



**LITTLE WALTHAM**  
C.E.V.A. Primary School

# WEEKLY NEWS

*Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence*

Autumn Term – Edition 7 – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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Dear Parents,

It has been a great start to the academic year as we come to the end of our first half-term.

This week, at Little Waltham we have started some incredible writing as part of "Little Waltham's 500 Words". It has been a delight to witness the children's imagination and creative talents flourish through their stories. Following the half term break, we look forward to the opportunity to read all of the stories that have been written and provide our pupils with opportunities to perform their stories during worship and within the classroom which will be a real celebration of their talent and hard work.

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's parent consultations. Developing strong partnership between home and school greatly supports your child's education and your support is greatly appreciated.

We would like to also thank our wonderful PTA for organising yesterday's Glow Disco. It was a great event that was enjoyed by all of our pupils and showcased the incredible spirit of our Little Waltham community.

Today the pupils took part in the Little Waltham Cross Country event — the first house competition of the year. Our pupils demonstrated resilience and determination as they earned points for their houses. After the half term break, we look forward to announcing the winning house.

Please remember that **Friday 20th October** is an inset day. The school will be closed for pupils on this day to allow our staff an opportunity for professional development.

As we approach the half term break, we wish all our pupils and their families an enjoyable, safe and relaxing week. We look forward to everyone's return to school on Monday 30th October where I am sure our pupils will return with renewed enthusiasm and energy for the rest of the term.

Thank you for your continued support, commitment, and partnership to support our pupils receive the very best education.

Warm regards,

Mr S Saunders

Headteacher

## Half-term suggestion

During half term make sure you pop along to your local library to keep up the amazing reading we have witnessed; below is also a link of author visits to variety of library locations.

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/childrens-author-events-this-half-term>

## *The Big Question*

'Is heaven bigger than Earth'

### **Oak**

Yes because heaven is infinite while Earth is not – **George**

Yes because space is bigger than the Earth, space is infinite – **Eden**

I think they are the same size because I think God wanted Heaven to be small, not big – **Amalie**

Yes because more people have died than are alive and a lot of them will be Christians – **Digby**

No because they are both important to God so he will make them the same size - **Amelia**



**This week's value is endurance.**

Dear God,

Thank you for always being with us no matter what, through the good times and the times when we feel everything is going wrong. Help us to keep our eyes on you knowing that you are there to keep us going.

Amen

*May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, Colossians 1:11*



## Work of the Week

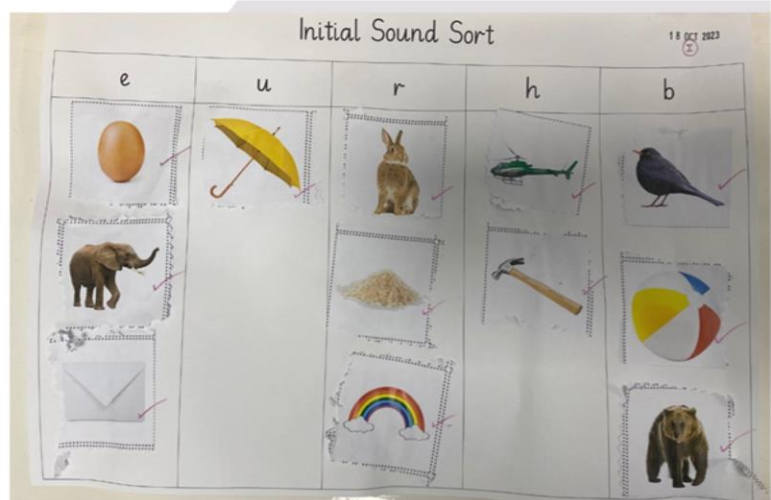
Ash Class

Work of the Week

Ash class

Freddie

Great independent phonics work.



