

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 11th September 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families,

We have had a brilliant first full week at Bearwood!

It has been wonderful walking around the classes and seeing the children engaged in their learning.

Our Nursery children are very into looking after their baby dolls - showing gentleness and care. Our Reception children have been fully engaged in their learning about rhyming words - a video clip has been put on the Facebook page.

Our Year One children looked so grown up during their first ever whole class computing lesson, each having access to their own laptop! Year Two also looked equally grown up during their first Shared Reading lesson - all with a copy of the class story book 'The Wolf's Story' by Toby Forward. Our Year Three have been busy planning their recounts. Year Four have already got stuck in with comprehending their shared reading book 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine.

Year Five have also been putting in brilliant focus with their shared reading book, 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman - a thought-provoking novel. Our Year Sixes have shown themselves to be extremely mature and sensible - excellent examples to the rest of the school.

Our EYFS classes had a Road Show this week, where they learnt about road safety - how to cross the road safely with their grown up.

Our parents in the Upper and Middle Phases had a chance to come to our start of year meetings to find out what their children will be learning this year and how they can support. Presentations from the meeting will be shared with all parents in the relevant phases. EYFS parents can come to their start of year meeting this Tuesday at 9am.

Next week, our Year Four class will start attending their swimming lessons at The Forest School.

There will be a consultation meeting for all Bearwood parents on Spencers Wood at 7pm this Tuesday in the school hall.

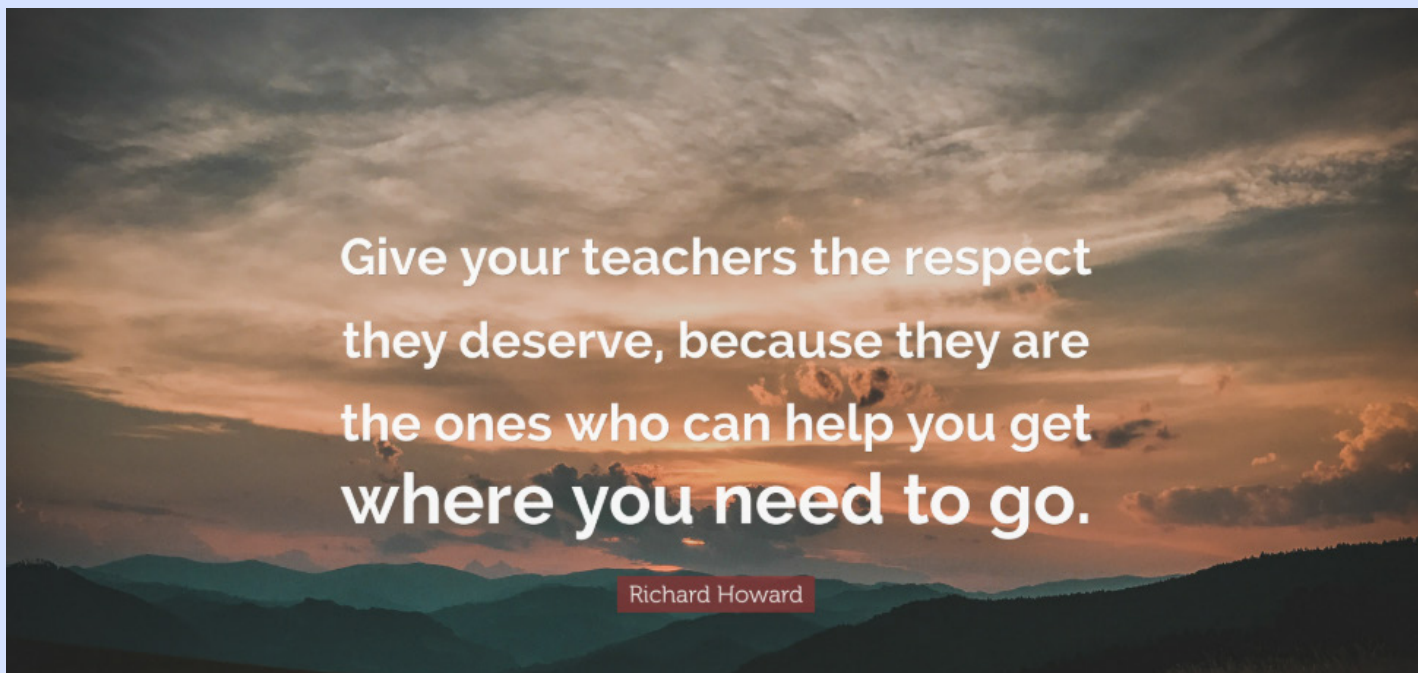
Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Funmi Alder
Headteacher.

