

Message from Miss Baverstock

It was very good to see so many families attend parent consultations this week. The importance of these meetings cannot be underestimated. It is a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to work in partnership to support the wellbeing and success of all children.

We have had recent visits from Trevor Davies –School Improvement Partner and Paul Jackson –Islington Professional Partner. It is useful for myself and Mrs Horton to work with external advisors who can recognise and discuss with us the good things that are happening here and provide challenge around what we can do next! Trevor enjoyed a learning walk, visiting all classrooms from Baby Room to Year 6. He commented on the positive learning climate throughout and the evident continuity and progression.

World Book Day was a treat as ever. Classes enjoyed their visits from guest storytellers. I always admire pupils who keep their entire costume intact for the whole day – including itchy stick-on moustaches and eyebrows!

Plenty of visits have happened to help children get the most out of British Science week. Thank you as always to all parent volunteers who make these visits possible and to Miss Gaston for organising.

A reminder about the Anti-bullying workshop for families on Wednesday 18th March, run by Heather Vacciana from the School Wellbeing Service. See p2 for more details. Heather led some workshops for pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 on Wednesday. I have included the slide about staying safe online again on Page 3 to reinforce some of the key messages.

Leaning into the school values of Kindness is at the heart of many of these ideas, as well as Independence. With independence comes responsibility..!

Upcoming events

Tue 17th Mar **Purple Class Assembly** *NB date change*

Wed 18th Mar Anti-bullying parent workshop

Tue 24th Mar Purple Class - Woodberry Wetlands
Lime Class – Woodberry Wetlands

Wed 25th Mar **Red Class Assembly**
Blue Class - Camley Street

Fri 27th Mar Last day of term: 2pm dismissal

Mon 30th Mar – Fri 10th April – Easter Holiday

Tue 21st April **Weekly Cricket** starts for KS2

Wed 22nd Apr **Green Class Assembly**

Wed 29th Apr **Lime Class Assembly**

Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wed 6th May **Blue Class Assembly**

Wed 20th May **Cyan Class Assembly**



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Wednesday 18th March at 9am: Parent/carer workshops on Anti-Bullying

Come along for a coffee and hear from Heather Vacciana, Islington's Anti-Bullying coordinator. It is also an opportunity to meet our new Pastoral Care Manager, Sinead Hatchett-Ricketts.



Themes for discussion include:



- What bullying is/isn't
- Restorative work the school takes to resolve friendship issues
 - The process for raising a complaint
 - Online safety



*This a part of a school-wide initiative.
There will also be staff training taking place this term.
Years 5 and 6 pupils will take part in Anti-Bullying workshops
on Wednesday 11th March.*

Staying Safe Online

Keeping your child safe online is as much about the content they create and the messages they send as the content they view or receive.

Users of snapchat, tiktok and other social media platforms must be at least 13 years old.

Content which is posted can be online forever even if you delete it.

Please read our Acceptable Use Policies - [Hargrave Park Online-Safety](#)

Make sure that you and your child understand them. In particular:

I am a good friend online

I won't share or say anything I know would upset another person or they wouldn't want shared. If a friend is worried or needs help, I remind them to talk to an adult, or even do it for them.

I am careful what I share and protect my online reputation

I know anything I do can be shared and might stay online forever (even on Snapchat or if I delete it).

I am not a bully

I know just calling something fun or banter doesn't stop it maybe hurting someone else. I do not post, make or share unkind, hurtful or rude messages/comments and if I see it happening, I will tell my trusted adults.

