

Newsletter – Spring Term



Wistaston Academy
Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd March	
Tuesday 23 rd March	
Wednesday 24 th March	
Thursday 25 th March	
Friday 26 th March	
Advanced Notice:	
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.

We are Brilliant Winners

The 'We are Brilliant' prize winners this week are:

KS1: Mia-Ann, Emelia, Conner, Francis-Lee

KS2: Lexi, Nadia W, Roza, Coby

Polite Notice

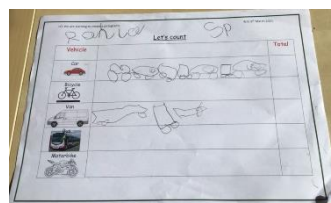
Dogs are not allowed on school premises, even when carried, please respect this.

Let's Count Day!




As the next census is taking place on Sunday 21st March, we held a 'Let's Count Day' at school on Friday 12th March. Our children collected data from our school's local area. Reception counted cars, KS1 counted trees and KS2 counted traffic passing school. The children then presented their data in different ways, using bar charts, line graphs, pictograms and block diagrams.




Reception Let's Count



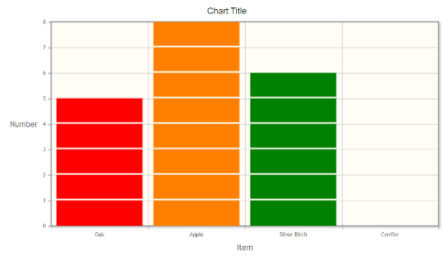
Year 1 Let's Count

Type of Tree	Tally	Total
Oak		5
Apple		8
Silver Birch		6
Conifer		0

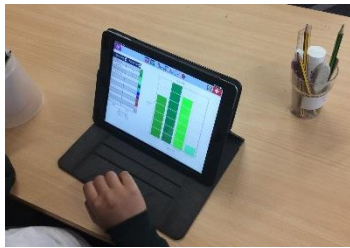
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Type of tree	Count
Oak	
Apple	
Silver Birch	
Conifer	

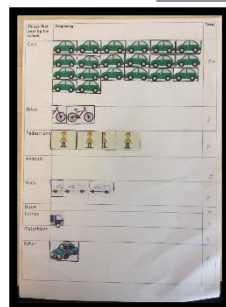
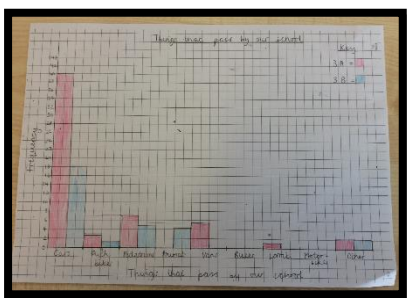
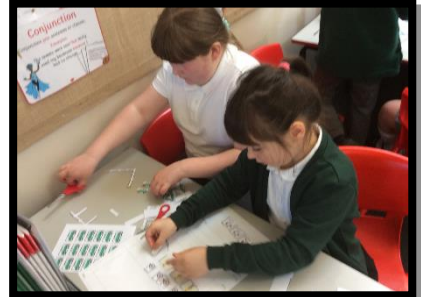
Item	Number
Oak	5
Apple	8
Silver Birch	6
Conifer	0
Total:	19.00



