



Newsletter
 Monday 25th September 2023
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Dear Families,

School Trips and Experiences



We remain committed to giving the children as many exciting and meaningful experiences as possible to enhance their learning in school, but as school budgets are increasingly squeezed we can only afford to do this by asking families to contribute their “share” of the cost of these activities. If we do not receive contributions from everyone for an activity, with great regret we will cancel. Very sadly, the planned year 4 trip to Tatton has now been cancelled as we had so many contributions outstanding.

Our aim this school year is that we give you as much notice as possible of all the contributions we will be asking you to make this year to help you to budget. Below is a grid of the trips and visits that have been booked so far: more details can be found on Parent Pay. We will ensure that this is completed and shared with you in the next couple of months so you are fully aware of what is coming up for the rest of the year.

Conkers Nursery Class Trips and Events		Dinosaur Experience in School	Formby Beach
Date		Wednesday 28 th February 24	
Contribution per child		Letter to follow	
Deadline for contribution			
Reception Acorns Class Trips and Events	Inside Out Forest School Day (Acorns only)	Dinosaur Experience in School	Formby Beach
Date	Wed 18 th October 2023	Wednesday 28 th February 24	
Contribution per child	£15.21	Letter to follow	
Deadline for contribution	Wed 27 th September 2023		
Year 1 Silver Birch Class Trips and Events	Eureka Children’s Museum	Manchester Bus Tour	Portland Basin
Date	Thurs 16 th November 23	Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Thursday 6 th June 2024



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Contribution per child	£27.59	£14.62	£18.96
Deadline for contribution	Thurs 19 th October 2023	Tues 27 th February 2024	Tuesday 9 th May 2024
Year 2 Willow Class Trips and Events	Manchester Art Gallery	Lytham St. Anne's	Skipton Castle
Date	Tuesday 14 th November	Tuesday 9 th July 24	
Contribution per child	£12.32	£18.33	
Deadline for contribution	Tuesday 24 th October 23	Tuesday 18 th June 24	
Year 3 Holly Class Trips and Events	Stone Age Workshop in School	Chester Zoo	Manchester Walking Tour and Galleries
Date	Friday 13 th October 23	Tuesday 26 th March 24	
Contribution per child	£5.17	£19.73	
Deadline for contribution	Friday 22 nd September 23	Tuesday 5 th March 24	
Year 4 Chestnut Class Trips and Events	Tatton Park Cancelled	Chester Zoo	Come and play with the Halle
Date	Wed 11th October 2023	Tuesday 26 th March 24	
Contribution per child	£19.81	£19.73	
Deadline for contribution	Wed 20th September 2023	Tuesday 5 th March 24	
Year 5 Elm Class Trips and Events	3 Day trips to Whitehall Centre	Young Voices	Alton Towers
Date	Wed 4 th October 2023 Thursday 5 th October 2023 Friday 6 th October 2023	Wed 7 th February 2024	
Contribution per child	£25.00	£15.57	
Deadline for contribution	Wed 13 th September 2023	Wed 17 th January 2024	
Year 6 Oak Class Trips and Events	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre	Ashton Central Mosque	Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Date	Monday 18 th to Wednesday 20 th September 2023	Thursday 29 th February 2024	Tuesday 21 st May 2024
Contribution per child	£25.00	£11.71	£19.68
Deadline for contribution	Mon 11 th September 2023	Thurs 1 st February 2024	Tuesday 30 th April 2024



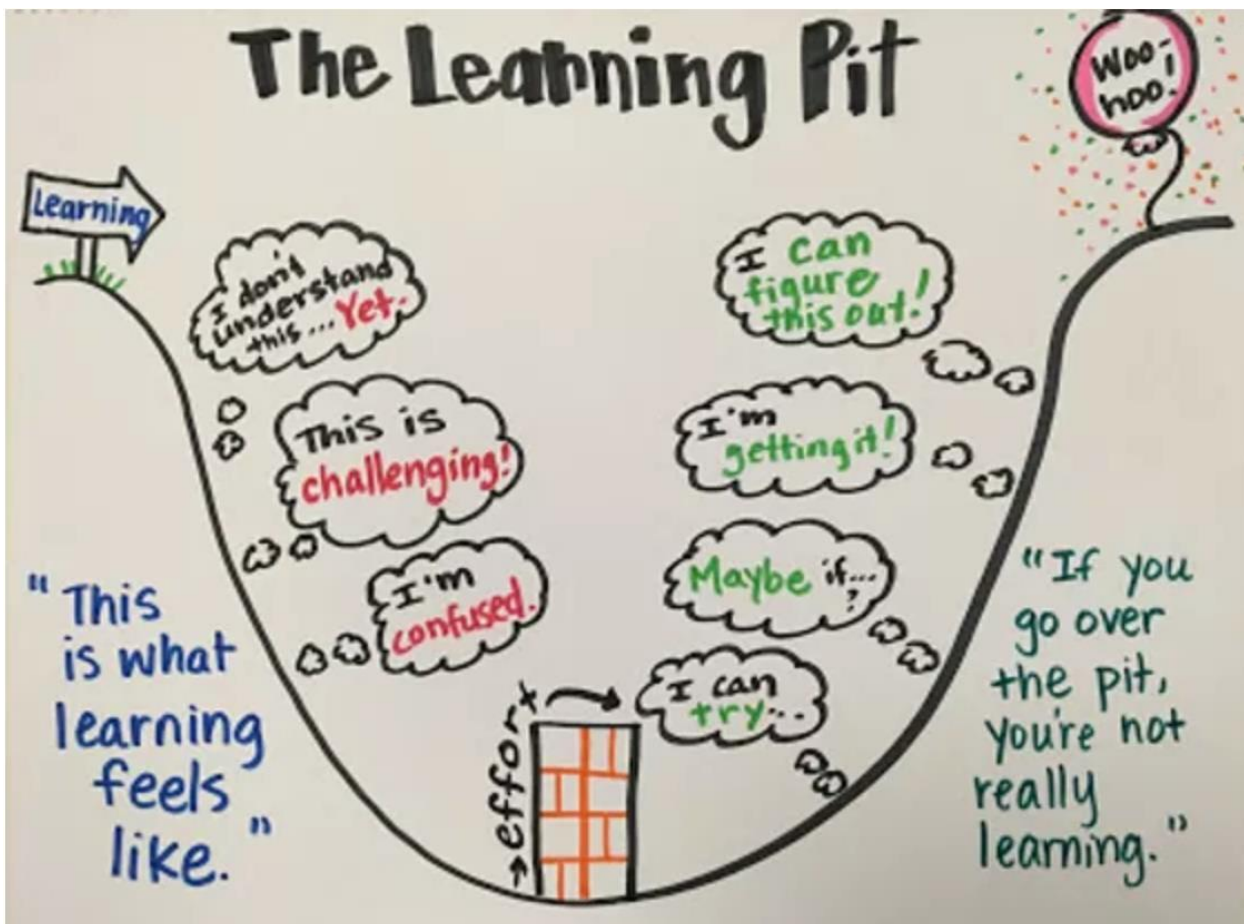
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What is “The Learning Pit”?