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Value for the term - RESPECT



Events

- **15th Sept** - 9am EYFS parents start of year meeting (Nursery & Year R)
- **15th Sept** - 7pm Spencers Wood Consultation Meeting for parents (in-person, in school)
- **21st Sept** - 10:30am Yom Kippur assembly
- **22nd Sept** - 7pm - Spencers Wood Consultation Meeting for parents (online)
- **23rd Sept** - Year 1 scooter training
- **24th Sept** - 10:30am Harvest Festival assembly
- **25th Sept** - Prospective parents tour
- **2nd Oct** - Individual school photographs
- **6th Oct** - 9am Year R Parents phonics workshop
- **20th Oct & 22nd Oct** - 3:45-6:30pm Parents Evening
- **22nd Oct** - Black History Month assembly
- **23rd Oct** - International Attire Day
- **W/C 26th Oct** - Autumn Half Term

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School Notices

- Don't forget the 14th Sept deadline for any applications for students wishing to take on roles within the school - see last week's newsletter attachments for the details!
- Please return your completed EV2 Permission Forms for a school trip or swimming lessons to the office as soon as possible. Your child cannot take part without this form

Safe parking

- Please can we kindly remind parents and carers to be vigilant when driving and parking near the school, ensuring to keep the yellow zig-zag markings clear, and therefore yourselves and your children safe.
- We would recommend using one of the car parks made available to us and taking the 5-minute walk to school. The pavement outside our school is congested with families coming to school in the mornings and leaving in the afternoons.
- If you are driving your children to school, you can park in the car park on the recreation ground across the road from the school, or at the back of the Walter Arms Pub.
- Click [this link](#) to access the Travel Policy on our website and see the map below for the car park locations:



WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Blanka, for always being ready to learn and a great friend to everyone
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Alfie, for his amazing focus and determination in lessons
- **Red Kite Class** - Ianis, so impressed by his attitude to learning
- **Hedgehog Class** - Thomas, for his kindness and helpfulness in class
- **Otter Class** - Shravan, for always being ready to learn
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Oscar, for super effort and responses in all lessons



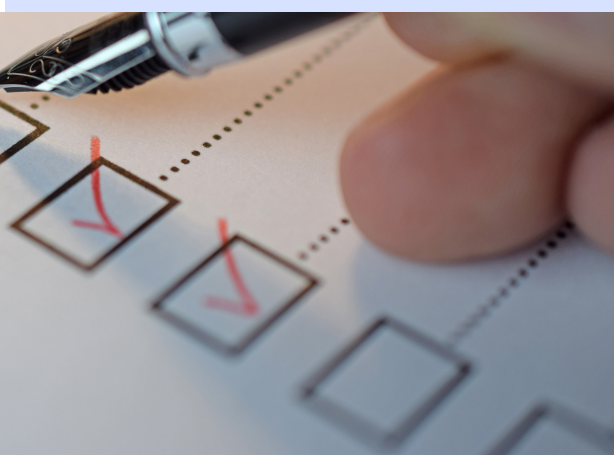
PE Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Siana, for never giving up when throwing and catching
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Louisa and Tivisha, for great enthusiasm in running games
- **Red Kite Class** - Reign, for showing great focus and perseverance when practicing skipping skills
- **Hedgehog Class** - Sienna, for her teamwork and sharing in tennis
- **Otter Class** - Robyn, for showing great determination and skills with skipping
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Chris and Advik, for great rallying in tennis



