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Weekly Bulletin	
Week Ending:	**Friday 20th November**

I would be very grateful if parents/carers who have not yet completed our parent/carer survey could please take a few moments to do so. Your feedback is very important to us, and helps us to continue to make improvements for our children and families. Please click or tap here to complete the survey, which is open until lunchtime next Friday (27th November).

Next week in school…

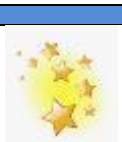
Author Visit to School - Tuesday 24th November

Author Andy Seed will be visiting each class talking to the children about his books and Australian wildlife. Andy will have signed books available to purchase for £10 each. These can be purchased after school on Tuesday, or in advance by completing the form (in this bulletin, or pick up a copy from the school foyer) and returning it with cash in a named envelope to school by Tuesday.



STAR Student Assembly - Friday 27th November

Our next Star Student assembly will be on Friday 27th November, celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 21st to Friday 27th November.



Deadline to sign up for PTA Christmas Movie Night – lunchtime on Friday 27th November

If your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 would like to attend the PTA Movie Night on Monday 30th, please book on ParentPay by lunchtime on Friday.

Coming soon…

Non-uniform for Chocolate Donations – Monday 30th November

Monday 30th is a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations for the PTA Christmas Fair. Please ensure children have sensible shoes and a coat.



PTA Movie Night – Monday 30th November

If your child is attending movie night, please collect from classrooms at 4.30pm.

Year 2 – Christmas Decorating – 2pm, Monday 30th November

If you have received confirmation of your place for Christmas Decorating, please sign in at the school office at 2pm on Monday.



Year 2 – "Add-Vent" – 9am, Tuesday 1st December

Parents/carers are invited for a special "Add-Vent" maths challenge with the children! You will hear about the maths strategies that we use in Year 2; focusing during this session on Addition and Subtraction, and crack some festive maths codes and challenges with your child. The session will last approximately one hour and younger siblings are very welcome to also attend. Sign up here or simply sign in at the school office on the day.



Our school week in numbers:

Dojo points awarded for our STAR Standards:	Attendance:
1,017	**94.62%**

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Stars and Authors of the Week

A big well done to this week's Star Students and Authors of the Week:

** Star of the Week**			**Author of the Week**	
Dragonfly	Tommy		*Dragonfly*	Alfie
Hummingbird	Orla		*Hummingbird*	Annabelle
Salamander	Rufus		*Salamander*	Anaya
Chameleon	Marvelous		*Chameleon*	Louis
Narwhal	Harrison		*Narwhal*	Otis
POLO	Edith		★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★	

Well done to Otis in Narwhal class who was our Good Choice Award winner.

PTA Christmas Movie Night / Non-Uniform Day

PTA Movie Night (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) and non-uniform day in exchange for donations of chocolate: Monday 30th November



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Extreme weather

As the cold weather sets in, our extreme weather guidance is available on our website. This sets out what will happen in the event that school needs to consider closure due to extreme weather. Please click or tap here to read the guidance.

School car park

A reminder that access to the school car park is strictly limited to Blue Badge holders, staff, and authorised visitors; no other access is permitted in order to maintain site security and ensure the safety of all children. Thank you for your understanding.

PTA Christmas Fair – Help / Donations Wanted!

The PTA are busy making arrangements for their very popular Christmas Fair, which will take place after school on Friday 11th December.

The PTA would welcome any parent/carers who may be free to help on either:

- Thursday 10th December from 2.30pm; to put up a marquee in the school car park;
- Friday 11th December; to help at the fair itself. Whether you can help to set up the fair during the afternoon, or help at the fair from 3.20pm onwards, any help is welcome!

If you can help, please email the PTA: melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com



Teddy Donations / Wine Bag Donations wanted!

Two of the most popular stalls at the Christmas Fair are the Teddy Tombola, and the Wine or Water stalls!

The PTA would be grateful for any donations of clean, good condition soft toys/teddies, or empty wine bags, to help fill the stalls! Please drop off any donations to the school office.



