Welcome Meeting
Year Five

Mr Rose and Mrs Hayzen

Wednesday 16th September 2026

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Safeguarding Reminders

- Children should be supervised on the green until the gate opens at 8:45am
- The playground is supervised from 8:45am
- The bell rings at 8:55 am, when the children will line up with their class. Late arrivals must go via the front entrance
- At the end of the day, all classes will be taken to the school gate at 3:25pm. Please remind the children not to go and stand with a friend or another parent unless this has been arranged via the school office
- Children in year 5 are not to walk home alone
- After school clubs will be supervised and dismissed from the front gate
- Parents must only access the school building via the front reception and sign in
- Absences should be reported by Arbor

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Online Safety

- First computing unit on online safety
- Awareness of how to stay safe online embedded throughout the computing curriculum
- Use of social media

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Uniform

Unform and PE Kit – essential that all children have the correct school uniform & PE kits (a sense of purpose and pride) – website for further details

Looking Smart (Smart Minds) – taking ownership of looking smart and being ready to learn; long hair tied back, simple hair cuts (no shaved designs), no stick on tattoos or nail varnish.

Lost Property – please ensure all belongings are named so they can be returned to the rightful owner

Watches – simple, small inexpensive analogue watches. No 'Fitbit' brands or smart watches

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PE Wednesday PM
Swimming Friday PM

PE Kit

- Trainers - to be kept in school for playtime and PE
- Black plain unbranded jersey jogging bottoms
- Black round neck sweatshirt (no hoodies for health and safety reasons)
- Black shorts
- Red PE Top (Beats only)
- Drawstring bag

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Responsibilities

Year 5 is a vital year for children to prepare for Year 6. It is an opportunity to further embed all their learning whilst extending and deepening their knowledge across the curriculum further.

In Year 5, children are encouraged towards taking greater personal responsibility for their learning, behaviours and attitudes towards their beliefs and interactions.

Being in Upper Key Stage 2 means the children are role models for younger children;

- Demonstrate the school's values and expectations in their conduct and behaviours
- Set high standards for their learning
- Demonstrate positive learning attitudes and relationships
- Complete jobs within the classroom and around the school

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Timetable

(subject to change at a moments notice!)

Day/ Start Time	8:55	9:10 - 9:30	Morning		10:45 - 11:00	Morning	12:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 13:45	Afternoon	
Monday	EMW	CW	Grammar/ Spellings	English (Including Handwriting)	Break	Maths	Lunch	Guided Reading	History	
Tuesday	EMW	CW	Maths Warm-up	English (Including Handwriting)		Maths		Guided Reading	Science	
Wednesday	EMW	CW (Rev. Mary)	Grammar/ Spellings	English (Including Handwriting)		Maths		Guided Reading	PSHE	PE
Thursday	EMW	CW (Singing)	Mr Rose PPA Mrs Downie in Class			Mr Rose PPA Mrs Downie in Class		Guided Reading	Computing	Art
Friday	EMW	No AM CW	Maths Warm-up	English (Including Handwriting)		Maths		Homework	Swimming	

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Reading

Reading is a vital component in children's academic development therefore, as a school we placed great significance on this.

Guided reading – every day

Personal reading – reading records/reading for pleasure

Class novels

Books used as hooks throughout our English units

Library – opportunities for cross curricular reading

Two reading comments in reading records a week (collected on a Thursday)

Please ensure you talk and discuss your child's reading. We value the importance of modelled reading (I have asked children to read with their adults at least once a week).

