



# City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I am pleased to report that the Spring Term is going superbly well in classrooms with children meeting our high expectations for behaviour and learning. We've had many visitors in recent weeks coming to check out the great stuff going on in classrooms. Lots for our children and staff to be proud of, especially our excellent reading provision!

When I wrote to you last, I spoke about the importance of uniform and appropriate footwear; the whole-school response to this has been so incredibly positive. I am really, really grateful for your support with sending children to school in uniform - it has been so good this past fortnight. Let's keep it up! We have a stock of school shoes and unnamed uniform here at school that we are happy to donate to families so please let us know if you need support.

Please have a good read of our letter to find out about great stuff that we've been up to. Please also read the dates page. Please keep an eye out for an email on Monday inviting you to sign up for our Teacher/Family Consultation evening in the last week of the half term.

Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



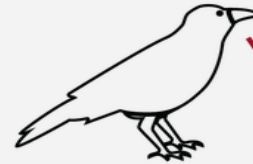
**Nursery**  
Hatchlings



**Year Three**  
Kites  
Kestrels



**Reception**  
Robins



**Year Four**  
Jackdaws  
Magpies



**Year One**  
Puffins  
Woodpeckers



**Year Five**  
Barn Owls  
Hérons



**Year Two**  
Goldfinches  
Greenfinches



**Year Six**  
Eagles  
Falcons



# Reading Raffle 3

Reading Raffle 3 is underway!

Remember that for this raffle, all children who are regularly reading and earning plenty of raffle tickets will be rewarded for their efforts at the end of term!





# Year 2 Trip to Arundel Wetland Centre

We met Ava 'The Wildlife Guardian' who asked for our help to look after the wildlife



We saw lots of animals on our walks, including Pelican's, Swan Pheasants



We explored the Wetlands learning about how to care for the different animals.

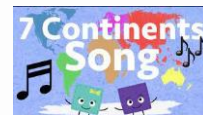




Our Eco club met on Wednesday lunch time. We decorated wrapping paper so that we could create resource boxes for our books.



We enjoyed singing the climate change song, 7 continents, and 5 oceans.



Ta Dah!



# CAW AUTUMN TERM CLUBS 2023

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF THESE CLUBS,  
PLEASE REGISTER ON ARBOR APP

	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
Monday		Street Dance 3.10 – 4.10 Hall Dance hub	Street Dance 3.10 – 4.10 Hall Dance hub
Tuesday	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Football 3.10 – 4.10 BHA South Playground
Wednesday	Art 3.10 – 4.10 Year 4 classrooms Mr Newbatt and Miss Reynolds	Art 3.10 – 4.10 Year 4 classrooms Mr Newbatt and Miss Reynolds	Cricket 3.10–4.10 Sussex Cricket South Playground
Thursday	Gardening 3.10 – 4.10 Mrs Fogden Wellsbourne Garden (Untill half term)	Gardening 3.10 – 4.10 Mrs Fogden Wellsbourne Garden (Untill half term)	Tennis 3.10–4.10 Mr Issacs Gym/South playground
Friday	Karate 3.10 – 4.10 Hall SAMA (charged)	Chess 3.10–4.10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom	Book club 3.10 – 4.10 Mr McMorris Mr McMorris's office



# PE Kits – updated for Spring 1

For Spring 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be worn in line with our uniform policy. Children cannot participate in our PE lessons safely unless they are wearing trainers. Crocs are not permitted.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:							
YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Fridays (from Oct)	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
		Thursday	Friday	Monday (Kites) Thursday (Swimming) Kestrels	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday





# Attendance and Punctuality

Generally speaking, children should still attend school with “low level” illnesses such as mild headaches, runny noses, tummy aches etc. They almost always feel better once they get to school and we will always contact home if we feel that we need to.

The NHS and the DfE have asked schools to share the following links with families which should answer some questions you might have around school attendance, the law and illness:

Is my child too ill for school? <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

This term we have seen an increase in “unexplained absences” across the school. It is really important that we are given a reason for every absence, otherwise these are recorded as “unauthorised”.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason please contact the office before 9.00am. Please leave a message on the answerphone if the call is not picked up and the office team will pick this up!



