



Work Hard - Be Kind

Thank you to our children, families and local community for your support throughout the term. We hope that you enjoy reading our Term 6 Newsletter to find out more about what we have been up to this term and celebrate the progress and achievements that our children have made. We look forward to welcoming your child back into school for the new academic year on Tuesday 5 September 2023.

Tombola Event

Thank you to all that supported our recent lunch time Tombola event.

A massive thank you to the following companies for their kind donations:

Mendip Activity Centre

Fireaway Pizza Kingswood

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

W-S-M Grand Pier

Bristol City Football Club

Air Hop

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Tesco Bell Hill

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Without the support from local businesses events such as this would be hard to organise.

This event alone helped raise over £200 for our Gardening club and Minibus fund.

BIMM visit KOA

In June, two leaders, Keeley and Sam, came in from BIMM to work with 25 of our Year 8 musicians for a creative workshop.

Students envisaged what being a successful music artist could look like before splitting into groups. Each group comprised a mix of instrumentalists and singers and they began song-writing together.

It was so exciting to see the creative young talent of King's Oak buzzing with ideas and showing such strong collaboration skills. In a short space of time, many of the groups had come up with some interesting musical ideas and their songs about romantic tragedies were coming together nicely!

At least one Year 8 Rock band has been born and we look forward to seeing them continuing their creative journeys.



A reminder that the last day of Term 6 is Friday 21 July. Term 1 starts on Tuesday 5 September 2023

Student Leadership

In every academy, student leaders play a crucial role in shaping the academy's culture, fostering a sense of community, and representing the student body.

Today, we are thrilled to introduce and congratulate our nine new academy student leaders who have been elected by the student body to take on this significant responsibility. These individuals have demonstrated outstanding qualities, dedication, and a genuine passion for making a positive impact on our academy.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of our newly elected student leaders. Their achievement is a testament to their hard work, leadership skills, and the trust placed in them by their peers. We are confident that they will excel in their roles and contribute significantly to the betterment of our academy.

Introducing and congratulating our nine new Academy Student Leaders:

Kings Oak Ambassadors:



Ewan, Elizabeth and Olamiji

Academy Prefects:



Aimee, Saranya, Marion, Scarlet, Gracie, Amy

As we celebrate the appointment of our nine new academy student leaders, let us recognize the significance of their roles and the impact they will have on our academy's growth and development. We have full confidence in their abilities and look forward to witnessing the positive changes they will bring.

Congratulations once again to our exceptional student leaders!



Mr Marshall-Aherne,
Assistant Principal
Head of Upper School

Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing News from Ms Shaw - On 13 July we had a wonderful visit from the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Year 7 and some Year 8 students were able to hear all about life with a guide dog and how the puppies are trained.

We would like to thank Jan and Graham Peters and the puppy trainers Judith and Sheilah who came in and of course the gorgeous dogs Fizz and Joycey.

On the way out everyone was given the opportunity to pat one of the dogs. How lucky were we?



Careers and Enterprise

Year 10

Well done to all Year 10 students for participating in Mock Interviews and improving your employability skills and confidence. Employers were really impressed with your professionalism, positivity and engagement, and we had some really good feedback. Employers commented on the general enthusiasm of the year group and how confident lots of you were in answering questions.



Even the students who initially did not want to engage due to nerves, still had a go and impressed the employers. Well done.... What could you do to improve? In any interview situation it is good to prepare - what skills you have got? How could you demonstrate them and be able to ask questions too.



During the next term you will have the opportunity to have 1:1 careers guidance session to discuss an action plan/next steps. At the back of this newsletter you will find a flyer, which reminds you of options/next steps after Year 11.

Please find below details of Post 16 events that we have dates for. There will be other open events which will be detailed in the Autumn. A flyer of options for what you could do after Year 11 is added to the end of this newsletter. If you want to also explore colleges and apprenticeships, useful websites are below also:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.sgs.com/en>

<https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/>

Date	Post16
19/09/2023	Digitech
21/09/2023	Winterstoke Hundred
28/09/2023	Blaise
04/10/2023	Knowle DGE
07/10/2023	St Brendans
10/10/2023	CLF Post 16
12/10/2023	St Mary Redcliffe
12/10/2023	Cotham P16
12/10/2023	North Bristol P16
17/10/2023	Montpelier
17/10/2023	Bristol Free School
17/10/2023	City of Bristol
18/10/2023	St Brendans
19/10/2023	North Bristol P16
19/10/2023	RGS P16
31/10/2023	Abbeywood
01/11/2023	Bradley Stoke
02/11/2023	Winterbourne
02/11/2023	St Bedes P16
08/11/2023	St Mary Redcliffe
09/11/2023	Ashton Park P16
16/11/2023	St Brendans
30/11/2023	City of Bristol
30/01/2024	CLF Post 16
19/03/2024	City of Bristol

Gardening Group at KOA

The gardening group have been busy again this term. We are beginning to see the fruits of our labour as the produce is starting to grow. We have cucumbers, tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn, pumpkins, raspberries, strawberries, loganberries, peppers and aubergines!



Newly renovated garden bench



Busy greenhouse



Mowing the lawn but still keeping it wild



Watering the plants with organic feed



Tasting the raspberries





Found a frog and returned it to the pond



Herbs



Tomato plants



Cucumber plants



Cut back and stripped some Willow ready to make a garden sculpture



Bought a snazzy new hose



Topping up the bird feeders



Building a compost bin with some old pallets



Year 10 attend 2023

South West Youth Summit at Aerospace

Representing KOA, Year 10 students Marion and Amy attended the 2023 South West Youth Summit at Aerospace hosted by Dan Norris Metro Mayor

Under the impressive Concorde were a series of talks and workshops on new technologies and strategies for building a sustainable South West .



Safeguarding - Safety Week

Students in all year groups engaged in Safety Week during week commencing 10 July. They covered a number of topics across the course of the week to support them to stay safe over the summer break:

Personal Safety

Mental health and Wellbeing

Water and Rail Safety

Online Safety

Sexual Harassment (Years 7-10)

Signposting of support services

As parents/carers, we hope that the following links will be helpful to support you and your family to stay safe and supported throughout the summer.

Online Safety Guides <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Local Support Services <https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Local-Support-Services-3.pdf>

Local and Financial Support leaflet <https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Financial-support-leaflet.pdf>

Making sure your home doesn't have an open door to child sexual abusers A guide for parents and carers. <https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Making-sure-your-home-doesnt-have-an-open-door-to-sexual-abusers.pdf>



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Environmental Group and Eco Schools' Committee at KOA

The Lower School Eco Committee have been working hard all term towards our three targets.