Writer of the week ★

- **Lower Phase** - Halima, for listening to feedback and improving your handwriting
- **Middle Phase** - Annie, for using fantastic adjectives in her recount writing
- **Upper Phase** - Mollie, for really focusing and trying hard to improve her writing skills



Attendance this week ★

- Brown Bears - 94.5%
- Fox Class - 99.6%
- Beaver Class - 97.3%
- Red Squirrel Class - 97.3%
- Red Kite Class - 97.5%
- Hedgehog Class - 90.9%
- Otter Class - 96.3%
- Grey Wolf Class - 97.2%

SUPERSTARS OF THE WEEK



Louisa (Year 2) and William (Reception) both ran the Big Mile race in Greenwich on Sunday. It was William's first big race.

They both did very well with some fantastic running. Finishing a race alongside the Cutty Sark is pretty iconic (and cool!).

Well done both!

For your child to feature, please email a photo & text to the school office

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



To celebrate this year's Road Safety Week (15th – 21st November, VolkerHighways are excited to launch our Road Safety Slogan Competition for local schools.

We are inviting primary school children to put their creativity to the test by creating VolkerHighways' new road safety slogan.

The winning slogan will be displayed on our vans and used to promote safer roads across the communities we serve.

Children are to write a short, memorable and fun slogan that promotes safe behaviour when walking, cycling, or scooting near roads.

The winning slogan will be displayed on VolkerHighways vans, helping spread the message to a wide audience.

For more information and to submit your entries, [please click here](#).

Scan the QR code to submit entries!



INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



Visual Timetables

Last week, on our Inset day, we had some training on how to use Widgit Symbols to make our learning environment more visual. We have recently purchased Widgit so it was valuable to find out more about how to use it effectively.

We have created a whole-school Widgit Visual Timetable which will be displayed in every Bearwood classroom.

What is a Visual Timetable?

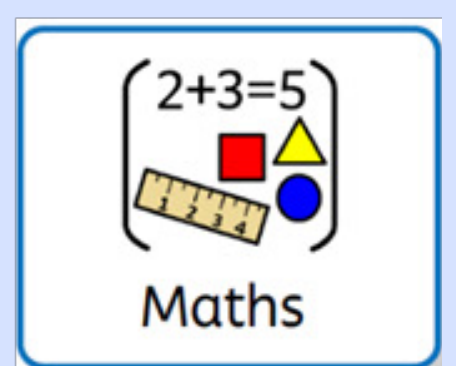
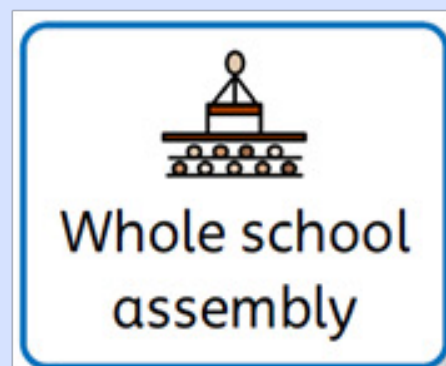
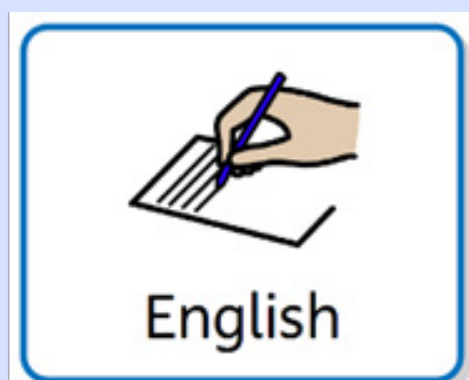
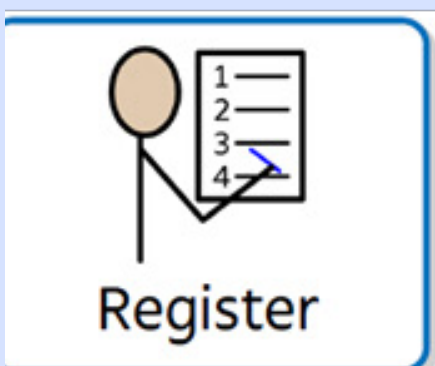
This is a timetable, displayed at the front of the class, which uses pictures or symbols to show the daily order of subjects and events.