I follow age rules

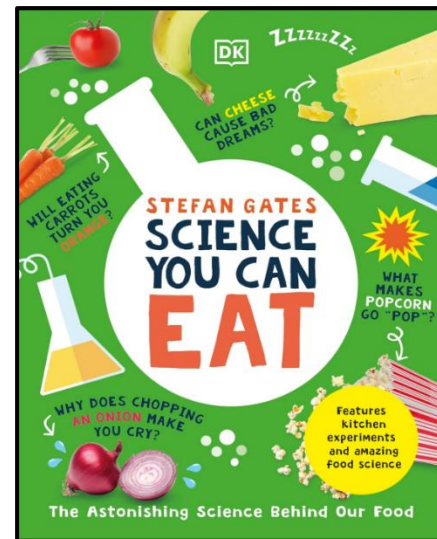
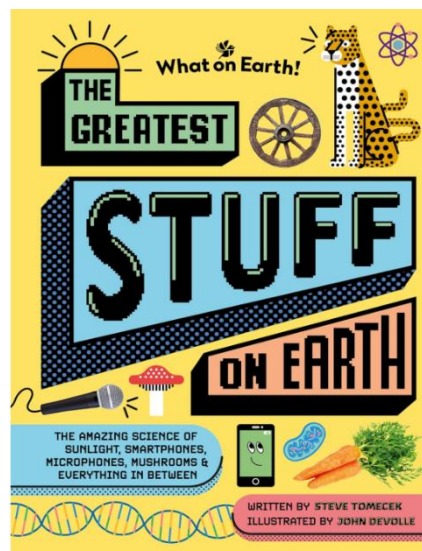
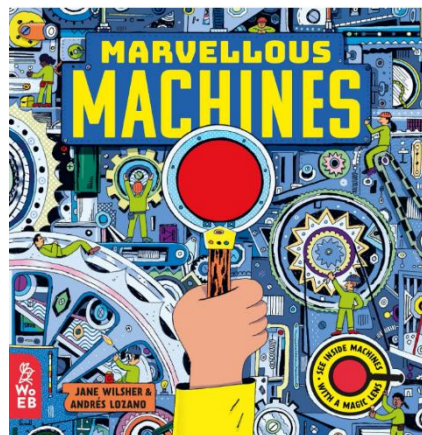
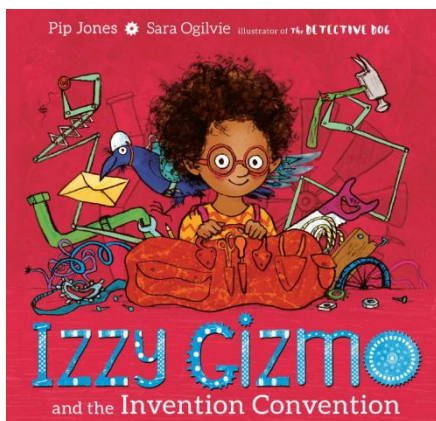
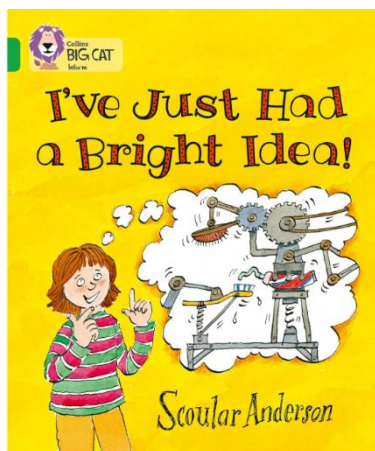
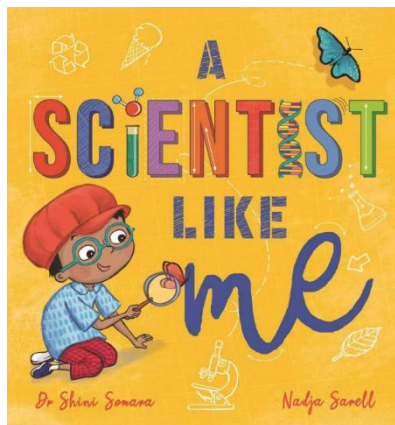
13+ games, apps and films aren't good for me so I don't use them

If I make a mistake I don't try to hide it but ask for help.

It is important to speak with your children about their online activity.
Try this quiz to get the conversation started! [nspcc.org.uk online-safety quiz](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety-quiz)

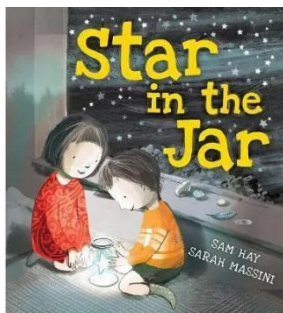
Science week in the Library

We have a wide variety of science books, here are few of them, which one will you borrow next?



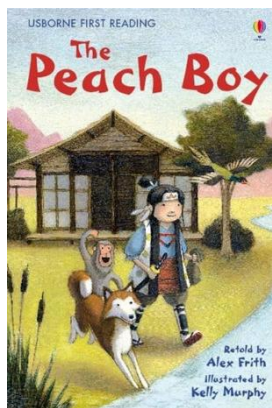
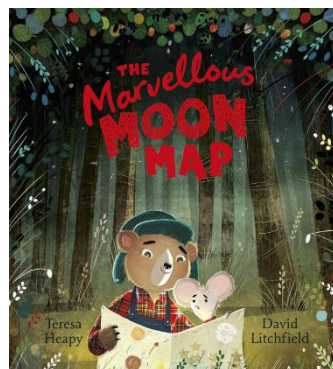
Topic related books that we have been reading in the library.

Story books for Nursery and Reception



Whilst out looking for treasure, a little boy finds something extra special....a fallen star.

