

# Newsletter 26 – Spring 2



Wistaston Academy  
Primary and Nursery School  
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## This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
<b>Advanced Notice:</b>	Clubs start back wc 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
<b>Polite Notice:</b>	<b>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.</b>	

## The Hub

With the season of Spring well underway, the Hub children have been exploring things connected with this time of year. This week they have created chickens by stippling yellow paint on card before adding eyes, beaks and legs. These chick pictures are now on display in our 'Frame for all seasons' and photocopies have been used to make Easter cards.



## Nursery

In Nursery this week, we had a surprise visit from Goldilocks! She had made a big mess. First, we looked at all of the mess. Next, we looked at the camera footage of Goldilocks. Then, we made 'WANTED!' posters to help us find her.



## Reception

In Reception this week we had a special visitor. On Wednesday, Lottie the dog came in to show us some amazing tricks that she can do. We loved playing 'hide and seek' with her in the classroom and watching her jump up and dance!

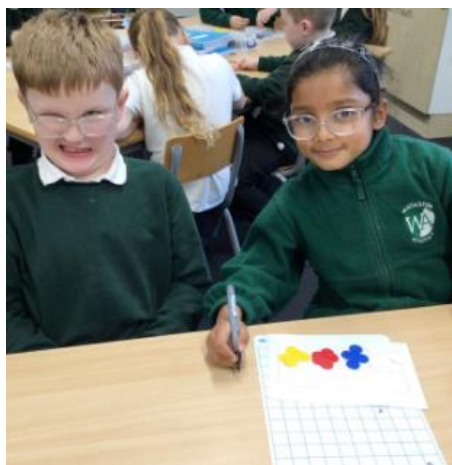
## Year 1

This week year 1 went to Delamere forest. They took part in lots of interesting activities. One activity was called 'Amazing Forests'. First, they played a game to find out what an oak tree needs to grow. Then they used the forest materials to make a tree and label it. The other activity was shelter building where they worked as teams to make waterproof shelters out of things that they could find in the forest.



## Year 2

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been introduced to fractions. They now know what a half and a quarter is and can show it using counters, shading shapes and using their numbers. Great mathematical skills, Year 2!



## Year 3

Year 3 have had lots of fun in science this week, investigating which materials are magnetic and which are not.



## Year 4

Today, we went on a local history walk. First of all, we headed to Stewart Street to look at some Victorian houses. We were able to spot lots of key features of these properties, such as detailed brickwork, decorative tiling, ornate gable trims, stained glass windows and bay windows. We enjoyed comparing features of the more modern houses we passed with those of the Victorian Era. For example, lots of the contemporary properties had driveways, whereas the Victorian houses hadn't required them when built. We also noticed Victorian influences on some newer homes. Our walk ended with a stroll around Queen's Park, where we saw the Clock Tower adorned with Queen Victoria's own face!

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### Year 5

In reading this week, we have been exploring the Alps in our Mountains book. We have been understanding what facts and opinions are and got into the role of a travel agent to try to sell a holiday to the Alps. We have enjoyed learning about the Alps this half term. Why not ask the children what they have learnt?



## Year 6

In Literacy this week, Year 6 have been planning and writing a discussion based on the lives of the Athenians and Spartans in Ancient Greece. To help with their writing, they have been debating various topics in class. The children started with sharing their ideas with their partners and then built up to a whole class debate. They were certainly sure of their own opinions by the end of it!

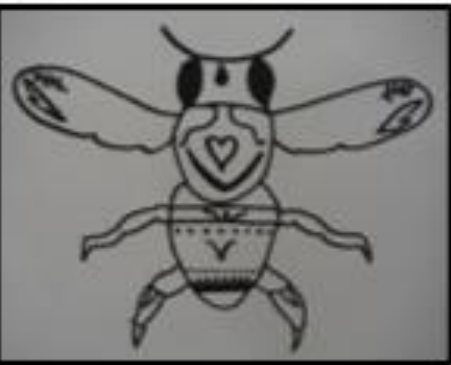


## Art News

### Teacher's Corner

Several year groups have been working on bee-based images in celebration of the anti-violence bee coming to Crewe in May. This week staff had a well-being session where we spent time drawing and painting, so we thought we'd focus on bees too. We are sharing our creations to encourage the children that adults like drawing too! Keep creating over the holidays and share your art-work with us when you return 😊









We hope you have a bee-autiful Easter holiday! 😊

## PE News

### Y2 Gymnastics Competition



Last Friday our Y2 children competed in the Crewe and Nantwich Schools Gymnastics Competition at LS Gym. The 5 children who competed were fantastic and their gymnastics routines were outstanding. As you can see from their happy faces, they had a brilliant time. Well Charlie, Alex B, Prudence, Summer and Aaradhya.

### Y3 Swimming



All Year 3 children will be going swimming after Easter as part of the compulsory national PE curriculum. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of **Tuesday 16th April and will finish on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

The children will be travelling, by coach, to the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, accompanied by members of the Year 3 team. Your child will need to bring in their **swimming costume/shorts and a towel**. If your child forgets their kit, we will contact you during the morning to try to arrange for their kit to be dropped off. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in the pool, so all must be removed before they enter. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come to school, if the children cannot remove the earrings themselves. In addition, long hair must be tied up.

If your child has a medical condition which prevents them from swimming, they will require a signed doctor's note; otherwise they will be expected to swim. If your child has a one-off medical condition on one of their swimming sessions, then please speak directly to their class teacher, or send in a signed note. We will not accept the children's reasons for why they are missing swimming, without confirmation from an adult.

## Reading News



World Book Day was another great success this year. It was lovely to see the children dressed up as their favourite characters and interacting with one another so positively about books. To keep the love of stories alive over the Easter holidays, below are some tips about how to encourage your child to keep reading.

### **Read aloud regularly**

- Try to read with your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and looking over the pictures.

### **Encourage reading choice**

- Give your child lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There're stories, information books, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more.

### **Read together**

- Choose a favourite time to read together and enjoy it. This might be reading the same book together, or reading different things at the same time. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

## Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.

# TAKEHOME

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Should there be a limit on how rich one person can become?

## In the news this week

Poverty-fighting charity, Oxfam, recently released a new report on inequality and global corporate power. It found that the world's five richest people have more than doubled their fortunes from a combined total of £321 billion to £688 billion since 2020. The wealth of the poorest 60% (nearly five billion people) has fallen. If this trend continues, the world will have its first trillionaire within 10 years, whilst poverty may not be eradicated for another nearly 230 years.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on this week's story. Are you surprised to learn that there will likely be a trillionaire within ten years?
- Can you name any billionaires? Do you know how they acquired their money?
- Do you think more should be done e.g., by governments, to reduce the gap between the world's richest and poorest people?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



### Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in KS2 they will have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