1. Improve biodiversity on the site by planting pollinator friendly seeds.
2. Ensure all children are involved in a litter pick every week.
3. All children have the opportunity to learn outdoors at least once a term.



We have maintained and observed our plants, tallied up bags of litter collected and discussed our outdoor learning experiences.

Well done to all of the Eco Committee members for being so passionate about helping the environment and thinking of lots of ways we can help as a school. We have created an Eco Code to help us continue the amazing efforts next year too:

Everyone included in outdoor learning

Clean up after yourself

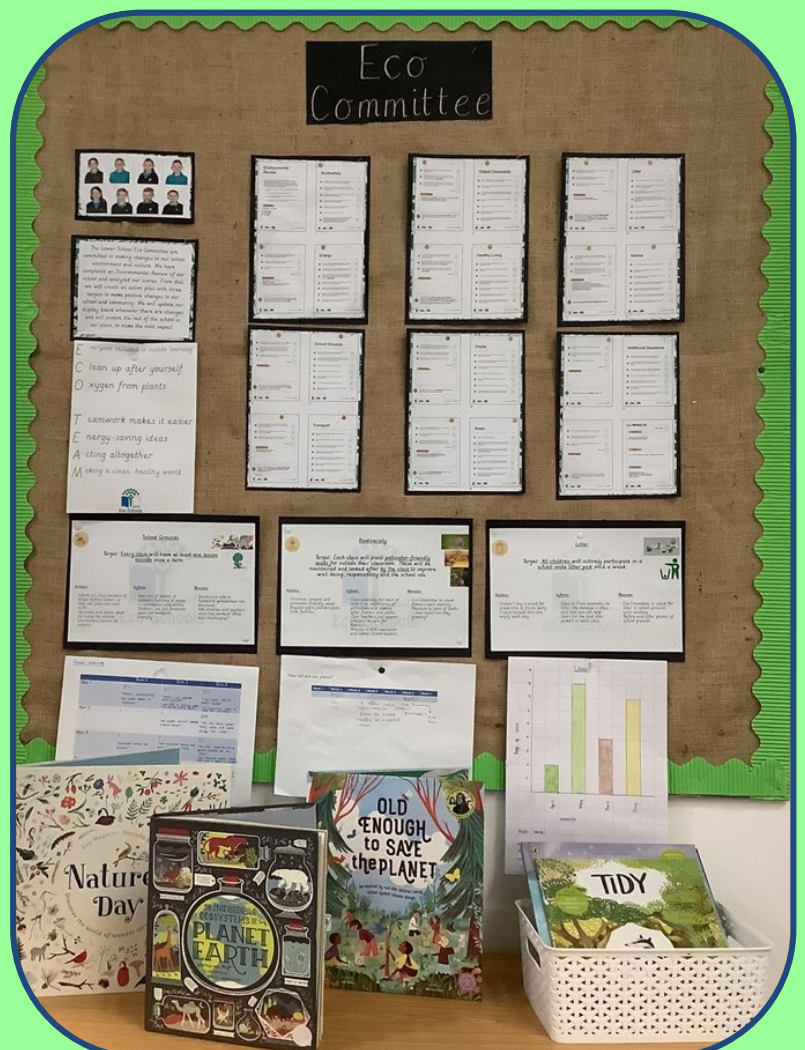
Oxygen from plants

Teamwork makes it easier

Energy-saving ideas

Acting together

Making a clean, healthy world



Sport at KOA

Inclusive KS2 Leadership Festival

A number of our Year 7 and 8 Sports Council members, helped run a primary inclusion day at Pumphrey Hill and they were amazing!

Pupils were truly a credit to KOA! They were incredibly supportive and encouraging to all, with some lovely feedback from staff and parents alike. So proud of the example they set and the enthusiasm they displayed.

Year 7 Rounders Tournament @ JCA

Huge congratulations to the Year 7 rounders team, who played their first competitive match for KOA on 9 June.

It was a fantastic tournament with some excellent fielding and batting skills displayed by the girls, resulting in a third place finish.



CLF Big Festival of Sport



We took a group of ten students from Years 7 and 8 to UWE for the day to attend the CLF Festival of Sport. It was a fantastic day with students completing some amazing activities such as the

trim trail, circuit training and rock climbing.

All of our pupils fully engaged with the activities and had a great day out.

Year 7 Cricket Trip

This term Mr Jackson and Mr Heath took thirteen Year 7 boys and girls to watch their first ever T20 fixture at the Bristol County Ground. The game was played between Gloucestershire and Hampshire.

This was many of our pupils first experience of a professional cricket game and it was enjoyed by all.



Touch 2 Twickenham Nationals

Our Year 9 mixed touch rugby team had another outstanding display of Rugby on 22 June.

They attended the Touch 2 Twickenham National Finals Tournament and placed second in their pool! They had a tough first round of matches and showed incredible resilience, resulting a huge turn around in the afternoon. The afternoon resulted in 3 wins and only 1 loss! All pupils involved were outstanding in both their performances and mentality! So proud of this group of Year 9s, who were credited for their sportsmanship and honesty.



Year 10 Cardiff Met University Trip

40 Sport studies pupils had a fantastic opportunity on 22 June, visiting the Cardiff Met university site. A great chance to experience potential further education options.



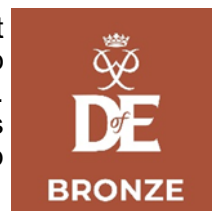
DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition



Mrs Salvage and Mr Upham took five Silver DofE students to Dartmoor for their qualifying expedition. The students planned and walked for three days in the countryside. They were absolutely fantastic!

DofE Bronze Sign Up

Students moving into Year 9 next academic year are able to sign up for the DofE Bronze Award. Please see Mrs Salvage or Mrs Harrod for details. Sign Up deadline is 15 September!



King's Oak Sports Day

Sports Day was held on Tuesday 18 July, after being postponed due to poor weather. Students participated in a range of events; sports quiz, Benchball, Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Football and Tug of War in addition to traditional athletic events.

It was all to play for throughout the morning rotations, with overall points being extremely close.

The afternoon saw our sprint events; 200m, 100m and relay.

Overall the winners, by 4 points, were Heath's Hedgehogs! Congratulations to 7.4, 8.4, 9.4 and 10.4!

