

Willingham Primary School



End of Summer Term Letter

24th July 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer break is upon us and another chance arrives to look back over the past term in this newsletter.

Back in January, I said to the children that taking stock at points in the year to reflect on our growth is an important part of the journey and I hope that through the end of year reports and through sharing their work books, you have been able to celebrate how far each and every one of the children has come over this year; they should all be very proud.

It has been a scorching and eventful term that seems to have steadily accelerated to this point: SAT and Phonics assessments; residential trips; art and music celebration evenings; the Fen Gallop; a trip to the seaside; participation in the county maths challenge final; swimming lessons; to name but a few of the highlights of the busiest of terms.

During all of this, the staff have been working steadfastly to continue to improve the provision for the children in the school and I have continued to see positive changes in the classrooms and in children's work. We have looked carefully at the way that we plan lessons and structure the learning for the children, including how classrooms are laid out to best support the children; you may have noticed changes in seating arrangements to help children maintain their focus in many classes across the school.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best of luck for the next steps in their educational journey. It has been a pleasure to see them really shine over the past few weeks; they were a credit to the school during Primary week, entertained us royally during their performance of Bussy Malone and put on a fantastic display of entrepreneurship during the Business Enterprise evening. We are all very proud of their achievements and know that they will do brilliantly in the future.

Enjoy a restful, fantastic summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Morel', written in a cursive style.

David Morel
Headteacher

Porridge!



Back in April, Year 5 worked incredibly hard to put on a fantastic production, 'Porridge'. It was full lots of fun, slap-stick humour, which the children thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing, adding their own pizzazz too, of course! There were lots of lines to learn, as well as songs and props to make, but everyone came together to make it a very memorable event. All of the children looked great in their costumes of well-known fairytale characters, and sang their hearts out for all of the shows, especially in the grand finale song, 'Happy Ever After'.

A Taste of Bangladesh



Year two invited their parents to a Bangladesh afternoon where the children shared their non-chronological reports and art work about Tigers. They had lots of delicious Bangladesh food to try such as: vegetable curry, rice dishes and a dessert dish called Sandesh. They also had Bengali clothes to try on, even the teachers wore saris! Everyone listened to Bengali music and learned some of the traditional dances. It was a great opportunity for the children to share what they had learned.

Twinning Art Exchange

The Fen Edge villages (Willingham, Rampton, Cottenham, Waterbeach and Landbeach) are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their twinning with Avrillé, a town in the Loire Valley which is twinned in turn with towns in Germany and Spain. The children from schools in all four areas have been invited to design and make 1m x 1m panels celebrating peace and friendship.

A group of local residents travelled to France and attended a ceremony on the Saturday morning when the artworks were exchanged. We are very excited to have taken part. Here are some Year 6 pupils working together on one of our panels.



Victorian Dance Workshop

In early May, Year 1 and 2 had a 'Victorian' visitor come to school. The children learned all about Victorian etiquette and clothing. They had to be careful what they did with a fan or glove as it might have conveyed a secret message to someone across the room! They learned some fun Victorian songs and games plus our very own Victorian dance. Jolly good fun!



Year Five Maths Challenge

In May, a group of four young mathematicians took part in the Year 5 Maths Challenge at Bar Hill Primary School. They competed against four other teams, solving some very tricky maths problems! They worked extremely well as a team and received a special certificate for doing especially well in the 'Extra Thinks'. They did well enough to be invited back to the finals in Duxford later in the term and ended up coming 13th out of 120 schools!



The Pied Piper

The second performance of the term saw the Year 3/4 children have give three performances of their production of 'The Pied Piper'. All of the children worked incredibly hard to prepare for the stage. We saw rats drown, the Mayor cast out of town and children escape having been lured into a mountain by the disgruntled Pied Piper! The Year 3/4 teachers were incredibly proud of each and every child for the part that they played in this hilarious extravaganza!



Bushcraft 2018!

Our Year 6 pupils advanced out into the beautiful setting of Chorley Woods in Oxfordshire just after the half term break. They experienced life in the wild over the week, learning a huge range of essential survival and Bushcraft skills and it was clear that the experience was unforgettable for all those involved. Through whittling, to wild swimming; from shelter building to first aid principles, the children were a credit to the school and grasped each opportunity with gusto and enthusiasm. They returned to school with many tales to tell and the slight whiff of wood smoke in their hair.