Pre-paid tokens to spend at the fair are also now available to purchase on ParentPay. Cash and card payments will also be available at the fair; although please note change will be limited for cash payments, so please bring your change!

More information about the fair will follow on newsletters and on Dojo over the forthcoming weeks.

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All our Christmas activities and dates – by year group – can be found in this bulletin. Further reminders will follow in each weekly bulletin and on Class Dojo.

We recognise that the Christmas period can be particularly expensive and support is available for any families who need it. Please simply message the school office on Dojo, or pop in, and we will ensure – in confidence - that your child is included in all PTA and school Christmas activities without any need for payment or donations.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: NURSERY

w/c 30th November

• Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

w/c 7th December

• Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2.30pm) ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

- *Seahorse Nursery children who do not attend Seahorse nursery class on a Thursday are welcome to join us for Christmas Crafts, accompanied by their parent/carer.*
- *The Christmas Craft session for other Infant School children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) starts at 2pm.*

• Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm) ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

• Seahorse Christmas Songs (Wednesday 16th Dec at 2.30pm)

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

- *Seahorse Nursery children who do not attend Seahorse nursery class on a Wednesday afternoon are welcome to join us for Christmas Songs, accompanied by their parent/carer.*

• Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

• Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm)

👥 Family helpers to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

• Talent Show (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

• Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

🎟 Booking Required ★ Whole School Event

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: RECEPTION

w/c 30th November

• PTA Christmas Movie Night (Monday 30th November until 4.30pm) ★

👥 Children only 🎟 Book on ParentPay by lunchtime on Friday 27th November

• Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• "Experience Advent"

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

w/c 7th December

• Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2pm) ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

• Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm) ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

• Nativity Performance (Tuesday 15th Dec at 9.30am)

👥 Parents/carers 🎟 Book on ParentPay: ticket sales open from Fri 20th Nov until 9am on Fri 4th Dec

There will be two tickets available per child; tickets cost £4 each (subsidised for families eligible for Pupil Premium). Younger siblings aged 4 and under are welcome to at no charge sitting on an adult's knee. We may be able to offer additional tickets to other family members nearer the time of the performance.

• Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

• Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm)

👥 Family helpers to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

• Talent Show (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

• Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

🎟 Booking Required ★ Whole School Event

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: YEAR 1

w/c 30th November

• PTA Christmas Movie Night (Monday 30th November, until 4.30pm) ★

👥 Children only 🎟 Book on ParentPay by lunchtime on Friday 27th November

• Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

w/c 7th December

• Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2pm) ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

• Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm) ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

• Carol Concerts (Monday 14th Dec at 4pm AND Tues 15th Dec at 2.30pm)

👥 Parents/carers 🎟 Book on ParentPay: ticket sales open from Fri 20th Nov until 9am on Fri 4th Dec

*There will be two tickets available per **child** – not per performance - tickets cost £4 each (subsidised for families eligible for Pupil Premium). Younger siblings aged 4 and under are welcome to attend either performance at no charge sitting on an adult's knee. For the 4pm performance, a small number of seats for school-aged siblings can be booked on ParentPay from 20th November. We may be able to offer additional tickets to other family members nearer the time of the performance; look out for updates. Scallywags are unable to collect children after the 4pm performance.*

• Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

• Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm) ★

👥 Family helpers of children to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

• Talent Show (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

• Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

🎟 Booking Required ★ Whole School Event

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: YEAR 2

w/c 30th November

• Christmas Decorating (Monday 30th November, 2pm)

👥 Parents/carers/siblings of Year 2 children who have received the confirmation email

• PTA Christmas Movie Night (Monday 30th November until 4.30pm) ★

👥 Children only 🎟 Book on ParentPay by lunchtime on Friday 27th November

• Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• Add-Vent (Tuesday 1st Dec, 9am)

👥 Parents/carers/siblings of Year 2 children 🎟 Register online

🎟 Booking Required
★ Whole School Event

w/c 7th December

• Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2pm) ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

• Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm) ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

• Carol Concerts (Monday 14th Dec at 4pm AND Tues 15th Dec at 2.30pm)