A Year 7 student said:

"It was an amazing day because I got to do loads of different activities and tried lots of new sports!"



Maths at KOA

Celebrating Women in Mathematics: CLF Empowering Event

Students from King's Oak Academy recently participated in an inspiring event hosted by the CLF Post-16. The aim was to encourage girls to explore math-related careers and showcase the significant contributions of women in this field.

Attended by Year 10 students from various CLF secondary academies, including King's Oak, Bristol Brunel, Bristol Metropolitan, John Cabot, Hans Price, and Winterstoke Hundred Academies, the event proved to be a day of insightful learning.

Activities included exploring Florence Nightingale's data work, analysing infographics, and examining how mathematics plays a vital role in journalism and medicine. Additionally, students had the unique opportunity to engage with accomplished women from diverse careers, learning how mathematics drives success in fields like engineering, finance, and scientific research.

The event successfully shattered stereotypes and opened new horizons, reinforcing the message that mathematics is accessible to all and can lead to fulfilling and rewarding careers. Carrie Martin, the Senior Network Leader of Mathematics, expressed enthusiasm for the event, recognising it as a fabulous opportunity for collaboration among students from different academies.

This empowering event marks a significant step toward inspiring more young women to pursue mathematics and break barriers in their future careers. King's Oak Academy remains committed to fostering inclusivity and providing platforms that nurture the talents and aspirations of all students.



King's Oak Students encouraged to consider a career involving maths

Creative Technologies at KOA

King's Oak Academy art exhibits from all year groups entered into the CLF Art Exhibition at Sparks in Bristol city centre.



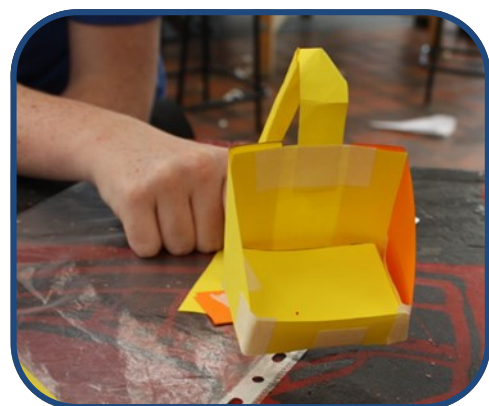
Year 9 Art Assessment to design a large soup can in the style of Andy Warhol by Aimee, Aminata, Evie, Adrian, Helen, and Ella-Mae



In Technology students have been looking at structures relating to architecture shown in bridges, hanging chairs and bus shelters,

In Year 8 in Textiles students have been looking into ideas for Food Packaging, Hand Embroidery stitches and Applique in view of producing Decorated Cushions next Term.

In Year 7 Textiles students have been looking into ideas for a Scrappy Monster, Hand Embroidery stitches and Applique with a view to producing the artefact next term.

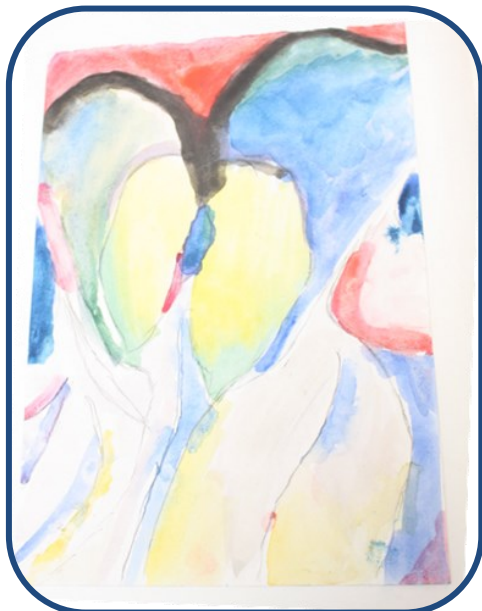


Music at KOA

Year 8 Assessment – produce a drawing in the style of David Hockney landscape “Gardens” 2015, in proportion. Successfully handled materials and showed understanding of line and tone. - Daisy – Rose



Year 7 Assessment—Produce a drawing of a flower by Georgia O'Keeffe Series 1, No 8, 1918, Successfully handled materials and showed understanding of line, tone, colour and form.- Zaila and Louie



Well done to the members of 'Bangers and Smash', (Cody, Khloe, William, Bailey, Billy and Lola) the new Year 7 Junk Band who have joined together this term to make a lot of rhythmic noise!!

Watch out for their concert debut next year!!

Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to Saranya and Peter who were both highly commended by judges at the recent Battle of the Bands, this year hosted at JCA. Their performances demonstrated the excellent progress they have made this year in Music.

Summer Fete

Well done and thank you to Zac, Adeyo, Peter, Saranya and Finn, the performers who participated at the recent Summer fete. Numerous members of the audience commented upon their skills and confidence.

Y10 BTEC

These students have been working towards their individual targets in between their mocks and work experience. There has been some outstanding progress this year, particularly in developing their performing confidence.

Creatively, students have been working on various styles including Garage Rock, RnB, EDM and Jazz. Well done to Finlay, Saranya and Olamiji who performed for our visiting primary schools this month on the Hexagon stage.

A special second mention for Saranya who represented KOA for the CLF Battle of the Bands competition and received a recognition award for her vocal skills, performing *Stay* by Rihanna.

Year 7 - 9 have been working on a Glastonbury unit of work, performing cover versions of songs by various artists. Ladbroke Grove by AJ Tracey has been a particularly popular choice for Year 7. Students have been learning to play in groups with vocals and keyboard or guitar accompaniment.

NEWS FROM LOWER SCHOOL

Arts Week

The Lower School took part in Arts Week this term to encourage all children to view art as a form of expression.

All children from Reception to Year 4 completed three art pieces: coffee art, clay art and pop art over the course of the week. Working with an unusual medium like coffee encouraged students to be creative and develop their growth mindset, like in the storybook 'The Dot'.

We explored patterns in nature through clay art, with patterns like turtle shells, fossils and flower petals depicted.

We learned about Roy Lichtenstein and his impact on art and popular culture, and painted self-portraits in his style.

On Friday afternoon, we had the chance to view every year group's artwork, and it was wonderful to invite families in to celebrate after school as well. Thanks to everyone involved and those who came along, and we look forward to future art weeks to come!



EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Group Coordinator

I have recently taken over as EDI (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion) Group Coordinator at the Lower School .

The group meet up a couple of times a term to discuss ways we can spread the message of equality, diversity, and inclusion into Kings Oak. We had a meeting recently to design and make the new Lower School EDI notice board. The group members all made rainbow hands, which were added to the notice board.



