



GLEBE

GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

We welcomed prospective Nursery and Reception parents to school yesterday in the first of our two open mornings. They were all so impressed with how well behaved, friendly and engaged your children were. Our Head Girl, Head Boy and prefects were, once again, the stars of the show as Annie and Harry shared what is like to be a pupil at Glebe and the prefects took groups of parents on informal tours of the school.

Mystery Guest

The mystery guest last week was....King Charles III! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

Attendance No. of sessions missed this week (SESSION = 0.5 DAY)

2ME	2
3D	2
NUPM	3
1B	3
NUAM	5
RB	8
4V	8
2F	10
6M	10
RW	11
5I	11
3G	12
4W	12
6K	12
1S	14
3S	14
NUFT	15
4JL	15
1M	16
5F	16
RP	19

Whole School

218

sessions missed out of a possible 5810

HIGHLIGHTS

Year 4 trip to Khalsa Jatha Gurdwara

On Monday, full of excitement, we left school to walk to West Ruislip station. Once we got on the train, it wasn't too long until we got to Shepherd's Bush. When we got out of the station, it was about a 5 minute walk to the Gurdwara. Not long after, we were greeted by Mandip, who asked us to take off our shoes and wear something to cover our hair. Next, we explored the Gurdwara and saw the Sikh's god (Guru Granth Sahib Ji). After, Mandip demonstrated a meditation and we got to try it as well. Then we listened to someone play musical instruments from India 🇮🇳. After that, he showed us some of their religious swords.

Then we went upstairs in the Gurdwara and watched some videos about how some Sikhs spend their lives. Mandip told us that this Gurdwara was the oldest in Europe. On the way to watch the videos, we saw a designated bed which they believed their god sleeps in. Finally we went to the Langar where people eat free food if they come in. We ate our food packed lunches in there and the adults ate their food.

Once our bellies were full, we packed up and walked back to Shepherd's Bush station. We got on the train then we got off at West Ruislip and walked back to school. We had a great time.

By Max and Freddy 4JL

HIGHLIGHTS

2024-25 Attendance Winners' Trip to the Cinema

On Wednesday, Ms Gilbert and Ms Mogan had the pleasure of taking 2ME and 4JL on a trip. Both classes had the highest attendance in the school last year and won a special trip to the cinema. The children (and adults!) were very excited and spent the morning catching up before heading to Uxbridge station. They enjoyed lunch and treats in very comfortable reclining chairs in the cinema and sat beautifully as they watched 'The Wild Robot.' Some of the children (and adults) were a little teary watching such a heart warming film!

Both classes represented the school wonderfully throughout the trip, showing excellent behaviour and enthusiasm from start to finish. They giggled throughout, sang along to the cinema start up music and even helped tidy up at the end!

Well done 2ME and 4JL - we are so proud of you!

Ms Mogan





SPORTS NEWS



Netball Match v Lady Bankes



Our teams delivered two exciting and hard-fought matches against Lady Bankes school on Wednesday 19th November.

A Team – Won 1–0

The A team played a tightly contested game, with both sides showing strong defensive skills. Chances were limited, but our players stayed composed and focused. With excellent marking and communication throughout they held onto the lead, earning a well-deserved 1–0 victory.

B Team – Won 3–2

The B team match was fast-paced and evenly matched from start to finish. Both teams moved the ball well and created plenty of opportunities. Our players showed great resilience, responding quickly whenever Lady Bankes closed the gap. They finished the game 3–2 ahead, rounding off a strong performance.

Both fixtures were closely matched, and all players should be proud of their efforts.



MR MITCHELL'S SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Football Cup Quarter Final

Glebe Primary School booked their place in the semi-finals of the cup with an outstanding 7-0 win over Hillside Primary School. Glebe started brightly, and it was Harley who opened the scoring with a composed finish that set the tone for the match.

