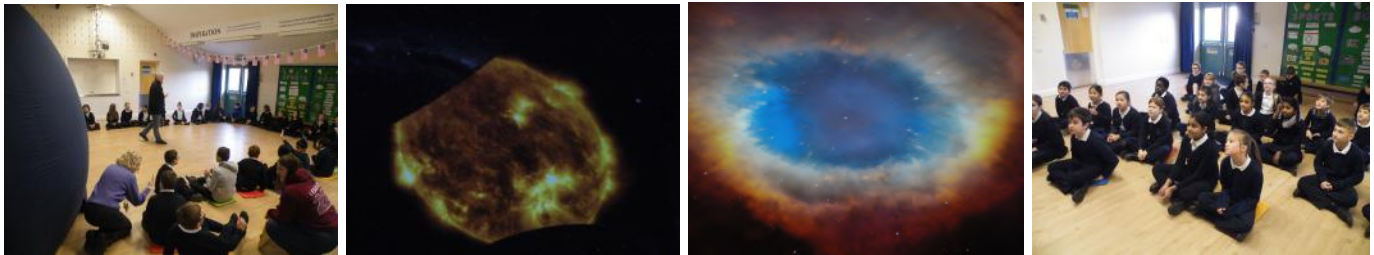


## This week...

On Monday, **Year 5** visited the planetarium in our school hall. "It was a big, dark dome of a tent with a projector inside which could show us into deep space. As the stars spun around our heads, it made us feel a little sick! We explored the constellations and how different societies have drawn them over time. We learnt that there are billions and billions of other galaxies in the Universe and that the sun isn't made of fire but is a continuous nuclear reaction turning hydrogen into helium gas. We also witnessed how the length of time the sun stays in the sky changes throughout the seasons, and that it always rises in the east and sets in the west."



### Assembly

This week we covered Aspirations. As the main example I used the highest skydive, the Space Jump, by Felix Baumgartner from a few years ago. This demonstrated that people can have great ambitions and aim to do amazing things but often they need the help of others to achieve their goals. We also used the classic analogy for school assembly- climbing a mountain- showing how meeting your goals can be challenging and even have false summits but you can eventually look back and be proud of what you have achieved.

### Pupil Responsibility Groups

Congratulations to the EDT for taking on the big responsibility of a Year 3/4 recruitment drive the last two weeks. They took this activity very seriously, spent a long time choosing from the candidates. The Year 3s and 4s made the task hard for them because the applications were all very thoughtful and diligent. Well done. Here is the announcement from the Year 6 team themselves:

"This week, the Eco Development Team decided on nine new members from year 3 and 4. Congratulations to everyone who applied, it was a really tough decision for EDT and it took us two meetings to select! The new members are: Class 8 - Louie, Lennox, Vaibhavika, Class 9 - James, Class 10 - Emily, Finley, Luca, Evie, Class 11 - Gabriella. EDT are looking forward to meeting the new members next week."

## Dates for the term ahead...

Friday 3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 Lego Builder Workshop (in school) - please make payment on ParentPay</li> </ul>
Monday 6th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Stage and Year 6 Weighing &amp; Measuring (AM) - please refer to letter sent home on 18/01</li> <li>Choir - Young Voices Concert</li> </ul>
Thursday 2nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 3 Parent Meetings (in school)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Meetings (in school) - <b>No clubs</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 9th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Meetings (in school) - <b>No clubs</b></li> </ul>
Friday 10th February	<b>Last Day of Term</b> - normal finish time

## Notices

**Clubs - Please note that there will be no clubs running on the last week of term, week commencing 6th February, due to Parent Meetings.**

