

# Newsletter



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of a half term is a great point to reflect on all the great things achieved in school so far this term. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to bring about some rich and memorable learning experiences for the children, both inside and outside the classroom. This week alone our children have enjoyed reading cafes in 2AP, a Viking day in Year 5, a whole week of food-related fun with the Trust Food Festival, and a whole school disco which was hugely successful. I'm sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to our staff who helped to support with these events.



This newsletter shows some of the highlights from the week, with more information to follow on the Viking Day and the total amounts raised through the school disco. We will be seeking views from our children and staff as to how we might use the money raised.

After half term we will be sharing with you details of our upcoming Parents' Evenings, including the live links for bookings. We very much look forward to welcoming you into school for this event.

Wishing you all a lovely half term,

Lisa McConnell  
Head of School

## Calendar:

### February:

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 6 SATs meeting in the hall, 2.45-3.15

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 2SA Reading Café, 8.45-9.30

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 6 SATs meeting in the hall, 5.00-5.30

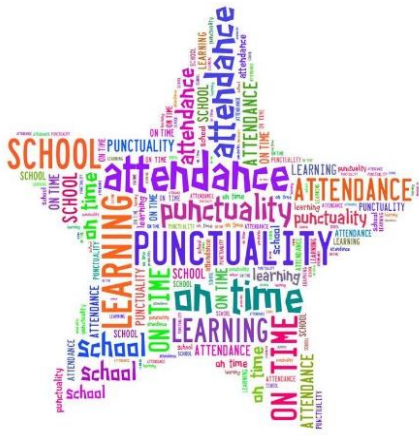
### March:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 1ED Reading Café – details to follow

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening (early) -details to follow

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 1ES Reading Café – details to follow

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening (late) – details to follow



We are noticing that a large number of children are arriving late regularly. We would like to remind you that the school day starts at 8.35am, with school gates opening at 8.32am.

If your child arrives after 8.45am they are marked as Late in the register. If your child comes into school after **9.05am** the registers are closed, and it counts as 1 session of unauthorised absence

We do appreciate that slow traffic and other factors can contribute to children occasionally being late for school but please be aware it can be distressing and disruptive for children when they do arrive late on a regular basis. It may also impact on their first lesson, disrupting the entire class and teacher.



Be an Attendance **H.E.R.O**

**H**ere

**E**veryday

**R**eady

**O**n time



Head Boy  
Alex Griffiths



Head Girl  
Elena Chodorge

## **Head Boy and Head Girl**

The head boy and girl have been representing the school in many ways this term.

They have:

- demonstrated professionalism when writing a letter thanking Mr Blythe for his generous donation of a piano to the school.
- giving out awards with confidence (attendance bears and quizzing awards) in assembly.
- acted as role models to others by representing the school well and by wearing the correct uniform while showing visitors around.
- represented the school brilliantly whilst interviewing potential candidates for our school.

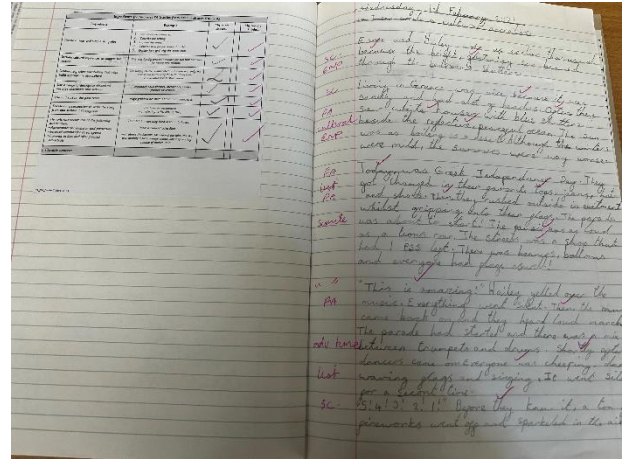
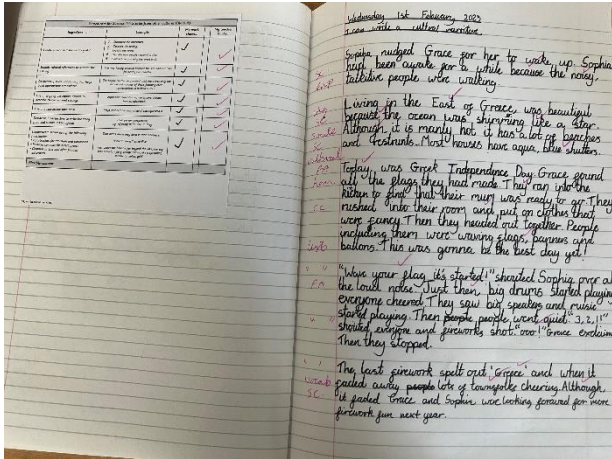
Being role models to others, they show resilience in their lessons and at break and lunch times, they have been supporting all children across the school.

