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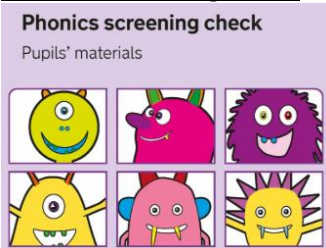
Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy first week back we have had at Hollydale! It has been wonderful to welcome all of our pupils back to school this week. The children have settled quickly into their new routines and have returned with enthusiasm, positivity, and a readiness to learn.

Phonics Screening Check



Next week, our Year 1 pupils will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This short assessment helps us understand how well children are developing their phonics and reading skills. The check is carried out individually in a familiar setting and we are proud of the progress our pupils have made throughout the year. We encourage parents to continue reading with their child at home and practising phonics sounds where possible. We wish all of our Year 1 pupils and Y2 retakes the very best of luck.

Science Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Science Week across the school. Pupils will take part in a range of exciting investigations, experiments, and hands-on activities designed to inspire curiosity and encourage scientific thinking. We look forward to seeing our young scientists explore, question, and discover as they develop their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Uniform and Presentation Reminder

To support a safe, practical, and consistent learning environment, we would like to remind families of our expectations regarding jewellery, footwear, and hairstyles.

Pupils may wear only plain gold stud earrings. Hoop earrings, dangling earrings, or other styles of jewellery are not permitted. Stud earrings are safer for children during playtimes, PE lessons, and other school activities, as they are less likely to catch on clothing, equipment, or hair and reduce the risk of injury.

All pupils should wear plain black footwear. Coloured footwear, trainers, or shoes with coloured logos, patterns, or accents should not be worn.

Children with long hair should have it tied back while at school. Keeping hair tied back improves visibility during learning activities and supports safety during PE, practical lessons, and playground activities.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that all children follow these expectations and take pride in their appearance as members of our school community.

Best wishes,
Leadership Team

Thought of the Week

“The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

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Important dates for your diary

Monday 8 th	Science Week
Friday 12 th	Dress up as a scientist day 
Tuesday 16 th	Summer seed judging visit
Friday 19 th	Cherry Class assembly at 9.20am
Friday 19 th	Father's Day Sale PTA

Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%**.

Please note the following:

- 100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - **Excellent**
- 95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed - **Satisfactory**
- 90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed - **Poor**
- 85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - **Very Poor**
- 80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - **Unacceptable**

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	95%	2
Elm	90%	2
Cedar	92%	3
Oak	98%	2
Birch	91%	3
Hazel	86%	2
Willow	85%	2

Class Catch Up!