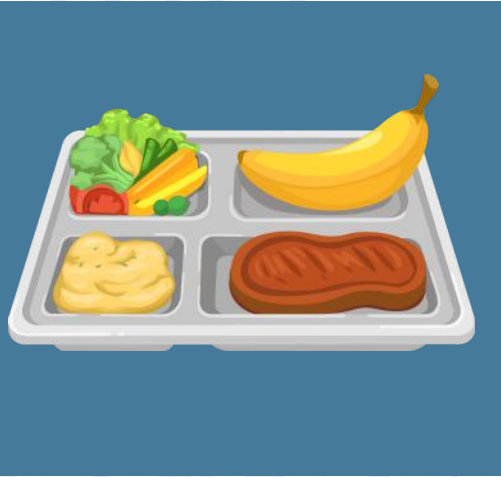
From there, the team grew in confidence. Fletcher delivered a superb performance, scoring four goals and leading the attack with power and precision. Luka added two well-taken goals to extend the lead, showcasing excellent movement and teamwork.

It was a superb all-round display from Glebe, with every player contributing to a commanding victory. The team now look ahead to the semi-final full of confidence and momentum.

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Key Information & Reminders



New Catering Provider

We are pleased to let families know that, following a full and competitive procurement process under the ESPO national framework, Dolce Limited has been appointed as our new school meals provider from January 2026.

Dolce brings extensive experience in providing nutritious, freshly prepared school meals and a strong commitment to pupil well-being. Their service will introduce a number of exciting enhancements, including:

- Interactive cooking and food education sessions for pupils,
- Development of school herb gardens to promote hands-on learning about ingredients and sustainability, and
- Improved online ordering and payment systems for parents and carers.

We believe this will represent a significant improvement in meal quality, variety and overall dining experience, and we hope parents and pupils will quickly see the benefits when the new service begins in the new term.

More information, including menus and details of the new ordering system, will be shared closer to the start of term.

Save the Date: A 'Meet Dolce' drop in information session has been planned for **Tuesday 16th December** from **3.30 - 4.30pm** in the school hall.

**SAVE
THE DATE**



REMEMBER



Autumn Term - 2025

Wednesday 26th November - Open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception pupils
Thursday 27th November - Training Day - school closed to all pupils
Friday 28th November - Training Day - school closed to all pupils

Wednesday 3rd December - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am
Year 2 Nativity performance - 2.15pm
Thursday 4th December - Year 2 Nativity performance - 10am
Nursery Christmas performance - 2.15pm
Friday 5th December - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am
Year 2 Nativity performance - 2.15pm

Please note: there is no parking available on the school site for any of these performances.

Tuesday 9th December - St. Giles Church Visits
Christmas Lunch
EYFS Christmas parties - pm
Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Fayre (children & staff only)
Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December - Year 1 Christmas party - pm
Friday 12th December - Year 5 Christmas party - pm

Monday 15th December - Year 2 Christmas party - pm
Tuesday 16th December - Year 3 Christmas party - pm
'Meet Dolce' - 3.30-4.30 in the small hall
Wednesday 17th December - Year 4 Christmas party - pm
Thursday 18th December - Year 6 Christmas party - pm
Friday 19th December - Non-uniform day for House Point winning House

Term ends 1 hour earlier (2.20/2.30)



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Key Dates



Reporting Pupil Absence

Just a reminder that you must report child's absence via our dedicated absence reporting email address:

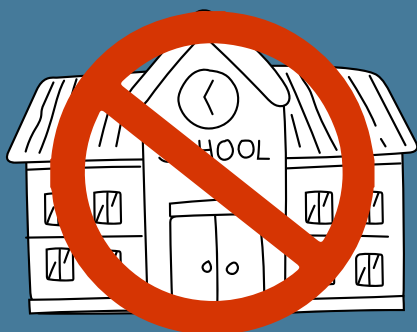
absence@glebeprimary.org

You may also wish to inform your child's class teacher directly via Class Dojo but this is **in addition to** the email, not instead of.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

St Giles Visit - Volunteers Needed

You should shortly be receiving a request from your child's year group about offering to volunteer to accompany the trip to St. Giles. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help.



Training Days

Please don't forget that school will be **closed** to all pupils next Thursday (27th) and Friday (28th) as we have two planned training days for staff.



This week's winners are

2ME 4W

Well done to both classes

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



Online Family Hub Activities Timetable

Toilet Training

Supporting your child to use the toilet independently.

