



Elmhurst Junior School

Motivated and empowered; influencing the world we live in to bring about positive change.



Spring Term 1
Week 2
WC 13/1/25

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A message from Ms Airey

The term continues to pick up pace and the pupils learning journeys go from strength to strength. We are proud that we have such a broad and rich curriculum that is enhanced through school trips, visits or and and our close work with Millfield school. Elmhurst really does have a so much to be proud of and this is clearly evident in the weekly newsletter where we share what your children are learning about throughout their week.

Please do take the time to read through the letter as there is much to celebrate.

We would like to ask parents to remember that we have a clear uniform policy and it is an expectation that parents ensure their child is coming to school in the correct uniform which includes school shoes (not trainers) and no jewellery. At primary school age it is the adults that help to set the standards for the children and we appreciate all of your support with this.

At the end of the letter we have included a list of dates for parents, some of these dates are still to be confirmed (TBC) but we know it is always useful to have an indicator of what is coming up for your child as soon as is possible.

We say a sad farewell to Ray

Ray the clearer, with a twinkle in his eye,
Kept our school sparkling, reaching for the sky!
Years he's toiled, with broom and mop so neat,
Making sure our classrooms, couldn't be more sweet.

His laughter echoed, a joyful, happy sound,
Keeping spirits lifted, all around and around.
With a smile and a joke, he'd brighten every day,
Chasing shadows and cobwebs far away.

Though he's leaving Elmhurst, his memory will stay,
In the shine on the floors, and the sunshine he'd convey.

So thank you, dear Ray, for all that you have done,
With a smile and a joke, 'til our school days are spun.



For nearly 15 years Ray has kept our school clean and full of fun and laughter. He has decided that now is the time to retire and from everyone here at EJS we wish him well and we will miss him very much.

Parenting Support

How to talk to children about difficult topics

Feeling confused or anxious shouldn't stop you from having tricky conversations. It's what your child needs you to do.



We all want children to grow up in a safe, loving environment and become happy, confident adults. It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. You might need to start a difficult conversation.

The NSPCC have put together some useful advice on how parents and carers can go about these tricky conversations.

Please follow the link for more information

[How to talk to children about difficult topics | NSPCC](#)



Elmhurst Events



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Spring Term 1

School calendar updated

Thursday 16th January	U11 A and B football - Millfield 3.30pm (transport needed)
Mon 27th January	Rags to Riches bags can start being sent in to school
Tuesday 11th February	Y5 football against Millfield - parent transport needed
Friday 14th February	Parent Class open session 3:20 pm - 4pm
Friday 14th February	End of term
Tuesday 4th March	Cross Country at Downside School



Slipper	Comfort	Warmth	Durability	Aesthetics
1	5	5	3	7
2	5	5	4	

What are good design criteria for slippers?

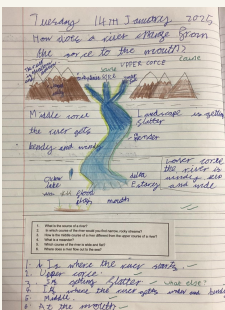
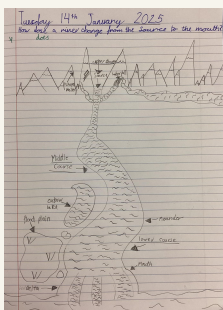
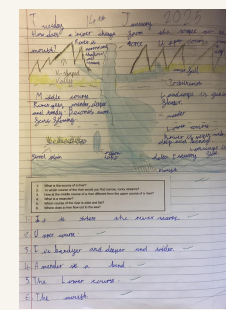
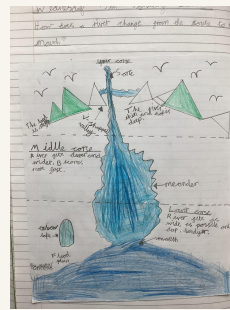
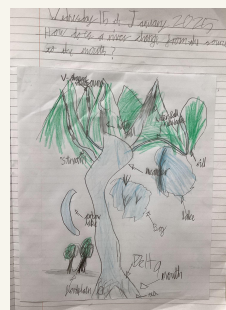
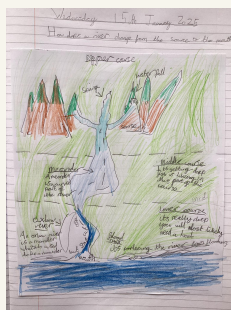
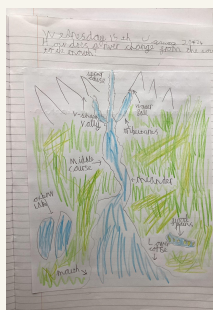
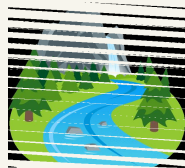
In English we used drama to put ourselves in the shoes of the characters of our book, Stone Age Boy as they met for the first time.

