouraged to be the best they can be. We celebrate individuality, striving for everyone to reach their full potential and "shine" in everything they do.

ATTENDANCE

19th May 2023

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Rowans- 100%

Hollies - 91%

Maples - 98%

Cherries- 93%

Birches- 92%

Pines- 100%

Acorns- 81%

Hawthorns- 88%

Willows- 93%

Chestnuts- 95%

Blossoms- 96%

Sycamores- 90%

Oaks- 92%

Get up! Get in! Get on!

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Rowans: Xander R. He always arrives at school with a smile on his face and is happy to see his friends. Well done Xander!

Hollies: Indyia L for making staff smile with her amazing time telling skills. Well done Indyia!

Maples: Benjamin S for always making us smile in and around school and having a positive attitude to his work. Well done Ben!

Cherries: Lita D for always making her teachers and friends smile, particularly with her songs that she sings for the feelings chart.

Birches: Jack G for his consistently positive attitude - he always tries to see the best in everyone!

Pines: Sonny C- for showing pride in his achievements with with a big smile!

Acorns: Emmanuella A because she is ALWAYS smiling! She cheers us all up!

Hawthorns: Jacob D for always smiling when he sometimes finds things a little bit tricky!

Willows: Joshua R, for giving smiles and saying funny things to make everyone smile.

Chestnuts: Oscar M because he always has a smile on his face everyday! He is happy and kind at all times.

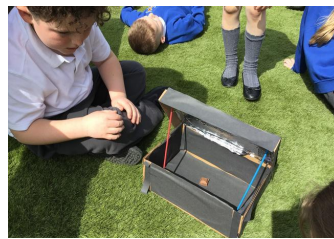
Blossoms: James C for making the adults in blossoms smile with a super attitude towards work and learning. Well done!

Sycamores: Sophie G for always making others smile with her kind comments and fantastic sense of humour.

Oaks: Isabelle C for always being such a positive role model for others to follow. she is so supportive, considerate and helpful to all children.

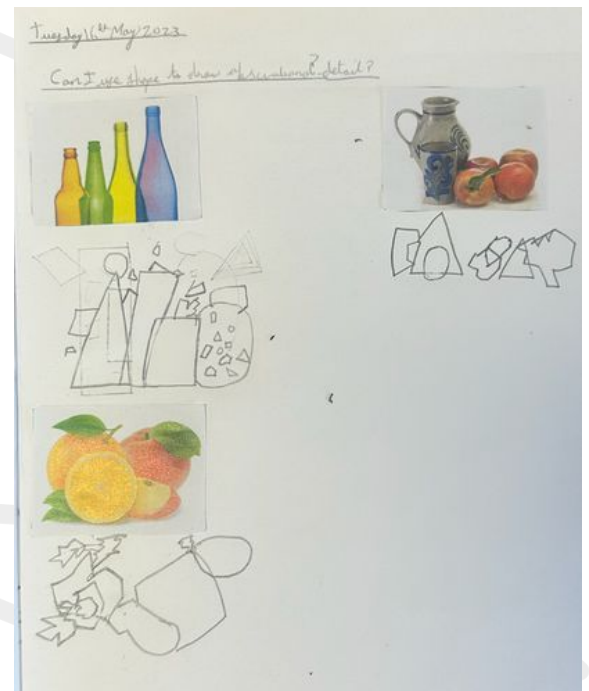
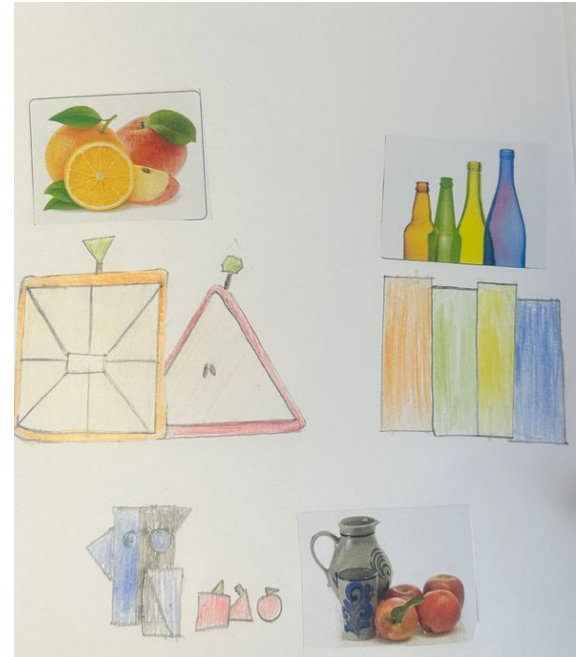
Science experiments in Willows

This term in Willows our topic has been scientific enquiries. This week we have been making our own solar ovens to see what the best materials would be to melt a piece of chocolate in the sun. We worked hard as a team to construct our ovens and to conduct our experiment. Well done Willows!