👥 Parents/carers 🎟 Book on ParentPay: ticket sales open from Fri 20th Nov until 9am on Fri 4th Dec

*There will be two tickets available per **child** – not per performance - tickets cost £4 each (subsidised for families eligible for Pupil Premium). Younger siblings aged 4 and under are welcome to attend either performance at no charge sitting on an adult's knee. For the 4pm performance, a small number of seats for school-aged siblings can be booked on ParentPay from 20th November. We may be able to offer additional tickets to other family members nearer the time of the performance; look out for updates. Scallywags are unable to collect children after the 4pm performance.*

• Wednesday Club Singers (Wednesday 16th Dec, AM)

👥 Family helpers to walk Year 2 children to/from club 🎟 Register online

• Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

• Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm)

👥 Family helpers to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

• Talent Show (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

• Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December) ★

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Upcoming dates for your diary

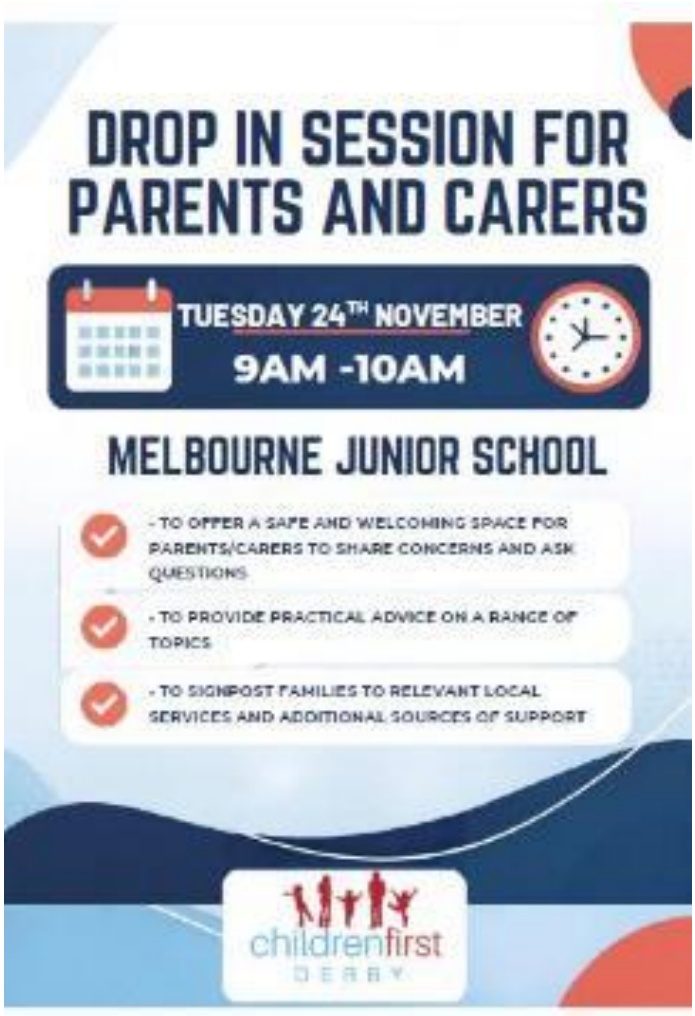
The upcoming dates for our Autumn term, and our Spring term dates, can be found below.

Did you know that you can subscribe to our school calendar via our website; and this will automatically put the dates in your calendar? Please go to our website and click "subscribe". When dates are added or amended in the term, we will highlight these dates / activities in purple. These are planned dates and activities; whilst we will aim to keep changes to a minimum, dates may be subject to change, and new activities may be added during the course of the term. Our term dates and INSET dates are all available on our website.

