

10 February 2023

This Half Term's Value is - Creativity

Message from Dr Mitchell...

This half term we are losing one of our long serving members of staff, Miss Holt, who is taking a well deserved retirement after 20 years at the school! Thank you for everything over the years, Miss Holt, and happy retirement from all at Downs Infant School!

Resources Shout Out

Small world figures, particularly **DRAGONS!**



Diary Dates

(new dates will be in red)

- Half term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17th February
- Thurs 2 March, Wed 15th and Thurs 16th March PROBABLE SCHOOL CLOSURE due to NEU action
- **Monday 27th February FODIS Quiz**
- **Parent Consultations Monday 6th and Wed 8th February**
- **Thursday 2 March World Book Day Bedtime Story Club**
- Wed 15th March Let's Dance
- **Tues 25th and Wed 26th April Rainbow Theatre, Year 1**
- **Group/class photos: Friday 28th April (changed date)**

Learning Round Up

Reception

Reception have been learning to combine two groups. They have been reading the story of the Naughty Bus. They were also visited by a real life bus driver*, who doesn't have a naughty bus, but definitely had a favourite one (a Routemaster in case you were wondering!).



** Dr Mitchell's Dad, Alec!*



Year 1

Year 1 continued learning about the continent of Africa, with different classes becoming experts, researching their own country in Africa. They have done some beautiful printing. In Maths they have been using a numberline to count on and add numbers, starting with the biggest.



Values Assemblies

What have we learned about 'Creativity' this half term?

- We listened to music by John Coltrane and learned a bit about Jazz, and 'being all ears' so we can maggie ideas to use.
- We listened to a story about Blip having to leave her computer and spend time in nature and learned how good nature is for helping us develop creativity.
- We read the story 'Whatever Next' and learned about 'thinking outside the box'.
- We watched Oliver Jeffers read his book, 'Stuck' and thought about the importance of choosing our best ideas.
- We learned that drawing, making and music are all creative, and so is problem-solving!
And of course, we sang and enjoyed being together!

Chair of Champions

Squirrel: Austin, Holden, Jasper-Leo, Bali **Dolphin:** Francesco, Anton, Dandelion, Barni

Hedgehog: Iris, Jesse, Momin, Zayan **Turtle:** Frank O, Dilara, Eli, Maddie

Starfish: Burt, Sofya, Archie, Luca, Noan, Ezra, Aria O, Louis **Fox:** Phoebe, Mirik **Badgers:** Orpheus, Caleb

Kingfishers: Arnie, Evie