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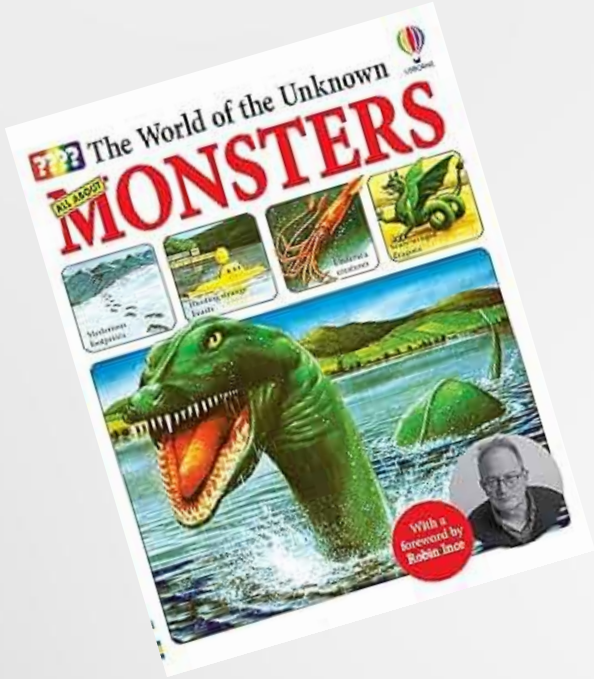
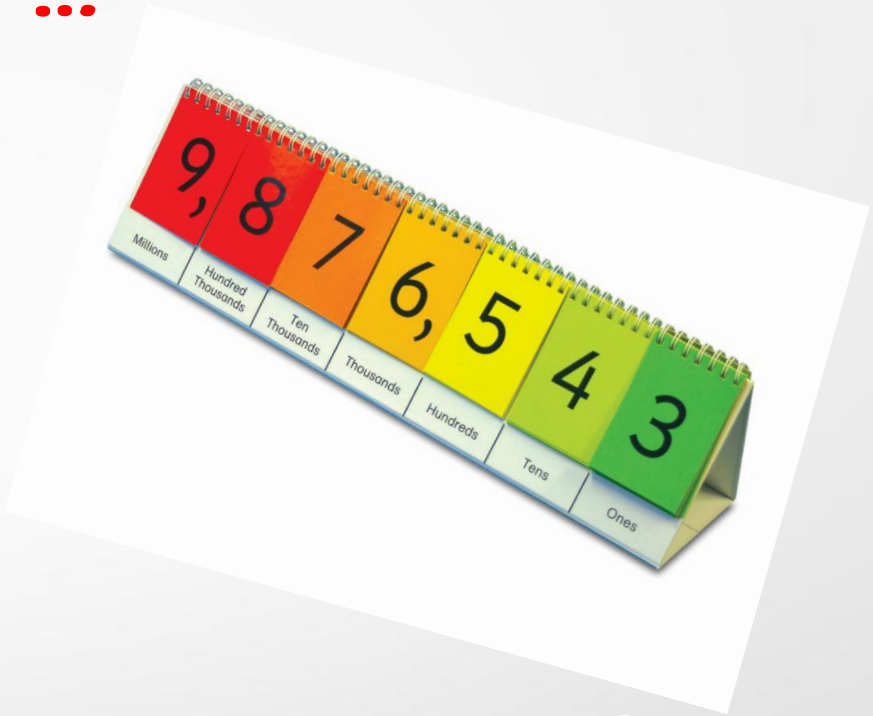
Year 5 so far…