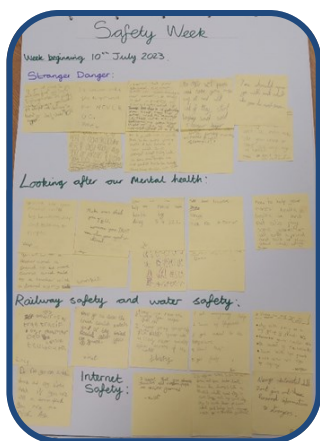
Paul Harvey



KOA Safety Week

Last week, we marked our annual KOA Safety Week. Lower School children explored various safety themes, such as stranger danger, internet safety, mental health, water and railways throughout the week with a discrete discussion and exploration topic every day.

We explored each of the safety themes in our classes and recorded key discussion points and ideas in our class *I am a Citizen* books.



Water Safety Code



Progressive Sports Enrichment Workshops

Our concluding Progressive Sport enrichment session proved to be highly enjoyable and engaging. Children from various year groups within the Lower School actively participated in both golf and lacrosse activities, thereby putting their precision skills to the ultimate test. The session witnessed a commendable display of skill and determination by all the participants.



Overall, it was an outstanding culmination to our enrichment program, and we are excited for the forthcoming academic year, filled with new and exciting prospects.

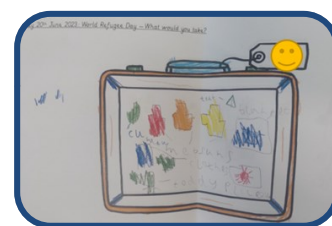
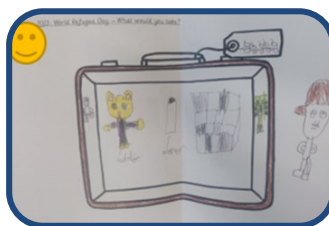
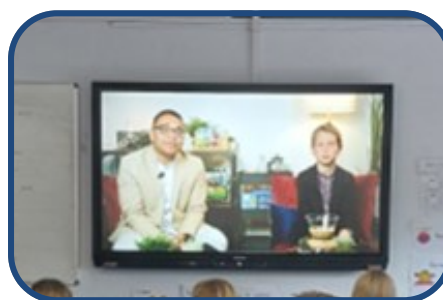


World Refugee Day

As you know, our termly value was 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance', which is a Modern British Value. We have been learning about respect in both class and whole-school assemblies this term.

On Tuesday 20 June, World Refugee Day, we took part in the Big Assembly. We watched a live broadcast presented by Daniel, a 9-year-old refugee from Ukraine and joined the live broadcast to meet two refugee children who are currently living in a camp in Jordan. We learnt about their hopes for the future, what subjects they like at school and their favourite books.

With our classes, we explored what this experience must have felt like and engaged in follow-up learning about empathy and compassion.



500 Words 2023: Everything you need to know



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, opens on Tuesday 26 September and will run till Friday 10 November. Though this is some time away from now, the summer holidays may be an excellent opportunity to engage in creative writing.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. All children are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. Further details, guidelines and submission information is below.

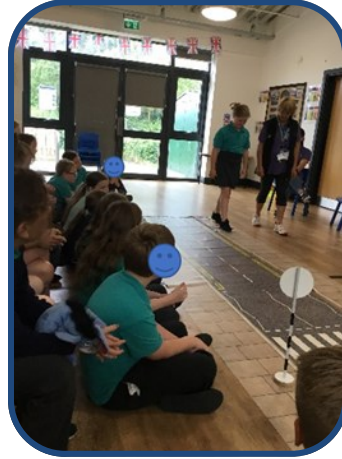
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

You may also like to use these writing prompts, whether you'd like to enter this competition or just enjoy a little bit of story writing!

Road Safety Workshops

This term, two of our year groups participated in South Gloucestershire Council Road Safety workshops designed specifically for those year groups.

Year 2 pupils participated in a 'Good Spot' road safety workshop. This initiative involved a visit from a Road Safety Team member to their classroom. The main objective of this game-based session was to provide children with an interactive platform to learn about road safety.



During the session, children had the opportunity to engage in activities that familiarised them with the Green Cross Code, identify safe crossing places, and learn about various vehicles commonly found on the road.



Year 4 students participated in an even more extensive road safety workshop! The workshop covered three main topics related to road safety.

The session focussed on pedestrian safety and emphasised the importance of following the 'Green Cross Code.' Children were able to have a go at using a working Puffin crossing and a roll-out road in the safety of our school's hall. Pupils were also taught about cycle safety, using an egg helmet to demonstrate the significance of wearing protective gear whilst cycling.

Finally, our Year 4 children had an opportunity to discuss in-car safety, the importance of wearing seatbelts and the proper use of car seats. We hope that these road safety activities provide pupils with valuable knowledge and skills to navigate roads safely and responsibly, contributing to their overall well-being in the community.

Year 2 RE workshop

Our Year 2 pupils have been learning about different religions from around the world. They've been using their values of "work hard" and "be kind" to not only explore various faiths, beliefs, and traditions, but also to appreciate the similarities and differences between them.

Last week, we had a special visitor from St Stephen's Church in Soundwell who shared the Christian creation story with us and answered the children's questions about Christianity. We're really excited to have representatives from different faiths visit King's Oak in the future!



New Playground Equipment

Once again, we have been incredibly lucky to have received a contribution from our Friends of King's Oak Academy group towards new playground equipment. School playgrounds play a crucial role in promoting physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being among students.

We are very grateful to have received this kind donation and have used the money to invest in some long-lasting equipment to support our children in their development of gross motor skills.



David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) workshops – Year 3 and Year 4

Our Year 3 and 4 children had an opportunity to participate in DSWF workshops on Friday 23 June in order to learn about different species, conservation and wildlife. Amanda from DSWF joined us for an assembly and workshop.

During the assembly, we learnt about endangered animals. We explored the different levels of endangered animals, the reasons why and what we can do to help. During the workshop, we created habitats for pangolins, elephants, snow-leopards, tigers, lionesses and a painted dog. The children enjoyed asking questions about habitats and the expertise Amanda provided.



News from Reception

Wow! What a fantastic final term Reception have had, and we have had the best time learning with them this whole year.

In Term 6, we started with an amazing trip to Bristol Aquarium where we learnt all about aquatic animals and met Sheila the giant fish.