They are a huge credit to the school!

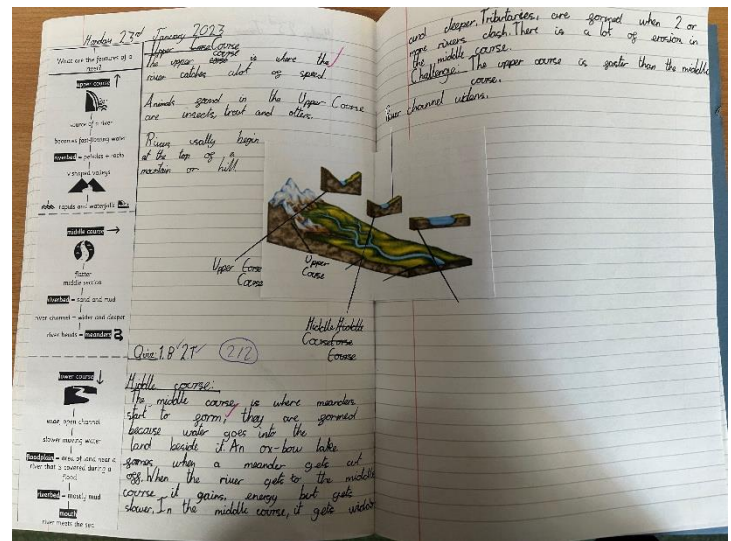
## Year Four

This week in Year Four, the children have been working hard in all of their learning. Please see below for some photos of their fantastic work 😊

In Writing lessons, the children have been writing stories from other cultures and have based their stories on Greece.



In Geography, the children have enjoyed learning about rivers. They have learned that rivers have an upper course, middle course, and lower course. Here are some examples of their fabulous work!



In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about mechanisms. They have explored different styles of hinges which they thoroughly enjoyed!



Identify the purpose of a hinge and know that it is a rotating joint that allows movement between two linked objects.  
 Explain the different features and applications of a variety of hinges.  
 Use a range of materials and simple tools to construct a variety of hinges and evaluate their effectiveness.



Thursday 2nd February 2023  
 L.O: I can create a box which has a lid, with hinges

Task 1:  
 You have learnt that a hinge is a rotating joint that allows movement between two linked objects. Make a list of synonyms for the word rotating.

Synonyms for rotating: movement, spin

Next: Make a list of synonyms for the word linked.

Synonyms for linked: join, connections

Explanation: Here is the start of a list of objects that use hinges. cardboard doors, book lids... What objects could you add to this list?



...rs, we drew our doors and cut them out. We then created a hinge using sellotape and another hinge using fabric. Finally, we decorated our doors using coloring pencils and white ball pens.

1. First, we cut out a box and lid template from cardboard.
2. We then stuck them down onto sugar paper.
3. We then cut round them, and stuck the edges in.
4. We formed the box and lid using sellotape.
5. Finally, we used split pins as hinges to open and close.