**Please speak to Mrs Storey in the school office at any time if you would like to chat about your child's attendance or punctuality 😊**



# House Points

Congratulations to **FIRE HOUSE** for leading the way in the learning Ticket House Competition! We still have three weeks left, so **AIR**, **EARTH** and **WATER** Houses all still have time to catch up.

Remember...**EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**1491 Air  
points**

**1397 Earth  
points**

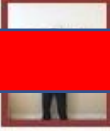
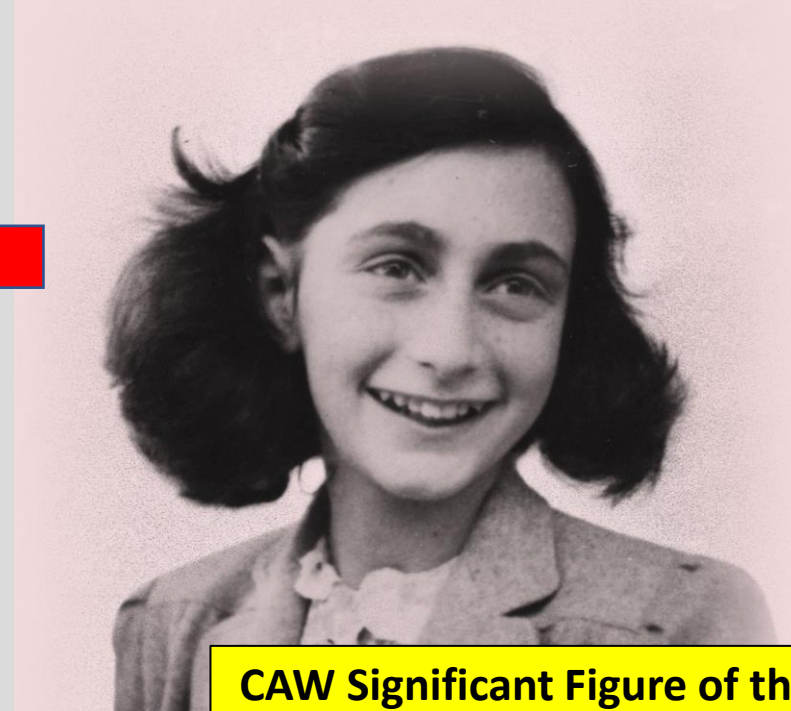
**1902 Fire  
points**

**1671 Water  
points**

Each week there are two classes who win a Class Celebration. Congratulations to our previous winners:

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 1	Puffins	Hérons
Week 2	Woodpeckers	Barn Owls



**C****Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Spring 1 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE****CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Anne Frank (1929-1945)***Author*

Born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1929 (nearly 100 years ago), Anne Frank was a Jewish girl who was forced into hiding to avoid the Nazi Holocaust. This was a plan by the Nazis to send all Jewish people to Concentration Camps where they would be forced to work and then killed. Anne wrote an incredible diary while she was hiding in a secret attic in a house in Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Sadly, Anne's family were found and she was sent to a Concentration Camp, where she died at the age of 15.

[Who was Anne Frank? \(Newsround\)](#)

[Who was Anne Frank? \(BBC Bitesize\)](#)

[Anne Frank: A Life in Hiding \(Newsround Special 29 mins\)](#)

**What is nuclear energy?**



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# RESILIENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