We also started our Reading Raffle which saw many children winning books to take home and keep. It was lovely to see their excitement to go and collect a book prize.

The children took a lovely (slightly damp) walk to Siston Common for a Teddy Bear's picnic. We headed towards the end of term with a fantastic Sports Day. The children really did us proud showing great Emerald (resilience) and Ruby (kindness) Power on the day. Our last event was Arts Week. We created coffee spill monsters, pop art portraits and clay animals which the children loved sharing with their peers from other classes and families at the end of the day.



We ended the term with a Graduation Party to celebrate our fantastic year and the best results we have achieved in EYFS ever!! Well done superstars! We wish all of our families a wonderful Summer holiday.



News from Year 1

Year 1 have had an incredibly busy Term 6 to conclude a fabulous year! As geographers we have been learning about the four nations that make up the U.K. and familiarised ourselves with using maps to help us identify the countries. As scientists we were 'magnet magicians' and were lucky to have Ms Briden from the Upper School come to teach us about magnets.

We had a fantastic sports day, with children competing in four different events in front of a large crowd of parents, and all children used their ruby gem power to cheer each other on and their emerald power to keep going even when it was tough. As historians we sorted different technologies into 'then' and 'now' categories and thought about how our communications have changed over time. All this alongside being amazing readers, authors and mathematicians every day!

Well done, Year 1, for a fantastic year and we can't wait to hear about what you get up to in Year 2!

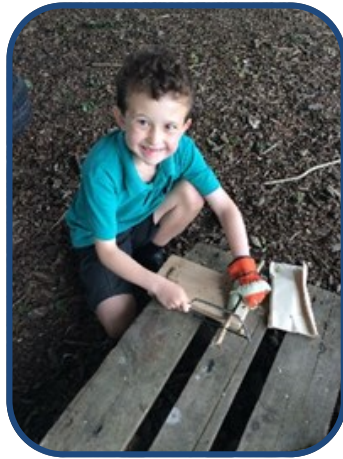
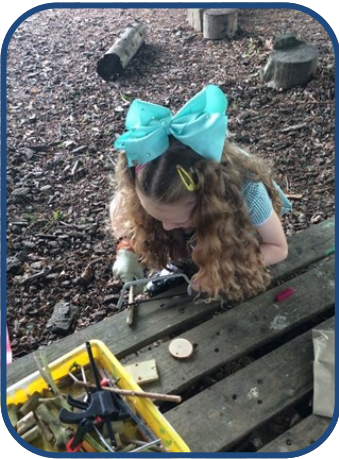


News from Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic last term. We have enjoyed having various visitors in class including Road Safety workshops, The Dogs Trust and local parish volunteers.

We have also been lucky enough to have participated in Forest school sessions every Monday afternoon this term. Year 2 used a number of different tools such as saws, drills and hammers to create their own wooden puppet. We were very proud of their determination as it was not an easy task and involved many steps to success! Children have commented on how much they have enjoyed our Author text this term and they have all worked hard to create their own 'Little Red' stories including a very naughty animal of their choice! Last week children loved taking part in art week exploring using three different types of media - even coffee! They were very proud of their achievements and displaying them in their own gallery for you all to see.

Well done Year 2 - we wish you all the best and have a wonderful summer!



News from Year 3

Year 3 have been designers this term, practising back stitch and running stitch, before using to create a pencil case with a button.



Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their different athletes' activities this term. We went swimming in Kingswood Leisure Centre every Thursday and the children made us all proud with how hard they tried in each of their swimming lessons. We also showed our skills during our sports day, where we competed in the egg and spoon race, shotput, obstacle race, and sprint race.



During this term, we had a visit from a volunteer from the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. We discovered the different endangered animals and how endangerment is measured. We made our own 3D habitats.

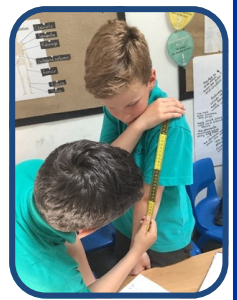


News from Year 4

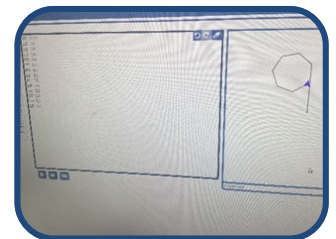
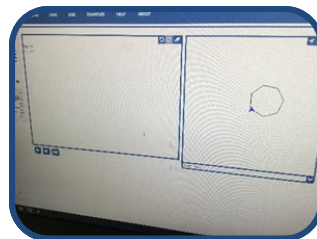
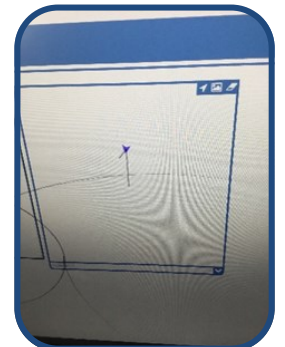
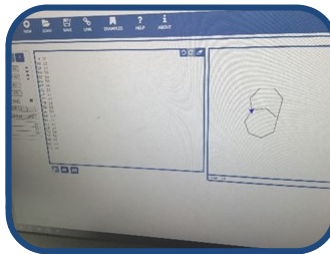
Year 4 have had a fantastic Term 6, continuously applying themselves in all lessons and working hard right up to the last day. Not only have we had visits from The Road Safety Team from South Gloucestershire council, a visit from Amanda from DSWF (David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation) and of course a fantastic sports day, we have also continued to complete all our learning to a high standard. Here is just a selection!



As scientists, we have been learning all about the musculoskeletal system. We drew skeletons in the playground, labelled bones, measured our own bones and made a replica muscle out of paper.



In Computer Science, we have been using Logo to write codes. We experimented with different commands and then wrote our own code to write numbers and letters.



As artists, we made collagraph prints and used these to print our own designs.



As Authors, we wrote an alternative ending of 'The Last Tree' and then rewrote the story from the child's perspective. Our handwriting remained joined and neat throughout.

NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

News from Year 5

Year 5 have had a jam-packed final term. Sports Day, Enrichment golf afternoon, a day of music and many more exciting opportunities to develop as well-rounded learners.

In Author, they thoroughly enjoyed creating their own wild and whacky alchemists after reading 'The Last Alchemist' and wrote fantastic, independent arguments on whether 'Gold is the key to happiness?'.

In Maths Year 5 have been extremely lucky to have small group or 1:1 tutoring twice a week. In groups they have focused on arithmetic and reasoning problems that they find challenging, preparing them for their final year in Key Stage 2.