NOVEMBER

w/c 23rd November
UK Parliament Week

Date	Activity
Monday 23rd November	Last day of Grandparent Lunches – Reception children
Tuesday 24th November	Author Visit
Friday 27th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am



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w/c 30th November

Date	Activity
Monday 30th November	Christmas Decorating – Year 2 children/parents/carers
	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations
	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 1st December	"Add-Vent" – Year 2 children / parents / carers, 9am
	Experience Advent – EYFS: PM
Friday 4th December	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm
	Salamander Parents Evening



DECEMBER

w/c 7th December

Date	Activity
Monday 7th December	Last date for Monday Stay and Play After-School Club
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Crafts, 2pm / 2.30pm Nursery
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	PTA Christmas Fayre (more information to follow)

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w/c 14th December

Date	Activity
Monday 14th December	Year 1 and Year 2 – Carol Concert: 4pm (ticketed event)
Tuesday 15th December	Reception Nativity Performance: 9.30am (ticketed event)
	Year 1 and Year 2 – Carol Concert: 2.30pm (ticketed event)
Wednesday 16th December	Cathy Lester Music Concert (for parents/carers of children who taken part in music lessons in school) – 9.15am
	Year 2 children singing at Wednesday Club during the morning
	Christmas Dinner
	Seahorse Nursery Class Christmas Songs – 2.30pm
Thursday 17th December	Visit to Parish Church (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) – 1.30pm
Friday 18th December	Non-uniform day
	Talent Show (children only)
	Christmas Magic Show (children only)

Premier Education will be running a holiday club at Melbourne Infants on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December. Please see their website for details.

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JANUARY

w/c 4th January

Date	Activity
Monday 4th January	First Day Back at school following Christmas Holiday
Friday 8th January	"Spellabrations" - Year 2 (more information to follow)

w/c 11th January

Date	Activity
Tuesday 12th January	Big Bubble Theatre Workshops (All year groups; children only)
Friday 15th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 12th December to Friday 15th January)

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w/c 18th January

Date	Activity
Monday 18th January	Maths Event – Year 1 (more information to follow)
Tuesday 19th January	Mosque visit – Year 2
Wednesday 20th January	Mosque visit – Year 1
Friday 22nd January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 25th January

Date	Activity
Friday 29th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Julia Donaldson Day – non-uniform, children can dress up as their favourite Julia Donaldson character or attend school in non-uniform

FEBRUARY

w/c 1st February

Date	Activity
All Week	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 2nd February	Year 1 and 2 Ramadan Workshops
Friday 5th February	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	National Number Day – non-uniform, please wear something with a number on! (a top or jacket with a number on it; or an item of spotty or patterned clothing)
	PTA Bingo Night (more information to follow)

w/c 8th February

Date	Activity
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
	PTA Flip-A-Thon (more information to follow)
Friday 12th February	INSET Day – School Closed to children

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

w/c 22nd February

Date	Activity
Wednesday 24th February	Book Fair begins
Thursday 25th February	Year 2 Trip to the National Space Centre
Friday 26th February	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 6th – Friday 26th February)
	Last day of Book Fair

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MARCH

w/c 1st March

Date	Activity
Monday 1st March	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2) – for Chameleon class only
Wednesday 3rd March	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2) – for all classes apart from Seahorse and Chameleon class.
	South Derbyshire NeuroHub attending Parents Evening
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
	"Booknik" - after school (more information to follow)
Friday 5th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	PTA Mother's Day Shop (more information to follow)

w/c 8th March

Date	Activity
All Week	Science week
	Mother's Day / Significant Female Lunches – Year 1 children (more information to follow)
Wednesday 10th March	Parents Evening (Date 2 of 2) – for all classes apart from Seahorse class
Friday 12th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 15th March

Date	Activity
Friday 19th March	Red-Nose Day – Non-Uniform
	Final Star Student Assembly of the term, 9.05am
	RockSteady concert – 2.30pm (for parents/carers of children who attend RockSteady)

w/c 22nd March

Date	Activity
Tuesday 23rd March	Maths Missions – Year 2 (more information to follow)
Wednesday 24th March	Maths Missions - Year 1 (more information to follow)
Thursday 25th March	Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.45pm

Easter Holidays: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

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Sponsored read over Easter Holidays – more information to follow

DERBYSHIRE County Council

Keeping children safe in the cold weather

Are you aware that children are more vulnerable to the cold? Children's bodies are smaller and they lose heat quicker than adults so here are some top tips to keep children warm and safe in the cold weather.