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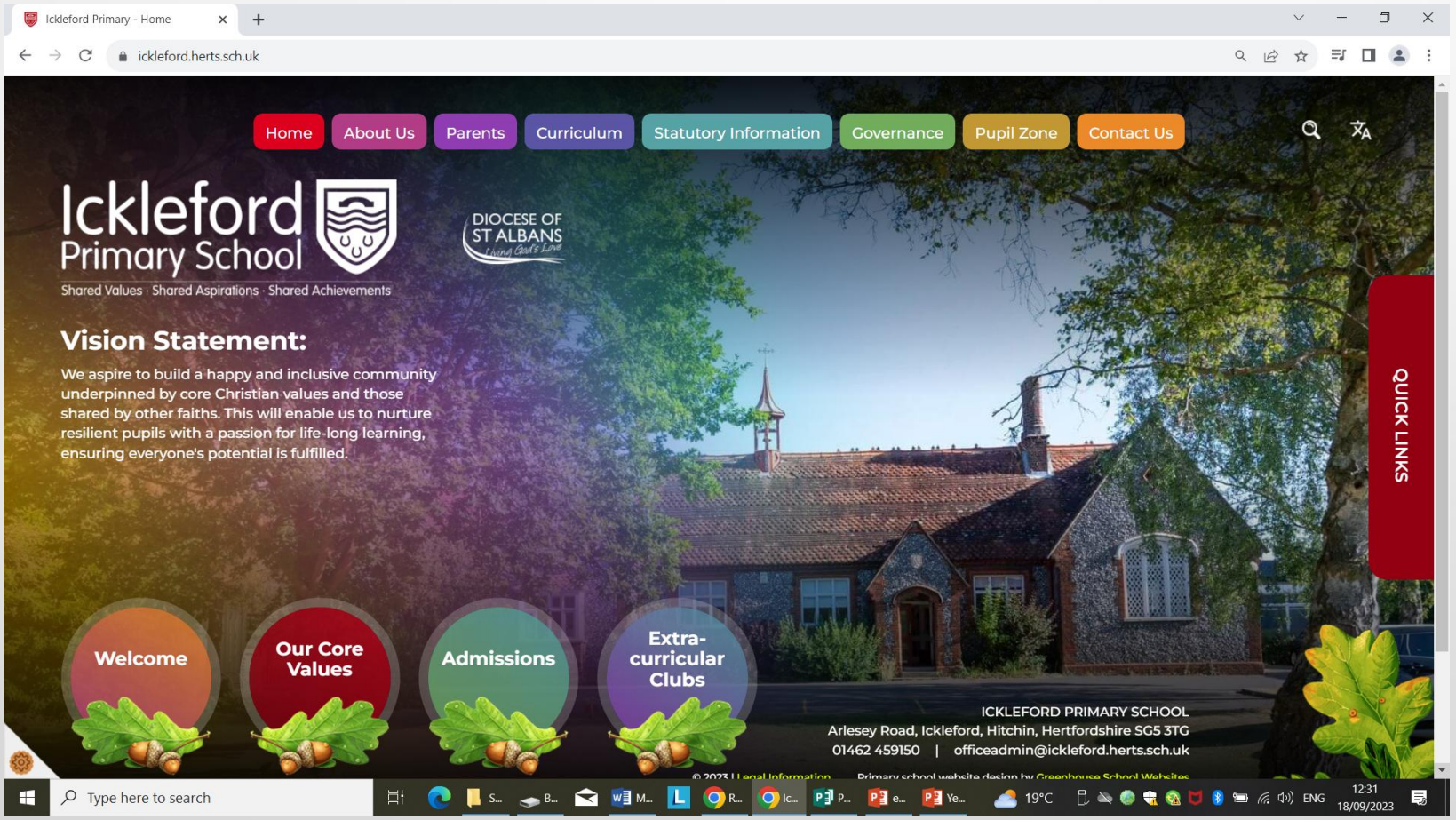
School Website: Curriculum Overview

http://ickleford.herts.sch.uk



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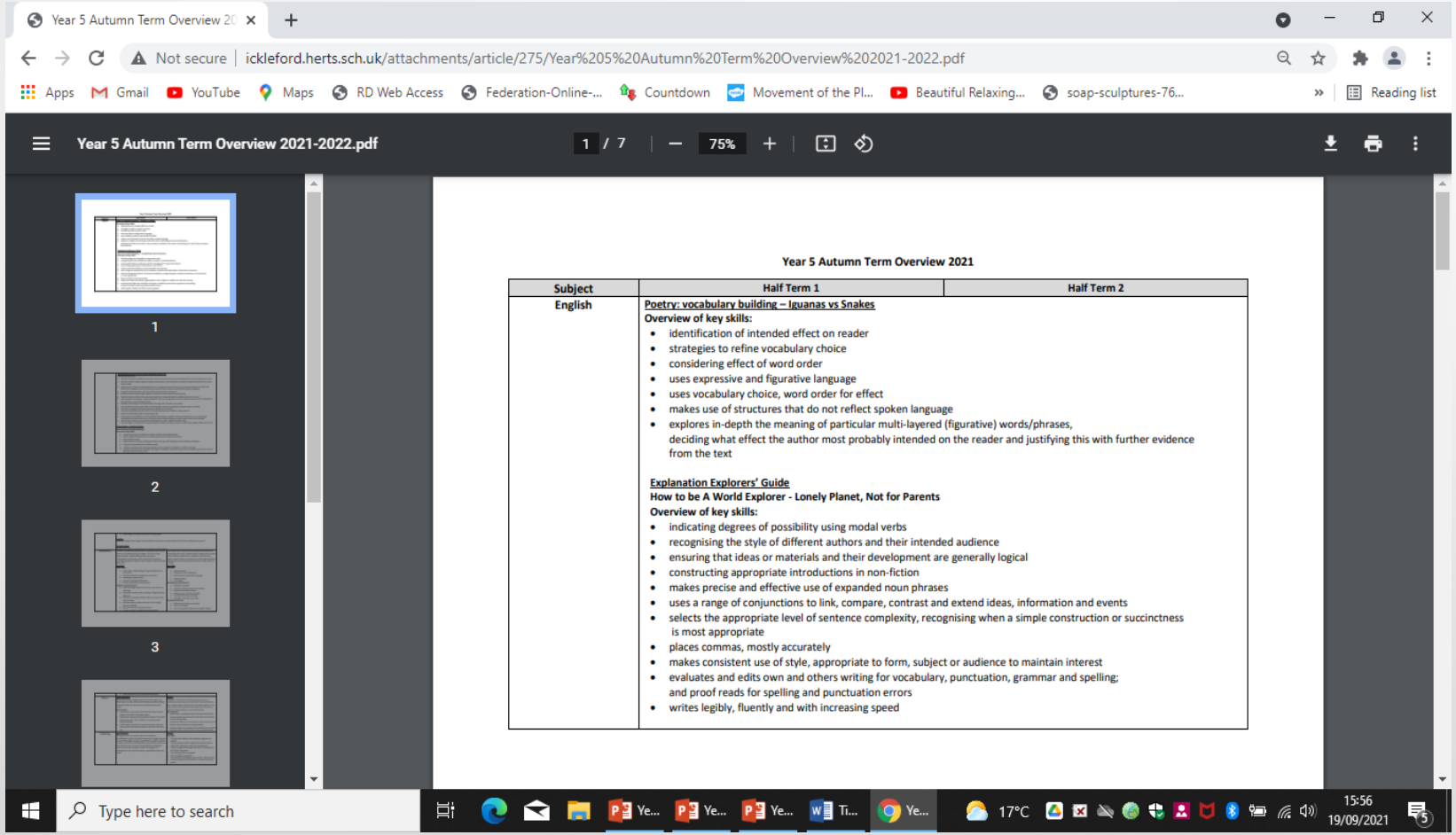