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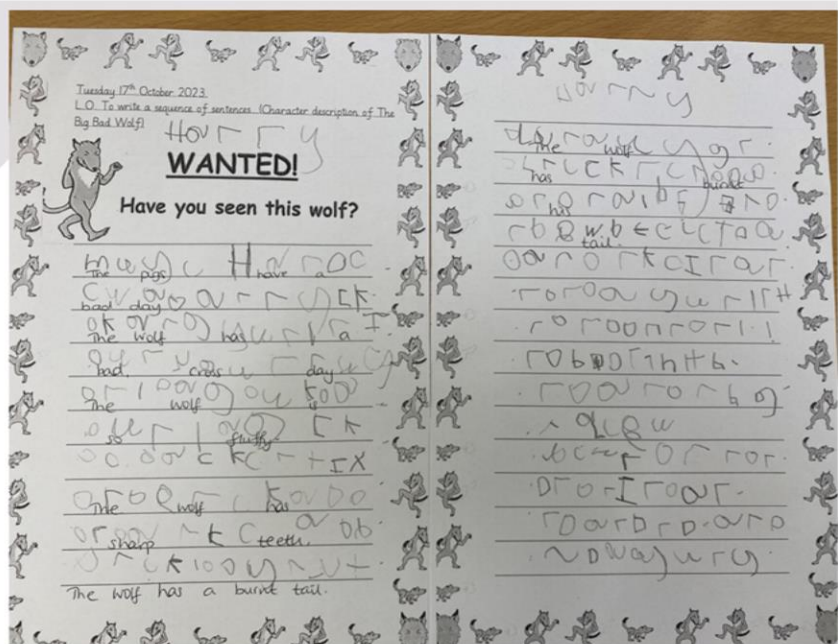
Chestnut

Work of the Week

Chestnut Class

Harry

For a great effort with his independent writing.



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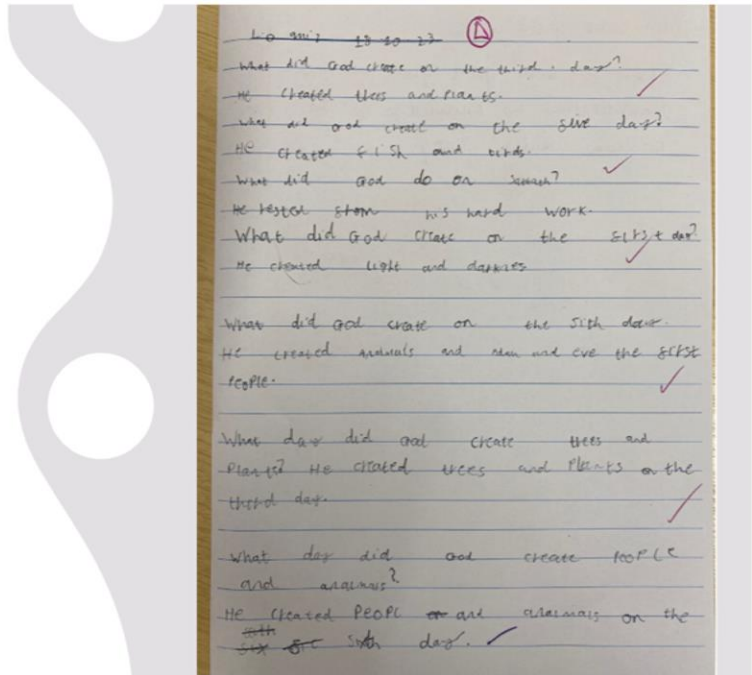
Elm

Work of the Week

Elm Class

Elson

Good use of questions to show understanding of the Creation story.



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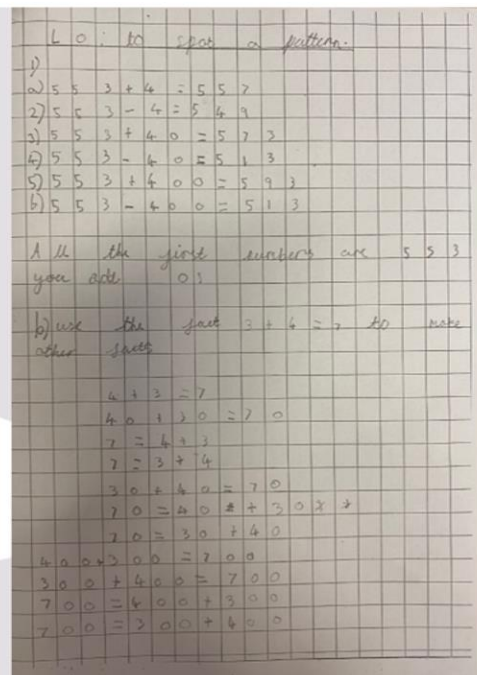
Maple

Work of the Week

Maple Class

James

For super presentation and spotting patterns in mathematics.