- 12 November 7:30-8:30pm
- 28 November 1-2pm
- 1 December 11-12pm
- 17 December 7:30-8:30pm
- 12 January 10-11am
- 21 January 7-8pm

Behaviour Strategies

Supporting family life and challenging behaviour.

- 6 November 8-9pm
- 26 November 7:30-8:30pm
- 11 December 1-2pm
- 15 December 7-8pm
- 23 January 1-2pm
- 29 January 8-9pm

Fussy Eating

Encouraging positive mealtimes.

- 10 November 7-8pm
- 19 November 1:30-2:30pm
- 9 December 1-2pm
- 17 December 7-8pm
- 16 January 1-2pm
- 21 January 7-8pm

Exploring Parenting Together

A fun five-week course to help parents to improve their relationship and behaviour with their children.

- 3 November -1 December 7-8:30pm
- 14 January-11 February 7-8:30pm

SEND Tooth Brushing

A workshop for parents with children with additional needs.
8 December 10-11am

Sleep Matters 0–1-Year Old.

Promoting positive bedtime space

- 14 November 10-11am
- 19 November 7:30-8:30pm
- 16 December 7:30-8:30pm
- 17 December 1-2pm
- 13 January 10-11am
- 27 January 7:30-8:30pm

Sleep Matters 1-5 Years Old

Promoting positive bedtime space.

- 12 November 7-8pm
- 26 November 1-2pm
- 15 December 10-11am
- 18 December 7-8pm
- 12 January 7-8pm
- 23 January 10-11am



Useful information

How to Book

To book a session, please ensure you are already registered with the Family Hubs or Children's Centres. You can book a session by contacting your local Family Hub or Children's Centre, or by emailing familyhubnetwork@hillingdon.gov.uk.

Please include the course title, the date you would like to book, your full name, and your date of birth.

For more information or to register, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hubs.

Please note that all online sessions are available through Microsoft Teams.

Hillingdon family hubs and children's centres

To view our range of services, session descriptions and to see other family hubs and children's centres timetables visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hubs

Hillingdon Youth Offer

There are a variety of programmes and activities available to children and young people aged 8 to 19 (up to 24 years with special educational needs) who live, learn or earn in Hillingdon.

To find out more, please visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/youth-offer

Other information

Childcare funding

Do you qualify for funded childcare for your child, from nine months to four years old? To find out more, speak to a member of our staff or visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/funded-childcare.

Start for Life

For more information on Hillingdon's Start for Life, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/start-for-life

Healthy Start

Healthy Start helps you buy healthy foods and get free vitamins if you are pregnant or have a child under 4 and claim certain benefits. To apply visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/healthystart

SEND Local Offer

Our local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. www.hillingdon.gov.uk/send

Children, young people and parents

Directory of Services

For information on children, young people and family services in Hillingdon, visit careandsupport.hillingdon.gov.uk

Further support for your family

For further help and support for your family, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/stronger-families



Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing families together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.



Smartphones were never designed with kids in mind – but they’ve reshaped childhood faster than any technology in history.

Many families wish there was another way, but delaying smartphones when all your children’s friends have them, can feel impossible.

That’s why Smartphone Free Childhood exists. We help families delay smartphones and social media together – building community, sharing support, and changing culture.

How you can get involved



Sign the Pact

Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay



Join on WhatsApp

Connect with like minded local parents for solidarity & support



Build local momentum

Become an SFC School Organiser and start creating local change



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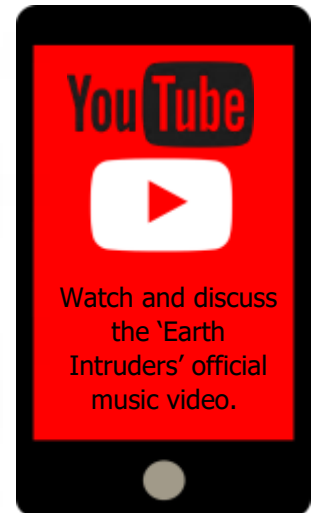


HOME INFORMATION



November's Musician of the Month

BJÖRK



About: Guðmundsdóttir (born 21 November 1965) is an Icelandic singer, songwriter, composer, record producer, and actress. Noted for her distinct three-octave vocal range, fashion status and eccentric persona, she has developed an eclectic musical style over her four-decade career that has drawn on a range of genres.

