

# Spring Term 1 2023



What a fun filled, action packed half term it has been! The children settled back into school routines well following the Christmas break. It was clear to see how much the boys and girls had missed their friends and teachers and I am so proud of their continued MAGIC attitude towards their learning.

This half term we were delighted to welcome our Rising Three children into Nursery in January. It has been an absolute pleasure watching them settle into school life and see their independence grow. Well done Rising Three's!

We hope you enjoyed our Maths 'watch me learn' sessions as much as the children did. It was fantastic to see such a high number of you attending to share your child's learning with them. Thank you for all of your positive comments, they were so lovely to read. Your feedback is always appreciated.

Well, what a shame the snow spoilt our Disney Dress up day. However, we made the most of the day after when we returned on the Friday. The children looked 'truly scrumptious' in their dress up clothes.

Let's not forget all of our other fundraisers this term. Your support with these events is very much appreciated and all funds raised go towards the enriching, MAGIC activities which we provide for the children. The children (and staff) had so much fun at the Valentines disco and there were smiles all around. Even I found time to have a little dance! We've finished the term with the launch of our Stoke City Fundraiser. Don't forget, there are lots of prizes for your child to achieve and half of the funds raised comes back to us at school.

Thank you so much for your continued support with our School Fund donations and School lottery, if you have not had chance yet to sign up to our lottery and would like to do so, please visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> and search for us. GOOD LUCK!

Finally, I hope you have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing all the children when they return to school on Monday 27th February, ready for another jam packed half term as we lead up to Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Glaister  
Academy Principal

*Principal's Half Term  
Message*





# Nursery News & Events

## Nursery's Colour Launch



Children explored mixing colours using different media. What a fun day exploring they had!



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Forest Schools

The Nursery children continue to enjoy their Forest School sessions.

The children thoroughly enjoyed working as a team to create bird feeders to help feed wildlife in our local area.





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## Snow Fun



We had lots of fun in the snow! It was great fun building snowmen, making snow angels and using our senses to explore the snow.





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## Enrichment Activity

This term, the nursery children have been learning about food and cooking. The children took part in cooking activities using different methods to make and decorate, mix and spread.



The children were amazed at what happened to toast when adding food colouring, they also got creative when decorating their biscuits with rainbow coloured sweets and they thought their rice crispy cakes were 'delicious'. What fun we have had!



# Nursery News & Events

## Parent Reader Activity

On Thursday, 9th February, Nursery held a special parent reader story session. The children loved listening to 'The Runaway Pea'. We can't wait to have more story sessions with parents!



A big thank you  
to our parent  
readers!





# Chinese New Year



The children celebrated Chinese New Year this half term. They learned about how people celebrate Chinese New Year and the different kinds of foods they eat. We were very lucky to try rice, spring rolls, curry sauce and prawn crackers. We had a great day!







# Reception News & Events

## *Dalmatians Enrichment Activity*

As part of the community explorer's enrichment activity this term, the children have been learning all about their community, Stoke on Trent. The children made and tasted oatcakes and learned why they are important to Stoke-on-Trent.



## *Fun in the Snow!*



Well, how convenient that it snowed just in time for the Dalmatian classes Forest School session! It slightly distracted us from our map work, but not only did we learn about the signs of the changing season and winter first hand, we also learned team building skills as we all joined together to make a class snowman!







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## *Dalmatian Class Police Visit*

Continuing our explorer's enrichment activity this term, the Dalmatian children were lucky enough to have a police officer visit the class. The children learned all about how the police help their local community and how the police can help them. The police officer answered the children's questions and they learned about the importance of the police uniform and equipment. To finish off the visit, we went outside to watch the police car drive off and got to see the flashing lights and hear the police sirens too!



## *Can a Map Help me?*



To help support our topic 'How can a map help me?', the Dalmatian children planned a local walk to the post box to post a letter home. With help from their teachers, the children planned a route on a map. On the walk, they followed the route while we looking out for familiar features within the community. They even learned what street our school is located on and some children were able to point out and talk about where they lived. The children were lucky enough to spot the postman, who gave us a quick wave!