Be prepared!

Think about signing up to the Met office alerts and watch the weather forecast to help you prepare for colder weather.

Ensure you are aware of the procedures that your child's nursery or school has in place in case of bad weather - this will help you to avoid unnecessary travel. It would help to have a plan in place in case of school closures.

Living in a cold home has negative impacts on a child's health and wellbeing.

Many families are facing the rising costs of heating bills and it is important to be aware of the available support.

Clothing - think layers



Make sure children are layered up. Start with a vest and then a t-shirt and another layer on top.

These can be taken off throughout the day

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/staywellthiswinter

Keeping warm

Dress children warmly in winter coats, gloves and hats.

Remember as children play and learn outside, to provide your child with a warm coat they can move around in.

It's always handy to have pockets to put a glove in each to keep them from disappearing!

Staying safe outside

Keep an eye on children playing outside in the cold weather – if they are not moving around much or start to shiver, bring them inside to warm up.

Watch out for symptoms of hypothermia such as shivering, lips going blue, slurred speech and lack of coordination.

Introducing active games such as obstacle courses, jumping, and riding bikes can encourage movement and keep children warm.

Adults also need to remember to stay warm and layer your clothes too!



Look out for others by checking in on older neighbours or relatives - especially those who live alone or who have serious illnesses, to make sure they are safe, warm, and well.

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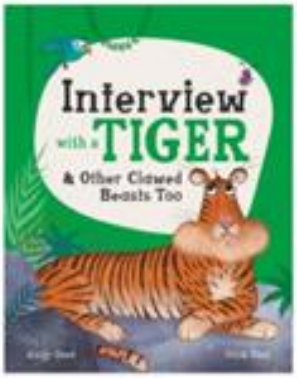
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Signed books from author Andy Seed

Children's author **Andy Seed** will be working with the children of Melbourne Infant School on Tues 24th November. Here's your opportunity to buy a **signed book**:



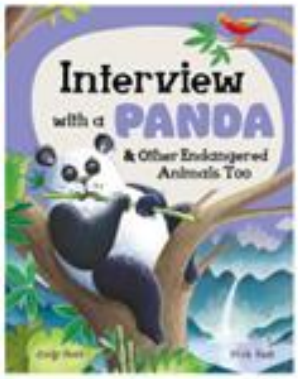
Find out all about tigers in this funny feast of wildlife facts. Includes interviews with a wolf, lion, polar bear, snow leopard and more!
Colour hardback / One of BookTrust's top 100 books of 2021
£10



Discover the world of sharks in this beautifully illustrated book of wildlife facts. Includes interviews with an orca, blue whale, giant squid, narwhal plus more!
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Learn fascinating facts about 10 amazing marsupials in this humorous Q&A title. Includes interviews with a koala, wombat, Tasmanian devil and many more!
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NEW! Discover the world of pandas and other endangered animals in this fun guide to wild animals. Includes interviews with an elephant, crocodile, rhino, viper and more!
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Why encourage your child to read?
Children who read for enjoyment make better progress in English and Maths. They have higher levels of knowledge and understanding and more imagination.

Why encourage your child to read?
Children who read for enjoyment are on average 1.3 years ahead of others by KS2.
[Sources: The Reading Agency, National Literacy Trust, The Open University]

Why encourage your child to read?
- Reading reduces stress
- It improves mental health
- It helps children build good relationships

Order form for signed books from Andy Seed

Child's name	
Class	
Total payment	

Book	Price	✓
Interview with a Tiger	£10	
Interview with a Shark	£10	
Interview with a Kangaroo	£10	
Interview with a Panda	£10	

Information about payment

There are two options:

- Children can bring payment in **cash** on or before **Tues 24th November** (money in a named envelope along with this form please).
- **Contactless payments** can also be made at a book signing **after school** on Tues 24th November

You can find out more about Andy's books at www.andyseed.com