

Hello everyone,

Where has this half term gone? Time seems to have flown by! I know the children and staff are looking forward to the half-term holiday so they can relax and get ready for the next, super busy, half term. **We will be back in school at the usual time, from 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest, on Monday 6th November.**

We have ended this half term on a high with **a fantastic assembly from Year 4 on Buddhism**. The children did a great job confidently sharing lots of information about the history and special festivals, as well as sharing their experience of visiting the temple. Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend yesterday—your support is really valued.

Thank you also to **Smile Education** for generously donating a wide range of age appropriate books to our ever growing school library. We are excited to lend these out to the children so they can be enjoyed at home.

A **sad goodbye and very good luck to Miss Ibrar** who has been teaching 4NG this half term, we will all miss her. And a **warm welcome back to Miss Garnett** who returns from maternity leave to teach 4NG.



And finally, we look forward to the start of next term and seeing what the children have explored for their **creative homework**. Have a great holiday and stay safe if you are planning to attend any bonfire or firework displays at the end of the holiday.  
Cathy Grace, Headteacher



## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.



These articles also include the ABCDE rights

- A. Rights are for **ALL** children.
- B. Rights are there at **BIRTH**.
- C. Rights **CANNOT** be taken away.
- D. Rights **DO NOT** have to be earned.
- E. All rights are **EQUALY** important.

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### How can education support you to develop your personality, talents and abilities.

Support health and wellbeing  
Understanding human rights  
Provide a safe space.  
Treating you as an individual  
Learning about different careers  
Providing access to music, art and sports  
Giving you a voice  
Encourage friendships.  
Trips  
Residentials  
Outdoor Learning  
Clubs

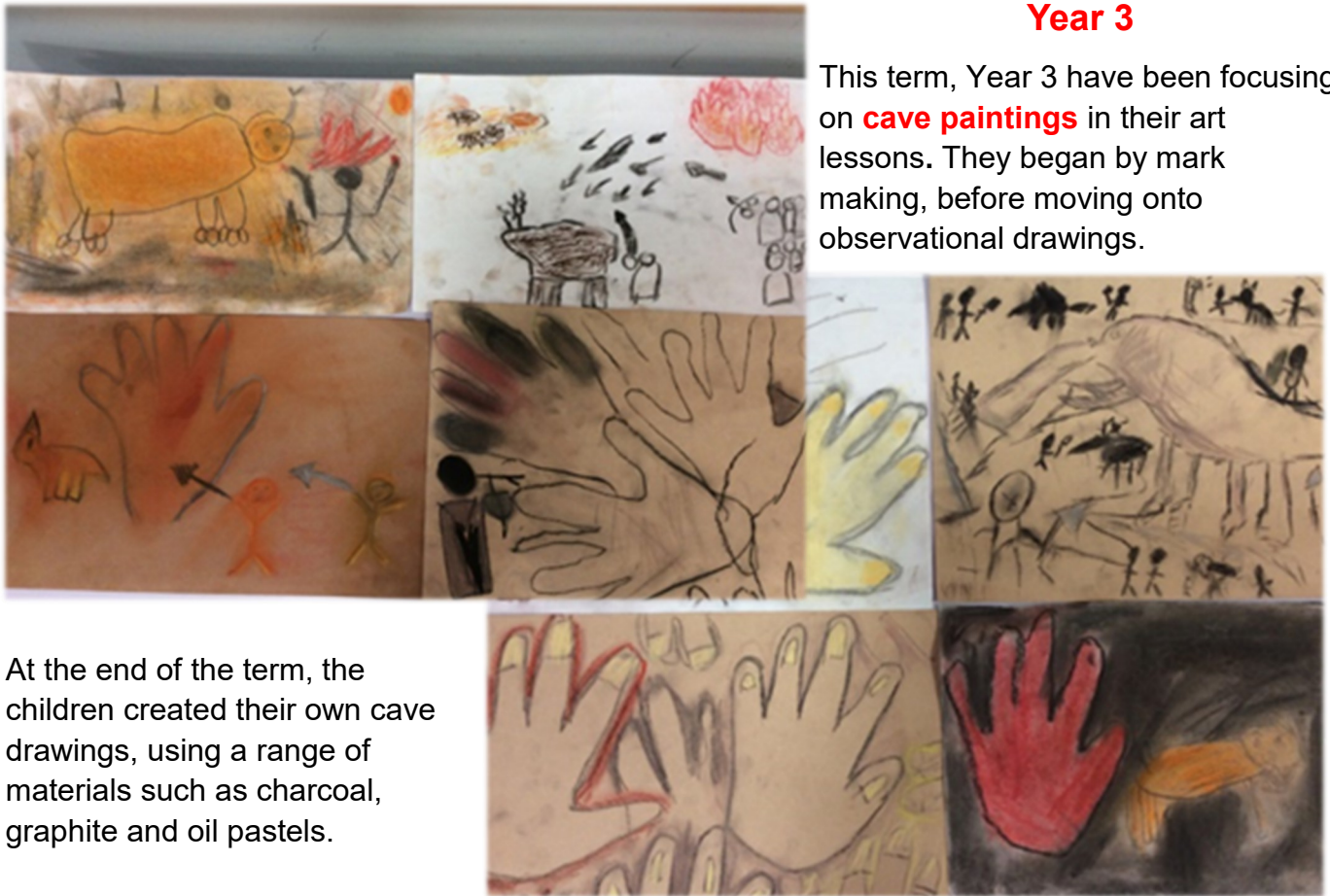
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### Year 3