Year 6 Artists

This week in Art, Sycamores and Oaks have been using shape to draw observational detail. We chose an image and observed all the detail of it. We then sketched our own version using different shape. We all had lots of fun thinking of different ways to change images. Fantastic effort year 6



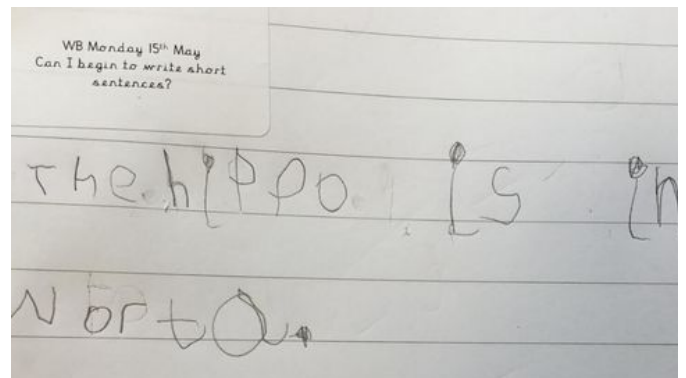
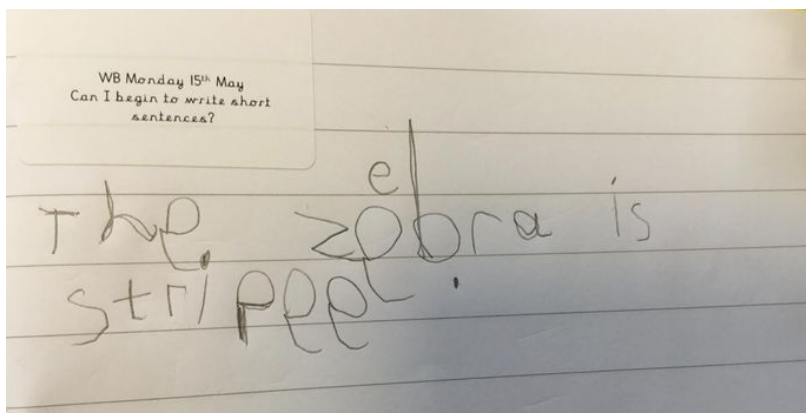
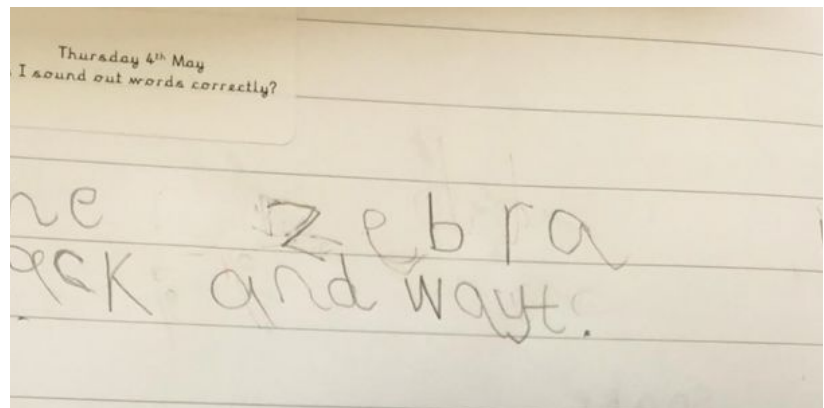
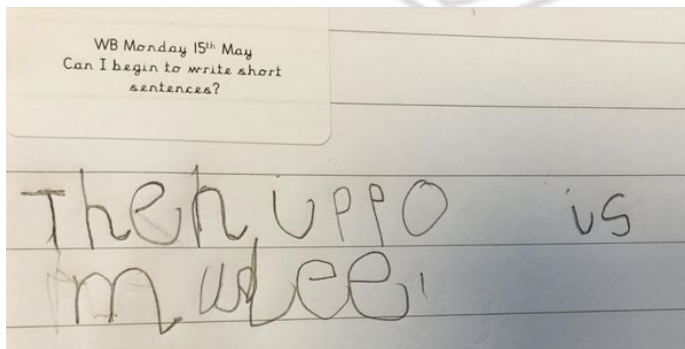
Science in Rowans

This week in Rowans class the children have been learning all about birds in science. As part of the topic the children have made bird feeders to hang on trees at the front of the Penshaw building.



Acorns reading superstars

This week in Acorns we have been reading 'Rumble in the Jungle'. Reception Acorns wrote some sentences about the animals, using capital letters and full stops. We also used our phonics skills to spell words independently. Well done Acorns!



Year 6 enterprise project



Introducing our new, fantastic summer enterprise: Frozen Flavours! Are you hot and bothered on a summer's day? Do you crave a flavourful, refreshing treat at break time? If so, Frozen Flavours is here to help! Boring break times will be a thing of the past! We guarantee we will put a big grin on your face. Hello summer! Imagine this, you're enjoying a refreshing, mouth-watering frozen treat on a sweltering summer day. Every week, we switch up the frozen treat selection. One week rocket lollies, the next fruit twisters and many more... We will have something for all children to enjoy. Don't worry parents, at the annual summer fair, we'll be there! Some of the money raised will go to Fellgate Primary School's clubs, music equipment, playground equipment, art and school supplies. Also, it will help the students' learning here at Fellgate Primary School. You can find us at Oaks' classroom door. Some of the funds raised will be used for trip and rewards. The summer enterprise is a fun tradition for the Year 6 children, which gives them lots of responsibility.

Parents, if your child has any allergies, get in touch. We will make arrangements so your child can enjoy our brrr-illiant frozen treats. Frozen Flavours is perfect to cool down on a hot summer's day. Hello summer!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FORTNITE

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Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers – of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £9 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 25th May - Bus
Induction Y6

Monday 29th May - Bank
Holiday

Friday 7th July - Strawberry
Tea/ Summer Fair

Thursday 13th - 14th July - Y6
Transition days

What's Happening at Fellgate

Breakfast Club

Main School: 07:45am - 08:40am

Base 8:30am - 09:00am

After School Clubs

Tuesday - Sensory, Dance, Creative

Wednesday - Football, Ninja Warrior

Thursday - Construction, Reading, Recorder

Friday - Board game/Movie

Parent and Toddler group

Every Thursday

9:00am - 11:00am

School Sports Organising Crew

Some of our SSOC took part in a green leaders Orienteering challenge on Tuesday, the primary focus was looking at ways of making our schools greener.