Year 2 Let's Count



Year 3 Let's Count



Year 4 Let's Count

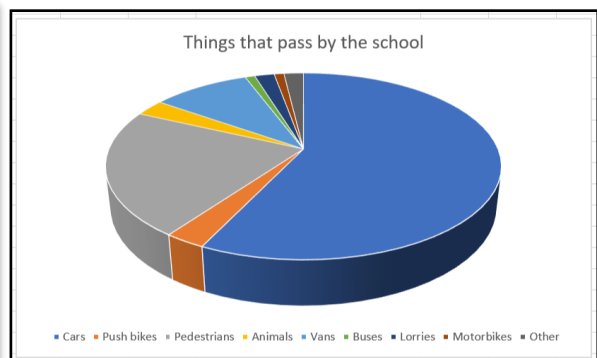
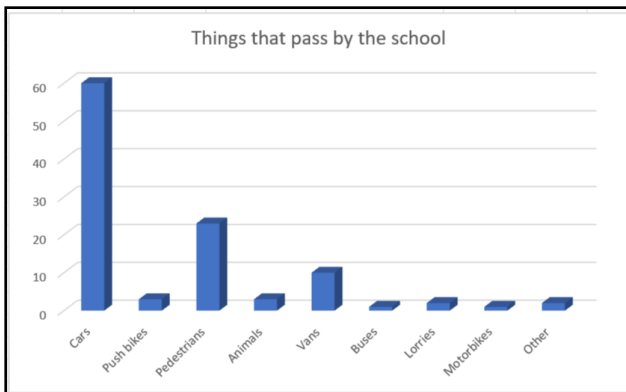


Things that pass by the school	Frequency	Total
Cars		35
Push bikes		1
Pedestrians		6
Animals		10
Vans		7
Buses		0
Lorries		2
Motorbikes		0
Other		2

Year 5 Let's Count



Year 6 Let's Count



Nursery Learning

This week in nursery we have been looking at how we travel to school. Some of the children drew pictures of themselves arriving in cars, on bicycles and walking. In the workshop the children made some fantastic junk models of cars.



Reception Learning

The Reception children have joined in with the rest of the school to follow the 'Let's Count' educational programme for Census 2021. We created a pictogram to show the number of vehicles that drive past our school. The children counted and drew images of the various vehicles that we saw.

In Maths the children have been practising their counting skills and learning about 3D shapes. The children have also enjoyed sharing their photographs on tapestry of their pets at home or talking about their ideal pet. We discussed as a class how we should care and look after our animals appropriately.

British Values this week

UN Rights of a Child
15th March 2021

HS2 Rebellion is a group of people who have dug tunnels as a protest against the new high-speed HS2 train link. Children can set up groups, as long as their actions do not harm other people.




SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS

British Values
15th – 21st March 2021

Rule of Law

Some people do not agree with where HS2 will be built and have decided to take action. If people break the law when they protest, there can often be a consequence.



Picture News



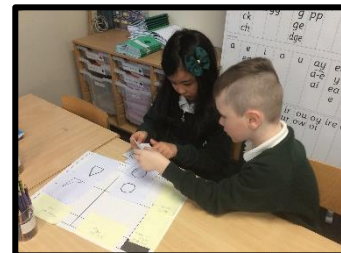
Year 1 Learning

As part of our topic 'Wonderful Weather', Year 1 have learnt about the equator. They explored globes and maps in an atlas to find the equator and looked at the different hot and cold countries around the world. They then collated photographs about hot and cold countries and used these photographs to insert them into a document with text to present their findings.



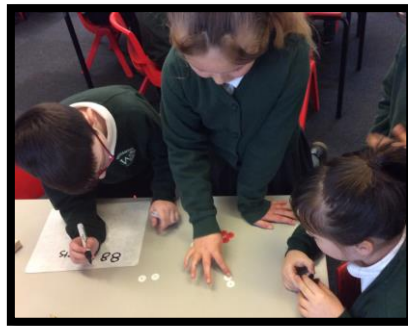
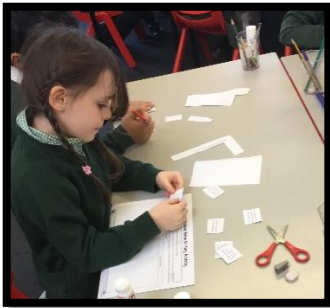
Year 2 Learning

This week in maths, we have been learning about shape. We played a game with our partners called 'Name that Shape'. We practised using our mathematical vocabulary: sides and vertices. We also used Carroll Diagrams to sort both regular and irregular 2D shapes.



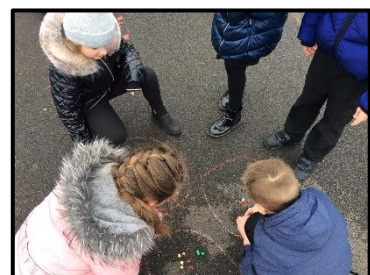
Year 3

This week in Maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have been using base 10 and place value counters to support our learning. In Literacy, we enjoyed many practical lessons about building sentences.



