



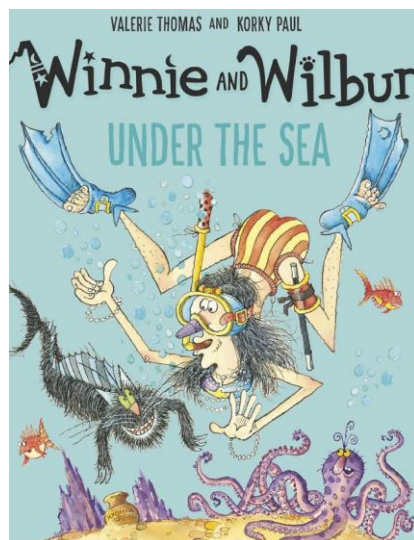
Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had an exhausting first full week of our Spring Term 2023; but the children have demonstrated the most amazing perseverance and resilience (which has been our value this week).

The Foundation Stage have been sharing Winne and Wilbur Under the Sea by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul:

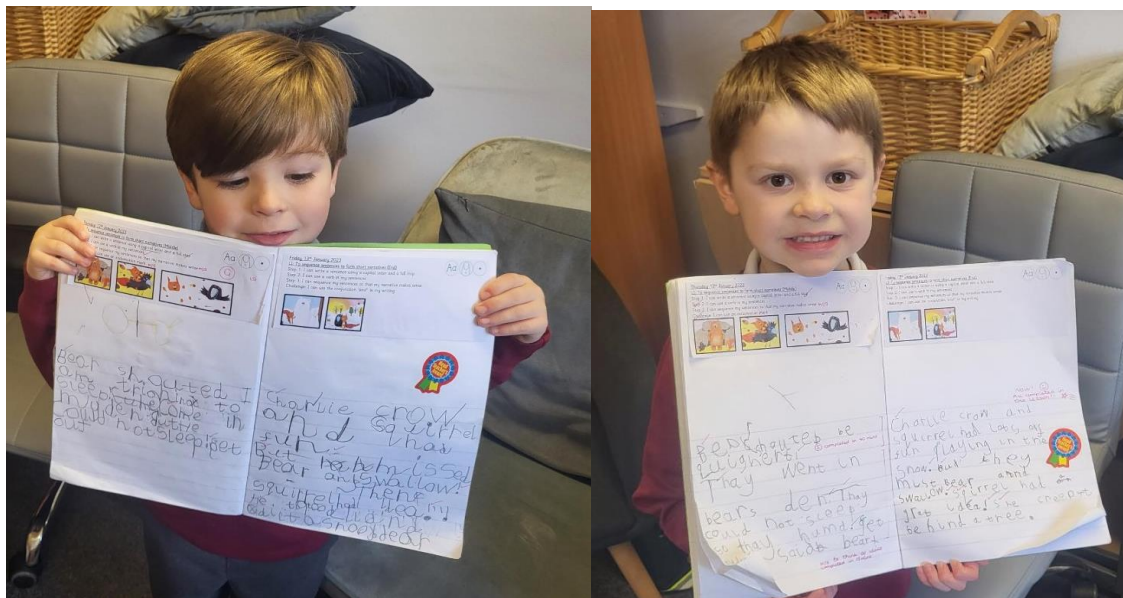


They have been able to use their phonics to write the names of sea creatures all by themselves; we are all so proud!



Writing in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about the winter and sharing a wonderful book called Charlie Crow in the Snow; these children have made exceptional progress this week!

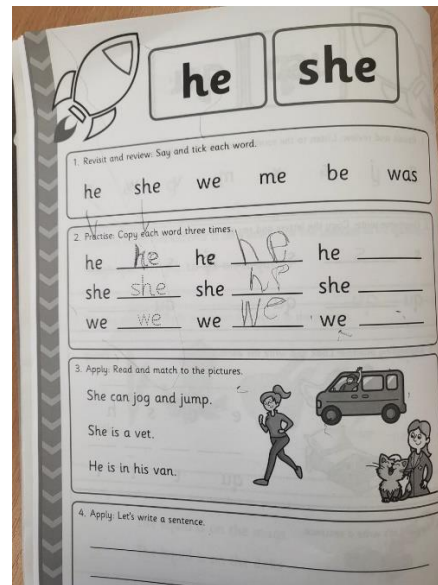
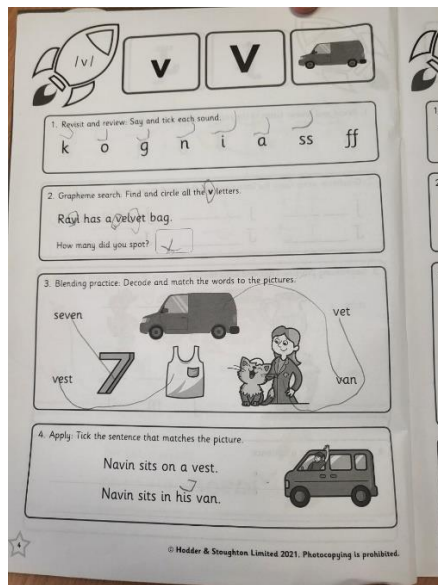


Our New Phonics

We have introduced our new phonics programme; Rocket Phonics to support our teaching in Foundation Stage. We will launch our Rocket Phonics to all the other children in September 2023!

The children and the teachers love it and the children are making so much progress. We are very good at teaching phonics in our school ~ but Letters and Sounds has not been affiliated by the government so we have had to adopt a new systematic synthetic approach.

You can see from the writing above how successful the children are in using their phonics for writing. The programme comes with work books for each child and they are really enjoying completing them daily in a dynamic desking method with adult support when needed.



Star of the Week

We have 10 more amazing stars this week; all chosen because of the incredible resilience they have shown during their learning and lessons this week!





Resilience

We can help!

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, school uniform, bedding etc please ask us as we are here to help. We do not want any of our children to miss out on the basic fundamentals that they are all entitled to. As before, please just ask.

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provided curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one sessions, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link
<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

And Finally,

We have a few days coming up this year to support national and local charities; please do not feel obliged to contribute and if you need any help enabling your child to join in with a theme, please let us know.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher