



Our News

This half term we have been making great progress with our Victorians topic. We have loved learning about how the lives of Victorian children was so different to our own today! We are glad that we no longer live in Victorian times!

We also had a fantastic time on World Book Day with our Bedtime Reading theme. We enjoyed being able to come to school in our pyjamas! We created some fabulous book reviews and recommended some of our favourites to other members of the class.

After Easter, some of our main focusses will be:

Science: Forces - including identifying the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction.

History - we will be continuing to study the Victorians and Victorian way of life.

Geography - we will be using maps and four figure grid references.

Art - we will be continuing to study the work of L.S. Lowry.

Design Technology - we will be making basic mechanical systems.

RE - our focus this term will be on Hinduism.

PE - Outdoor (Thursday) we will be focussing on team games.

PE - Indoor (Tuesday) we will be focussing on dance.

Music - children will continue to learn to play the recorder with Ms Deans. Recorders **must** be in school every Friday for music lessons.

You can support your child this half term by:

Reading

As well as continuing with Street Child, we have thoroughly enjoyed reading for pleasure, The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster as our class reader.

Well done to all the children who are continuing to read regularly at home each week! Children who read at home and have comments in their diaries are rewarded with Dojos each week!

When reading, it is important children are able to explain how the text they are reading contributes to the meaning of the story or information as a whole. Here are examples of the types of questions you might ask...

How do you think the character feels at this point? How do you know? (evidence)

Why has the writer organised the text in this way?

What is the purpose of this text?

What was the first thing that happened in the story?

Writing:

We will be looking at Shakespeare's, Macbeth, with a particular focus on the Witches Poem in order to write scripts and produce performances.

In grammar work we will be looking at speech punctuation with the use of inverted commas.

For example:

"There's my yard," Betsy grunted.

Please focus on spelling challenges for this half term. Spellings are an integral part of English and allow writers to express themselves clearly and with meaning.

Spelling Challenges: 16/4 and 7/5

Maths

We will be continuing to improve our understanding of fractions by converting mixed number fractions to improper fractions and adding fractions with different denominators.

$$\frac{7}{3} = 2\frac{1}{3}$$

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Improper fraction

Mixed number fraction

Develop our understanding of fractions through problem solving and reasoning. These problems will involve being able to recognise fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences.

We will also be solving time problems and converting units of time, particularly through reading bus and train time tables.

Additionally the children will be calculating and measuring angles at a point and on a straight line.

Maths Challenge – Thursday

Maths Celebrations

Well done to the following children for completing all of star challenge:

Henry, Madison, Paige, Noah, Ellie-Mai W, Libby F, Frankie

Maths Celebrations

Well done to the following children for moving up in their maths challenge:

Rhys, Brannon, Nicholas, Evie, Noah, Seth, George, Dylan, Archi, Gabe, Millie F, Libby F, Harvey, Madison, Paige, Caitlin, Sam, Max, Matthew, Mia, Tyler, Izzy, Shay, Finley, Oliver, Jack, Annayah, Takqueel, Ellie-Mae N, Ruby, Millie P, Ewan, Libby S, Deryn, Elliot, Ellie T, Thomas, Ellie-Mai W, Rebecca

English Celebrations

Well done to these children that moved up in their spelling challenge:

Paige, Caitlin, Rebecca, Madison, Ellie-Mai W, Amelia.

KINDNESS AWARD

Well done to Annayah, who won our Kindness Award, voted for by year 5.



Happy birthday to the following children for this half term:

Asher, Millie F, Leon, Max, Libby S, Rebecca, Tyler, Libby F, Rhys.

Dates for diaries

Monday 16th April – School Opens

Thu 26th April – Black Country Museum Trip

Thu 3 May - Voting Day - School closed

Mon 7 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Thu 24 May - Inset Day - School closed

Fri 25 May - Inset Day - School closed

28 May to 1 June - Half Term

Outstanding Learner

In order for children to be an outstanding learner they must adhere to all of the criteria:

- always be ready to learn
- always complete home learning tasks (reading, spellings and maths challenges)
- show pride in their work and appearance
- collaborate well and help others
- demonstrate independence using '3 before me'
- demonstrate a positive attitude to all learning
- be a good role model and inspire others

These children have achieved the outstanding learner award:

Nicholas, Noah, Seth, Amelia, George, Dylan, Frankie, Libby F, Harvey, Madison, Paige, Caitlin, Neve, Izzy, Shay, Henry, Jack, Annayah, Takqueel, Ellie Mae N, Ruby, Millie P, Ewan, Libby S, Deryn, Ellie T, Ellie-Mai W, Rebecca, Jayden, Elliot, Oliver

PUPIL OF THE MONTH

Well done to Neve, who was our pupil of the month for March.

Book Quiz

Well done to Izzy, Takqueel and Amelia for coming second in the Year 5 and 6 book quiz championship.