You may have heard your children talking about the learning pit and be wondering what on earth they mean!

We use the analogy of the learning pit to help the children understand that it is OK to struggle with new learning but that with effort and determination (and support from the adults), they will be able to master new concepts.



The phrase we encourage the children to use when they are feeling challenged is not “I can’t do it” but rather.....

“I can’t do it **yet!**”



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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to last week's stars who were chosen for embodying the value of being "brave".

Nursery Conkers	Elsie-Grace has such a positive attitude and is always ready to try something new.
Reception Acorns	Bobby is willing to try everything and he has made a fantastic start to school life.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Pawa is a brave learner who is ready to take on any challenges in Year 1.
Year 2 Willow	Alice is a brave learner who is willing to take risks and try to answer every question.
Year 3 Holly	Holly Class were very impressed by Harrison's bravery when he played a solo piece on his recorder.
Year 4 Chestnut	Isabelle has really pushed herself this week not only on the Rugby field but also at her first swimming lesson. What a super attitude!
Year 5 Elm	Shaynie has been pushing herself outside her comfort zone in all aspects of her learning.
Year 6 Oak	Max demonstrated great bravery on our residential adventure holiday this week and tried every activity, even when he felt unsure.
Orchard Group	Alfie has demonstrated great bravery by coming into his new classroom independently.

We also chose our first Maths stars of the new year (and a reading star in Nursery).

Nursery Conkers	Sharu has read at home every day this term and loves her books!
Reception Acorns	Tilly completes every single maths activity with great enthusiasm and loves to challenge herself.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Mylah has shown herself to be a confident and talented mathematician this week in Silver Birch.
Year 2 Willow	Not only does Alfred have a very strong understanding of the number system, he is also a lovely helper to his classmates in our maths lessons.
Year 3 Holly	Millie has been listening intently to the teaching in our maths lessons and as a result has been able to complete her work independently.
Year 4 Chestnut	Isla has been working so hard this week and been applying all she has learned to her work. Well done Isla!
Year 5 Elm	Amber has demonstrated great perseverance and resilience in our maths lessons this week and has managed to get herself out of the "Learning Pit" on several occasions.
Year 6 Oak	Even on our residential holiday, Jake was still putting his excellent maths skills to use by working out average speeds on the zip wire!

Kindest regards,

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Dates for your Diary	
Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th Oct 23	Year 5 Elm Class subsidised 3-day course at Whitehall Centre (not residential)
Friday 13 th October 23	Year 3 Holly Class "Stone Age Dig" workshop in school
Thursday 19 th October 23	Individual photographs for all Nursery and School children.
Friday 20 th October 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 27 th October 2023	Year 5 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 27th October 23	Schools close for Autumn Half term Holiday
Monday 6th November 23	Schools open for Autumn Term 2
Friday 10 th November 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Tuesday 14 th November 23	Year 2 Willow Class trip to Manchester Art Gallery
Thursday 16 th November 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Class trip to "Eureka" Museum
Friday 17 th November 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Friday 24 th November 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 1 st December 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 8 th December	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00 noon
Thursday 21st December 23	Schools close for Christmas Holiday
Monday 8th January 24	Schools open for Spring Term 1
Friday 16th February 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th February 24	Schools open for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 7 th February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert
Wednesday 28 th Feb 24	Nursery Conkers and reception Acorns classes take part in Baby Dinosaur workshop in school
Thursday 29 th February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Tuesday 19 th March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Manchester Bus Tour
Tuesday 26 th March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
Thursday 28th March 24	Schools close for Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April 24	Schools open for Summer Term 1
Tuesday 21 st May 24	Year 6 Oak class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 23rd May 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June 24	Schools open for Summer Term 2
Thursday 6 th June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch visit to Portland Basin
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Y2 Willow Class visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Tuesday 23rd July	Schools close for Summer Holiday