# Year 1 Topic Launch.



**Wow! What a great start to the spring term Dinosaurs have had! They have loved learning about their new topic 'Why can't a penguin live near the equator?' They launched the topic by making their own penguin masks and role played as penguins! They all huddled together for warmth and waddled around the classroom! They were super Geographers and learned about the seven continents and five oceans on Earth. Can your child remember any?**





# *Year 2 News & Events*



## **Year 2 Topic Launch.**



**We launched our new Geography topic by exploring the outdoors using a compass. We worked out which direction was North and then used our compasses to navigate our way around the school grounds.**



# Year 2 News & Events

## Little Red Riding Hood

By Jonathan Langley



To end this half term, the Year 2 children have been reading the story Little Red Riding Hood. They have focused on using exclamation sentences and apostrophes in their work. The children have 'WOW'ed their teachers with their brilliant innovations of the classic tale!

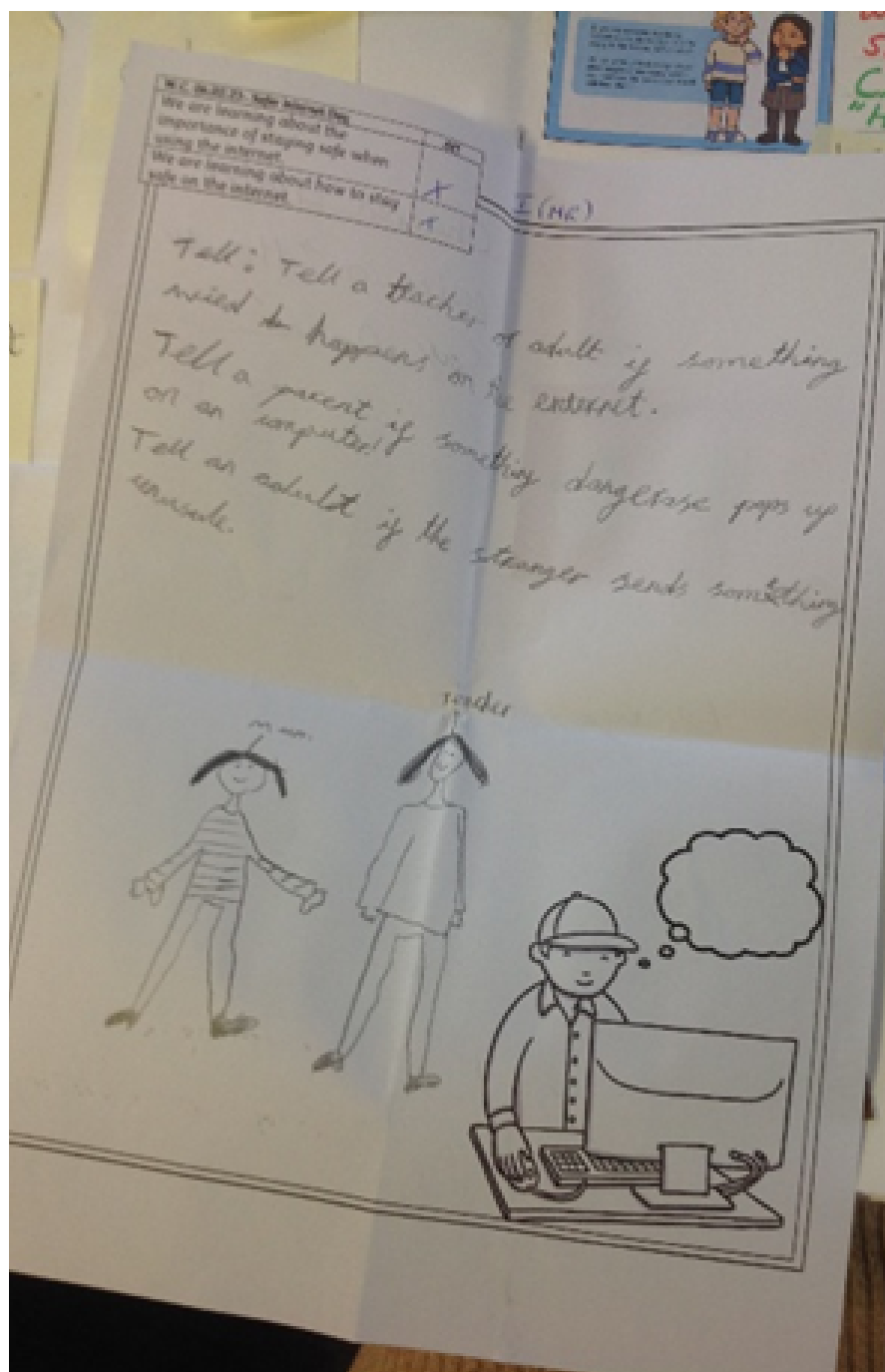




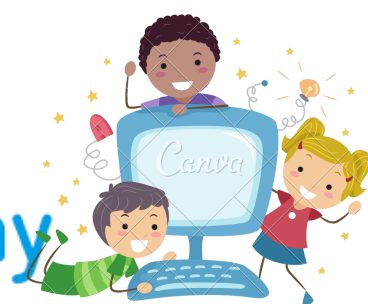


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The Monsters Inc and Incredibles children enjoyed participating in Safer Internet Day this February. They learnt all about how to stay safe online and who to ask if they needed support. They created posters to showcase their learning and shared these with each other! The children knew not to share names, addresses or passwords with other people and they explained that not all people can be trusted!



## Safer Internet Day





# Watch me Learn



## Welcome to our Classrooms...

This half term, the whole school invited parents and carers in to watch their children learn! They observed a maths lesson where they watched how the children are taught and how their children learn.