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RSE
(Relationship and Sex Education)
Taught in Summer Term

How do people become parents and carers?

Key skills

- Using correct scientific vocabulary to confidently and respectfully name and describe the functions of the male and female external reproductive organs.
- **Describing how a baby is conceived and born.**
- **Asking questions about conception and birth in a respectful and appropriate way.**

Oracy

School Focus

What is oracy?

- The skill of articulating thoughts, ideas and feelings effectively through speech and listening.
- It is more than just 'speaking and listening' – it is a set of physical, cognitive and social-emotional skills enabling pupils to express themselves in meaningful dialogue.
- Listening Ladder

Listening Ladder

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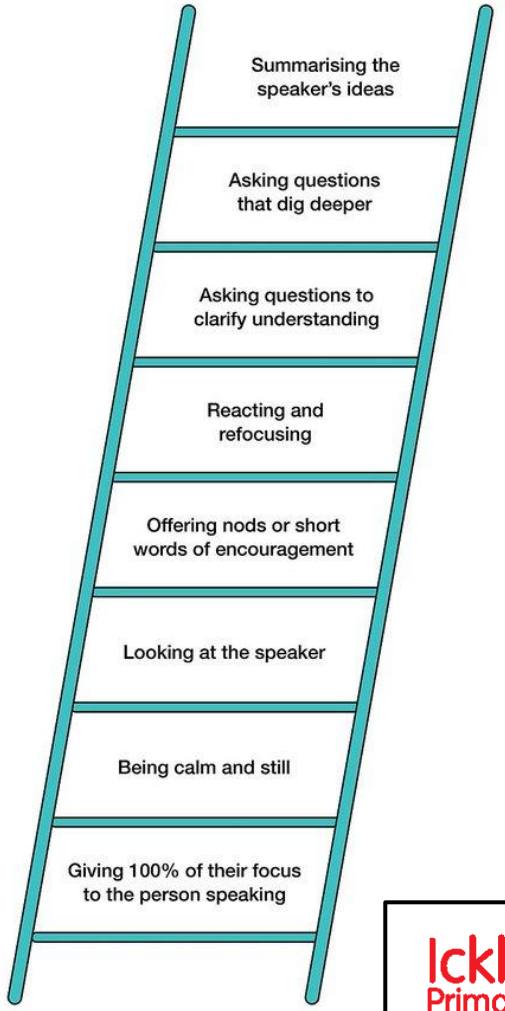
The Listening Ladder sets out the various listening skills and orders them in terms of complexity. It can be used to support students to reflect on their discussion and to set targets for which rung they want to reach.