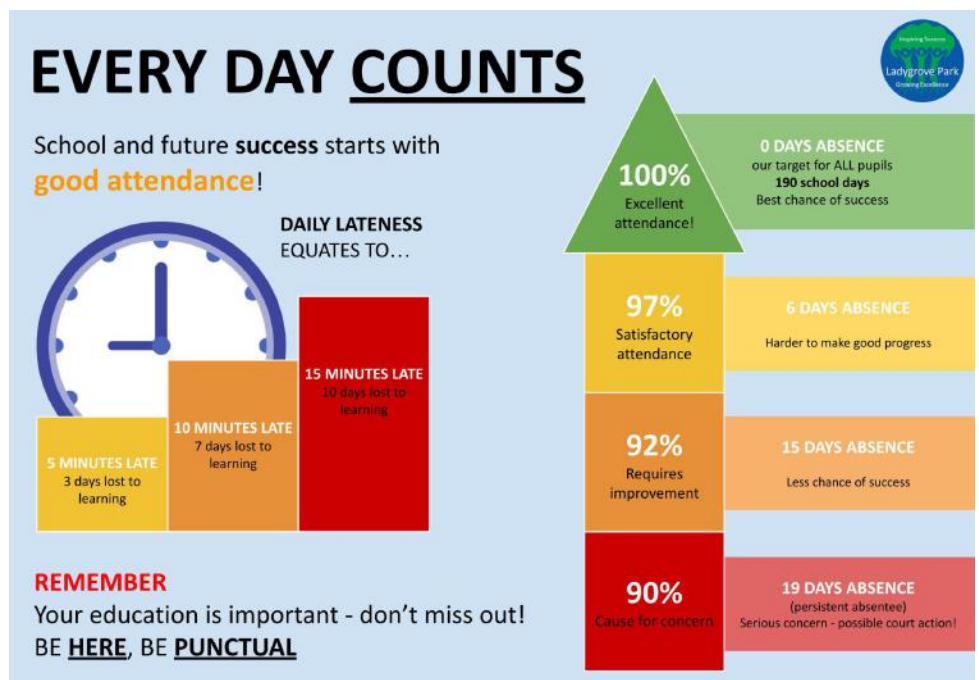
<b>Sickness and Absence</b>	<p>Please notify the school office every day of your child's sickness or medical absence. Please either email <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a> or call to leave a message on 01235 519235 by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence (including the symptoms of the illness). <b>If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</b></p> <p>For further information, please see our <a href="#">Attendance Policy</a> on the website.</p>
<b>Word of the Week</b>	Please see below for next week's Word of the Week!

### Attendance

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our focus on absence. It can be worrying or frustrating to receive a letter from us about low attendance but we often find that parents are unaware how low attendance sometimes has become.

To add to this it's important to note that persistent lateness will mount up to eventually have the same impact as absence. It often also leads to children feeling unprepared for the day when everyone else has already started.

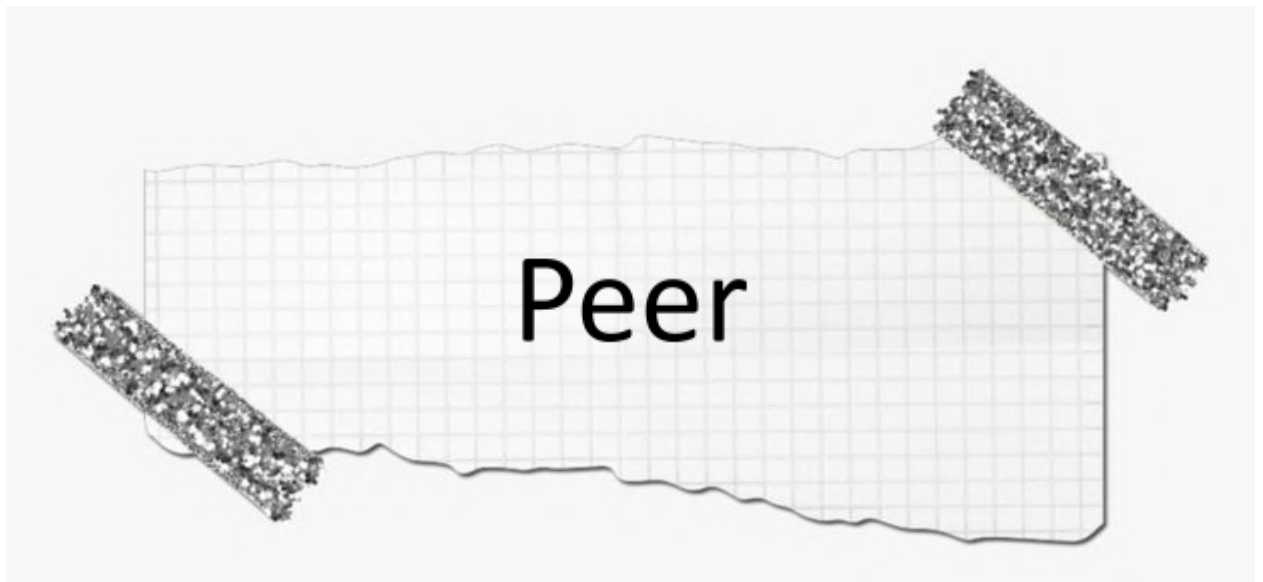
Here is our visual prompt to better understand the impact of being *persistently* late or absent.