It helps children to know what will happen next and makes routines clear and easy to understand. A small number of children will also have their own personal visual timetable on their desk.

Why a whole school timetable?

Having the same symbols or pictures in every class makes it easier for children as they don't have to relearn symbols when they have a lesson in a different classroom or move up to their new year group.

Here are some of the symbols we are now using:



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears Reception - Fox Class

What a busy week it has been!

We have enjoyed the wonderful weather, even rainy Wednesday!

Please remember to send a coat in with your child every day so they can play outside in wet weather.

On Thursday we had an exciting visitor called Louis Taylor, who reminded us about how to be safe when crossing the road. We have to hold hands with a grown-up, stop, look and listen! Remember, those electric cars are very quiet.



The children are making new friends and settling into the daily school routine beautifully.

We have painted many pictures, hopefully you found them in their book bags.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 1 - Beaver Class



This week in maths we've been subitising between 0-6. We spoke about what we could see when our partner put counters on the table "I saw 6 because I saw 4 and 2".

We also started PE this week and have absolutely loved it!



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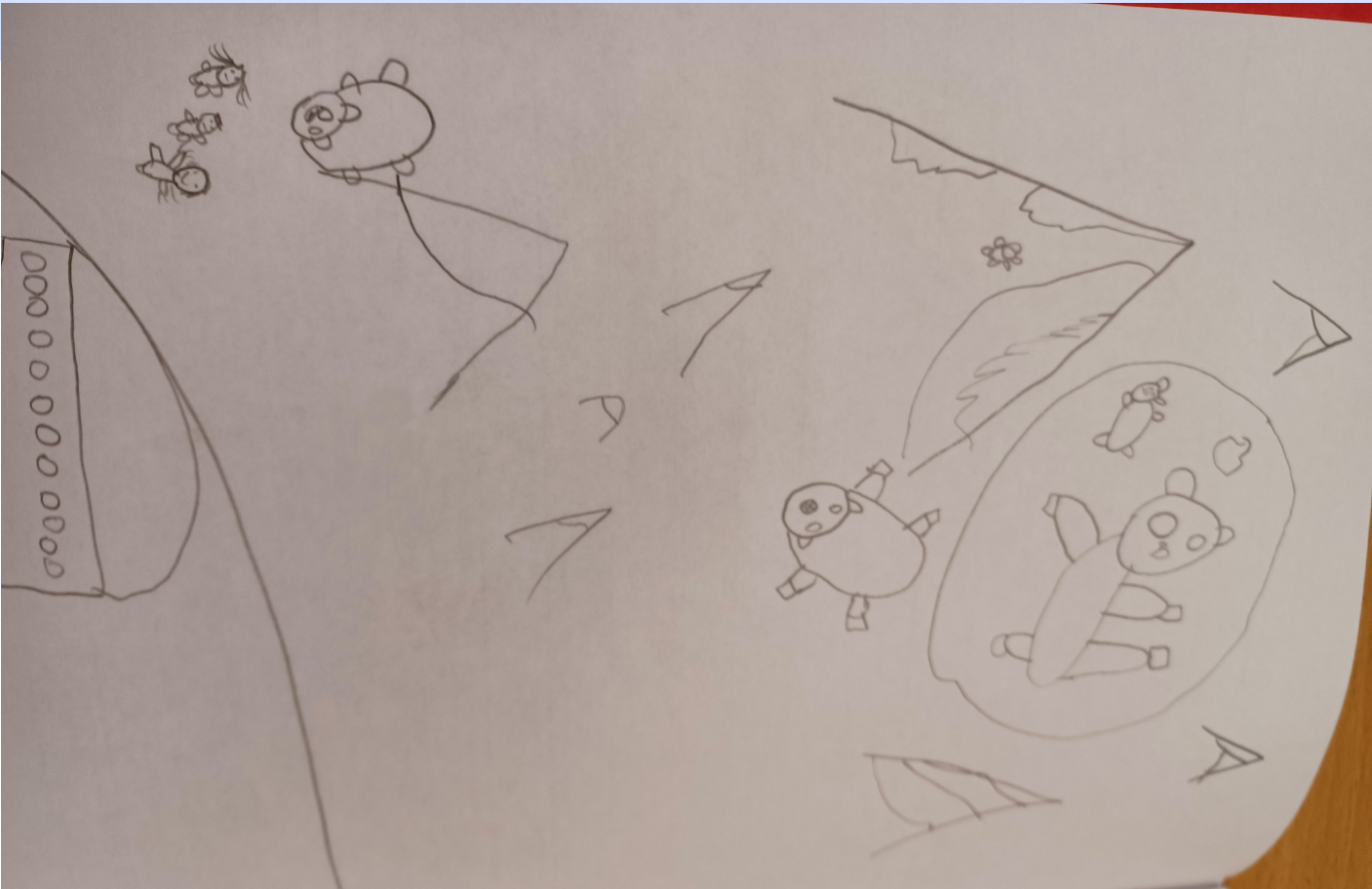
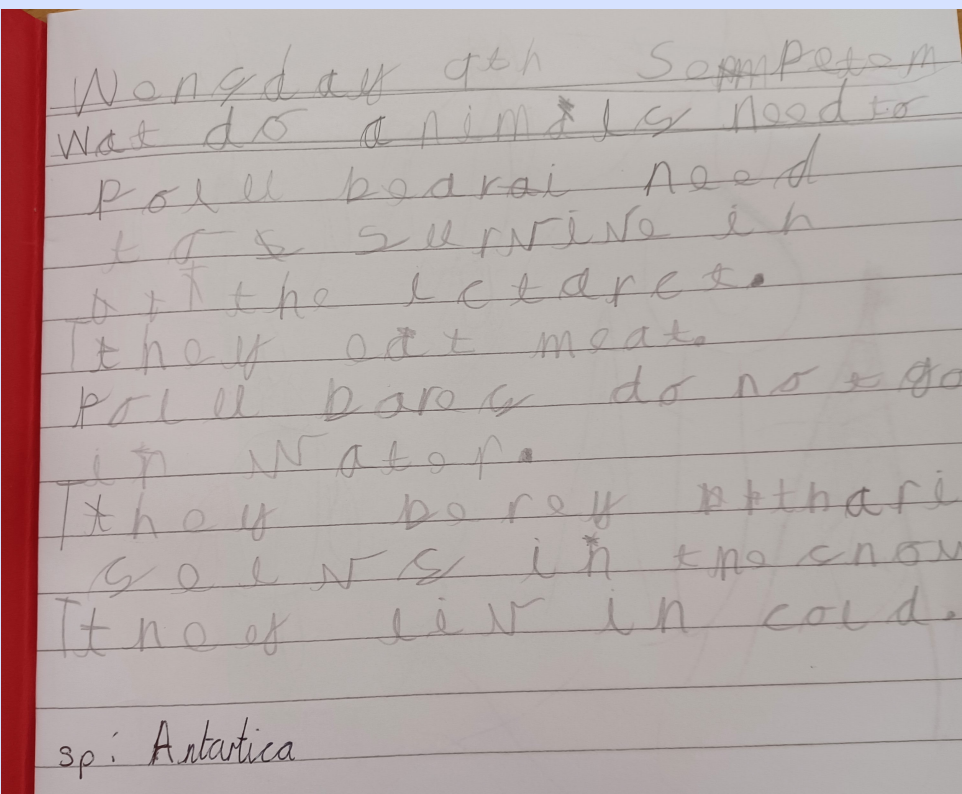
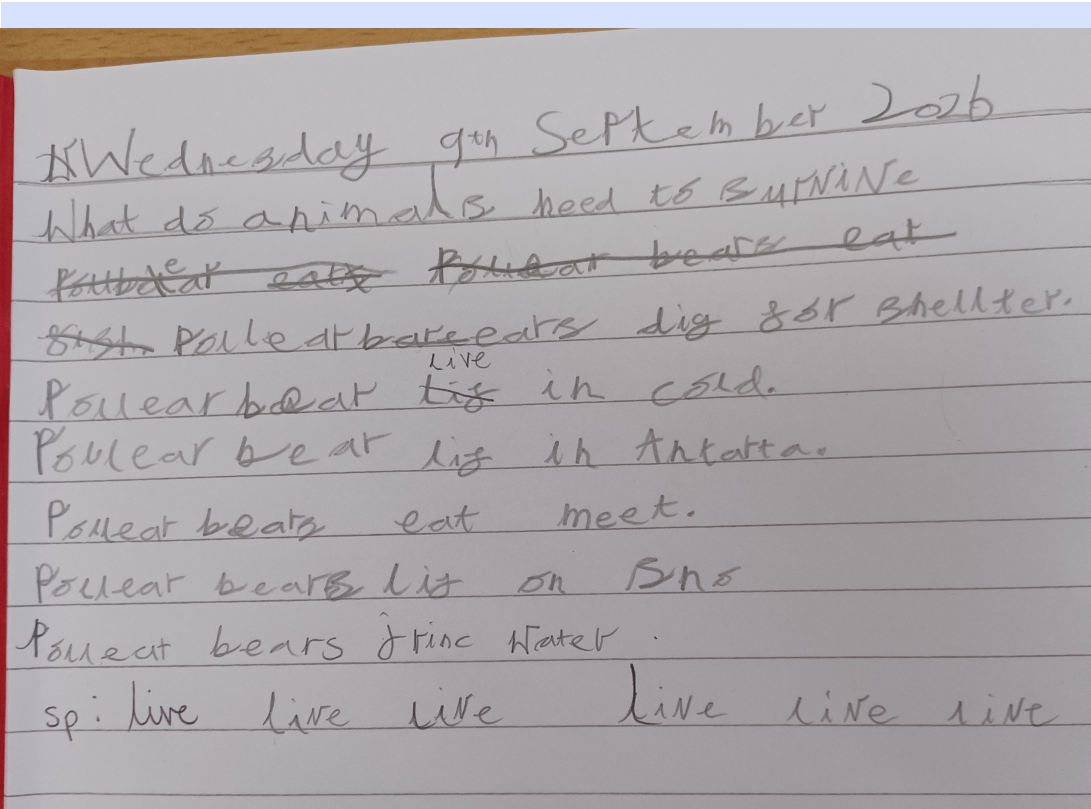
Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class