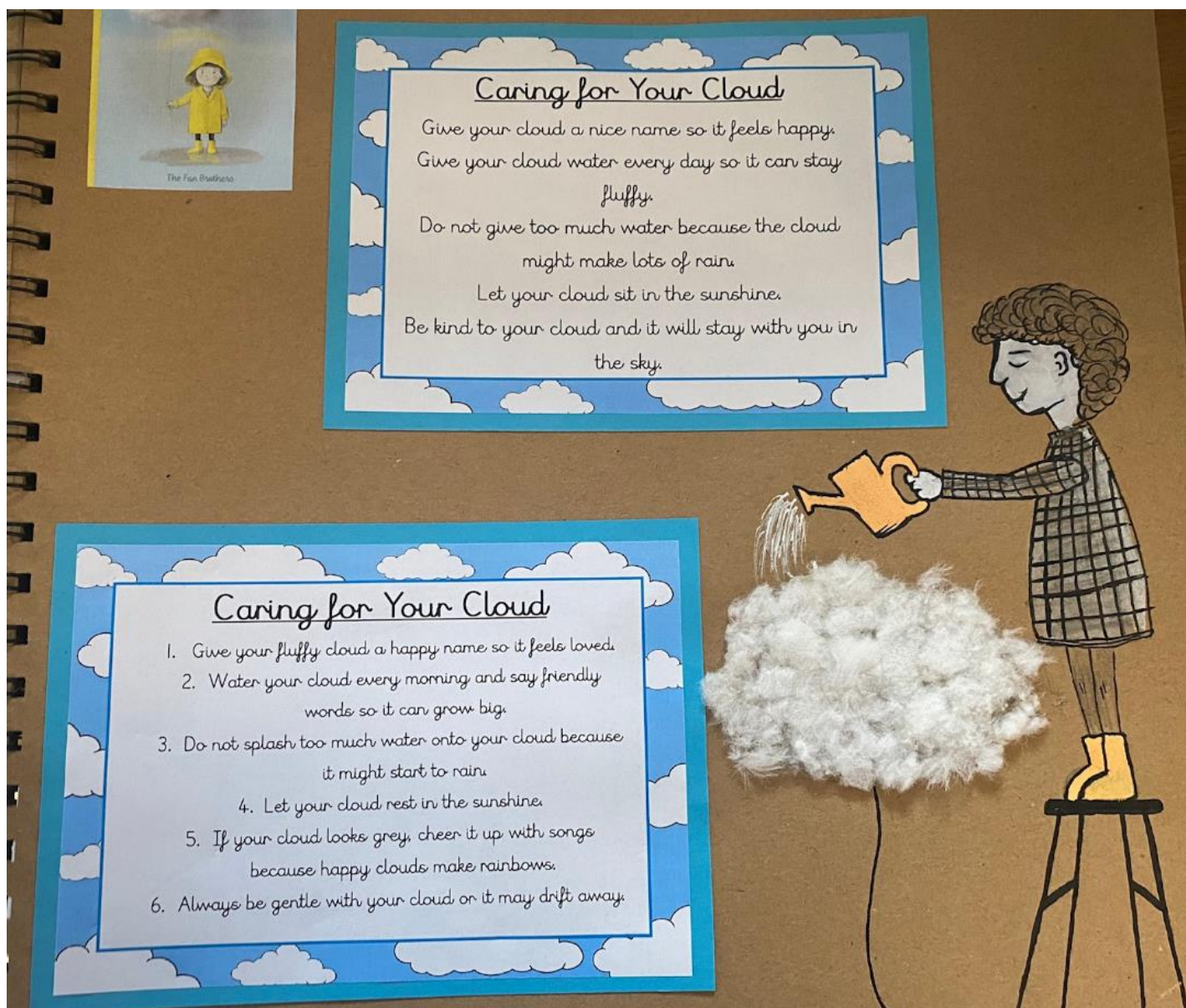
In Cherry Class (YR), we have been learning about grouping and sharing in Maths, exploring how to sort objects into groups and share items fairly.



Elm Class (Y1/2) started this term by using iPads and Google Maps to explore and identify features of our local area.



