

Learning in Year Six at West Earlham Junior



In the spring term in Year 6, we learn about the history of the West Earlham Estate.



History

In the spring term we carry out a local history study looking at the building of the post war housing estates in Norwich.

We will learn about:

- Population movement in Norwich following the second world war.
- The clearing of the Norwich yards and slums.
- The location of and movement of people to the new estates.



Here are lots of websites with information about the history of Norwich. Do you recognise any of the shops and streets?

Website looking at the devastating [Impact of Air Raids on Norwich](#) in WW2

East Anglian Film Archive - [Norwich in 1951](#)- Labour and the New Society

[Norwich in the 1960s](#)

[Norwich in the 1970s](#)

[100 Facts about Norwich Council Housing](#)

[Look back over a century of Norwich Council Homes](#)





Find out more about how Norwich looked and how people lived before the Yards were cleared.

[Courts and Yards of Old Norwich](#)

A video of Joyce Wilson talking about when she was a child in Norwich: [The clearing of the Pockthorpe Yards](#)

Visit Norwich [Elm Hill](#)

[Norwich then and now](#)



Geography

We will learn to

- Use six grid references, maps and keys and use of ordnance survey maps for Norwich and surrounding area
- Undertake fieldwork to study the local area.

Finding a [six figure grid reference](#)



Steve Backshall explains how to work out a [four digit grid reference](#) and a [six figure grid reference](#) on an OS Map

BBC Bitesize [How do you read a map?](#)



In year six we undertake a local **field study**.



Field studies allow students to gather their own (primary) data, provide opportunities to extend classroom learning through direct observation and experience, and allow for scientific **research** through **field experiments**.

Human and physical features

Fieldwork includes investigating both human (manmade) and physical features (natural).

Human features are things that have been built, such as: houses, towns, cities, walls, roads.

Here is a site all about our local woods- [West Earlham Woods](#)



OS Get Outside [map of West Earlham](#)



Science

The focus of our science learning is **living things**.

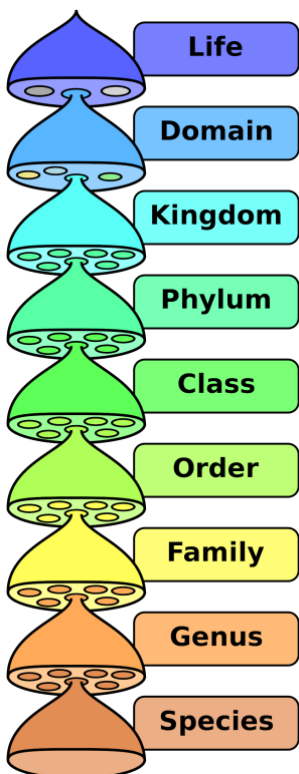
We will be learning to;

- Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to their characteristics.
- Use similarities and differences to classify living things plants and animals and micro-organisms.
- Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.



Classifying things- why it is really helpful!

The classification song- fun way of remembering the different levels of groups that living things are sorted into.



Reading

Message to West Earlham from some of our favourite authors

Our class authors in the spring term are Malory Blackman and Cornelia Funke.



Malory Blackman

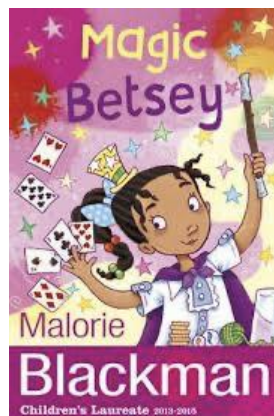
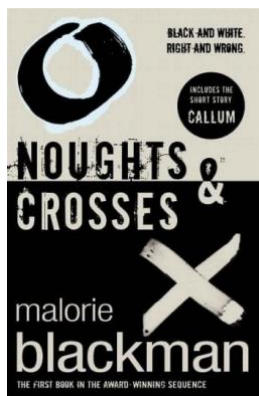
Malorie Blackman was born in 1962.

She qualified in Computer Science and followed a successful career in computing, before becoming a writer at the age of 28. Her first published book was *Not So Stupid!* (1990), a book of short stories. Since then she has written many books and scripts, and her popularity has steadily grown. Her scripts for television include several episodes of *Byker Grove*, *Whizzwig* and *Pig-Heart Boy*, and she has also written original dramas for CITV and BBC Education.

Her stage play, *The Amazing Birthday*, was performed in 2002.

She writes for all ages of children. Her picture books include *I Want a Cuddle!* (2001) and *Jessica Strange* (2002) and she has written many reader books for early and more confident readers.

Malory Blackman answers your questions!



Malory talking about reading and libraries.

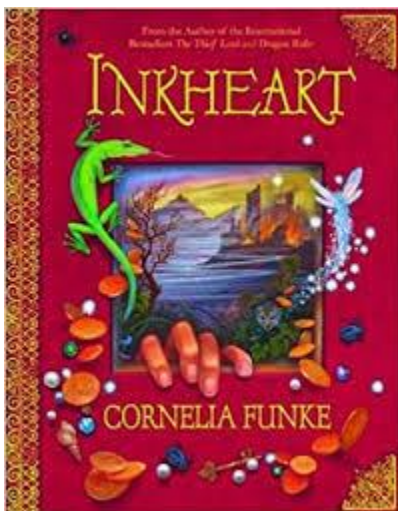
Cornelia Funke

Cornelia Funke was born in Germany. After graduating from college she became a social worker but soon returned to college to study illustration. She designed board games and illustrated children's books and became inspired to write her own!

She loves fantasy novels and is the author of the Inkheart trilogy.



[Cornelia's Official Website](#) (lots to look at and do!)



[Chapter one of Inkheart](#) read by Rob Delancy



Reading through MyOn

Keep up to date with your reading and join in with our weekly reading challenges. Each week books are selected and set for the children to read at home.

The books are a variety of different levels but can be listened to using the play function.

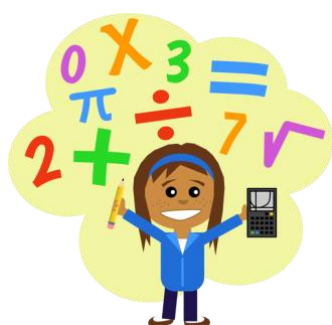
Sign in [Here!](#)

Grammar

In Grammar we are looking at word groups, nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, adverbials, prepositions, conjunctions, determiners, subject/object of a sentence and modal verbs.

We will send home spellings lists and grammar work each week. A useful website to support the children's learning is:

Grammar and Punctuation



Maths

Sumdog

In year six the children need to know all their times tables, from $1 \times 1 = 1$ to $12 \times 12 = 144$ as well as the division facts.

The children need to be able to recall them in order and randomly.

Weekly challenges will be set on Sumdog.



Defenders of Mathematica

Click on the link to play the BBC game to practise maths skills.



PE As well as learning new skills and games in PE at school, we learn about general fitness. Stay fit and active with Joe Wicks at home.

The Body Coach