Sports Day 2018

On Friday 15th June, the whole school took part in our annual Sports Day. In the morning, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 did 16 mini activities that displayed the sports they have learnt over the year and the older children took part in the afternoon. The Year 6s planned and set up each activity and supported the younger children and we had CVC Sport Leaders in the afternoon helping. We were delighted with the enthusiasm, conduct and the fantastic example the Year 6 children demonstrated. Every child ran three races; Hurdles, Egg & Spoon and Sprint. We even had a teacher race at the very end with Miss Peck finishing in first place. Congratulations to all the children who took part.



Manga Workshop

The Year 5s and 6s had a fantastic time at the Manga Workshop given by Sonia Leong in June and produced some impressive drawings of their own. We are very grateful to Sonia for coming into school and for her enthusiastic and inspiring presentations.



A Splurge-tastic Performance!

The hours of rehearsals finally paid off for Year 6 when they performed *Bugsy Malone* to parents two evenings in early July. As well as learning lines, songs and dance routines while managing costume and scenery changes, the students also showed the ability to cope with unexpected change when sadly some of the cast members fell ill. The children were outstanding in their performances and now everyone wants a Splurge Gun! Well done to the children in Year 6 and to the choir who supported them. Thank you also to the Year 6 parents for helping with line learning and organising costumes.



Minibeasts in Reception

Reception had a fantastic time at the Minibeast garden party and were happy to share their learning with their family members. They had great fun drinking beetle juice and eating squashed fly biscuits!



Kingswood 2018

Towards the end of the year, the Year 5 children went on their residential trip to Kingswood where they not only developed their social and personal skills, they took on new challenges to work constructively as a team, learned to stay positive and resilient through setbacks and had a go at various adventure activities. These exhilarating activities pushed boundaries: caving, abseiling, rock climbing, zip lining, obstacle challenges, shelter building and fire starting, just to name a few! Everyone had a fantastic time and came back with more self-confidence after the experience. Well done, Year 5!



Fen Gallop and Family Fun Day

The sun was shining down for us at this year's Fen Gallop and Family Fun Day on Sunday 8th July. Around 500 runners took part in the 10k, 4 mile, 1 mile and mini sprint races; an amazing turnout considering the heat!

The recreation field was a hive of activity, with zorb balls, bubble footballs, Willingham Wolves footie challenge, bouncy castles and sponge the teacher, including Mr Morel who got a soaking!

The event raised a huge amount for the school, thought to be around **£7000!** A huge thanks to the WSA team who organised the event, to all who marshalled or helped on stalls and to all who supported on the day.



Reception at Wicken Fen

Reception had a fantastic time at Wicken Fen in mid-July and had the opportunity to learn about and observe mini beasts in their natural habitat. They had the chance to hunt for mini beasts, make wild art and go pond dipping. They were all beautifully behaved and the staff were impressed by how sensible they all were.



Sporting Activities

We have had a very successful sporting year at Willingham Primary School. Sports Day was a fantastic event where every child participated in 16 mini activities before taking part in three races each! The atmosphere was brilliant all day and a massive thanks has to go to the parents who supported the children so well. Willingham Primary School participated in more competitions this year than ever before! The children competed in different sports including Netball, Football, Tennis, Cross Country, Athletics and so many more! We are expecting to enter even more competitions next year so the children will be very busy! The school achieved 'Bronze' School Games Mark Award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport in 2017/18. This is the first time the school has achieved this award for a number of years which is a great achievement, but we are aiming for 'Gold' next year, so watch this space!

WSA

As the 2017/2018 school year draws to a close, we look back on another year of fundraising activities.

The WSA have raised in the region of £16,000 for the school this year; from festive wreath making in December, through to the end of year disco in July. What a busy year it's been!

We'd like to say a big thank you to all of the committee members and parent helpers who have helped the WSA this year. The enthusiasm, hard work and team effort is greatly appreciated and makes these events possible.

This year we will be holding our AGM during a fun-filled Quiz Night on Friday 7th September, at 7.30pm, so please put the date in your diary and join us if you can. Come meet the committee and find out about all the different ways you can help. No matter how much time you can dedicate, new faces and ideas make a big difference! We are looking for a new secretary for the 2018/2019 committee, so if you are an organised person who would enjoy this role, please let us know.

Read on for a round-up of this year's fundraising activities and where your money has gone....

£152 – Christmas crackers; Christmas dinner 2017 went with a bang with festive crackers for the pupils to pull!

£725 – Pantomime; Jack & the Beanstalk visited in the first week of 2018 to give the whole school a big laugh!

