

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Curriculum news

Year 1 had a lovely time at Hever Castle last Friday learning more about castles. They had a guided tour of the castle and enjoyed seeing the portcullis, grand hall, suits of armour and the Tudor toilet!



Today in science we were investigating with magnets.

Year 3 had fun learning about magnets this week as part of their Science topic.

After a very moving Remembrance service with Year 5 parents on Friday, the Holbrook poppy wreath was laid at the Carfax on Sunday morning by Molly, Freya and Mrs Filson.



Molly and her sister saw Mrs Filson at the Remembrance Service on Sunday and laid the school wreath!



### Anti-Bullying Week

On Tuesday, we celebrated Odd Socks day to celebrate the fact that we are all different. The next day our anti-bullying ambassadors led a special assembly for the school on Wednesday based around the theme of 'Choose Respect'.

### Clothing help

We usually keep a supply of spare clothing in school in case of accidents or other events but have run out of spare clothing for boys in particular. If you have any boys' clothes that you no longer require, then we would be delighted to receive them. Thank you.



### EYFS & KS1 Reading morning

We would like to invite parents/carers into school to read with their child on Friday mornings just after drop-off 8:35 – 8:55am. This will start next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and we look forward to seeing you then.

### Thinking Garden update

Today, we received a delivery of plants for the garden from Newbridge Nursery. If you are able to lend an hour or two between 9 -11am tomorrow (Saturday 16th November) to help plant them, we would be very grateful. A spade or fork would be handy! Thanks, Mrs Filson eagles@holbrookprimaryschool.com



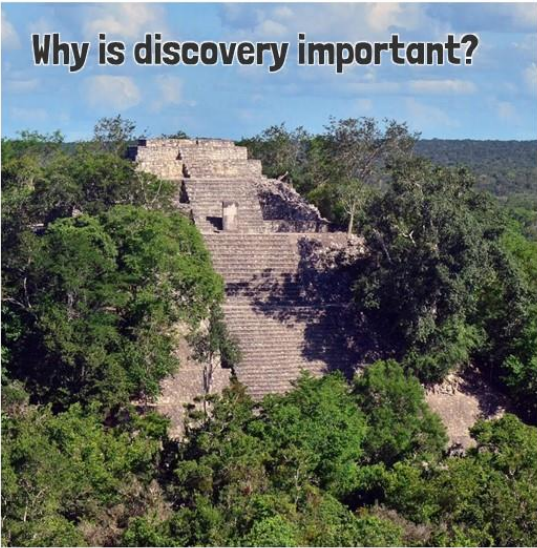
## Picture News

This week the topic for discussion is **'Why is discovery important?'** – see below.

TAKEHOME

8:15 - 9:45  
November

### Why is discovery important?



## In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- > Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- > Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
Thursday 23:59	
21 <sup>st</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
28 <sup>th</sup> November	9 <sup>th</sup> December
05 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December- <i>Christmas Lunch week</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	FOH Non-Uniform day- chocolate donations please
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOH Non-Uniform day- bottle donations please
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December	FOH Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Y1 parents 9.15
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Y2 parents 9.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carols at St Mary's 7pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas assemblies at St Marks
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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