

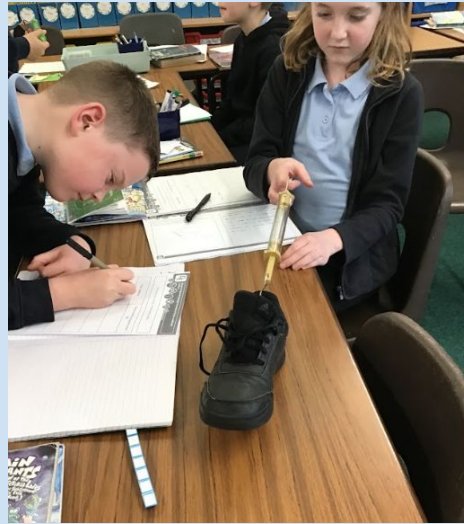


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Last week in Year 5:

We have been doing lots of experiments as part of our 'Forces' topic in Science. This week, we were looking at the effects of friction on different surfaces to try and determine which would make the safest to use in a hallway. It's a tie between carpet and sandpaper - which would you prefer?!



Last week in Year 2:

Our Royal Opera House 'create and dance' project is now well underway! In our weekly PE lessons, we have been having a look at how professional ballet dancers portray various characters in the ballet version of Alice in Wonderland. We have then been working on our own version of their motifs to help us retell the story.



Best attendance last week: congratulations to Class 6 with 98% and Class 9 with 98%. Our whole school target is 97%.



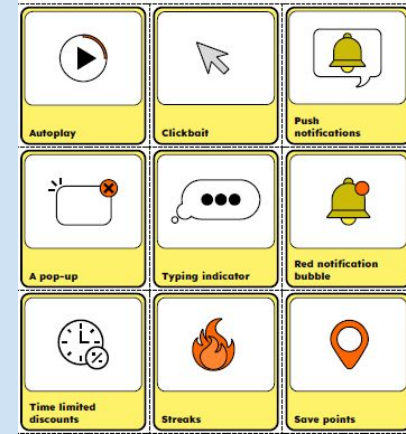
Last week in Reception:

We have been finding out how people all around the world celebrate Chinese new year. This year is the year of the Dragon and they are believed to be lucky and courageous. We made our own fire breathing dragons and had a go at some Chinese writing. It was very tricky!



Safer Internet Day:

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day. The theme this year encouraged children to speak with a trusted adult if something happens online which worries them, especially focusing on times when something changes unexpectedly like a pop up on the screen or a new aspect in a game.



The UK Safer Internet Centre has produced a resource for parents and carers too, full of top tips to help you keep your child safe online. Take a look here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

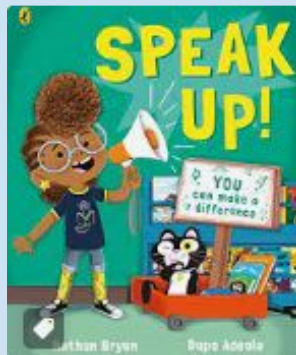
Children's mental health week:

Last week was also children's mental health week, promoted by the charity Place2Be. During this fortnight our classes are talking about mental health in their PSHE lessons. The theme for this year is about the importance of listening to children's voices and 'speaking up'.



Ideas for parents can be found here:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/>



“Finding your voice and purpose in life is one thing, but, very often, when it is time to use that voice and make a change, you will need a bit of teamwork to make things happen.”

Marcus Rashford

(from You Can Do It; How to find your voice and make a difference, 2022)



Reading news:



Word Count Wizards:

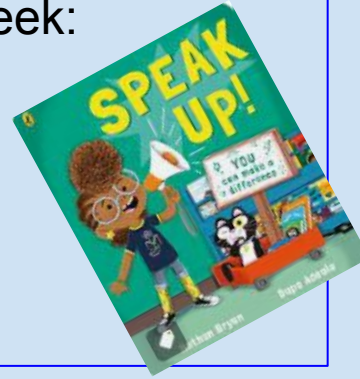
This week the classes with the most 'words read' in Y4/5/6 were:

Class 10
Class 12
Class 14



Brilliant Books:

This book by Nathan Byron featured in our assemblies about Children's mental health week:

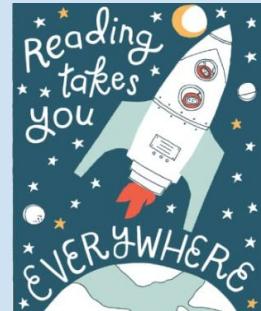
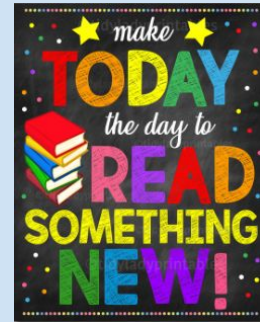


Have you read....?

Year 4 are loving this story based on the myths and legends of the Vikings.

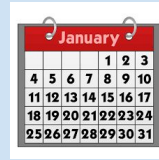


Fred says 'fantastic work!' to all the children in Miss Blunt's group - you are using your sounds so well!





Dates for your calendar:



Thursday 15th Feb - PTFA Valentine's discos
19th - 23rd February - school and nursery closed for half term
28th and 29th February - parent consultation appointments for children in school
4th to 8th March - Book Week
Wednesday 6th March - 'Books at Bedtime' and 'Books after Dark' events
Friday 8th March - dressing up for World Book day
11th to 15th March - Y5 residential visit to Wales
Wednesday 13th March - Year 4 visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
Thursday 21st March - PTFA Easter Bingo
Thursday 28th March - last day of term
29th March to 12th April - school and nursery closed for Easter holidays
Monday 15th April - school and nursery re-open for summer term

All term dates for 2024 and 2025 are available on the school website. Please remember that holidays in term time are not authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances and you may receive a penalty notice if your child misses school.