## Working hard...

It was lovely to see both children and parents working on their maths skills together. Parent feedback was really positive and many parents were excited to use the maths strategies at home too!





# Watch me Learn



The Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed having their parents in for their Maths 'Watch me Learn' this half term. They loved showing their grown-ups how well they could represent data! The Year Two teachers would like to thank all of the parents and carers for their support in this event. They are looking forward to having you back again!

## Thank you!

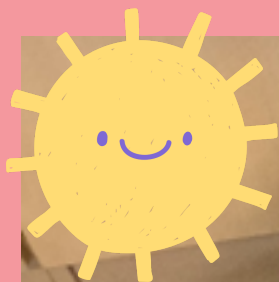
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We were so pleased with how many parents participated in this event; it proved to be very popular.





# Attendance

# Week



**We had a fantastic attendance week! The children were able to bring in a toy of their choice on Monday, a story and a treat on Tuesday, we had an extra playtime on Wednesday, dressed up in Disney characters on Thursday and had Golden Time on Friday! What a busy, fun week we had!**





# Valentine's DISCO



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VALENTINE'S  
DAY



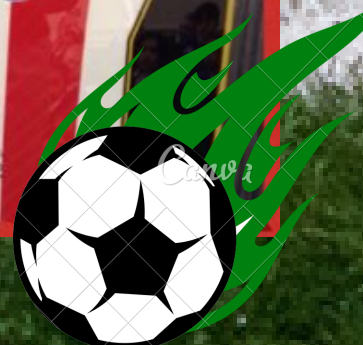
**What fun the children have had at the Valentines Disco!**

**Both EYFS and KS1 children had a brilliant time dancing and showing off their best dance moves. The children's behaviour was exemplary too! Well done boys and girls**






We have got another exciting event taking place at school, we are working together to raise money for our school and in return your child will receive some fantastic prizes. The sponsored penalty shoot out will take place on Wednesday 15th of March. Let's see how much money we can raise! Thank you for your continued support. 😊







What a wonderful start to  
2023 the children have  
had. We wish all our  
children and parents a  
relaxing half term break.