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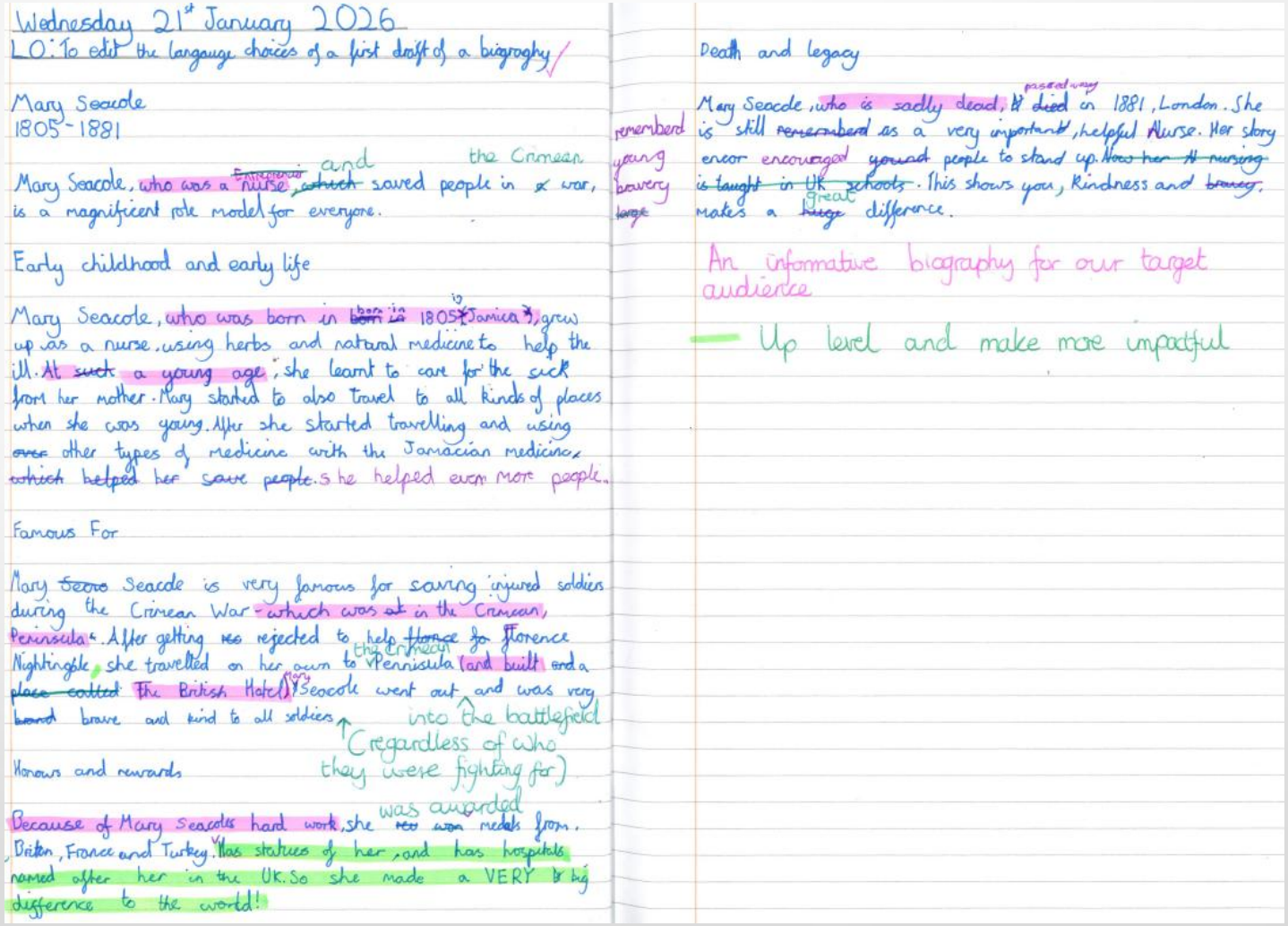
Marking

To Challenge and Improve!

Marking is constructive and developmental.

It gives children the opportunity to;

- Be stretched
- To consolidate
- To improve



Wednesday 21st January 2026
LO: To edit the language choices of a first draft of a biography

Mary Seacole
1805-1881

Mary Seacole, who was a ~~Florence~~ nurse, ~~which~~ and saved people in the Crimean war, is a magnificent role model for everyone.