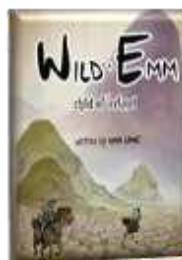
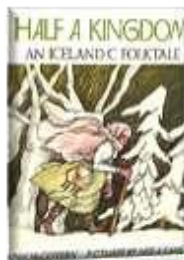
Genres: Electronic, Pop and Experimental

Active from: 1975 - Present

Origin: Reykjavik, Iceland

Books to read...

If you like Björk, try...



- Florence and the Machine
- Wednesday Campanella
- Bat For Lashes



What's
on...

at Ickenham Library

November

We look forward to welcoming you all to Ickenham Library.

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all of you who completed this year's challenge. At Ickenham Library we had 359 joiners and 175 completed so we beat last year's numbers! Breakspear had 160 joiners with 80 completers while Glebe had 165 joiners and 81 completers!



Story Stars

Thursdays 4pm to 4.45pm (term-time only)

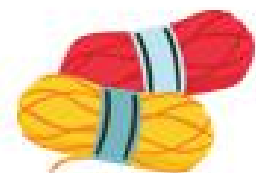
Fire up your imagination by listening to an exciting story followed by a fun activity. For ages 5-7
Places must be booked in advance



Saturdays 10am to 12pm

Lego Club

Build amazing creations with LEGO® bricks.
For ages 5 to 11. No need to book, just drop in



Saturdays 2pm to 3pm

Kids Craft Club

Learn how to crochet your very own bag charm!
For ages 8 to 11, places must be booked in advance



NURSERY



This week in Nursery... Superheroes



HIGHLIGHTS

RECEPTION

We have had a busy week in Reception.



We sequenced the story of 'We're going on a leaf hunt'.



We practiced writing cvc words and short sentences.



We explored the composition of 5 and made different patterns of 5.



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HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 1



YEAR 1 HAD AN EXCITING TIME DURING THE KINGS AND CASTLES WORKSHOP. WE WROTE DESCRIPTIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUR MAGICAL POTIONS.



DEAR YEAR 1,
OH DEAR! MY SPELL TO MAKE EXCALIBUR FLY HAS GONE MISSING! I NEED BRAVE STORYTELLERS TO HELP ME WRITE A NEW MAGICAL SPELL! PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?
LOVE FROM MERLIN THE WIZARD X



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YEAR 2



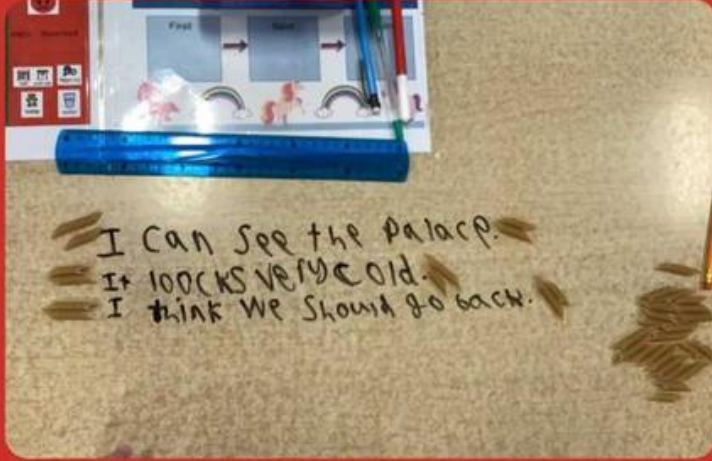
In geography, Year 2 have been looking at how maps are made and making plans of our playground.