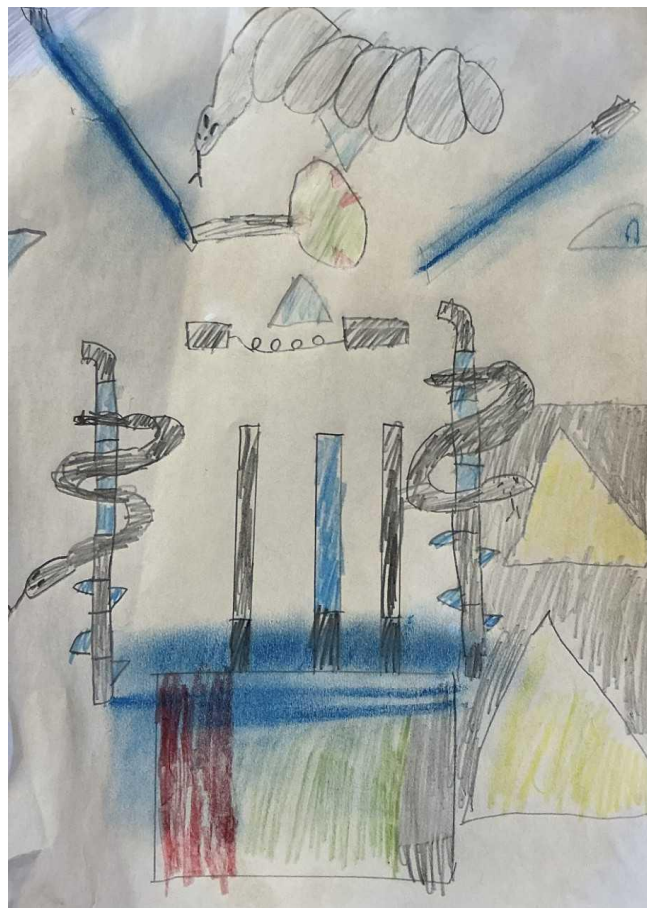
Last term, Year 2 read *Lizzie and the Cloud* and used the story as inspiration for their writing. They wrote imaginative instruction texts explaining how to look after a cloud, using commands and descriptive language.



Oak Class (Year 3) enjoyed creating their own Egyptian inspired scrolls. They were also able to evaluate their scrolls and think about what they would improve next time.



