

Message from Dr Mitchell...

Miss Cargill and I have been into so many lessons recently and we wanted to tell you just how proud we are of the quality of teaching, especially phonics and story writing. We are thrilled to see so many children confidently writing down their ideas – they don't even want to stop to go and play! This is built on both the excellent subject knowledge of teachers, supported by training, and really good relationships between children and adults.

Diary Dates

(new dates will be in red)

- School closed due to NEU action **Wed 1 February**
- School nurse drop in (playground) 2 February
- 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
- Wed 15th March Let's Dance
- Group/class photos: Tuesday 25 April

Industrial Action

Please remember that **school will be closed on Wednesday 1st February** as a result of the industrial action being taken by the NEU. They, like other education unions, are in dispute with the DfE over pay, and the need for this to be fully funded in order to protect our education system and the quality of education for our children. A letter will be coming home about remote learning and the children will learn about a historical union dispute in assembly on Monday.

Resources Shout Out!

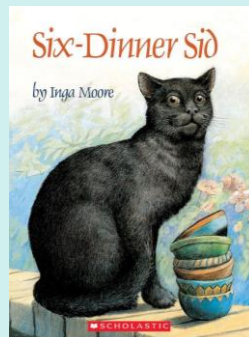
This week's plea is for cushions and beanbags for classroom book corners!



Learning Round Up

Reception

Reception came to their first whole school 'values assembly' on Monday. Everyone was so impressed with their listening and their singing. They learned how being in nature can help you be creative. They read Six Dinner Sid and thought about the numbers 6, 7, and 8. This week's sounds are ar, ur and er.



Year 1

Year 1 have been comparing African patterns with the work of William Morris and started to design their own prints. They have used number lines to compare numbers, and have used chime bars to explore rhythm and pitch.



Year 2

Year 2 want to say a huge thank you to FODIS for providing their visit from the Rainbow Theatre company this week. They re-enacted the Great Fire of London, complete with smoke! They later learned about some of the changes in fire prevention, fire fighting and town planning that came out of this dramatic event.

Chair of Champions

Squirrel: Francesco, Heyansh

Turtle: Jay, Bodhi, Lottie and Logan