£500 – Swimming Pool costs; the WSA contributed to the annual running costs of the school swimming pool and also provided resuscitation training to both staff and parents. We hope that everyone has enjoyed using the pool this term.

£1,400 – Recycled benches for the year 6 outside area. Purchased with money received from the Co-Op Community Fund.

£118 – Paint for the playground pirate ship which was kindly repainted by members of the Willingham Co-Op.

£112 – French dictionaries for Year 6 to prepare them better for secondary school.

£500 – Phonics Fairy Books specifically for EYFS.

£1,547 – A year's subscription to Athletics, benefiting all pupils

£87 – Lunchtime sports equipment

£525 – Recycling bins allocated to each classroom for the pupils to use, which was funded from money received from the Co-Op Community Fund.

£500 – Allocated to the School Council, although not yet spent.

£50 – Rockstars Times Table app subscription

£782 – Royal Albert Hall trip for the School Choir

£140 – Honey Pot Leaver's Party; we were delighted to provide the funding for the children's party at Honey Pot, which included a bouncy castle and face painting. Good luck to all of the children starting in Reception in September!

£1,570 – Towards school trips, which was a £5 allocation per pupil, except year 6 who had their £5 per pupil allocation for their leaver's party. Good luck to all of the students who will be starting at secondary school after the summer!

Fen Gallop and Summer Fun Day

This year the Fen Gallop and school fete joined together to make one big family event, attracting 500 runners to compete in the multi terrain 10k and 4 mile runs. After the races completed, the fete got into full swing with an afternoon of activities and entertainment. Thank you to the teachers, including Mr Morel, who put themselves in the firing line for 'Soak the Teacher!' The event made a massive £7,000 which will make a huge difference to the school. This is the first time we have done a combined event, but we hope that it'll go from strength to strength in this format. Next year's Fen Gallop will take place on Sunday 7th July 2019, so keep a look out for early bird entries!

Events

This year our fundraising has come from the following events and activities. Thank you to all who supported them!

Cake and Ice cream sales

Performance refreshments & raffles

Discos & film nights

EasyFundraising

Christmas cards & wreath making

Winter Fayre

Ginuary

Beetle Drive

Easter Egg Bingo

Bags2School

Fen Gallop and Summer Fun Day

Swimming pool

Co-Op Community Fund

Total raised: £16,000!

We are always grateful for any additional funding we receive, so here are a few of the ways you can help with very little effort!

- **Nametags 4U**

If you are requiring name labels this summer for any new uniform, then use Nametags4U, and you will receive a 5% discount (with the code WILL at the checkout) and 15% of what you spend goes straight to the WSA.

- **The Co-Op Community Fund**

We have been very fortunate to receive money from the Co-Op, as part of their Community Local Cause funding. We received over £3,000 from the Co-Op in their last round of funding! If you have a Co-Op card, log into your online account and select Willingham School Association as your local cause, then every time you shop, use your membership card, and we will receive a % back from the Co-Op. Easy!

- **Easy Fundraising**

For no extra effort, please remember that you can make many of your online purchases through EasyFundraising. If a business (such as John Lewis, Amazon, Argos) is registered, the school will receive a percentage of anything you purchase. So every time you buy a book, some clothes or new furniture, you will be helping to raise funds for the school. Please register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Future Fundraising Focus

We have very recently handed a cheque for £8,000 over to the school for improvements to the IT facilities, which is hoped to be carried out in the forthcoming school year.

We hope that our future events will raise the funds required for the exciting projects.

And finally...

We would like to say a big thank you for another brilliant year of fundraising. The money raised really does make a difference to your child's school experiences. We hope everyone has a very relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

With best wishes, your WSA committee for 2017/2018

Emma Bowyer (Chair), Emma Launchbury (Vice Chair), Marie Clements (Treasurer), Susan Passmore (Assistant Treasurer), Katy Gilbert (Secretary), Justine Green (Teacher representative), Amanda Swann, Andrea Eccles, Karen Monks, Natasha Heighes, Lorna Hopcraft, Alice Brown and Jacqui Barry.

Reception

We have watched the children grow in confidence and independence, both emotionally and academically, over the past year. It has been a real privilege to share in the children's successes and see them 'making their brains bigger!'

Since September, we have taken part in many exciting activities; the first of these was our visit to the local library and church, followed by our nativity performance at Christmas. We also spent a day celebrating our knowledge of bears with a Teddy Bears' Picnic, as well as "flying to China" for Chinese New Year, which included a visit from an air hostess! We are all so excited to finish the term with our topic on 'Minibeasts', which will culminate in a Minibeast Garden Party!

