



14 October 2022

This Half Term's Value is - Ambition

Message from Dr Mitchell...

Thank you to everyone for sending me your best wishes when I was off with Covid. I do hate being away from school, but I am always confident that things are in safe hands with the rest of the team. It's clear that Covid is going to continue to cause disruption to our teaching team this Winter. I will do my best to ensure that the children continue to have good teaching, but I am balancing this against budgets, and the availability of supply staff. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for making our new reading diary system such a success! Children are really motivated to change their books and are becoming more fluent and confident readers. Please do not limit the books you share with children to these phonic linked books. Phonics is just one part of reading, and we want them to love all books. Please visit the library and read widely!

Diary Dates

(new dates will be in red)

- Wed 19th Oct Bedtime Story Club
- 24 Oct-28 Oct Half Term
- 31 Oct INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
- Wed 9th Nov Bedtime Story Club
- Fri 4 Nov Film night 6pm
- **7th and 9th November times TBC Parent/Carer consultations**
- Tues 15/Wed 16 new parent tours
- **Wed 7th December School Christmas Dinner Day**

Learning Round-Up



Year 2 have been learning about the artist Rachel Jones as part of their Black History Month celebration. They have been inventing their own machines in response to 'Izzy Gizmo'. They have invented a range of machines to help people including a haircut machine, a cake machine, and an ocean cleaning machine.

Year 1 have been making adding machines and writing number sentences with + and = signs. In their geography they have been learning about maps and about the local area. They went on a local area walk to look at the features they could see, and compared this with a map and Google Earth. They have been continuing to look for signs of Autumn.



Reception have been learning about size, mass and capacity. They have been learning about what makes a good friend, and have shown us how good they are at being friends. They have now learned the single sounds e, u, r and h and are combining their sounds to make blends. Thank you to home grown-ups for helping them practice!

Chair of Champions

Kingfisher: Olan, Esme, Seth, Montana; **Hedgehog:** Dylan, Louis;

Fox: Maggie, Roo, Maro, Mirik; **Puffin:** Nelly, Jake, Freddie, Poppy;

Turtle: Lottie, Tristan, Loga, Seemeen, Charlie, Eli; **Starfish:** Aria, Noel, Nova, John, Otis, Bella

Dolphin: Jackson, Dandelion, Martha, Emi, Olivia, Anton; **Seahorse:** Spike, Finn, Isla, Frankie

Squirrel: Yuanna, Lenny, Flynn, Luca, Max, Indie; **Owl:** Klara, Kai, Layla, Marley, Ruby, Bonnie, Thomas, Jacob, Hattie