<b>Year 2 Lego Builder Workshop Payment Reminder</b>	A reminder for Year 2 parents that the Lego Builder Workshop is taking place next week and we still have not received payment from over half of the year group. Please make payment of £6.70 as soon as possible on ParentPay.
<b>Year 5 Kilvrough - June 2024</b>	To secure your child's place at Kilvrough, a £50 deposit is due by <b><u>Tuesday 31st January</u></b> . The balance of £355 is due 31st January 2024.
<b>Year 6 Kilvrough Payments - June 2023</b>	A reminder for Year 6 parents that the deadline for the <b>final</b> Kilvrough payment is next <b><u>Tuesday 31st January</u></b> . Please make payment on ParentPay.
<b>Parent Meetings</b>	Parent Meetings have now been confirmed and slips confirming your time slot(s) have gone home with your eldest child today. If you have not requested a parent meeting and would like to arrange one, please contact the school office as soon as possible as time slots are now very limited.
<b>School Nurse Team Newsletter</b>	Attached with this newsletter is the School Nurse Team Newsletter for Term 3. A copy of this, along with previous editions, can be found on our website here - <a href="https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/school-nursing-team">https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/calendar-1/school-nursing-team</a>
<b>SEND</b>	<div data-bbox="573 783 768 951" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>We are delighted to bring you a free webinar presented by Emma Weaver, Deputy CEO of the ADHD Foundation, which will offer practical strategies to parents and carers supporting neurodiverse children and young people.  <b>ADHD: Strategies to Support Dysregulated Behaviour</b>  Date: Wednesday 8th February</p> <p>Time: 10am - 11 am  During the session Emma will be exploring the link between ADHD and emotional reactivity, providing strategies to support individual responses to emotional reactivity, plus advice for parents and carers on working with schools and extended family.  <a href="#">CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</a></p> <p><b>Supporting Parents and Carers</b>  <b>Neurodiversity: Developing Independence</b>  Date: Wednesday 15th February  Time: 10am - 11 am  In this webinar we will focus on; goal setting, creating rules and boundaries, strategies for regulating and validating emotions, support with decision making skills and discussion around cause and consequence.  We hope you can join us for a great webinar!  <a href="#">CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</a></p>

# Word of the Week

## for Key Stage 1



### Meaning

To look hard because it is hard to see.

