School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and rewarding week here at Bourne Abbey, filled with exciting learning opportunities and moments to celebrate.

Year 4 Cressida Cowell Visit



Year 4 had a wonderful treat on Friday last week as pupils enjoyed a virtual visit from the renowned author and illustrator, Cressida Cowell. Best known for the much-loved *How to Train Your Dragon* series, she delighted the children with stories from her childhood, including the island that inspired the Isle of Berk.

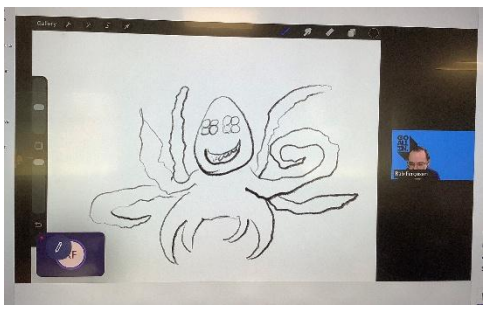


During the session, pupils gained valuable insights into becoming effective writers, using their senses, creating vivid imagery, and embracing creativity. All skills that strongly support our English curriculum. They even had the opportunity to learn a little “Dragonese,” much to their amusement!



The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were inspired by Cressida’s passion for storytelling. Her reminder of the importance of reading aloud is one we wholeheartedly support at Bourne Abbey. We encourage all families to continue sharing and enjoying books together at home.

Young Carers Week Meets the National Year of Reading



As part of Young Carers Week and the National Year of Reading, our children took part in a fantastic interactive session with author and illustrator Rab Ferguson.

The session was full of creativity, as pupils worked together to design a brand-new alien character. They eagerly shared their ideas, which Rab brought to life through live drawing, making the experience both exciting and highly engaging. The children were thrilled to see their suggestions become part of the final design. Rab also read from his book, capturing everyone’s attention with an expressive and entertaining storytelling style. The children were fully immersed, enjoying the adventure and connecting with the story.

This inspiring session not only encouraged creativity but also strengthened the children’s enthusiasm for reading. It provided a valuable opportunity for our young carers to relax, have fun and enjoy a shared, memorable experience. We extend our thanks to Rab Ferguson for delivering such an engaging and inspiring event.

Year 6 Shine in Competitive Cricket Tournament



Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in a cricket competition at Market Deeping Cricket Club, competing against nine other local primary schools. Facing some strong competition, the children represented our school exceptionally well throughout the day.

As well as demonstrating their cricketing skills, they lived out our Christian values of respect, perseverance and friendship. Throughout the competition, the children showed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging one another, supporting teammates during every match and treating opposing teams with kindness and respect. Their positive attitude and determination were evident throughout the day.





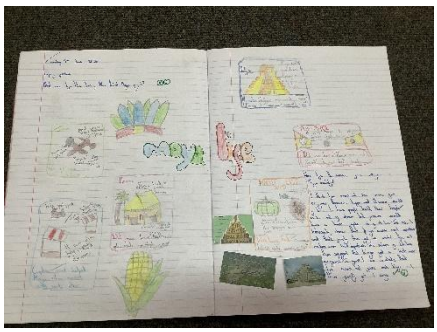


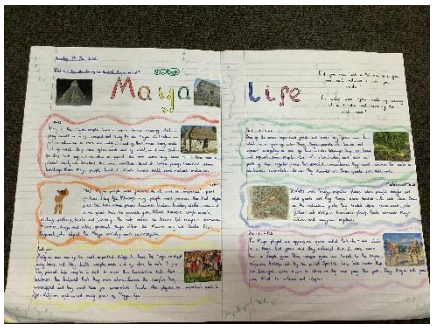
Maya Masterpieces! Bringing Ancient Civilisations to Life

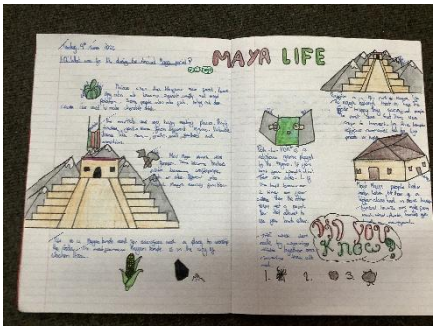
Our Year 6 historians have been hard at work creating stunning double-page spreads all about life in the Ancient Maya civilisation. Using their research skills, creativity and historical understanding, the children produced beautifully presented pages exploring key aspects of Maya life, including homes, farming, religion, food and drink, markets and trade, and the famous ball game *Pok-ta-Pok*.

The children carefully selected and organised information, illustrated their work with detailed drawings and diagrams and presented their learning in a highly engaging and informative way. Their double-page spreads showcased not only their historical knowledge but also their pride, creativity and attention to detail.

We were particularly impressed by the way pupils made links between different aspects of Maya society, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of how this fascinating civilisation lived and thrived. The finished pieces are a wonderful celebration of the knowledge, effort and care that Year 6 have shown throughout this topic.





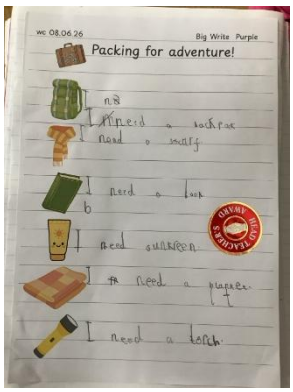


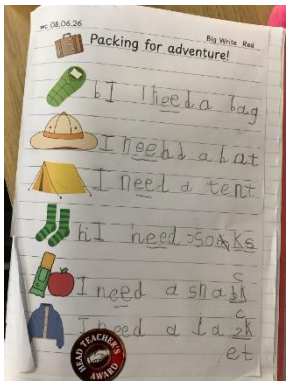
Phonics in Action!

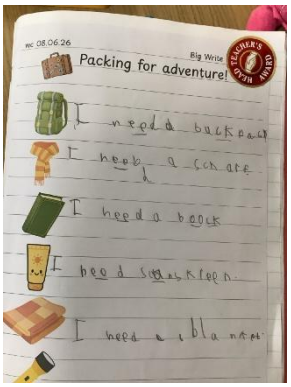


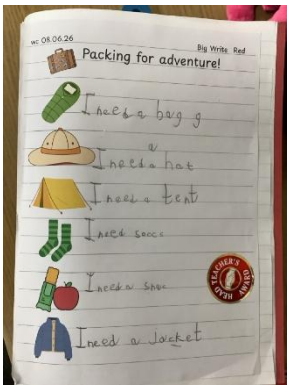
This week, our Reception children have been thinking about what they would take on an adventure. They have worked incredibly hard to write their ideas independently, using their new phonics knowledge and applying it confidently in their writing. We are so proud of the effort they are putting into sounding out words and recording their ideas.

Their handwriting is magnificent, and it is wonderful to see the care they are taking with letter formation and presentation. Well done, Reception, and thank you for sharing your amazing writing with me!









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ARTICLE 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance)
Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 15th June – Art Day

Monday 15th June – 'Let's Talk Rubbish' LCC workshop for Reception pupils

Tuesday 16th June – Y1 Zoo Lab workshop

Wednesday 17th June – PTFA Uniform Sale KS2 Hall 8.45 – 9.15 a.m.

Thursday 18th June – PTFA Father's Day Sale YR – Y6 (all week in Abbey Ark)

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this week. We look forward to another great week ahead and are keeping our fingers crossed for a bit more sunshine!

Kindest regards,



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