Throughout the year, the children have really enjoyed getting to know their Year 6 buddies and sharing their learning with them at regular opportunities.

As teachers, we have been amazed by way the children have immersed themselves into our topics, both in school and at home, and seeing the wonderful, imaginative child-initiated learning that has come from this.

We thoroughly appreciate your participation as parents, encouraging your child's learning through reading at home, practising keywords and completing topic homework. Thank you also to those that have participated as mystery readers, swimming helpers and parent helpers.

Miss Aldhouse & Miss Barnes

Year 1

The children started Year 1 with an amazing trip to Hedingham Castle as part of their history topic. They spent time exploring the castle, looking for items such as knights' helmets playing medieval games and they even got to look at a medieval toilet! We listened to a talk from Graham the Archer, who amazed us all with tales of life in the past and he showed the children a real bow and arrow, some swords and suits of armour. The children had the opportunity to stage an 'invasion' of a real castle and on their return to school, had a medieval banquet, accompanied by medieval music. They finally designed and made castles on their DT 'Castle Day'.

In the autumn term, children took part in school council elections and voted for their class representatives, who have done a really good job this year!

In the lead up to Christmas, children kindly donated gifts for children in other countries through the 'Love in a Box' scheme, and made their own Christmas cards which were then printed, via the WSA.

In the spring term, all the Year 1 children were involved in the wonderful production of 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World'. The school was impressed with how well such young children learned all their lines and the words and tunes to the songs. The children learned how to speak slowly and clearly so that they could be heard by the audience and their acting skills and confidence improved considerably.

As part of the topic, 'Tiger Tiger', the children visited Shepreth Wildlife Park where they saw lots of different animals, learned about the structure of their bodies and learned about their different habitats. The children were also able to hold African Land Snails and giant stick insects. They learned about the difference between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and how you can tell what type of food the animal ate by the shape of its skull and their teeth.

The children learned about Leonardo da Vinci in art and drew and annotated their own flying inventions.

The children have been very sporty this term and have really enjoyed improving their swimming skills with their twice weekly lessons in our pool. They all took part in the school Sports Day and the Year 1 Sports Festival at Cottenham Village College.

We are all looking forward to finishing off the year with a trip to Hunstanton to look at the coastlines (and to play on the beach) – a well-deserved treat after all the hard work of this year.

It has been a fun packed year for the Year Ones and we hope that being in Year Two brings just as many, if not more, exciting opportunities for the children.

The Year One team would like to thank all of the children in Year One for all of their hard work and thank all of the parents and carers at home for their ongoing support!

Mrs Latham, Mrs Hodgson and Miss Price

Year 2

We have been very busy in Year 2 this year! The children began the year by discovering a treasure chest, which had been 'buried' in the school field. This introduced our topic 'Castles'. The children learned about life in medieval times, and had a fantastic trip to Hedingham Castle where they even staged their own castle invasion!

We were soon hard at work with rehearsals for our performance of 'The Princess and The Pea'. The children worked extremely hard learning the songs and their lines. The play was a huge success and the children loved dressing up in their fantastic costumes!

After half term, our topic was 'Food, Glorious Food'. We went on a journey around the world, trying foods from China, Italy, The United Kingdom and Morocco. The children also learned about some of the costumes and cultures of each country and identified the countries on a world map.

On World Book Day, the children transformed into their favourite book characters, and loved sharing stories with children in Year 5.

After the Christmas holidays we began our topic of 'Flying High'. We learned about important historical advances such as the first successful flight by the Wright Brothers and inspiring aviation women such as Amelia Earhart. We rounded up the topic with a visit from a British Airways flight attendant and a video interview with a female pilot from Canada.

We journeyed to Bangladesh for our next topic. The children learned about big cats, including the national animal of Bangladesh: the Bengal Tiger. We looked at similarities and differences between the Bangladeshi flood plains and the Fenlands in Cambridgeshire. Our Bangladesh afternoon was a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their learning and immerse themselves in the Bangladeshi culture.

In the first half of the summer term, the children loved learning about life in Victorian times. They looked at similarities and differences between life in Victorian schools and life in schools now. We read 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and had brilliant dance workshops, during which the children learned some Victorian games, songs and performed a complicated Victorian dance!

As summer time arrived, the children enjoyed studying plants, watching their seeds and beans germinate and grow! They also noticed the changes in the tree they have been studying through the seasons.