Maxwell, Nikodem & Micah



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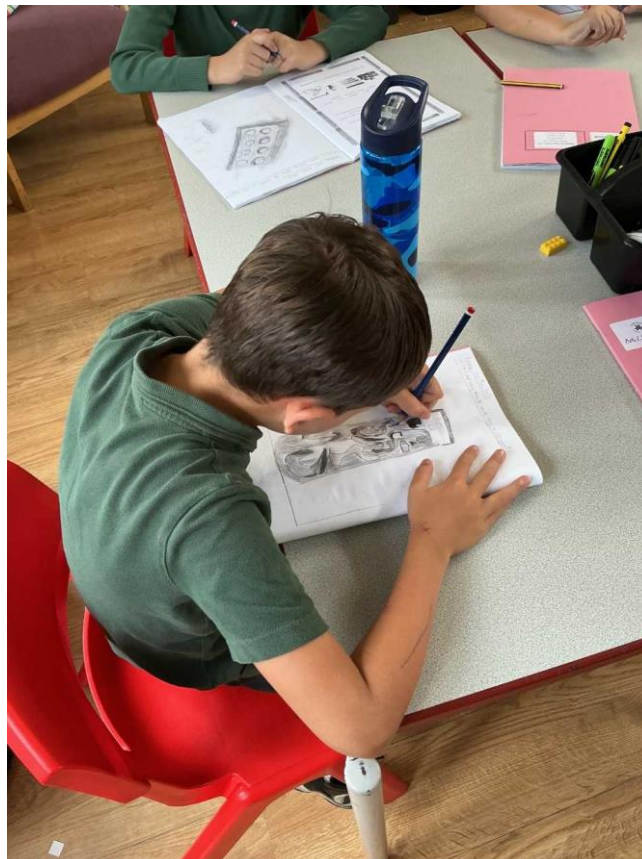
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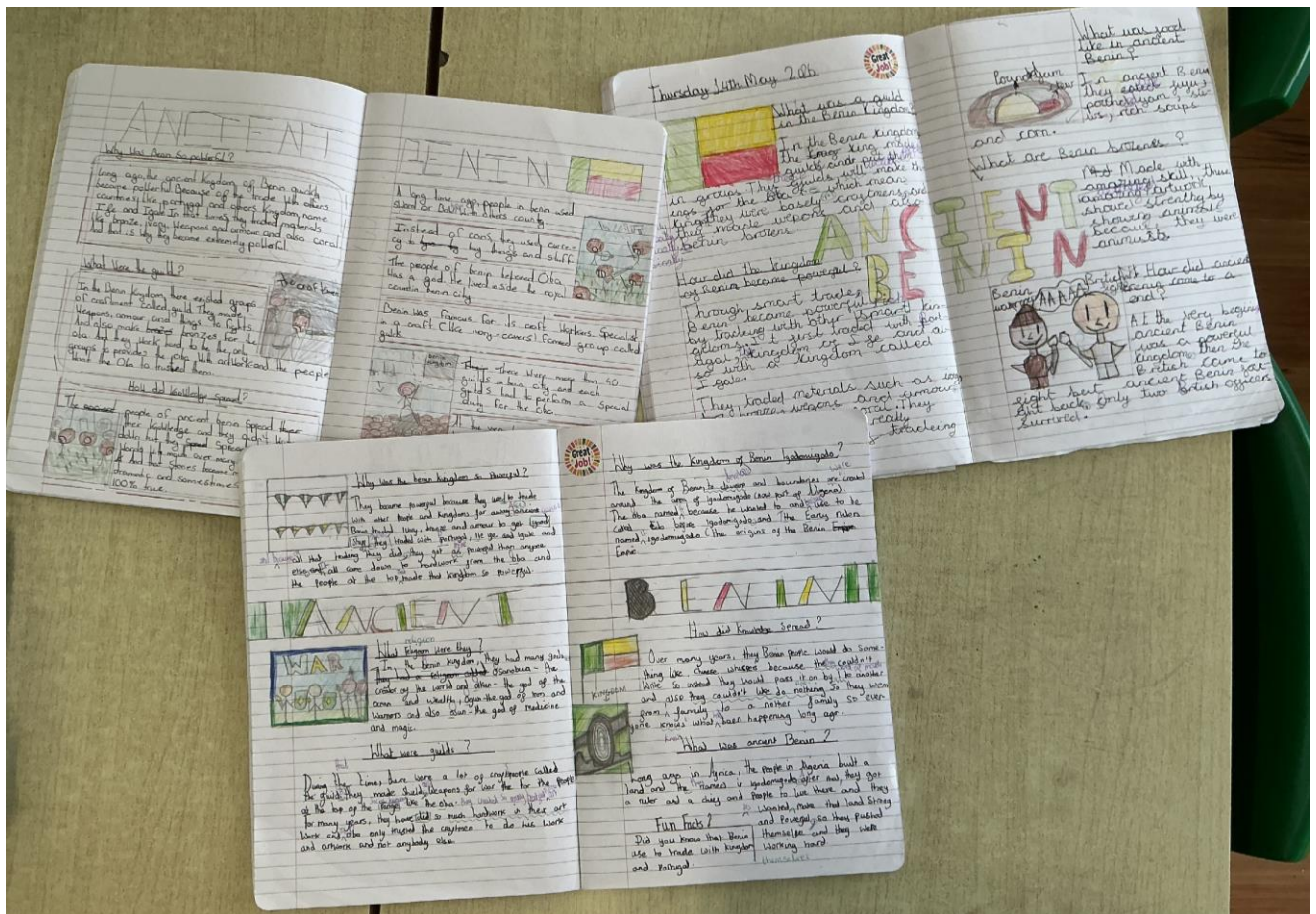


Year 4 Birch Class - Our Art topic is Drawing: exploring tone, texture and proportion. Today, we began by exploring how to use pencil to create light and shade.






Year 5 Hazel Class have been writing double page spreads about the ancient kingdom of Benin.



William Shakespeare


William Shakespeare was a famous play script writer and made many plays one of the most famous being Romeo and Juliet.

William Shakespeare is thought to be born on 23rd April, 1564 Stratford-upon-Avon, England. His father was a leather merchant and his mother was a local landed heiress. (He came from a wealthy family.) Shakespeare was the third child of John and Mary Shakespeare.