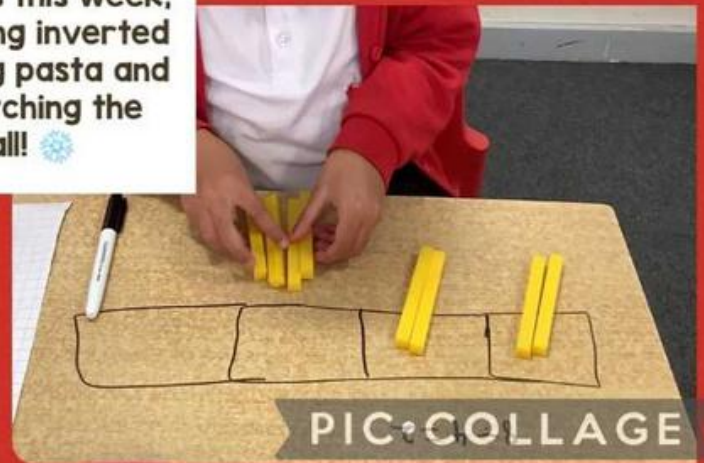
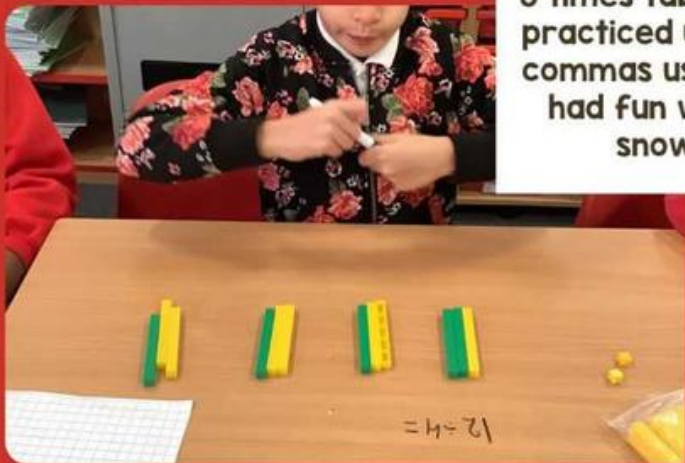
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YEAR 3



In Year 3, we learnt our 8 times tables this week, practiced using inverted commas using pasta and had fun watching the snow fall! ❄️



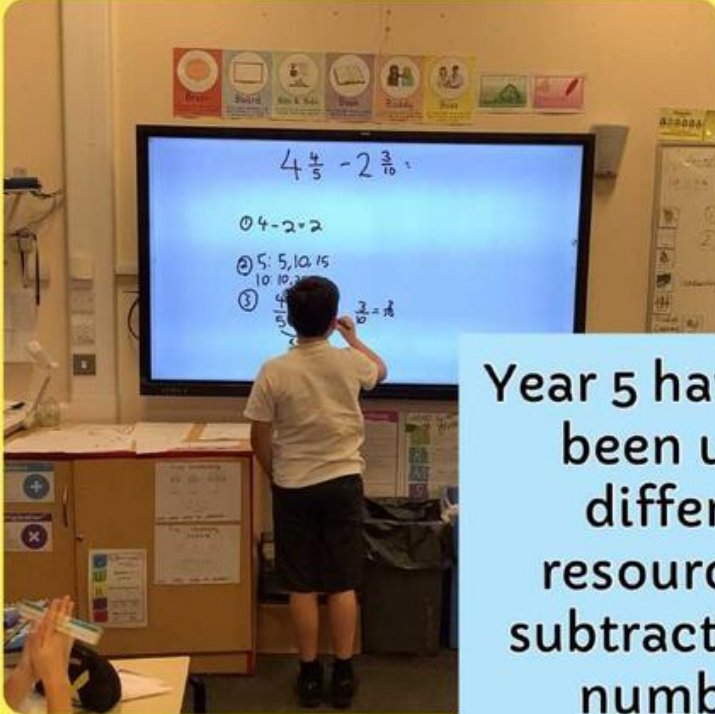
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YEAR 4