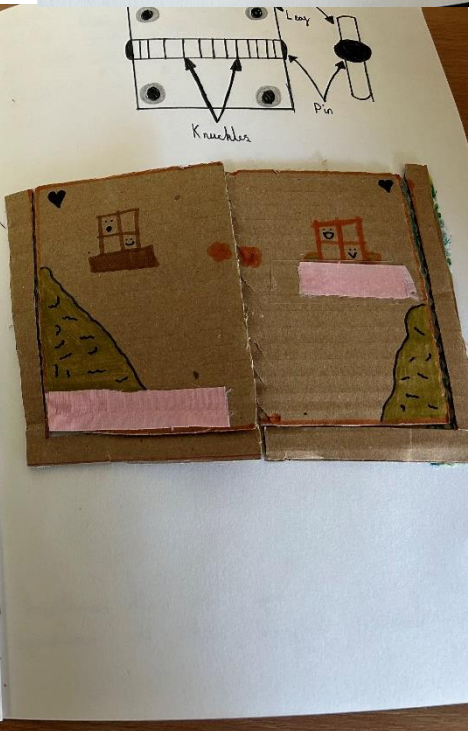
Friday 4th January 2023  
 Identify the purpose of a hinge and know that it is a rotating joint that allows movement between two linked objects.  
 Explain the different features and applications of a variety of hinges.  
 Use a range of materials and simple tools to construct a variety of hinges and evaluate their effectiveness.

Year 4: Mechanisms  
 How many ways are there to open a door?

Core Skill: Investigate how hinges work. Select a range of interesting materials and tools. Make and evaluate hinged products.

Technical vocabulary:  
 hinge - a rotating joint that allows movement between two linked objects.  
 butt hinge - a hinge that consists of two rectangular leaves connected with a pin, with screw holes to attach the hinge to a surface.  
 knuckle - the hollow circular part at the ends of a hinge through which a pin is passed. knuckle is often called a loop, joint, made up.  
 knuckle - the portion of a hinge extending from knuckle which usually revolves around a pin.  
 leaf - the rod running the length of the hinge. knuckle holds the leaves of the hinge together.  
 knuckle - the part of a butt hinge where the two leaves are connected with a pin.  
 lid hinge - a hinge that is completely closed when the door or lid of a box is closed.  
 knuckle - two-dimensional shape that can be formed from a three-dimensional solid.

Hinge  
 The definition is a rotating joint that allows movement between two linked objects.  
 Butterfly hinge  
 Butterfly hinge is used for jewellery boxes because it is more beautiful.  
 T hinge  
 A T hinge is used more in sheds and gates because it gets rusty like gates do.



Well done Year 4!  
 Miss Mason and Mrs Griffiths

# DT Food Festival

This week Years 1-6 enjoyed some fantastic cooking and food-tasting opportunities with the Trust Food Festival. Over the course of the week, the children enjoyed a wide-range of live cooking events, recorded cook-alongs and question and answer sessions with professionals. Recipes included:

- Fattoush
- Roast peppers and pomegranate
- Shakshuka
- Tabbouleh
- Squash and whipped feta

This was a great event and offered the children some wonderful experiences in terms of developing their chopping and cooking skills, and also tasting some new dishes!











### **Pancake Day**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February we are going to be serving pancakes for dessert at lunchtime. This is a slight change to the usual menu that day.

### **Listen Up, Speak Up**

**Free 10-minute Digital Training from NSPCC**



Half a million children suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK. But there's something we can all do to change that.

That's why the NSPCC are encouraging every adult in the UK to take their [free 10-minute digital training](#).

Listen up and learn a little with their Connect the DOTS training. The training will show you where to go if you need support, and how to speak up for children who need it. Because that little bit of knowledge can help keep a lot of children safe. We encourage you to share this training as widely as possible across your school to help as many children.