This term, Year 3 have been focusing on **cave paintings** in their art lessons. They began by mark making, before moving onto observational drawings.



At the end of the term, the children created their own cave drawings, using a range of materials such as charcoal, graphite and oil pastels.

### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been applying their knowledge of creating marks using oil pastels and graphite to create their own **volcano inspired landscapes**. The children have been able to choose one of their many ideas to create a final artwork. They discussed how they composed their pictures.



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## Year 5

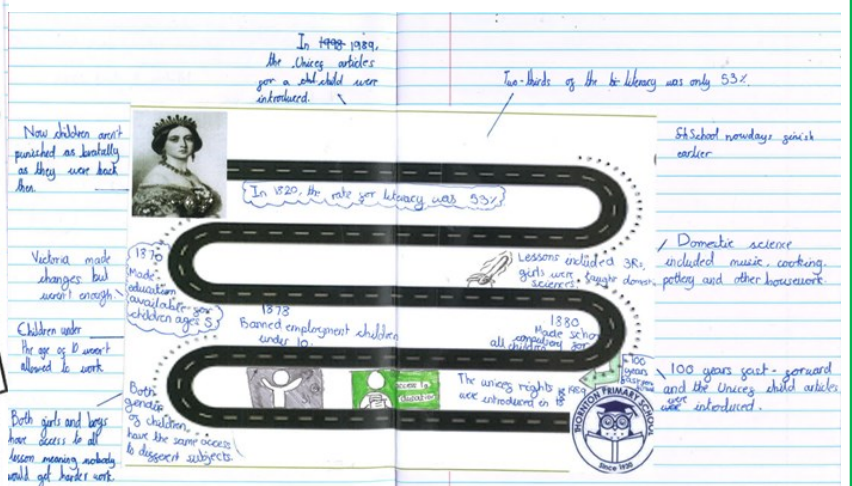
Year 5 have been learning about the **Anglo Saxons** this term. Arguably, the most important

example of Anglo Saxon literature is the epic poem of Beowulf and Grendel. The children imagined a Danish person writing to their Geatish friend asking for help to defend their people from an evil monster.

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## Year 6

Year 6 have been studying **the Victorian era**. This week we have looked at the developments of technology during the Victorian era and created a comic strip to illustrate the effectiveness that invention had on the people of that time. The students also researched the educational system during the Victorian era. They looked at the educational acts that were passed throughout Queen Victoria's reign, which made it illegal to employ young children. The children also compared their own schooling experience with that of a Victorian child.



# Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'kindness'**.

Kindness is a word linked to our expectation to be respectful, but what does kindness mean?

"Kindness is the quality of being generous, helpful, and caring about other people".

Cambridge Dictionary.

Showing kindness, both towards each other, and ourselves, is vital if we are to make the world a better place.

**Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher**



## School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? Please make this change at the start of each term and not mid term. We would be very grateful if you could please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen. Thank you.



## Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support.

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**

**Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.**

**Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.**

**After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.**

A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.



## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, nut free snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.** Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

**Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!**

**Thank you for your support.**



## Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

## Autumn Term 2 Starts

Monday 6th November 2023

## Autumn Term 2 Ends

Friday 22nd December 2023



## Christmas Holiday

Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January 2024

## Spring Term 1 Starts

Teacher Training Day - Monday 8th January 2024

School opens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2024

## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 6th November  
Year 6

Tuesday 7th November  
Year 4

Wednesday 8th November  
Year 3

Thursday 9th November  
Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 10th November

Swimming for class 4SH

## School Attendance

### Class Attendance

**Congratulations** Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week:

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
3SQ	4TW	5BA	6MF
3GJ	4SH		



Our school attendance last week was 95.2%



### Firework Feast menu 06.11.2023

Miquil, our school caterer, will be hosting a special Firework Feast Menu on **Monday 6th November** for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special Firework Feast school lunch, please call the school office to book the meal. **The cost is £2.50 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.**



## Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2024

The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. You will not be able to apply after this date.

The online application is very simple and quick.

Please use this url to access the form:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school admissions>



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