



# KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Despite the sudden change in weather this week it has been a great week of learning and celebration at Knockhall. The children are coming to the ends of their topics now and are able to speak confidently to leaders and visitors to their classes about what they have learnt. We are very proud of the children and their learning this term.

Towards the end of next week, you will receive the topic overviews for next term as well as information about our Big Bang Days for Autumn term 2 topics. All Big Bang Days will take place on Tuesday 31st October – these are a great way to really get the children excited for the topic ahead as well as teachers getting an understanding of the children's prior knowledge of a topic so we can adapt the learning as needed.

As the wetter weather has begun to set in, please could we remind you that your child should be coming to school with a named waterproof coat. When the weather is damp but not pouring rain, we would still like to be able to give the children some outside time to run off some energy but we cannot let them outside without a coat. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Finally we would like to thank the parents/carers who attended the year 1 information workshop this week – we hope you found the session helpful. We would also like to thank the family volunteers who attended the year 1 trip this week – the children had a wonderful time and have been using what they learnt in their lessons this week.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Riley, Mrs Wady and the entire Knockhall Team.

**REMINDER:** Please ensure you are parking safely and courteously in the mornings and afternoons. Please do not park on double yellow, zigzag lines or across residents' driveways. We appreciate Eynsford road gets very busy in the mornings and afternoons but we must ensure we are all working together for the safety of our families as they travel to a from school.

# What have the children been learning this week in Nursery ...

Hello Nursery Parents and Carers

As a part of our phonics learning going forward, we will have a different nursery rhyme each week. These will be rhymes the children will be learning in school, and we will look at rhyming words, alliteration and syllables as a part of this.

Each week we will share with you the rhyme for the new week. Next week our rhyme will be Incy Wincy Spider. A copy of this will be displayed on the notice board outside Duckling's classroom, and the rhyme will be added to the newsletter. Please feel free to practice this with your child at home, I hope you enjoy it!

Miss Taylor

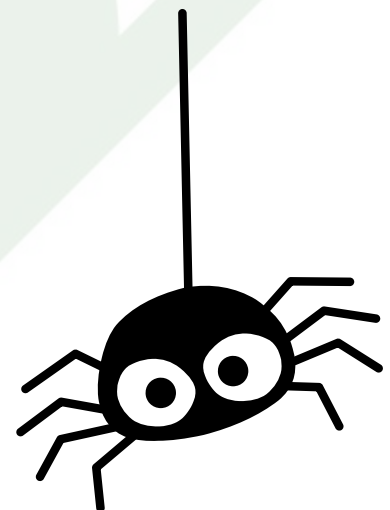


Little Wandle  
Foundations



**Incy Wincy Spider**

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the waterspout,  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,  
So Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

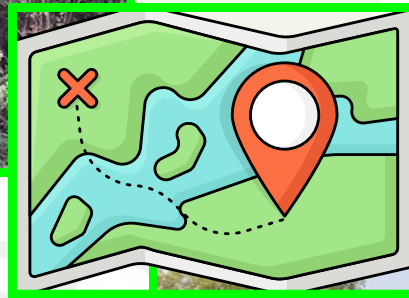




# Year 1 Trip to Swanscombe Heritage Park! ...

This week, the year one children went on a local walk to the Swanscombe Heritage Park as part of our ongoing topic in geography this term. This was a valuable source of learning that supported children to read a map and observe physical and human features in their environment.

The year one staff and children would like to say thank you to all our parent volunteers.

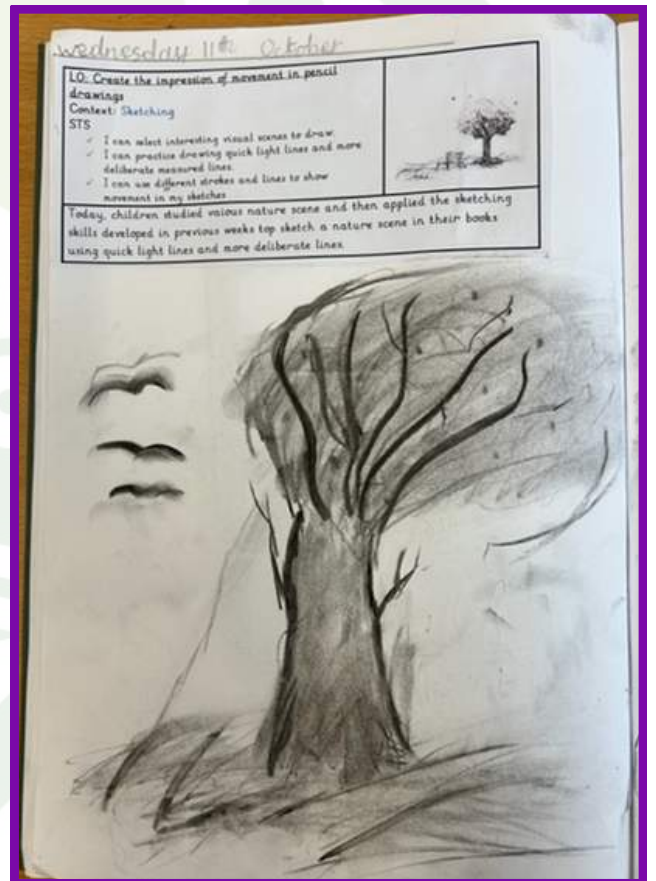
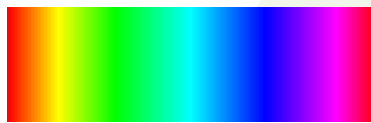