Festival of Sport - A number of Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to take part in the CLF Festival of Sport at the UWE. They had the best day taking part in a variety of sports including basketball, tag rugby and martial arts!

Year R-6 Sports Day was a huge success this year! Students from Reception to Year 6 had great fun competing in different races with the fantastic support of friends and family who came to cheer them on! Our amazing Sports Leaders did a fantastic job at organising and running the races - making the school very proud and inspiring our younger students to be excellent leaders in the future!

We wish them the best of luck in Year 6!





News from Year 6

This summer term has been full of fun and hard work for Year 6 as they wrap up their final year in KS2. We kick-started the summer with our residential experience at Hooke Court and Basecamp and have been working hard all term on the Year 6 production, 'A Big Green Adventure.' We will miss our Year 6s but look forward to seeing many of them in the Middle School site next year!



News from Year 7

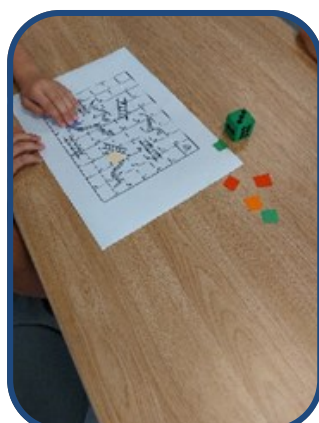
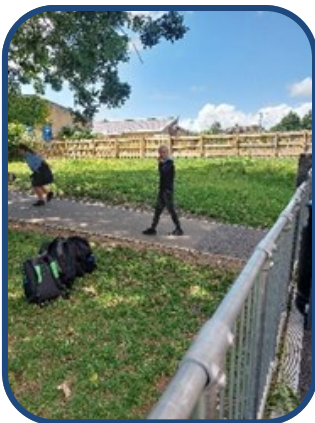
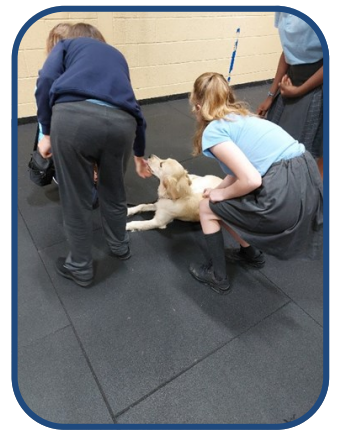
It's been another jam-packed term in Year 7, I really don't know where the time has gone! We started the term with many of us helping out at a Year 6 Transition Evening, to think that was us this time last year.

This term I've seen yummy scones and beautiful singing in music lessons, and most importantly we have continued to work hard across all of our lessons and in our end-of-year assessments. It doesn't stop being a pleasure to walk into a Year 7 lesson and see amazing things happening, long may this continue into Year 8!

We were extremely lucky to have a visit from the Guide Dogs, who taught us all sorts of interesting facts, and we got the chance to meet two real-life guide dogs.

Awards nominations have been really positive again, and lots of subjects are trying to nominate more than one person, as they just cannot decide.

We were also fortunate enough to have a reward hour for those who have put in 100% all year to working hard and being kind, with a games, music and snacks chill-out session in the Hexagon.



On the last Monday of term, we each got a letter explaining who our tutor would be in Year 8, and we got to read about our new tutors, and prepare our own letter to our tutor to tell them a bit about us.

Overall, this year we have achieved:

48 Diamond Awards (with 17 of us getting over 250 points this year)

92 Gold Awards

114 Silver Awards

117 Bronze Awards

And in Term 6 we have 24 Zero Heroes!

I am looking forward to another amazing year with this group of students, we will continue to improve and achieve great things. Have a safe and relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing you all fresh for the new year 😊

Miss H Pearch—Head of Year 7

News from Year 8

As we wrap up another incredible term at Kings Oak Academy, it is with great pride that I write this final newsletter entry for our extraordinary year group. This year has been nothing short of remarkable, and I have witnessed each and every one of you mature, grow, and become academically stronger.

From the moment you walked through our doors at the beginning of the year, it was evident that a transformation was underway. Your commitment to learning, enthusiasm for new challenges, and willingness to step out of your comfort zones have been truly inspiring. The progress you have made academically is a testament to your hard work and dedication. Your teachers have been impressed with your engagement in the classroom, your depth of understanding, and your ability to think critically. It has been a joy to watch you develop into confident and capable young individuals.

One of the highlights of this term was undoubtedly our Summer camp trip to the Mendip Activity Centre. The adventure-filled days spent rock climbing, participating in archery sessions, and exploring the great outdoors have left us with lasting memories. The camp discos brought us all together, showcasing your camaraderie and spirit of fun. Your enthusiasm and sportsmanship during these activities were commendable, and you should be proud of the way you represented our school.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for allowing me to be your Head of Year. It has been an absolute privilege to be a part of your journey these past two years. Watching you flourish and overcome challenges has been a source of immense happiness. Your resilience and determination have been truly inspiring, and I am confident that you will continue to achieve great things in the future.

As we prepare to transition into the upper school, the prospect of seeing you progress through Kings Oak Academy fills me with excitement. I have no doubt that you will continue to grow academically, emotionally, and socially, embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. Remember to approach each day with the same enthusiasm and drive that you have displayed this year, and there will be no limit to what you can accomplish.

Enjoy your well-deserved break over the summer, recharge your batteries, and return ready to embark on the next chapter of your educational journey. Keep challenging yourselves, supporting one another, and striving for excellence. Your Year 9 adventure awaits, and I am confident that you are more than ready to conquer it.

Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Mr C Nathan, Head of Year 8





NEWS FROM UPPER SCHOOL

News from Year 9

Celebrating a Year of Triumphs: Year 9 Shines Brightly!

As we approach the end of another incredible year, it is with great pleasure that we reflect upon the remarkable achievements of our Year 9 students. This group of talented individuals has truly left an indelible mark on our school community.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my congratulations to all Year 9 students for their outstanding academic performance throughout the year. Your dedication and perseverance have not gone unnoticed. Your teachers have been amazed by your commitment to learning, and your achievements are a testament to your hard work and determination. Well done!

In addition to their academic success, the vast majority of Year 9 students have consistently demonstrated really positive behaviour and a determined attitude towards their studies. Their respect for their peers, teachers, and the school environment has been commendable. We are proud to have such responsible and considerate individuals as part of our school community.