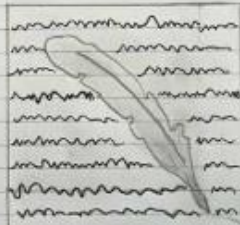
When William was 18 on November 1582 he got married to Anne Hathaway who was 26 years old at the time.

They had 3 children. They had a daughter named Susanna in 1583. Two years later, Anne gave birth to twins, a boy called Hamnet and a boy girl called Judith. Sadly Hamnet died at the age of 11.



Did you know that William invented over three hundred words in the English language?

Shakespeare's plays were tragedies (very sad plays) and comedies. Some of his tragedies were: Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and King Lear. His comedies included: The Taming of the Shrew, A Midsummer Night's Dream and All's Well that ends well.




In the mid-1580s, it is believed that William arrived in London. It is thought that he worked as a horse attendant at some of London's theatres when he first arrived.

By 1592, he was earning money as an actor and a playwright.

Shakespeare started to sell some of his written work and by 1597, he was earning a lot of money. He eventually bought the second largest house in Stratford (his hometown).

He did not visit home often as it took about four days to get from London to Stratford on a horse. William only ever went home during the forty days of Lent when the theatres were closed!

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



his family

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The Globe

The Globe was built in London on the south bank of the River Thames. The Globe could hold audiences of about 3000 people (if you ask me that's a lot of people).



THE STORY OF HIM

contains more info on the Globe

Many of Shakespeare's plays were performed at the Globe including Hamlet and Macbeth. Actors used special effects such as flashlights and cannons. The new building is not a replica of the original but is made from wood and has a thatched roof.

Shakespeare's Plays

Shakespeare wrote plays which he wrote about themes which people were familiar with - such as love, anger, love, comedy, which were universal. Some of his tragedies are Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and King Lear. Some of his comedies are A Midsummer Night's Dream and All's Well that Ends Well.

A Lasting Legacy

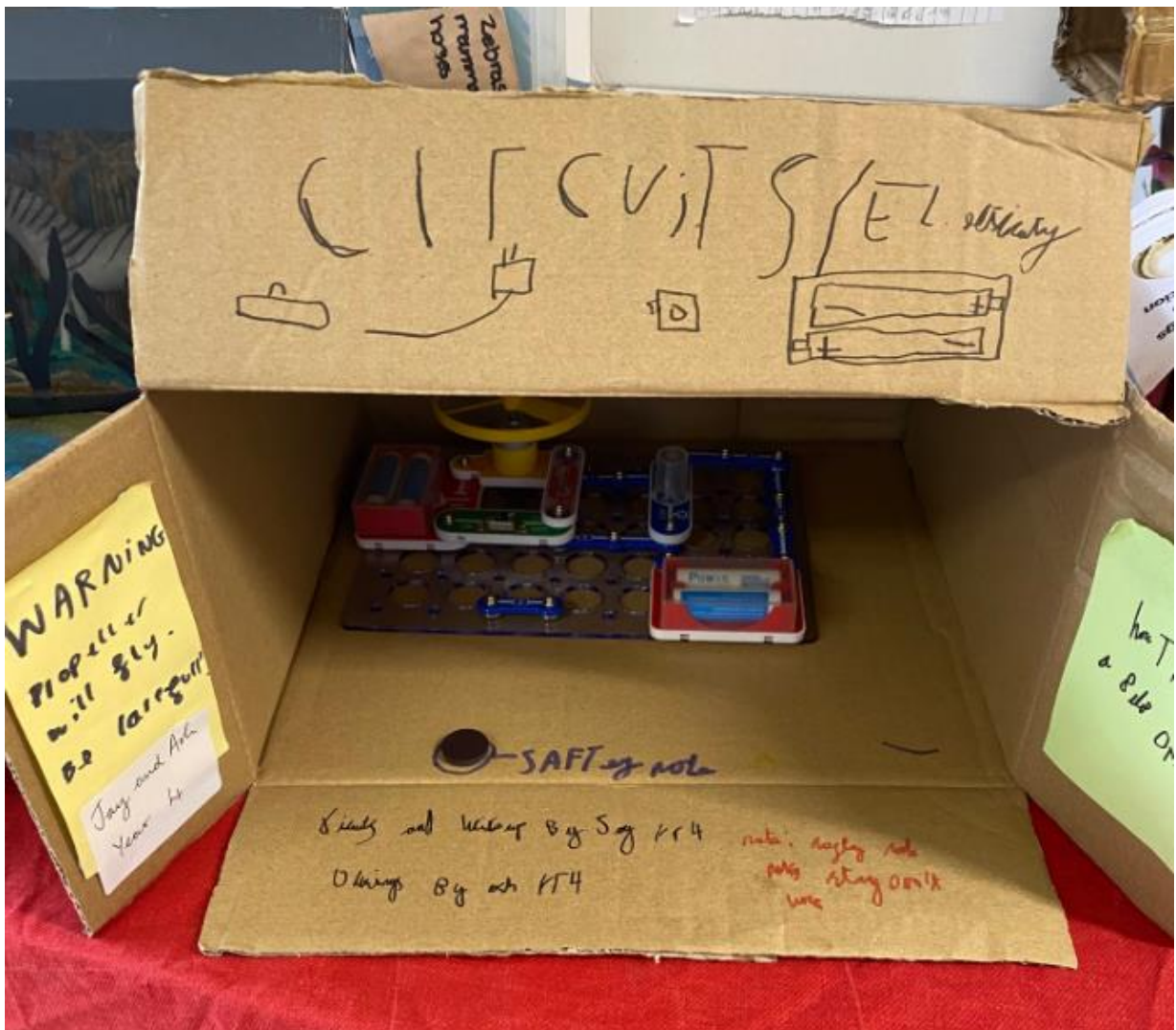
Because of Shakespeare there are over three hundred words and well-known phrases in the English language that he invented.