The summer term also brought a variety of sporting events, including the Year Two Sports Festival and Sports Day. The children have also loved the opportunity to use the school swimming pool. They are already showing increased confidence in the water, and are well aware of important water safety rules.

As the year draws to a close, the children continue to be very busy bees. They are currently caring for their caterpillars as they form into butterflies and are learning all about the features of coastlines in the United Kingdom.

It really has been a year packed with a variety of opportunities for the children. None of this would have been possible without the help of parents and carers. We would like to thank you all for your support both with the children's learning, including the Key Stage 1 SATs and with events such as World Book Day, Sports Day, Bangladesh Afternoon and the Christmas Carol Concert.

We are very proud of the children for all they have achieved this year, and wish them all the best as they move on to Key Stage 2.

Have a fantastic summer break!

Mrs Anderson and Miss Durell

Years 3 & 4

We have had an amazing time in Year Three/ Four this year exploring many topics and developing our scientific skills. We have taken part in many 'Super Starters' at the beginning of a new topic and ended them with 'Fab Finishes'.

The year was started with our 'Rock It' topic where we travelled back in time and learned about the Stone Age and the meaning of 'prehistoric'. The children studied cave drawings, how people made tools and clothing and what it would have been like to live during the Stone Age. Our classes studied much of this through the story 'Stone Age Boy' and the children wrote their own versions as part of their English lessons.

During the second half of the autumn term our classes made giant Viking long boats at the start of our 'Somewhere to Settle' topic, and displayed them in the school so that everyone could see what we were learning. This topic explored settlers and how these people came to choose 'somewhere to settle' and how settlements were formed. Each class explored what features the land required in order to be a safe place to settle. The children discovered how rivers, mountains and wooded areas provided what settlers needed.

As in previous years, we all made our way down to the church for our annual Christmas Carol concert. We had a great morning and everyone was very much in the festive spirit.

In the new year, we moved on to learning about the 'Ancient Mayans'. We travelled back to a time of hieroglyphs and many gods, who were believed to each have a good and a bad power! The children particularly enjoyed deciphering the Mayan number system, cracking codes and solving the challenges we set for them.

We explored the French language for a whole day where the children carried out activities such as food tasting, singing well known songs in French, learning directions, colours and the names of vehicles. Everyone came to school dressed in French colours to celebrate the French language and culture.

We ended the spring term learning about 'Extreme Earth'. We visited The Natural History Museum, where the children watched 'The Emergency Volcanoes and Earthquakes Show', which really got them interested in what they would be learning about and during this topic, the children came alive with enthusiasm, questions and a thirst for finding out more about our amazing planet and how, why and when things happen. We started the topic by making our own cross sections of the Earth using play dough. We then used this to learn the names of the layers of the Earth and what they are made of. The children were amazed by our volcanic eruptions in class and some even recreated this for their topic homework!

For the first part of the summer term, we learned about the Roman invasion of Britain. Each class explored when and how the Romans invaded Britain and the impact this had on those living in Britain at the time. The children discovered facts about Hadrian's wall and how settlements formed along the wall. Everyone was amazed to learn that this was no ordinary wall and that soldiers actually lived inside it. We made links between the Romans and other civilisations by looking at the gods they worshipped and discovered that, like Mayans, the Roman believed in many gods.

To finish the year, we have studied the UK and Europe. During this topic the children have developed their map reading skills and an understanding of how to locate and name seas, oceans and rivers. The children learned which countries were in Europe and how these differ from the UK as they are not surrounded by sea.

Our annual sports day was, once again, a huge success, enjoyed by all. The children all had the opportunity to take part in a sports festival at Cottenham Village College which they thoroughly enjoyed.

All of the children have worked incredibly hard this year and we are very proud of them!

Miss Hartman-Ayers, Mrs Hazlehurst, Miss Brook and Miss Peck

Year 5

Year Five have had an exciting year to remember! To start it off, the children learnt all about the Ancient Greeks, taking part in an engaging workshop exploring the different aspects of Ancient Greek life. During the autumn term, the children also attended sessions at One Leisure for 'deep water swimming' where they became more confident in swimming at greater depths.

In November, the choir took part in the Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert at The Royal Albert Hall. This was an amazing experience for everyone involved and the memories of their final performance will stay with the children for a lifetime. To celebrate Christmas, the children all contributed to a beautiful carol concert at the church as well.

After the holidays, we imagined what it would be like to climb Mount Everest as we embarked on learning all about different types of mountains and how mountains are formed. The children also enjoyed the annual visiting pantomime of Pinocchio, kindly funded by the WSA.