'She didn't look like any of the girls I knew...and I don't think I looked like any of the boys she knew.'

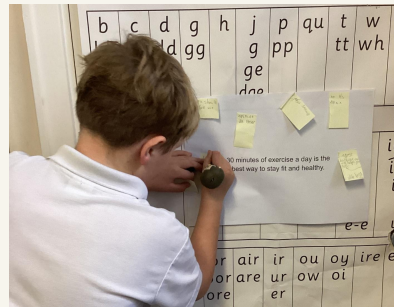
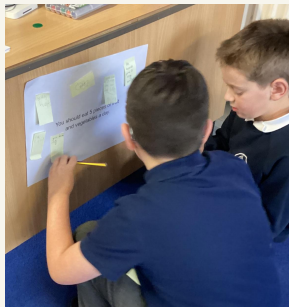
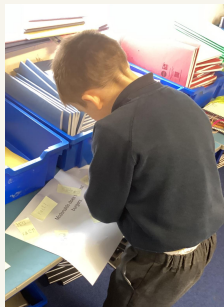
In Design & Technology, we considered appropriate design criteria for slippers. We analysed a range of slipper designs and rated them based on comfort, warmth, durability and aesthetics.



Year 3: Pine & Willow Class



In Geography, we have been learning about the journey of a river. We used the vocabulary we learnt last week to label our illustrations. We have been writing a persuasive poster in English and looked at the difference between subjective and objective information. In RE, we sorted out foods into two categories; kosher and not kosher.



Year 4: Hazel & Rowan Class

Subjective

Middle course

Kosher

Objective

Lower course

Upper course



Stormy skies shook the sea in anger
and rage.

Wren

When we stepped outside, the
friendly sun came to greet us.

Harper

The vicious tornado was tearing the
houses apart.

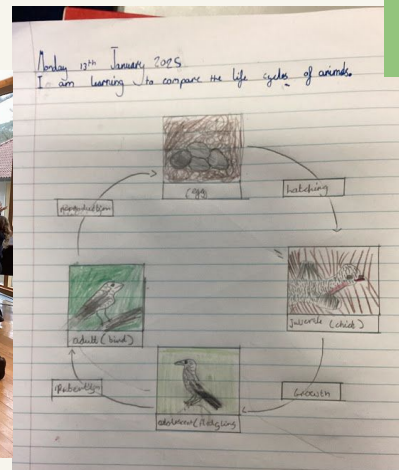
Theo

In English, we looked at how
the writer uses pathetic
fallacy to create feelings
and atmosphere. We
matched the weather to the
appropriate mood.

Oak Class have commenced
drama sessions at Millfield.



In Hockey, we
looked at
block tackling.



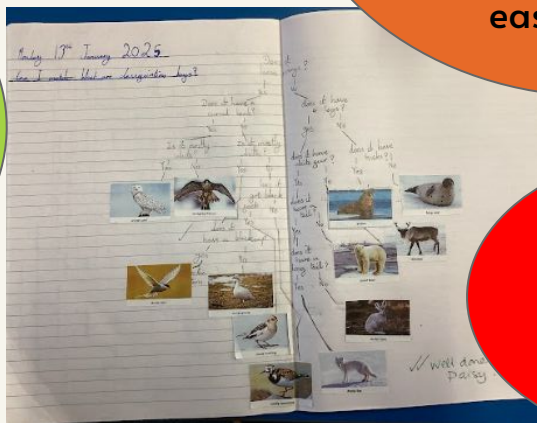
In science we
have been
learning about
life cycles.

Year 5: Oak & Yew Class

Thursday 14th January 2025

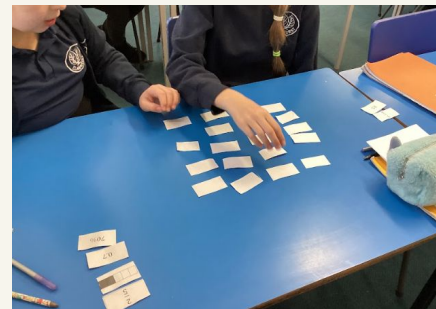
Can I identify the similarities and differences in climate in the Arctic and Antarctic?