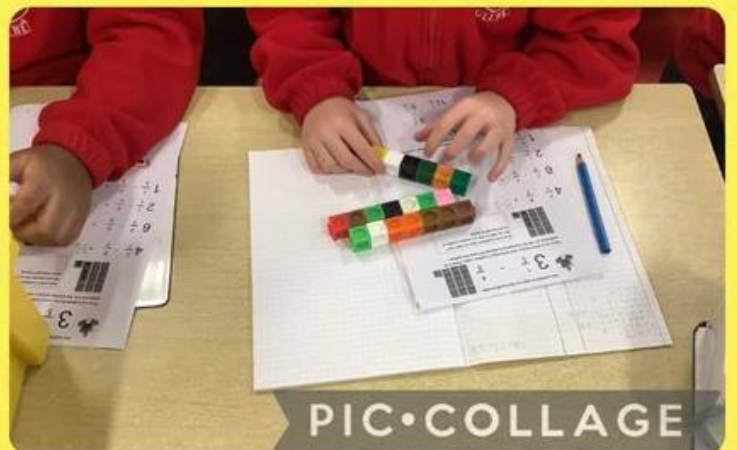
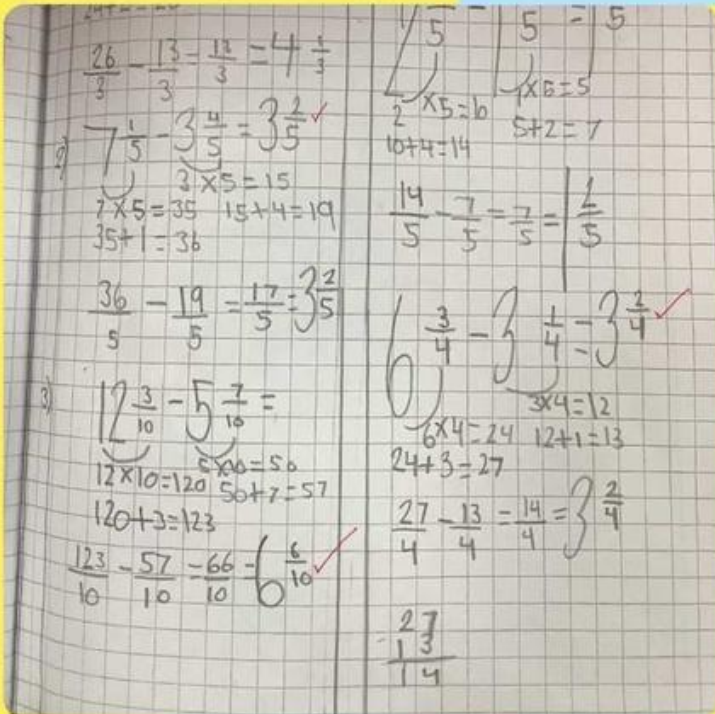
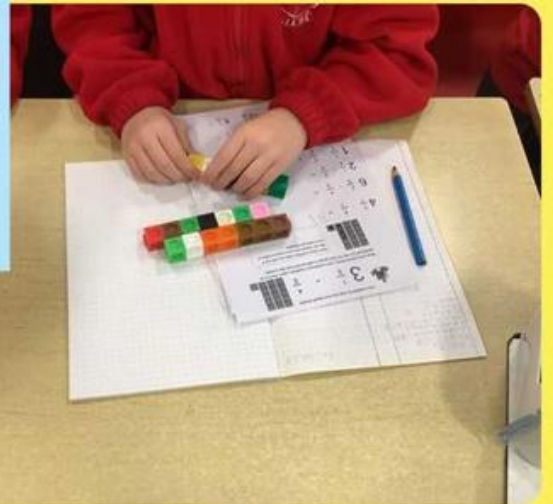


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YEAR 5



Year 5 have been using different resources to subtract mixed numbers.



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HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 6

MR BUCKINGHAM SPOKE TO
YEAR 6 ABOUT
CRIME & PUNISHMENT



HIGHLIGHTS



Wishing you all a
weekend

Mrs Penney

Mystery Guest

Clue 1: I am a character from a book first published in 1969.

Clue 2: The author who invented me is called Eric Carle.

Clue 3: In the story about me, I eat my way through lots of different food in one week.

Clue 4: The story ends with my incredible transformation.



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