Year 9 has been a real success in many sporting achievements, with our students showcasing their skills and passion on various playing fields. We are particularly proud of our rugby team, who represented our school at a high national standard. The team was a mixed boys and girls touch rugby team, competing in the touch Twickenham tournament. They won their pool in a regional tournament at St.Bedes and then placed 2nd in their pool in the national tournament! An amazing achievement which we are very proud of. Also, They have been training each week and been leaders to a group of upcoming Year 7 rugby girls- just amazing!

The artistic talents of our Year 9 students have flourished this year, with achievements in both Art and Design Technology. From stunning paintings to intricate sculptures, their creativity knows no bounds. We are in awe of their ability to express themselves through their artwork and look forward to witnessing their continued growth in the years to come.

Year 9 students have also embraced the challenges and adventures offered by the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. Their commitment to personal development, outdoor exploration, and community service has been truly remarkable. We applaud their determination and resilience in completing the various stages of the program. Your achievements are a testament to your character and will undoubtedly serve you well in the future.

As we celebrate the achievements of our Year 9 students, we must also bid farewell to those who will be embarking on a new journey at Digitech. We are confident that the skills and knowledge you have acquired during your time with us will serve as a solid foundation for your GCSEs. We wish you the very best in your future endeavours and know that you will continue to shine brightly wherever you go.

As we conclude this academic year, we extend our warmest congratulations to all Year 9 students for their incredible achievements. Your hard work, dedication, and positive attitude have made this year truly memorable. We look forward to witnessing your continued success as you embark on your GCSE journey in Year 10. Well done, Year 9!

Mr S Mannin, Head of Year 9

News from Year 10

Term 6 has been a term filled with lots of exciting opportunities for the Year 10 students and they have had a chance to take part in lots of different activities and be part of trips in different subject areas.

Over half of the Year 10 students organised their own work experience over three days this term. They all prepared letters, designed their own CVs, spoke to and visited different companies to prepare them for the world of work. Over the three days staff made visits and calls to check in on the students and were all met with very positive responses regarding how professional and motivated our young people were. Well done to all of you who took the time to organise and take part in this valuable experience.

This term also saw Year 10 take part in their second set of mock exams this academic year. Students sat exams in a range of core and options subjects to prepare them for these exams at the end of Year 11. Students worked hard and behaved well throughout these so well done.

The Bristol Bears Bright Sparks intervention group finished this year with a rewards presentation highlighting the hard work they had put into this course over the year. All students were presented with an ASDAN qualification in Sports and Fitness.



Congratulations goes to Ella S who has been selected to play for Bristol City U21 squad next season. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of Ella. Well done!

Congratulations also need to go to Saranya Srilawong as she took part in the CLF battle of the Bands and got a special mention for her vocals. She was the first act to perform on the night and did amazingly well. Well done, Saranya.

This term students have had the chance to participate in their last ever sports day. Students took part a mixture of activities such as football, capture the flag, bench ball, dodgeball, tug of war and a quiz as well as the usual running and throwing events. They got fully involved and worked hard in the different events to earn points for their tutor groups. On the day we received the overall results for Years 7 to 11 but the Year 10 results are as follows:

5th - 10.5

4th - 10.4

3rd - 10.2

2nd - 10.1

1st - 10.3 🏆

Well done to Mr Jackson's tutor group 10.3, but also to all Year 10 students who took part and gave 100% in the different activities.

I hope you all have a fantastic break and come back for Term 1 refreshed, re-charged and ready to take part in more exciting opportunities. I shall look forward to welcoming you all back into school for the start of your Year 11 journey in September.

Mrs S Holtby, Head of Year 10

News from Year 11

Year 11 rounded off their time at King's Oak with a last day celebration in the Hexagon where we were able to share memories through a staggering amount of photos, some awards and videos of memories/wishes for the future from staff. Students then enjoyed getting their shirts signed in what proved to be our decent spell of weather for the summer. This was then completed with our barbeque that was not actually a barbeque before students were able to leave the site.

Following this, we held our Prom at the Mercure Grange hotel. Most students in the year attended and this provided a positive end to what to at times has been a tough year. Students (and staff) were able to party into the night and enjoy one of their last times together. Thank you to Mrs Bryant for her help in organising both this and our leavers hoodies!

I look forward to our results day later in the summer where students will be able to see what their hard work has led to and be rewarded for this. Details have been sent out regarding times through Insight. We will be on hand to celebrate with our students but also to provide advice on students next steps.

Mr A Heath, Head of Year 11

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OPTIONS/NEXT STEPS FOR STUDENTS AFTER YEAR 11



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below some information to help guide your son/daughter.

CLF Post 16

If you want to go to CLF Post 16: <https://post16.clf.uk/>

Choosing the right A-Levels/BTECs

Questions to ask:

Have I chosen subjects I enjoy?

Have I researched specific careers to find out entry requirements?

Have I chosen the right balance ie. If all coursework or all exam based? Will I be able to cope with workload?

Websites to research: www.careerpilot.org.uk – look at job sectors/different types of jobs

College/ Sixth Form

If you want to go to College/other sixth form provision:

Check out websites for Open Events: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk ; www.sgscol.ac.uk

Prospectuses are online and open events advertised.

You need to start investigating and attending virtual open events.

Apprenticeship

If you want to do an apprenticeship - decide if an apprenticeship is the best route for you.

If you are interested in a specific job area and want to develop the skills and knowledge for a career, getting a wage as you study.

If you apply to do an apprenticeship with a Learning Provider eg. A Further Education College, you will have to find a work placement to support this.

If you apply through the apprenticeship website you will be applying for a specific job which offers training through a College/Learning Provider.

To apply for an Apprenticeship/view vacancies

www.gov.uk/apprenticeship-guide: Click on Search for a Vacancy - Click on Start Now - This will take you through to the main apprenticeship website page. You can type in key words eg. Plumbing, electrical, hairdressing and type in a location and it will show you current vacancies. You will need to register in order to apply in Year 11.

Traineeship

If you want to do an apprenticeship but feel you lack qualifications and experience:
What is a Traineeship?

Traineeships are designed to help get you into an apprenticeship. Traineeships last between six weeks and six months and include the following:

Work Preparation Training – you will gain new employability and customer service skills

English and Maths – these are part of every apprenticeship framework and a traineeship will help get you started on improving these skills to meet.

To find out about Traineeships: www.gov.uk/find-traineeship or SGS College on 0800 0567 253

Careerpilot

www.careerpilot.org.uk

This is a software package you can access at home as well as school. It can help you explore different types of jobs, give you information about the jobs and what qualifications and skills are needed to do the job.