# Work of the Week

Oak

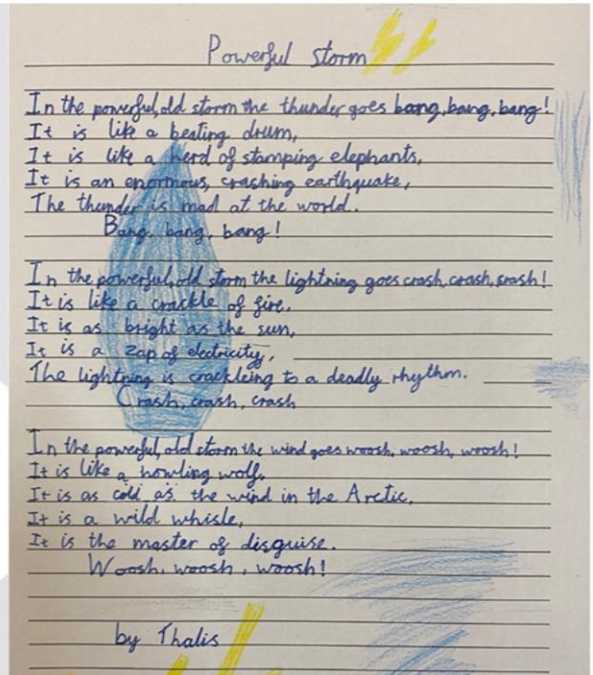


Work of the Week

Oak Class

Thalis

Thalis worked hard on his poem and included similes and metaphors.



# Work of the Week

Sycamore

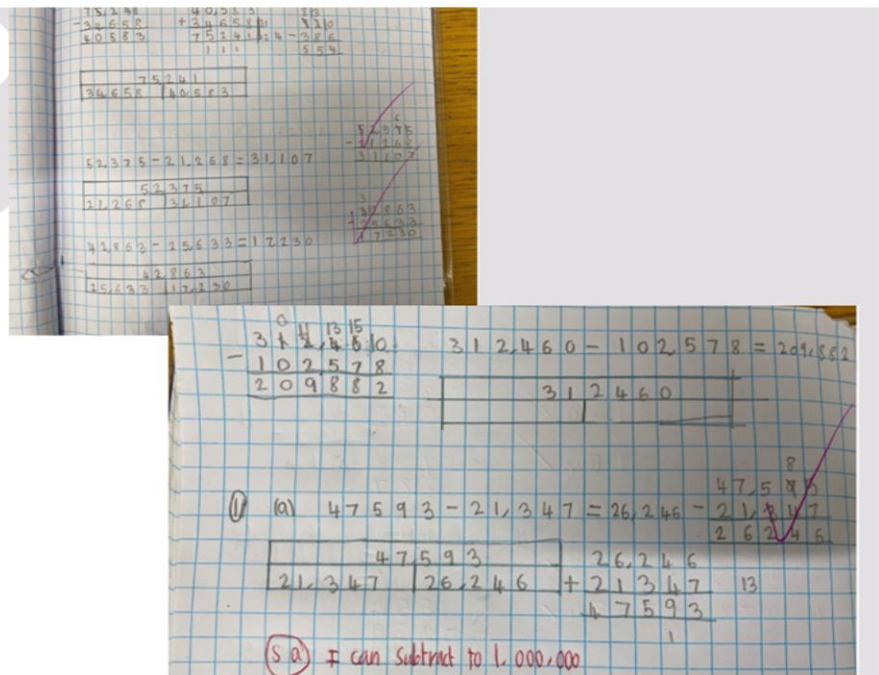


Work of the Week

Sycamore Class

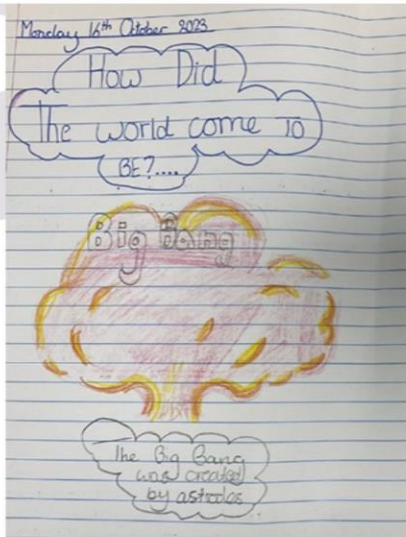
Mattie

For super presentation and great understanding of written methods.



## Work of the Week

Willow W



Work of the Week

Willow W Class

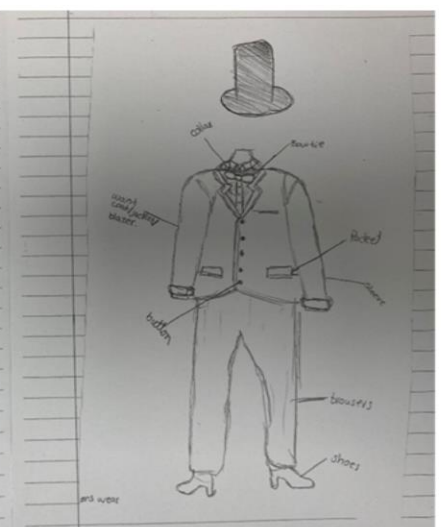
Dolly

For thinking deeply and critically about our RE topic on creation this half term.



## Work of the Week

Willow B



Work of the Week

Willow B Class

Aneeka

For researching, exploring and creating great Victorian fashion designs in History.



	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Service</b> Arabella for being a kind and caring member of Ash Class.	<b>Being Enthusiastic</b> Louie-James for showing great enthusiasm and determination when learning to write his name.	<b>Freddie</b> for great independent phonics work. Keep up the excellent work Freddie! 😊
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Endurance</b> Jessica for making a great effort to always be on task and do her best this week.	<b>Keep on going</b> Emmie always gives her best effort. She never lets a challenging task discourage her and keeps going.	<b>Harry</b> For excellent independent writing in his wanted poster. Well done Harry!
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Reverence</b> Ben for following our class rule of always being ready to learn.	<b>Keep Going</b> Alice for an excellent effort when writing a story for the 500 words competition.	Elson for creating a quiz to demonstrate his understanding of the Creation Stories in RE.
<b>Maple</b>	Jacob – wisdom For making sensible decisions and encouraging others to do the same	Sasha – enthusiasm Approaching new learning and challenges with a smile and lots of excitement	James – beautiful presentation and spotting patterns in maths.
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Creation</b> Noah for coming up with creative ideas for your storm poem.	<b>Being Inquisitive</b> Daisy for always asking lots of thoughtful questions about your learning.	Thalis for fantastic description in his storm poem and beautiful presentation.
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Endurance</b> Esmie for showing endurance when working on her mathematics this week. Well done!	<b>Aiming High</b> Aiden For aiming high with his writing and mathematics this week.	Mattie for great presentation of her mathematics work and showing a good understanding of written methods for subtraction.
<b>Willow B</b>	<b>Trust</b> Blake for always doing the right thing, being an excellent role model and setting a good example in class.	<b>Keep on Going</b> Joseph for persevering with his 500 words story this week.	Dolly for thinking deeply and critically about our RE topic on creation this half term.
<b>Willow W</b>	<b>Koinonia</b> Harrison and Tristan for working well together to create a presentation.	<b>Keep on going</b> Iris, for being determined to succeed in History this week.	<b>Aneeka -</b> For her detailed drawing of a Victorian outfit.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

KS1 – Jessica in Chestnut for engaging in lovely conversations with the kitchen team.

KS2 – Emily in Oak for lovely manners.



## Dates for the diary

### **Non-Pupil Days**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

October 2023		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct		HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am	Science Day
November 2023		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9:30am	Prospective Parent Visits
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am	Early Numbers Workshop
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:45	Reception & Yr6 NHS Health checks
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am	Remembrance Day Worship
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3pm	Football Match v Great Waltham
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Children in Need <b>TBC</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Faith Day - Festival of Light
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Year 6 Assembly
December 2023		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec		Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec		Save the date – Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Year 6 - WW1 Flight Simulator
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec		KS1 Nativity to School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	KS1 Nativity to Parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Reports out to Parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec		INSET DAY
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> –Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		CHRISTMAS BREAK
January 2024		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Take One Picture Exhibition
February 2024		
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	AM	Yr4 Superstars
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Year 2 Assembly
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Parents Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Parents Evening
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		HALF TERM
March 2024		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	11am-6pm	Yr5 Wicked Trip
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief <b>TBC</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March		Faith Day – Easter Faith Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Speech Festival
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Reports to Parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April		BANK HOLIDAY

April 2024		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 12th April		HALF TERM
May 2024		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9am	Reception Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		SATS Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May		Faith Day - Pentecost
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May		KS1 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		HALF TERM
June 2024		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Time Table Screening
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Yr2 Minigames
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	'Sex & Relationship Education' Parent Meeting
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>		Phonics Screening Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Year 1 Assembly
July 2023		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9:30am	Sports Day and family picnic
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Macbeth Production Year 4
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm & 6pm	Year 6 Production
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Reports to Parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	TBC	End of Year Presentations
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	TBC	Leavers Assembly

Class Assemblies		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Year 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Year 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Year 4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am	Year 3
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9am	Reception
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Year 1