# What have the children been learning this week in Years 3 and 4 ...

In Year 3 During our Personal Development lesson, we listened to the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. The story demonstrates opinions being expressed, decisions being made and arguments being portrayed. Each group was given a colour and had to design a poster to fight for their crayons rights and prove that their colour was the best!



Some Amazing Art Work Produced by Daisy May in Year 4







### GOLDEN BOOK

Year 2 - Isaiah, Keyser, Tife and George

Year 3 - Saisha, David

Year 4 Daisy-May

Year 5 - Josephine, Manan, Sophie, Lexi, Madison

Year 6 - Poppy B



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Arthur

Owlets - Callum

Cygnets - Connor

Swans - Masih

Owls - Jemimah

Flamingos - Leo

Toucans - George

Hummingbirds - Max

Robins - Shri

Woodpeckers - Princess

Kestrels - Oluwaseun

Penguins - Max

Puffins - Jason

Peacocks - Leila

Parrots - Daniel

Eagles - Daisy



### ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 88.24 %

Cygnets - 84.8 %

Owlets - 96.36 %

Owls - 93.88 %

Swans - 95.1 %

Flamingos - 95.52 %

Toucans - 96.79 %

Hummingbirds - 89.6 %

Robins - 90.87 %

Kestrels - 97.31 %

Woodpeckers - 98.15 %

Penguins - 88.75 %

Puffins - 94.44 %

Parrots - 97.13 %

Peacocks 88.18 %

Eagles 90.87 %

Minimum School Target - 96 %

Whole School attendance - 93.58 %

### Our School Values In Action

**Teamwork** - Well done to woodpeckers class who received PE class of the week this week for their fantastic teamwork.

**Respect** - Some year 6 children have been working diligently this week to return items from lost property to children across the school - thank you!

**Honesty** - If you have received an email with a link for feedback about any parent workshops you may have attended, we appreciate your honest feedback so that we can improve the offer going forwards.

**Pride** - We were very proud of Shri this week who received a certificate for getting 100 stickers in her English tutoring outside of school!

# Information for families and learning

Please click on the link below to the school website for lots of information and resources about family online courses and details on parent/carer and family assistance programmes



[CLICK HERE](#)



Our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide this week addresses the timely and delicate issue of speaking to children about worrying content that they've seen online. Young people are so connected to the world through their devices that, by now, the vast majority of them will be aware of recent events in Israel, even if they're not quite old enough to comprehend them fully.

Many children will have watched or read potentially distressing online news items covering the violence – and will possibly need extra reassurance from trusted adults in these unsettling days. Our guide has practical advice on broaching upsetting subjects with young ones, allowing them to express their concerns and helping them to avoid becoming overwhelmed by their fears.

[Click Here for Further Information on the School Website](#)

# Meet and Greet Session Tuesday 17th October



MEET &  
GREET

Dear Parents and Carers we  
invite you to attend a  
meet & greet session with  
our NHS Mental Health  
Support worker

**There will be two sessions held at  
the school on 17th Oct in the main  
hall at 9:15am & 2:30pm, to  
explain what the service is, and  
how it supports children and  
families**



**NHS**



# Important Dates and Events

Our Year 6 Students will be selling poppies, snap bands wrist bands and keychains from next week during breaktimes.

Please note that children should not bring more than £2.00 into school per day to purchase these



# School Photos 20th October



**Family 'Food and Fun' event**  
**October half – term 2023**  
**11am – 1pm.**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Manor School Swanscombe**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Stone St Mary's School**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Knockhall School**

**MCK**  
 CHARITY REG NO. 1084242

**ASDA Foundation**

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Please state names of children/ adults and any allergies.

Please sign up for this free event so we can ensure everyone is catered for.  
 To book email : [jude@stmarygreenhithe.com](mailto:jude@stmarygreenhithe.com)  
 or call 07512.460221.



## Dates For Your Diary

- 17th Oct NHS Meet and Greet Sessions in the main hall at 9:15am & 2:30pm
- SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Friday 20th October (If your child has PE on this day please send them to school in uniform and have their PE kit with them)
- Friday 20th October Last Day Of Term
- Monday 30th October First Day of Term