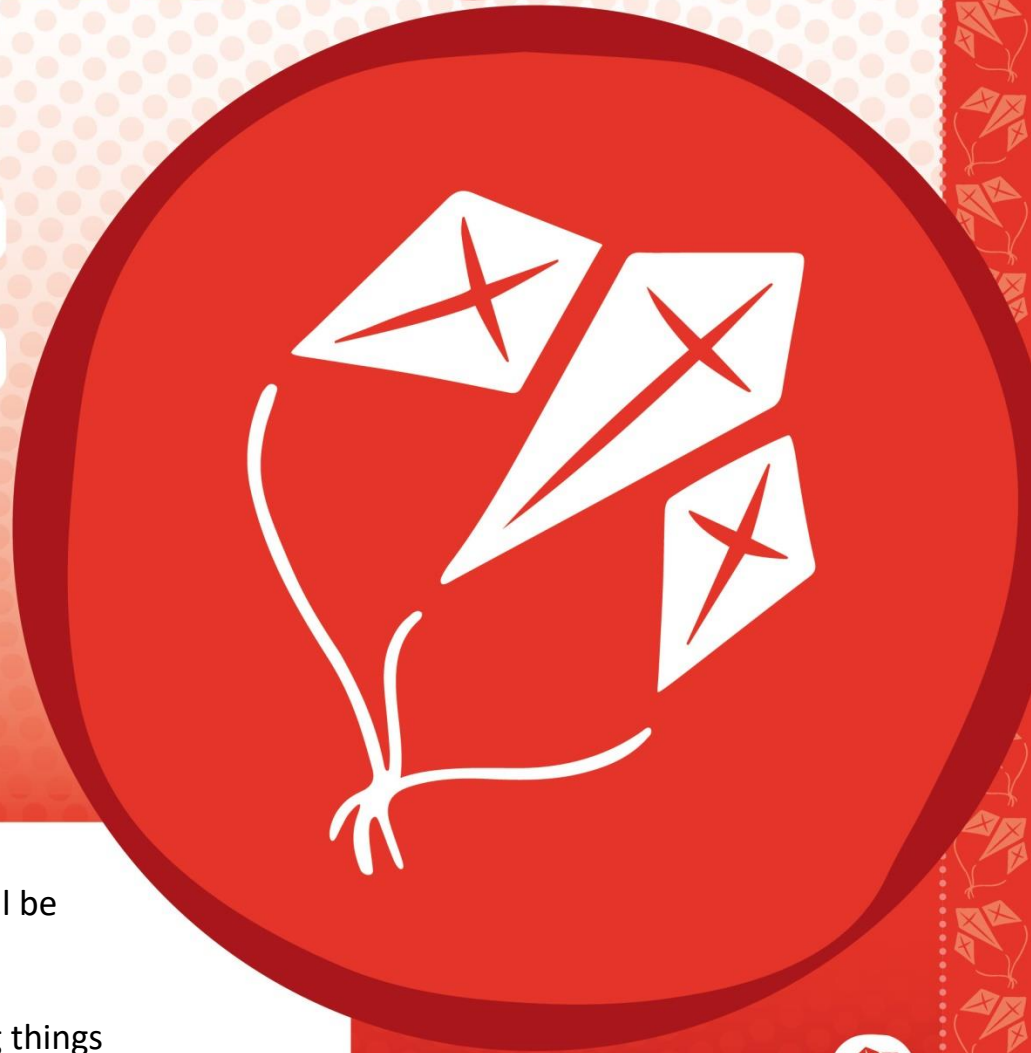
Years 1-6

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

### Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be  
**RESILIENCE/PERSEVERING PENGUIN.**

How will you keep going, even if you are finding things difficult?



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## Spring 1 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT



**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

**Richard Dawkins**

*Evolutionary biologist, author and public speaker*

Born in 1941, Richard Dawkins is a world-famous scientist who was a professor at Oxford University. He lectured on evolutionary biology, which is the study of how species adapt and change over time. Dawkins is an *atheist*, which means he does not believe in a God. He has written many books about this topic, and had lots of conversations and debates with people who do believe in God. He is **always** RESPECTFUL of the views of others, even when he disagrees with them.