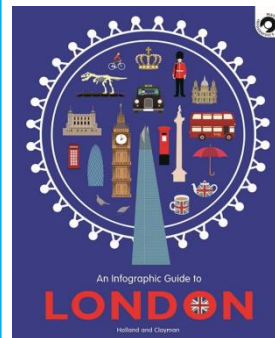
Mouse makes a map to help him find the moon.



Recommended for KS1

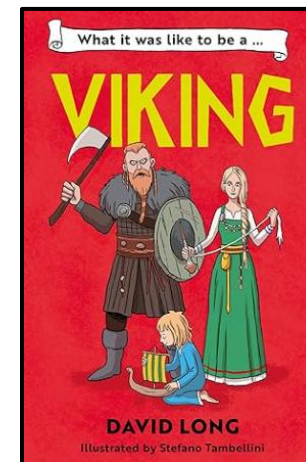
A famous Japanese folktale about a boy found inside a peach who has to fight ogres to save his village.

Recommended for KS2



Navigate yourself around the busy streets of London. With a map of the city and pages filled with London facts in vivid colours.

Concise fact book spanning the 300 years of the Vikings.



The books in our library are precious! Please remember to pack them on a Thursday/Friday for the library session, so other children can enjoy them too. There are **158** overdue books that we are waiting to have returned. Thank you.

Our Parent and Staff Association
Friends of Hargrave Park School

✉ Want to get in touch? Email us at:
friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

Every parent and carer of a child at the school, as well as staff, are automatically a member of Friends of Hargrave Park School.

Run by a committee of parent volunteers, we organise events and activities that aim to build the school community and raise funds to help enhance all Hargrave children's experience of school life.

Getting involved in the summer fair or becoming a class rep is a great way to get to know other families while supporting the school.

To get involved email the team on friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

The summer fair needs you

I know that the weather has been teasing us and summer still feels like it will never come, but I need more parents to get involved in the preparations for this year's summer fair.

Can you help get us organised? Perhaps you know a fun new game we can introduce to the fair? Or maybe you help choose the refreshments?

I am looking for all kinds of support for the fair. If you could help and share some of the load please get in touch. No matter how little the time you can give, it will make a massive difference and lighten the load.



If you're interested please stop me and say hi if you see me on the school run. Or email friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com

Mayani (Albert & Dora's mum)

The money we raise...

★ Subsidises the annual trip to Frinton-On-Sea



★ Provided the music equipment for the Creative Arts Space

★ Provided new play equipment and games for breaktime



You shop online, brands donate to us

easyfundraising is a hassle-free way to raise money for our school. Just shop online with all your favourite brands as normal, and they will donate to Friends of Hargrave Park School.

Visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Friends of Hargrave Park or scan the QR code below.

Once signed up there's nothing to remember. Simply shop online, or via their mobile app. No planning. No stress. Just free donations for our school.

Thank you to all who are already raising money for us by shopping online with **easyfundraising**.

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We have been asked by the local authority to share the below health information with families:

Measles cases are rising in North London – get your family vaccinated now

Measles is a serious disease which can lead to life changing issues including blindness, deafness, pneumonia and swelling of the brain (encephalitis). Around 1 in 5 children who have caught measles in this outbreak have required hospitalisation. Measles spreads quickly and easily between people who are unvaccinated. MMR vaccinations are the safest and best defence against measles for you and your family.

If you haven't had your MMR vaccination, or if you are unsure whether someone in your family has had their vaccination, please contact your GP. The vaccinations are free and easily available from your GP at any age.

Children aged 1 to 17 years can book to get the vaccine at Vaccination UK catch-up clinics.

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



Get the information you need
to keep your child safe from serious diseases

For information, scan the codes

Measles	Pertussis	Childhood vaccinations essential information	
RSV	Meningitis	Download the schedule to see what vaccinations to get and when	

Find all this information online at nclhealthandcare.org.uk/vaccinations or scan the QR Code.



Handwriting and Presentation @ HP

At Hargrave Park, we want children to be proud of their work as this feeling is linked with having confidence in themselves as independent, ambitious learners.

The language of letter formation!
This week's letter is **W**.

G: Round, up, and down.

g: Start at the top. Go all the way round, up to the top, straight down, and round..