This week Year 2 have started learning about animals and their habitats.

We discussed what animals, including humans, need to survive.

We drew the animal's habitat and wrote about how it helps the animal to survive.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 3 - Red Kite Class



This week Year 3 have been recapping the key suffixes that they learnt in Year 2 and have been exploring the different rules and exceptions.

Learning why we drop the 'e' for some endings and double the consonant in others, will really help us in our writing across the curriculum when we come to spelling these words.

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Adding suffixes

s, es, ed, ing, er

1. Look ~~at~~ at the BASE word.

2. If it has a SHORT VOWEL

DOUBLE the consonant.

Example: bat → batting run → runner
hit → hitting get → getting
pot → potted

3 If there is a SILENT E
drop the E before ~~and~~ adding the
suffix.

Example: rise → riseing
line → lineed
phone → phoneing

10.9.26

Sophie looked for a book.

Ahmed counted to ten. ✓

Alice wanted cook. ✓

George searched for a pen. ✓

Archie ^{hopped} hoped in the playground.

Mia skipped around. ✓

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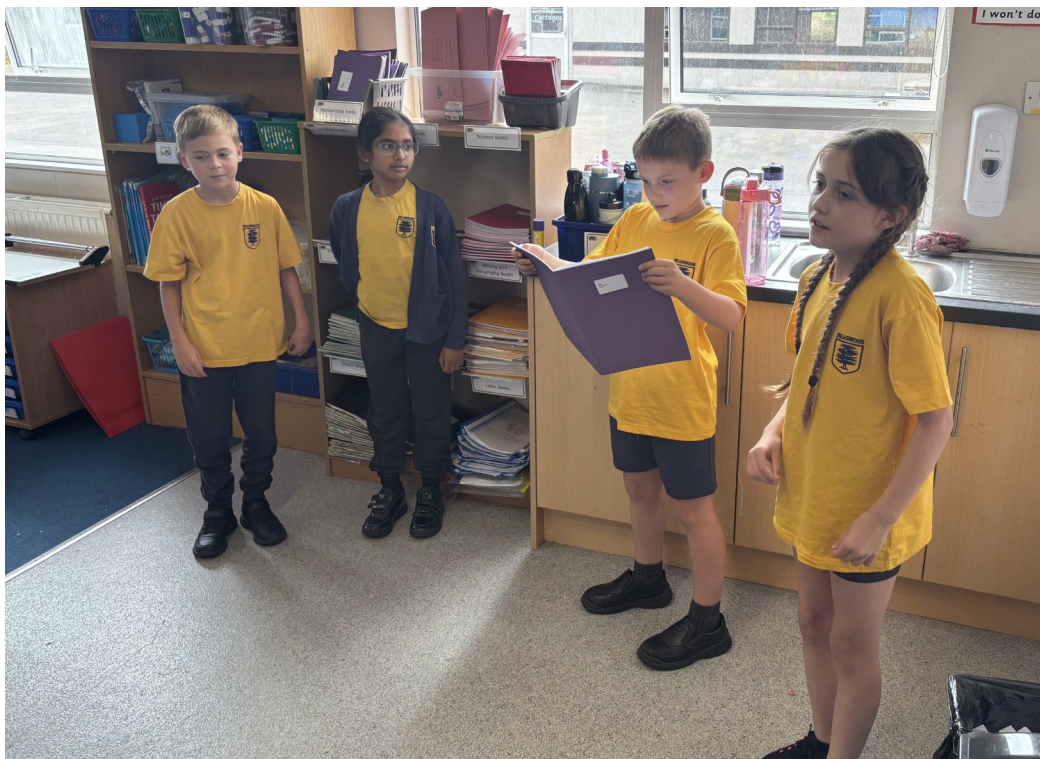
Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



Hedgehogs have been working hard this week learning about the features of a recount.

They have been using drama and narration to recreate the events of our book Flotsam.

In maths, the children have been recapping column addition using maths resources to demonstrate their understanding.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 5 - Otter Class



This week, Otter class have been looking at abstract art by Peter Thorpe.

We used oil pastels to create our own space art. The rocket is the central feature with other bold lines and shapes.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Grey Wolf have been getting stuck into different subjects this week.

They have been exploring mathematical structures using manipulatives and investigating electrical components in science.