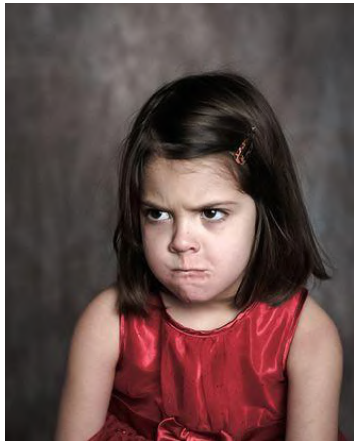
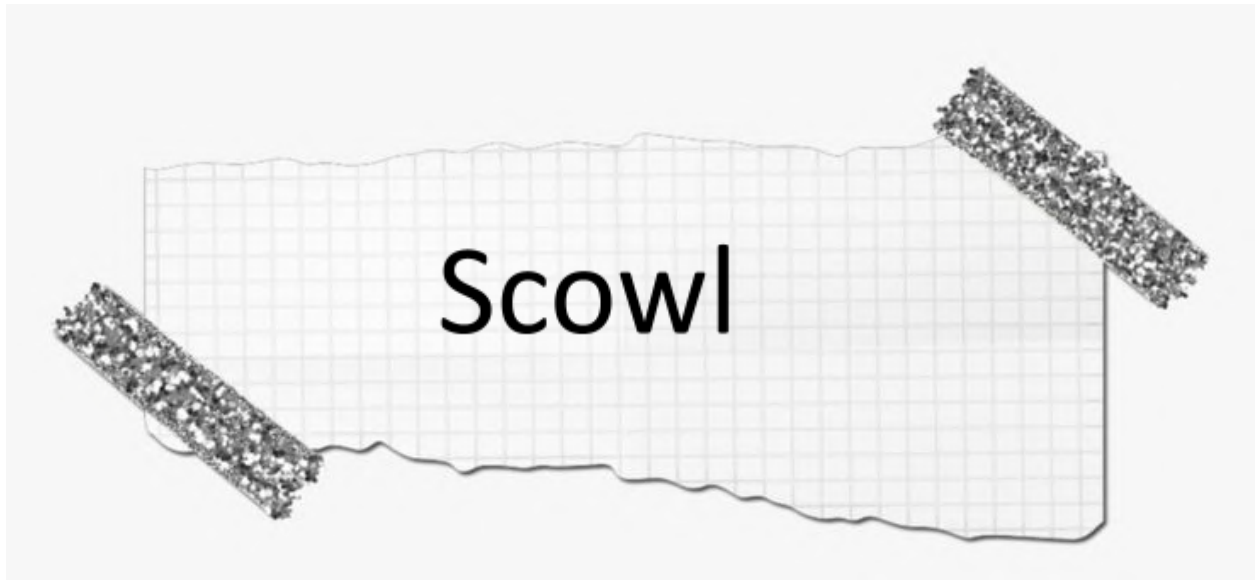




### Challenge

When might you need to **peer**?