	Arctic	Antarctic
Location	Arctic: northern hemisphere (65°S to 90°S)	Antarctic: southern hemisphere (65°S to 90°S)
Typical weather	Arctic: cold, snowy, icy, wind, rain, snow, ice, wind, rain, snow, ice	Antarctic: cold, snowy, icy, wind, rain, snow, ice, wind, rain, snow, ice
Land cover	Arctic: mostly water, some land	Antarctic: mostly ice, some land
Highest range	Arctic: 100%	Antarctic: 100%
Other features	Arctic: 100%	Antarctic: 100%
Arctic	Arctic: 100%	Antarctic: 100%
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Typical climate	Arctic: cold, snowy, icy, wind, rain, snow, ice	Antarctic: cold, snowy, icy, wind, rain, snow, ice



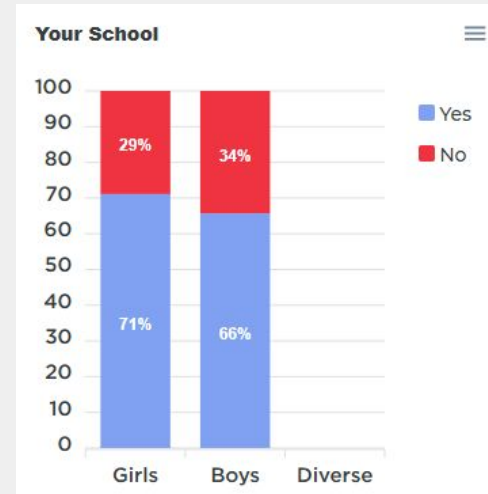
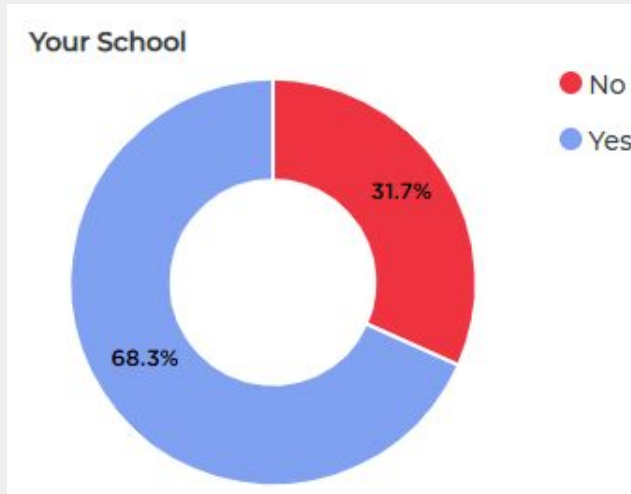
- Can you match the pairs of fractions, percentages and decimals?
- What strategies did you use to match the pairs?
- Which were the easiest to match?

We have started out Fractions. Percentages and Decimals unit in Mathematics. We started the by playing a game of pairs.



Year 6: Ash & Fir Class

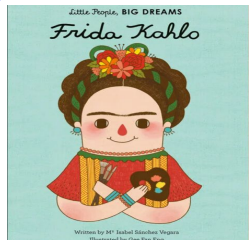
Could a year of art/culture improve your life?



This week, voters explored Bradford, the UK's newest City of Culture, and how it might prompt us all to take up a new creative hobby or get more involved in our local communities. Meanwhile our assembly took a closer look at the cities who have previously held this title.



Elmhurst Weekly House Points



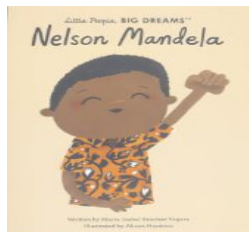
Frida Kahlo

16,393



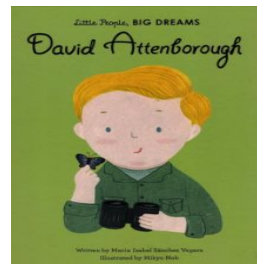
Florence Nightingale

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Nelson Mandela

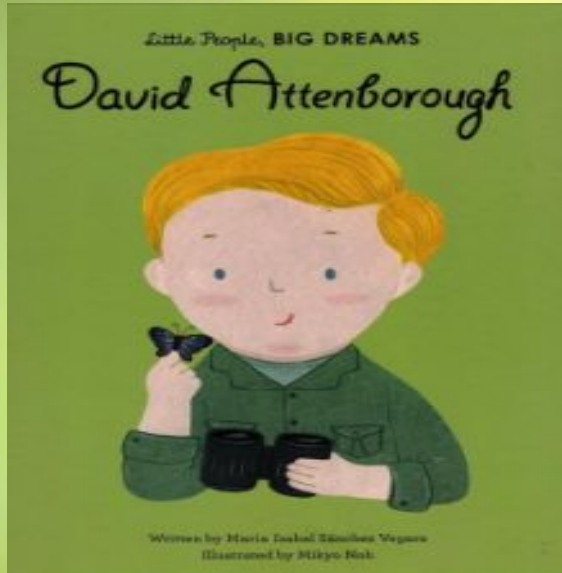
14,068



David Attenborough

20,651

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Reading Champions



Year 3

Harry
Jacob W

Year 4

Nate
Robert

Year 5

Mya
Lola

Year 6

Avi
Cameron

These pupils were chosen for their commitment and attitude towards reading this week.