Year Five then became theatrical as we launched into rehearsals for our production of 'Porridge' where the children wowed us with their amazing drama and singing. Their hard work and creative costumes really brought the story to life, and everyone who attended the performances gave it rave reviews.

The spring term also saw the children developing their mapping skills as they learnt how to use ordinance survey map symbols, as well as four and six-figure grid references. They really enjoyed using these skills to locate specific places on a range of maps.

At the beginning of the summer term, we explored the Ancient Mayan civilization; the children found their culture fascinating and they thoroughly enjoyed hypothesising about why this successful ancient civilization disappeared. Year Five took part in Recycling Week where they participated in a recycling workshop led by the Waste Management Facility Education team and learnt about the importance of recycling and reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill as the school began to implement a new recycling scheme (with the help of many of the Year Fives).

Our final topic of the year is sustainability. The children are learning all about renewable energy sources, the journey their food takes to reach them and how we can make sure that there are enough resources for everyone by monitoring our ecological footprint.

Throughout the year, the children have been involved in a variety of events such as Sport Relief, Children in Need and World Book Day where they were able to dress up and share their favourite stories. They also wore odd socks to celebrate being different as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

We have just returned from our Year Five residential trip to Kingswood in Norfolk where the children enjoyed a wide range of team building activities. This was an amazing trip where all of the children learned more about themselves and each other, and their self-confidence soared! We are sure that the children will smile when they look back on this trip and the memories they for a long time!

Ms de Jong, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Musselle, Mrs Wolton-Carr, Mrs John and Mrs Dixon would like to wish all the children the best, and a very happy and successful Year Six.

Mrs Sutton, Mrs Musselle and Ms de Jong

Year 6

Year Six have had a busy and hard-working year. To begin with, the children learnt about Ancient Greek history and in particular learnt about the many myths associated with the period. This culminated in a fantastic workshop where they learnt more about key figures, places and events. Also, during the Autumn term, the children took part in Cycling Proficiency through the village! The children received their new student diaries, which they used to manage their study time and keep themselves organised. Year Six also enjoyed meeting their new 'buddy' in Reception.

Later on in the autumn term, the children presented their first class assembly – sharing information about Tim Berners-Lee and performing a dance to 'Around the World.' Netball club began and the Year Six squad started their training for competitions later in the year. Children also got the chance to dissect pigs' hearts as part of their science topic!

At Christmas time, the children all contributed to a beautiful carol concert at the church and created their own Christmas cards for parents to buy. They finished 2017 with a party in the classroom.

In January, we began to hone our writing skills when we started the 'Talk for Writing' approach to learning. The children learnt a piece of discussion text and a formal letter of complaint off by heart and were able to successfully use these to structure their own. We learnt about mountains in geography and challenged Mr Morel to a quiz in our class assembly.

In March, Year Six received their first 'Knowledge Organisers' in order to help them structure the facts they needed to know about the Ancient Maya and Light. The children took part in regular quizzes to help them to retain all of this knowledge. In French, the children wrote out a page information about themselves and some took part in the 'numbers to 100' challenges. We had two fun dress up days for World Book Day and Sports Relief.

April saw a very busy revision period for Year Six, in preparation for SATs week. The week itself went smoothly, with all children trying their very best. Each day started with a cracking cooked breakfast and we ended the week with a party!

In June, we experienced outdoor living to the max during the residential week at Bushcraft. It was a very exciting week, jam-packed with challenging and fun activities. We all had a fantastic time and returned to school with a bag full of life skills and memories to last a lifetime.

Swiftly after Bushcraft, Year Six began work on their end of year show, 'Bugsy Malone'. Despite only having a fortnight after Bushcraft to put the show together, the children worked incredibly hard learning lines, songs, gathering costumes and to put on a fantastic show.

Throughout the year, Year Six showed their community spirit by helping out at the Winter Fayre, as well as assisting the Key Stage 1 children with their Sports Day activities in the summer. The children also gave up their time after school to raise money for Sports Relief by selling wristbands.

Furthermore, the children have all worked very hard in producing beautiful pieces of art throughout the year, which were on display at the annual Art Exhibition. Alongside this, Year Six worked in groups to produce their business models in the Old Hall. This year, children created a range of products including key rings, cakes and hedgehogs made out of books!

Mrs Green, Mrs Rodgers, Mrs Varty, Mr Carminati and Mrs Pipe would like to wish all the children the very best of luck and a very happy and successful transition to Secondary School.