Early childhood and early life

Mary Seacole, who was born in ~~born in~~ 1805 in Jamaica, grew up as a nurse, using herbs and natural medicine to help the ill. At ~~such~~ a young age, she learnt to care for the sick from her mother. Mary started to also travel to all kinds of places when she was young. After she started travelling and using ~~over~~ other types of medicine with the Jamaican medicine, ~~which~~ helped her save people. She helped even more people.

Famous For

Mary ~~Seacole~~ Seacole is very famous for saving injured soldiers during the Crimean War - ~~which was at~~ in the Crimean Peninsula. After getting ~~no~~ rejected to help ~~Florence~~ to Florence Nightingale, she travelled on her own to the Crimean Peninsula and built and a ~~place called~~ the British Hotel. Mary Seacole went out and was very ~~brave~~ brave and kind to all soldiers into the battlefield (regardless of who they were fighting for)

Honours and rewards

Because of Mary Seacoles hard work, she was awarded ~~won~~ medals from Britain, France and Turkey. Has statues of her, and has hospitals named after her in the UK. So she made a VERY ~~big~~ great difference to the world!

Death and legacy

Mary Seacole, who is sadly dead, ~~died~~ passed away in 1881, London. She is still ~~remembered~~ remembered as a very ~~important~~, helpful ~~Nurse~~. Her story ~~encouraged~~ encouraged ~~young~~ people to stand up. ~~How her ~~ nursing is ~~taught~~ taught in ~~UK~~ schools. This shows you, Kindness and ~~bravery~~, makes a ~~huge~~ great difference.

remember
young
bravery
huge

An informative biography for our target audience

Up level and make more impactful

Homework

- Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to returned on Tuesday
- Two pieces of homework:
- Maths activity linked to their current learning, glued into their maths homework books

- A 'general' piece which will focus on writing skills
- Reading record comments (2 per week) – returned on a Thursday
- Occasional projects
- Please ensure all homework is completed in HB pencils

(General can be completed in handwriting pen if you have one)

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Handwriting

STAEDTLER handwriting pen 309

Homework

- Homework will always be a revision of knowledge/skills that the children have covered in class, during the week. Therefore, it can be tackled with MINIMUM SUPPORT

- The children will have opportunities to self mark their homework (yellow highlighter) as well as being checked by an adult (Mr Rose or Mrs Hayzen). The children are encouraged to manage and respond to comments and marking.

- The children are expected to take care of their homework books and respect these much like their school books. If learning does not reflect this, they will be asked to recomplete.

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Our Christian Value

Our 6 Christian Values are:

Stewardship	Peace	Hope
Sacrifice	Wisdom	Belonging

This half term our value is: **Stewardship**

Our symbol that represents this value is:

Our words of wisdom from The Bible are:

'The Lord that took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work and take care of it.'

Genesis 2:15

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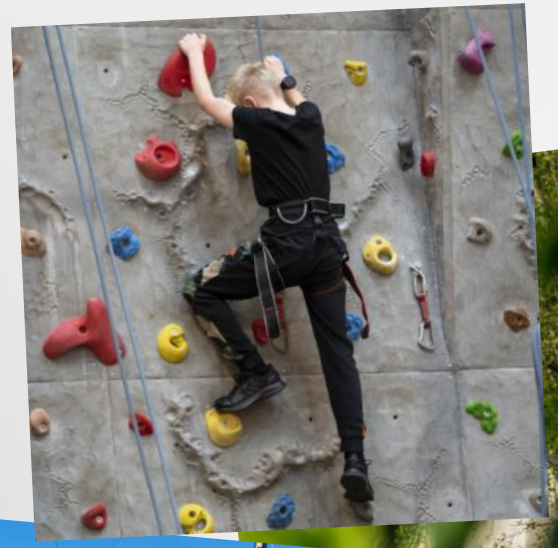
Schools Harvest Celebration

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Grafham Water

Wednesday 23th June – Friday 25th June



https://www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk/schools-and-education

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Grafham Water

Wednesday 23th June – Friday 25th June

- Full payment to be made by the end of May
- The full payment is £300
- Deposit of £50 needed to be eligible to go
- Installment payments
- Any problems please contact Mrs Farrell

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Medication

MEDPAC

Medpac Small

£13.99

MEDPAC

Medpac Large

£16.99

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Mr Rose

Thank you for your time this evening.

Always available for a chat and happy to arrange times to discuss/meet.

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