Some of them are: all that glitters is not gold

a lot of words

William Shakespeare died on April 23rd 1616. (I know you know that he lies on the same day as his 50th and 70th and people know when he died started he writing work's!

Science Week Home Learning Projects!





Tawny owls live in woodlands areas around the UK. Tawny owls are nocturnal birds which means they are active at night. Tawny owls eat mice, small birds, frogs, insects and earthworms. by Theolora Elm class year 1/2

Tawny OWL
Theolora Elm class Year 1/2



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Thursday Reward Assembly Chart
W/C: 01.06.2026
Excellence Reward week for: Inclusion

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Fatima	For building positive friendships and showing respect and kindness to all children and adults	Callyn	For joining in more during class discussions and developing confidence in writing.
Elm Y1	Neveah	For always working positively with whoever she is partnered with and shows enthusiasm to her learning.	Makayla	For developing her independence and working on her own instead of waiting for adult support.
Cedar Y2	Ama	For demonstrating perseverance, hard work and a willingness to embrace new opportunities in your learning.	Kaziyah	For your positive attitude to learning, growing and commitment to overcoming challenges.
Oak Y3	Micah	For fantastic examples of extended writing, in his Literacy Lab sessions.	Ricarri	For developing the ability to work within a group and share resources.
Birch Y4	Jayce	For developing independence and challenging yourself in your writing.	Gabriel	For developing independence and challenging yourself in your writing.
Hazel Y5	Kymani	Starting swimming with enthusiasm, already working on his front crawl technique.	Gabriella	Demonstrating that she is a confident and capable swimmer, starting again straight away in the deep end.
Willow Y5-6	Nihad	For her enthusiasm and independence in Science.	Chayil	For creating a fantastic double page spread on William Shakespeare.





**FREE
YEAR 6**



**LITTLE FISH THEATRE
SUMMER PROGRAMME**

FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN

27TH JULY - 7TH AUG

2026 (MON-FRI)

**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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DRAMA: Music



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