Click here: [10 Minute Digital Training link](#)



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

World Book Day is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, which is a Thursday this year. The children can come to school wearing their pyjamas.

**Book Swap for World Book Day!**

The Book Swap last year was so successful that we are doing it again 😊

If you have any books at home that you have already read or no longer need, please bring them in for Miss Jenkins **as soon as you can!**

I am hoping that we can get enough collected again that every child will be able to leave with a book they haven't read before.

Thank you so much,

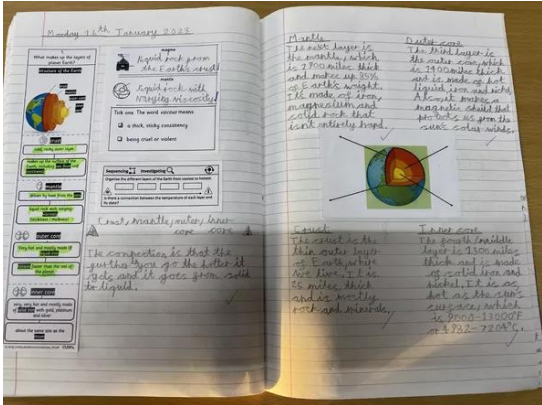
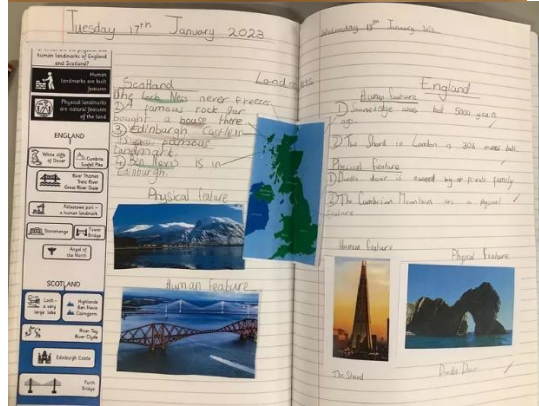
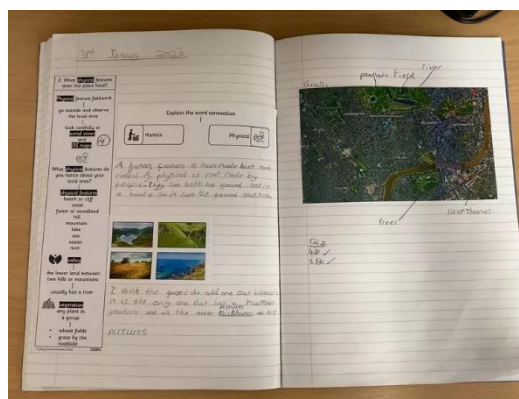
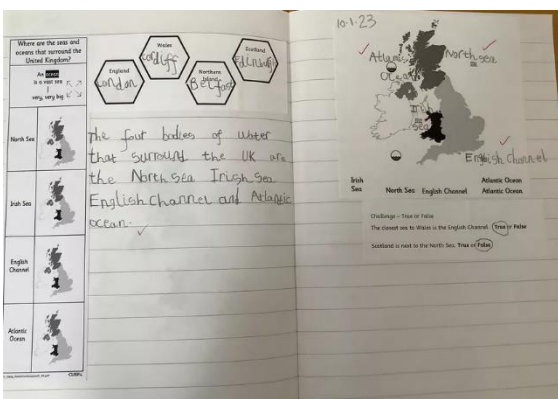
Miss Jenkins



# Geography

Similar to history, geography is a huge priority across Place Farm. Children have three lessons every third weeks on a rolling rotation alongside history and computing. Children start geography in EYFS where they look at mapping the local environment in school all the way through to year 6, where they will learn about different communities around the world and study maps, leading to the children navigating using six figure grid references.

Across the school, each year group will have a different geography topic each term. For example, Year 3 are currently learning about the UK including the different nations, cities and industries that make up the United Kingdom. Year 6 have just started their new geography unit, looking at volcanoes and earthquakes; this is particularly relevant with what is going on in the news at the moment. Please see below some example books from geography across the school.