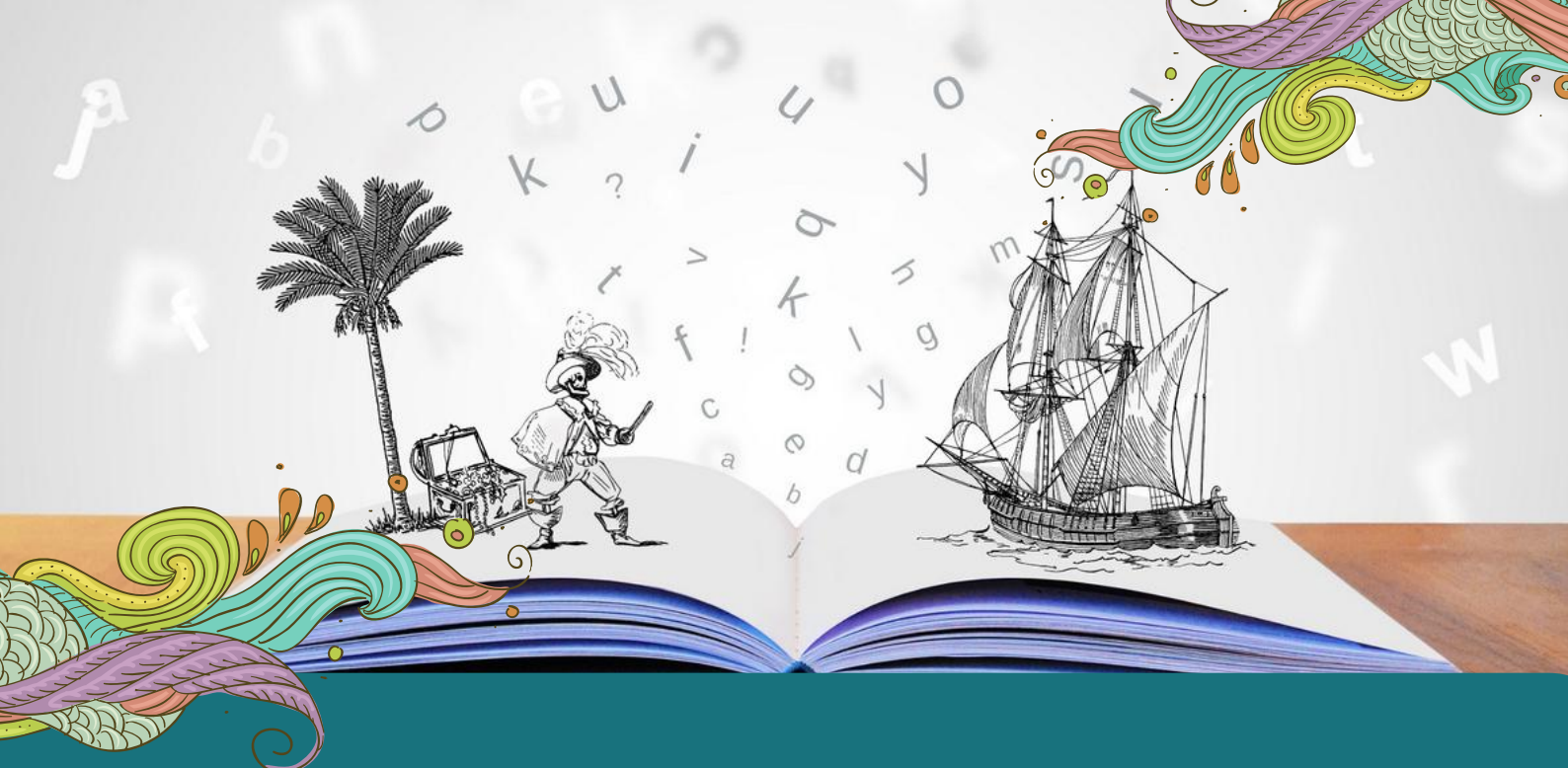
# Word of the Week

## for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
To make an angry face. You don't say anything.	What in your family <b>scowls</b> ? What makes them <b>scowl</b> ?





# Children's Book Club

## at Didcot Library

**FREE**

**Join our NEW  
Children's Book  
Club starting  
Saturday 28th  
January**

### **Who?**

For ages 8 - 11  
years old of all  
reading levels

**Join this fun and  
supportive  
environment to  
experience new  
authors and meet  
new people**

### **When?**

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the month between  
10.30 - 11.30am  
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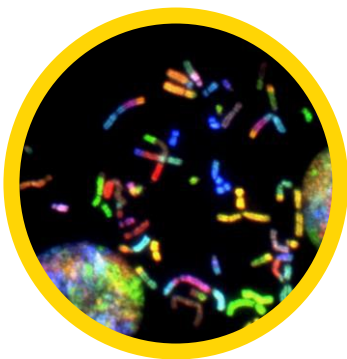
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# SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS



**Saturday 28 January 2023**  
**11 am – 12 pm**



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Cells: life's building blocks! Join Bright Sparks Science in investigating cell biology, organelles and replication! This virtual event is FREE and open to all.

Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.

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