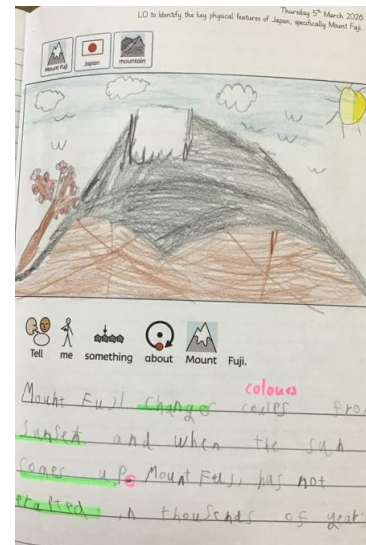
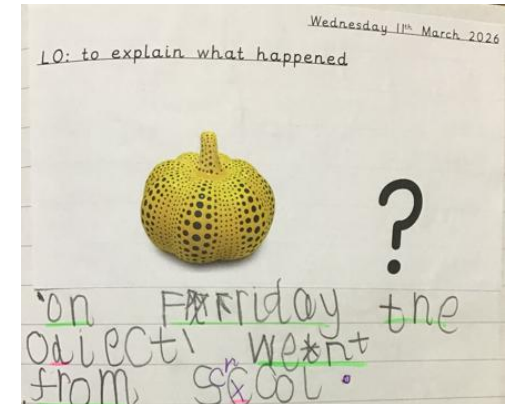
Practice at home!

The school uses the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl. Take a look at the videos below for tips on practice at home and fine motor warm-up exercises. Encourage children to verbalise what they are doing to understand their thought processes as they write.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/oxford-owl-videos/handwriting-videos--1/>

Practicing Presentation!

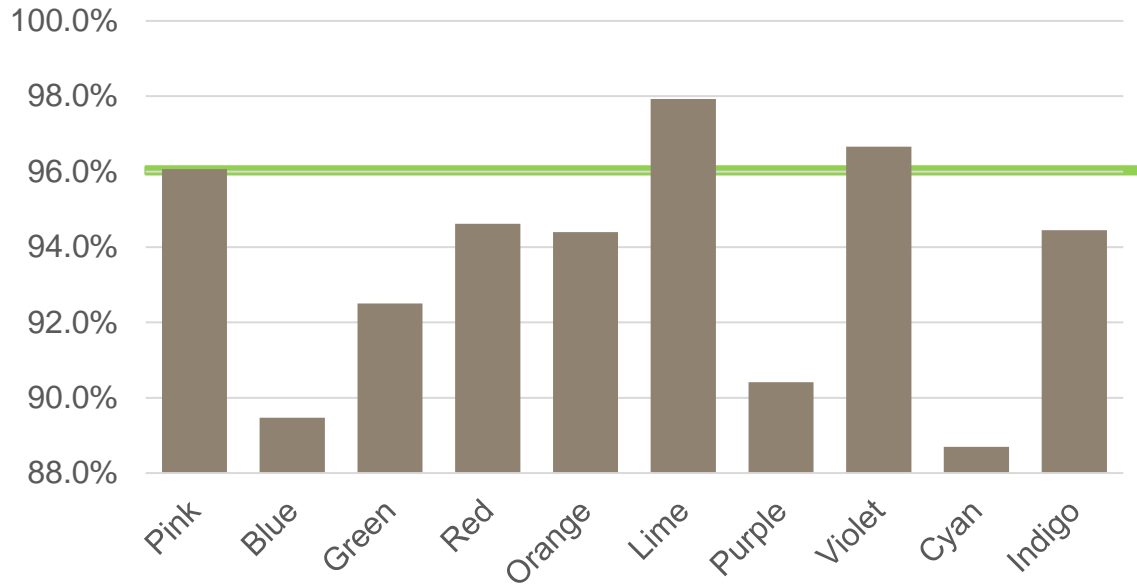
Mohamed in Blue Class, right, and Zidayne in Red Class, below, have both been working hard on their presentation. Mohamed had worked very hard on his letter formation and writing on the line. Mohamed has also been responding with purple pen!



Zidayne in Red Class has worked hard to keep his handwriting consistent throughout his sentences. He has also paired his writing with a lovely illustration with different elements of shading.

Well done to both of them!

W/C 6/3/26 – 12/3/26



Best Class Attendance

Well done to Lime class
They have achieved 97.9% attendance
this week

Key reasons for regular school attendance include:

- Academic Achievement:** There is a direct, proven link between high attendance and better performance in exams and assessments. Children with 100% attendance are significantly more likely to achieve expected standards compared to those who are persistently absent.
- Preventing Gaps in Knowledge:** Missing school leads to gaps in understanding, making it harder for children to keep up with the curriculum.
- Social and Emotional Growth:** Attending school allows children to build essential friendships, develop social skills, and learn to navigate relationships with peers and teachers.
- Habit Formation:** Regular attendance builds routines, discipline, and a positive attitude toward learning that sets them up for success later in life.
- Safety and Well-being:** Daily attendance ensures children are engaged in a safe environment, reducing risks associated with disengagement. Missing just a few days can significantly impact a child's learning, with high attendance in Year 6 particularly linked to better results.