Year 4

This week, we have been learning how to calculate fractions of a set of objects. We had a go at 'Fun with fractions' that had us working as a group to find unit fraction amounts of a set of objects whilst being active!



On Tuesday, we had a visit from Chip Kendall, our arts patron. He delivered a session which was highly engaging and informative. The children enjoyed songs and dances about God's awesome rescue plan.



Year 5 Science workshop

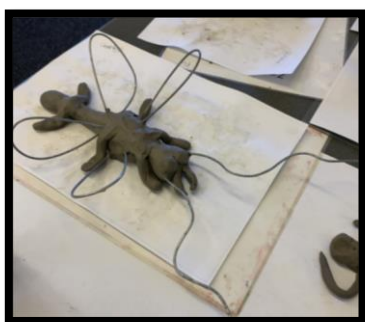
Chemistry with cabbage

Today, was really exciting: we got to experience a hands-on science day with Professor Wilson, who has an MBE. From the activities, we found out that we can change solutions from being alkali to acid and vice versa. We also tested whether solutions were acid, alkali or neutrals. All of this was done using the molecules from red cabbage leaves. We discovered that we can make a gas from combining different solids and liquids to inflate a rubber glove. Take a look at our pictures to see the fun we had.



Year 6

As part of our science week we have been looking at innovations for the future. We designed our own “robo-bugs” to solve some of today’s problems. The children had lots of fun and really thought about how the features of their “robo-bug” would help with specific services such as search and rescue.



Here are Charley’s, Kacper’s and Kaitlin’s examples.

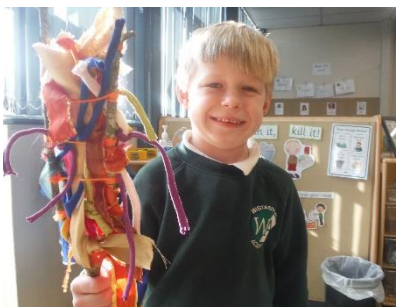
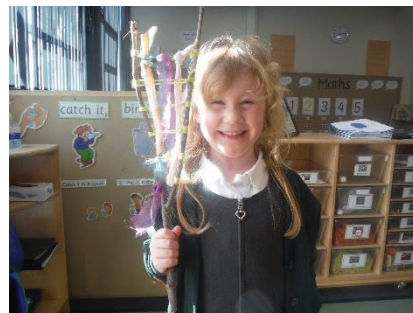
Art News

This week we want to focus on Reception artwork! As part of our “Land Art” Unit, we have experimented with weaving strips of material onto natural weaving looms.

Here are some of our examples:

(Artwork by Carter, Kaja, Elodie, Saya, Hallam, Kyan, Lucas, Taiah, Harrison, Teddy, Alexia, Bobby, Isabelle, Lilly, Jacob, Robyn, Kelvin, Leo.)





Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Below, we've highlighted a few tips for parents to consider to ensure that their children get the most enjoyable experience out of the service.

5 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

DISNEY+

1 Create a strong username & password

On its release in the US, Canada and Netherlands in November 2019, Disney+ was dogged by allegations of being hacked. Many users complained that their account details had been stolen and blamed Disney+ security. To date, Disney+ has confirmed there was no data breach from their end. As Disney+ doesn't use 2-factor authentication, anybody who potentially hacks your username and password could also access your credit card details. Therefore, it's important to create a unique username and a strong password that isn't used for other sites. Always use a mixture of letters (upper and lowercase), numbers and symbols and try to ensure the minimum length is 8 characters.

2 Monitor your child's usage

Whilst the ability to stream on almost any device capable of connecting to the internet might seem great at first, parents may also want to exercise a little bit of caution. Parental controls on Disney+ are quite limited and there are no settings to help with screen time or usage, so it can be easy for children to binge watch, particularly given the amount of content available. Apple, Google and Amazon devices all provide options to limit children's screen time so parents can manage how long their child uses the app.