Year 3

Pine Class



Year 4

Hazel Class

Most correct
answers on
Times Table
Rockstars



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 5

Yew Class



Maths-**Whizz**[®]



Year 6

Fir Class

Most
progression
points on
Maths Whizz

Bronze Certificates

Ash

Bo

Yew

Elisa

Lacey

Lucy

Rowan

Brooke

Oak

Daisy

Fir

Christina

Caleb

Avi

Ivy-Grace

Jack

Logan

Oakley

Olivia

Oscar

Scarlett

Alfie



ClassDojo

100 points

Silver Certificates



ClassDojo

250 points

Gold Certificates



ClassDojo

400 points



Elmhurst Sports News



Well done to the children who played Football at Millfield on Thursday 16th January. We played in very damp conditions and our A and B teams played brilliantly. Our B team showed great determination although they eventually lost 5-0. The A team played a very close game that was exhausting to watch. They showed great resilience which resulted in Leo scoring the equaliser in the final minute making the score 1-1.



Elmhurst Sports News



Last week Heath in year 4 took part in round 5 of the Weston prom run night series for primary school pupils, yr 6 and under. He raced over 1 mile and won in a time of 6:05 securing his lead in the overall series. Well done Heath.



#1 Get To Know A Tree



If trees could talk, can you imagine the tales they might tell? Perhaps your tree has stood tall through battle scenes, or helped new friends to build a den? Has it heard the 'chee-chee' cries of baby birds in spring, or felt the winter snow build walls on its outstretched branches?



Parents can post a photo of their child/family completing this activity on our school Padlet page by clicking the link below:

PADLET



Trust

Kindness

Elmhurst Etiquette

Respect

Forgiveness

Y3

Lewis
(Pine)

Y4

Robert
(Rowan)

Y4

Noah
(Hazel)

Y3

Cayden
(Willow)

This week's
stars

Y5

Ella
(Oak)

Y6

Bo
(Ash)

Y6

Zac
(Fir)

Y5

Wren
(Yew)

These pupils' family members will be invited to our celebration assembly next week.

Spring 1 - Start of term: Tuesday 7th January

- **INSET DAY**- Monday 6th January (Moved from 24th February)
 - **Friday 24th February** - Year 3 Rocks & Fossils Workshop at EJS (Somerset Museum)
 - **Wednesday 3rd February** - Year 3 to Millfield for Moonrocks Science workshops (1-3pm 45 mins per class)
 - **Thursday 6th February**- Year 5 & 6 Children to watch School Of Rock at Strode College 11:30
 - **Friday 14th February** 3:20 pm - 4pm Open Class session for parents
- Half term Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February***

Spring 2- Start of term: Tuesday 25 February

- ~~INSET Day Monday 24th February~~ **CANCELLED**
- WC 17th March - 21st March in-school assessment week
- Friday 21st March Red Nose day - wear something red
- Mon 24th March - Pastoral Family Fun session - Join us for a fun-filled session of creativity and togetherness.
- Friday 28th March 9:15 - 9:45 am Open Class session for parents
- Tuesday April 1st Parent Teacher Consultation 3:30 - 6.30 pm
- Thursday April 3rd Parent Teacher Consultation 3:30 - 6pm

Easter workshop in the church children only:

- Monday 31st March Y5 one class am one class pm
- Tuesday 1st March Y4 one class am one class pm
- Wednesday 2nd March Y3 both classes am

Easter holidays Monday 7th April - Tuesday 21st April

Summer 1 - Start of term Tuesday 22nd April

- **Wednesday 23rd April** - Field to Food - Year 5 Visit to Bath and West
- **Monday 5th May** Bank Holiday
- **Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May** Year 6 SATS week
- **WC Monday 19th May** Year 4 Multiplication Check/ government assessments
- **Friday 23rd May** Open Class session for parents (2.45-3.15pm)
Half term Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Summer 2 - Start of Term Monday 2nd June

- **WC 16th June - 20th June** In-school assessment week
- **Friday 27th June** - INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
- **Wednesday 2nd July** whole school transition day (TBC)
- **Thursday 3rd July** School Sports Day (Upper school am/ lower school pm) (TBC)
- **Friday 4th July** School Sports Day (reserve date) (TBC)
- **Tuesday 8th July** Year 6 dress rehearsal for school play - to other pupils
- **Wednesday 9th July** Year 6 school play 6pm to parents (TBC)
- **Thursday 10th July** Year 6 school play 6pm to parents (TBC)
- **Friday 11th July** Open Class session to parents 3:20 pm - 4pm
- **WC 14th July** Year 6 pupils on residential/ Millfield and in-school activities
- **Wed 16th July** - Pastoral Family Fun session - Join us for a fun-filled session of creativity and togetherness.
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- **Wednesday 23rd July** Year 6 leavers service (Time TBC)
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Summer holidays start Thursday 24th July