## School Council:

This term the School Council have been working on three key themes:

- Naming the attendance bears
- Choosing a charity to fundraise for
- Putting together a questionnaire about school dinners

When choosing the names for the attendance bears, the School Council spoke with their classes and came up with three names. They wanted alliteration so they chose names that started with the same letter as the animal e.g., Sebbly Sloth. Next, they spoke with their classes about charities that were close to their hearts. Miss Jenkins then hosted an assembly and the whole school voted on raising money for Make a Wish. The School Council met this week to discuss ideas for how to fundraise. One they came up with is dressing up as your dream as Make a Wish like to make wishes come true for poorly children. Lastly, they came up with some questions to ask their peers based around the school dinners provided.



## Half Term Family Fun

Finding affordable things to do during half term can be tricky, which is why West Suffolk College in Haverhill are running some short family fun workshops this half term.

### Weaving Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Come along as a family and have fun with fabrics and yarn  
Make a beautiful woven coaster to take home.

### Model Making Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Bring your children and explore the delights of model making, let your creative side go wild with plasticine, air drying clay and lots of other materials under the guidance of our expert tutor.

### Fun with Food Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Who doesn't love sweet treats, in this fun and interactive workshop you will make some child friendly no-cook recipes which you can take home to enjoy, and the best bit, you don't have to worry about clearing up!

Sessions cost £7.50 per adult with two children  
All sessions suitable for children aged 4 and up

All sessions will run from 10.00-12.00

Book your space on Eventbrite or scan the QR code



## Adult Education in Haverhill

Want to update your qualifications, looking for a career change or simply want to learn a new skill for pleasure? With a range of part time and leisure courses available West Suffolk College in Haverhill can help.



<b>Maths and English Functional Skills</b> Gain a valuable qualification on one of our condensed Functional Skills courses.  Running over 12 weeks, you will learn the core modules to enable you to gain a Functional Skills qualification, recognised as a valid equivalent to GCSE's.  Starting: April 2023	<b>Online Learning</b> Looking to expand your knowledge or improve your CV? Then choose from one of our 33 online level 2 courses. With qualifications in Business, Health and Wellbeing, Education and many more.  If you have access to a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone you can get qualified.  Start at any time, study online and at your own pace.
<b>Computer Skills</b> Improving your computer skills can help you keep in touch with friends and family, improve work prospects, help with further learning or help you with budgeting and how to shop around and find bargains on the internet. For all levels of ability from beginner to advanced  Start Date: TBC	<b>Take Time for you!</b> If you don't want to complete a formal qualification, then why not learn a new hobby or skill on one of our Leisure Learning courses? From drawing to dressmaking, floristry and many more on offer, it's the perfect opportunity to make some time for you and try something new.  Various start dates
<b>English for Speakers of Other Languages – ESOL</b>	Improve your English, listening, speaking, and writing on one of our part time or evening courses.

# February 1/2 Term Activity Camp



Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February 8.30am-5.30pm  
At Coupals Primary Academy, Haverhill

Sports, arts & crafts, inflatables, team games,  
quizzes, board games and much more.

**£18 per  
day.  
Sibling  
discounts  
available**



Full details & bookings: [www.slsportanded.co.uk](http://www.slsportanded.co.uk)



January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the February half term. The grant will be ordered by your child(ren)'s school and will be issued as a £15 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child. The grant is to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.



Please note that this grant will be issued to you via the email address that the school holds for you so please ensure that this address is up to date.

**The voucher must be spent before the expiry date as failure to redeem by that date will mean you cannot be reissued, and you will lose the grant.**

We hope that this discretionary grant goes some way to help in supporting your family during the school holiday, whether buying food or freeing up some income to go towards energy and water bills or other essential living costs.

If you are financial struggling and require additional support, further information can be found at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/).

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council