3 Enable 'Kid's Profile' mode

Although Disney+ is billed as family friendly, there is still an option to enable a 'kid's profile' which removes all PG and PG-13 rated content. This adds an extra level of safety if you're still concerned that your child may watch something that could be deemed too 'intense' for their age. Setting up a kid's profile also switches off autoplay which means the next video in any series won't automatically play once one episode has finished. It should be noted though that children can easily switch between accounts themselves given there is no security required to get into profiles.

4 Double check for Films with 'outdated cultural depictions'

The Disney+ service includes programs and movies that go back to the 1930s and which have been left in their original format, with their original content. Some of this programming contains cultural insensitivities and depictions that were included in the original show, but Disney would never include them now. For example, cultural stereotyping, the representation of minority groups or character portrayals which may be deemed racist. For this reason, viewers are made aware through a warning message stating "This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions." Whilst Disney do their best to highlight any such content, it's always worth discussing these issues with your child if they raise any queries.

5 Sit back and enjoy!

Above all else, Disney+ is designed to be family friendly and there is very little, if any, adult-themed content available for children to stumble across. The library of films and programmes can range from all-time classics to the latest Hollywood blockbuster and it can be a great avenue for parents and children to sit down together, ready the popcorn and enjoy some great family friendly entertainment.

Meet our expert

Pete Sedh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



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Top Tips for Parents

Turn the page and take a look... snuggle up and share a book!



Sharing books from an early age supports language development



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Did You Know?

Reading with your child from an early age will:

- Enhance the bond between you and your child
- Develop your child's understanding
- Increase the number of words your child can say
- Support attention and listening skills
- Aid the development of social skills and emotional understanding



Tips for sharing books with your child:

Find a cosy spot and **cuddle up with your child**, this is all part of the book-sharing experience!

Choose a book that is written for your child's age, they will find it easier to follow

Make sure that your child can see the pictures in the book, this will help them learn new words

Be creative, adding actions or silly voices to the story will bring it to life!

It's ok not to read the words in the book. You could just talk about the pictures that your child is interested in

Read the same stories over and over again. Children learn best through repetition



We all know that the pandemic and lockdowns over the past 12 months have had a huge impact on the emotional wellbeing of children and their families. With restrictions still in place for the next few weeks, and the weather still unpredictable, [Visyon](#) has created a virtual fun pack of activities for primary-aged children to do with their families over the Easter school holidays - perfect for entertaining them on a rainy afternoon! Even better, everyone who downloads the pack will go into a draw to win a family pass for 4 people to Alton Towers and other great prizes.



What is in the Fun Pack?

Lots of puzzles, craft ideas (with links to "how to" videos), colouring sheets and a DIY treasure hunt kit for Easter fun. There's a link to an exclusive [storytime](#) video featuring local children's author Nick Jones and a social media competition to win a bundle of signed children's books from publisher Full Media.



How much does it cost?

The pack is available from www.visyon.org.uk for a £5 donation and everyone who downloads it will be entered into a draw to win an Alton Towers family pass, digital pet portraits and other great prizes. [Visyon](#) is a charity and relies on donations from the public to run its vital services providing mental health support to children and young people.



Who are [Visyon](#) and what do we do?

[Visyon](#) is a local mental health charity that supports children and young people aged 4-25 years old in the Cheshire East and Staffordshire Moorlands area. [Visyon](#) supports children and young people by

providing a range of services including 1-1 therapy, mentoring, therapeutic and creative groups, advocacy, family support sessions and support and training for schools.



How can I help?

Please share the details of the pack with all the families at your school, along with any associated before/after school clubs and nurseries. You could do this by using the attached marketing video and e-flyer on your parent communication portal, or mention it in your school newsletter. You could also share details on your school social media pages or ask your PTA to send the information out.



Where can I get more information or help?

Please contact Kerry Spink, Engagement Manager at Visyon on [01260 290000](tel:01260290000) or visit our website www.visyon.org.uk for further help and resources.

Thank you so much for your support!

The Visyon Fun Team.