If you want to follow a specific career path it is important you look at what qualifications are needed.

When you are on the website click on 'Search Job Sectors' and then choose a sector you are interested in or want to know more about.

You can now look at different types of jobs in this sector and qualifications and skills needed.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers - can be used to view videos of different careers

If anyone is looking to start an apprenticeship in construction starting in September 2021, please use the On Site Bristol website to apply, our application will stay open until June/July.

[On Site Bristol | Employment, Skills & Learning, Bristol City Council Apprenticeships](#)

If you have any questions please contact the Year 10 Tutors.



We are looking for Governance Volunteers to join our Academy Councils

We are a diverse multi-academy trust, looking for professional and ambitious people, with a passion for transforming our students' learning.

What is an Academy Councillor?

It is a rewarding role working towards a shared goal of providing a high-quality education for the children and young people in our communities.

Volunteers attend regular meetings, visit schools, meet with school leaders, attend training and networking events.

What kind of people are we looking for to join our Governance Team?

Our Academy Councillors come from all walks of life and all backgrounds, but all share our high expectations.

How much of your time will being an Academy Councillor take up?

We appreciate that all of our Councillors are volunteers and use their time carefully and respectfully. We meet regularly, usually once a term and the meetings are held late afternoon/early evening.



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25 fun literacy tasks for ages 5–7

These 25 exciting challenges will kick-start your creativity ready for the BBC 500 Words competition!

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1 Reading den.
Build a den using things from around the house and cosy-up in there to read a book.



2 Story hunt.
Collect items that give clues to a book then share them with someone. Can they guess the story?



3 Reading places.
Where is the strangest place in your home or garden you can find to read? Remember to let an adult know!



4 Let's pretend.
Pretend to be your favourite book character. Can your friends or family guess which book it is?



5 Read aloud.
Grab your favourite book and read to someone else: your family, a pet or even your toys!

6 Word fun.
Think of a word and find other words that rhyme with it. Make up a short story that includes all those words.

tree cat
star

7 Character creations.
Draw a new character and label your picture with information about them. Who are they, what do they do, where do they live?

8 Summer Reading Challenge. Join in either at your local library or online!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

9 Alternative ending. Choose your favourite book. Can you rewrite the ending so that something different happens?

10 Fantasy land.
Draw a picture of a new land then tell a story about what happens there



11 Silly sentences.
Write a sentence with these words:

show apple hat
elephant rain

Now think of your own silly words and write some more!

12 Model maker.
Use anything you can find around the house to make a model of your favourite book character.



13 CBBC inspiration.
Write a story about your favourite CBBC character. What will happen to them?

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14 Ping-pong storytelling.
Write the first sentence of a story, ask someone to write the next one. Then it's your turn again! Keep going until you have a full story.

15 Reading picnic.
Pack a picnic lunch and go to your garden, a park or another outdoor location to read.



16 Let's learn.
Read a book to gain a new skill. It could be a recipe book to get better at cooking, a magic trick or something else!



17 Who am I?
Think of your favourite book character and write a short description of them. Read it out to someone to see if they can guess who it is.

18 View from a window.
Imagine you look out of your window to see something surprising. Write down what is it and what happens next.

19 Get creative.
Make your own bookmark to use when you read. How will you decorate it?



20 Story stones.
Hunt out some flat stones and decorate them with characters and objects from your favourite story.



21 Guess the character. Think of a CBBC character and write it down so no one can see. Have others ask you questions to try and guess who it is.

22 Story bag. Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well-known story. If you can't find an item you could draw a picture to include.

23 Super senses. Use your senses to write about a special place. What can you see, hear, smell, taste and feel?



24 Letter hunt. Ask a friend or family member to shout out a letter then run and find something beginning with that letter as quickly as you can!

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25 Book Swap. Borrow a book from a friend or family member and lend them one of yours. Share what you liked about it with them after you've read it.



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25 fun book-based tasks for ages 7–11

These 25 exciting challenges will kick-start your creativity ready for the BBC 500 Words competition!

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Pobble

1 Book club.

Start your own club with your friends or family. Everyone reads the same book and then get together to discuss it.



2 Reading wish list.

Make a list of all the books you'd like to read in the future.



3 Crafty character.

Decorate an item to look like a book character. You could choose a stone, a wooden spoon or something else!



4 Comic creations.

Turn your favourite book into a comic strip. Stories don't always have to be about words!



5 Puzzle time.

Read a new book, then create a word search or crossword puzzle using words based on the story.



6 Summer Reading Challenge.

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7 A word of advice.

What advice would you give to your favourite book character? How could you help them?

8 Go global.

Read a book about a different country and share with others what you learned about that country.

9 Lovely letters.

Write a letter to thank the author of your favourite book. What will you tell them?



10 Book journal.

Write down your thoughts about each book you read. What did you like or dislike?

11 Cover story.

Design a new cover for your favourite book. What will you change?



12 Wanted!

Make a wanted poster for the villain in your favourite book. Will you offer as a reward?



13 Illustrate it.

Find a paragraph you love from your favourite book and draw a picture to illustrate what's happening.

14 Author studies.

Choose an author to research and learn about, then give some of their books a read!

15 Model maker.

Can you make a model of a famous book setting? You could use a box and decorate it.



16 Amazing animals.

Read a book with an animal as the main character. If you wrote a story about an animal, which kind would you choose?



17 Fashion fun.

Design a new outfit for your favourite character. How will it differ from the original?



18 Read-a-thon.

Organise a read-a-thon where you read for a set amount of time and raise money for a charity.

19 Book quiz.

Create a quiz based on a well known book, then challenge your friends or family to answer all the questions.

20 Puppet power.

Make a puppet of a book character. You could use a sock, a paper bag or even your finger!



21 Word collecting.

As you read, write down any words you really like on a piece of paper and place them in jar or box. Use these when you do your own writing.

22 Book interviews.

Interview someone about their favourite book. Write down the questions you will ask them.



23 Story mash-up!

Write a new story that mixes together your favourite characters and settings from different books.

24 Get crafty.

Make a mask of your favourite book character. You could use a paper plate, some cardboard or something else.

25 CBBC inspiration.

Create a booklet about your favourite CBBC character. What can you find out about them?



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Every weekday (Monday to Friday)

at 11:00am - 12:00pm (one hour)

except Bank Holiday on Mon 28th August

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