[What is evolution?](#)  
[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Evolution resources \(for older children\)](#)

[Atheism \(BBC\)](#)

[World Religion Day \(BBC\)](#)

**What are fossil fuels?**



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# RESPECT

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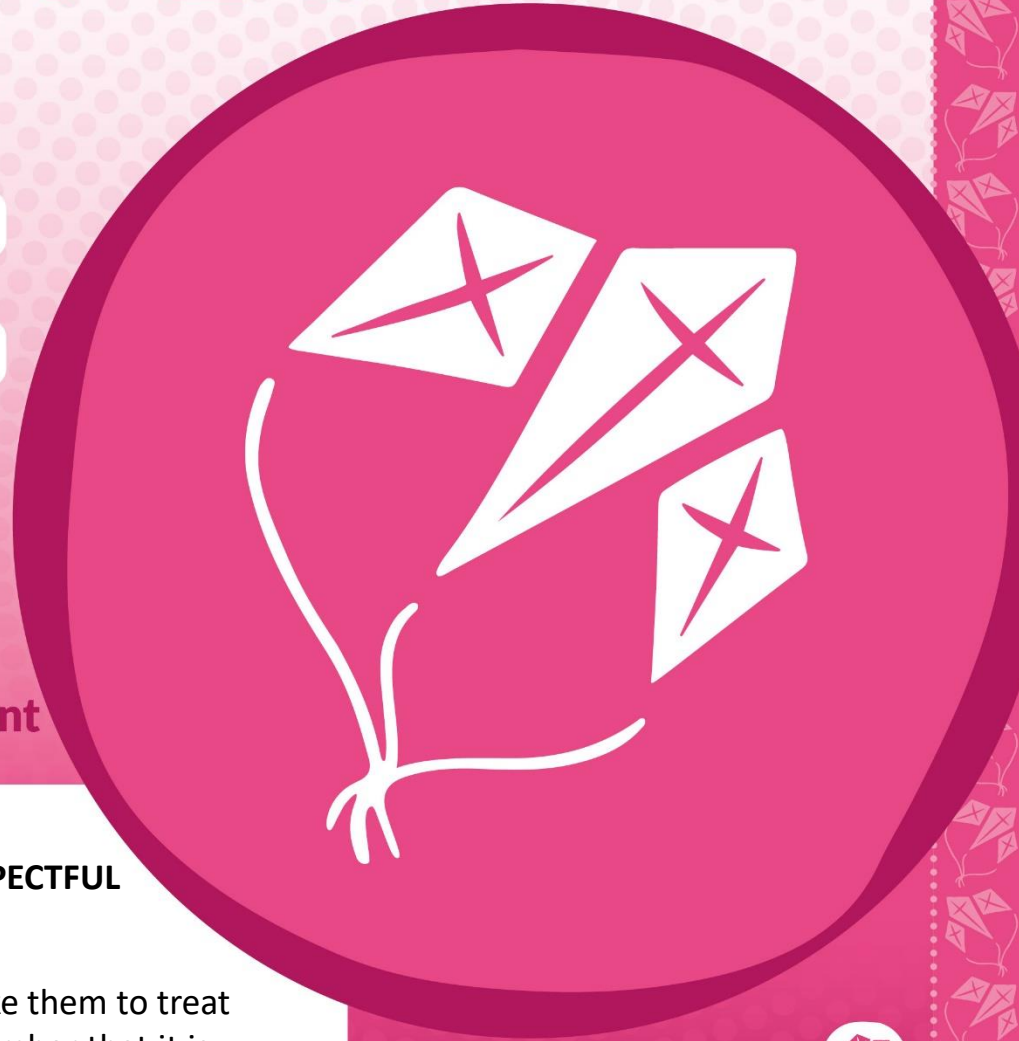
Years 1-6

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

### Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT** qualities in the next assembly.

**RESPECT** means treating others as you would like them to treat you. Empathy will help you achieve this! Remember that it is important to treat yourself with **RESPECT** too.



# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for are online: [click here to see them.](#)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January:** NSPCC Number Day

**Wb. 5<sup>th</sup> February:** Family Engagement Events [tbc]

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Family/Teacher Consultation [15:30-19:00]

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Family/Teacher Consultation [15:30-17:00]

**9<sup>th</sup> February:** End of Spring 1

**19<sup>th</sup> February:** Start of Spring 2

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** INSET Day

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** End of Spring 2



I hope you all have a fantastic frosty weekend. I am excited to see all children on the gates on Monday morning and rewarding children with our RESPECT certificates in assembly.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

