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Just a Reminder

School Meals – Census Day

National census day is Thursday 20th January. If your children are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, please can you order a school meal for your children on this day. This directly affects the funding we receive in school. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Rocksteady- Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Upcoming dates for your diary – Miss Druce

31st January – **Cross Country House Competition- Nursery – Year 4 – Please wear trainers and P.E kit**

1st February - **Cross Country House Competition- Year 5 and 6 – Please wear trainers and P.E kit**

4th February – **Number Day for NSPCC – Please wear an outfit with a number – Bring £1**

8th February – **Yoga Day for Children's Mental Health Week – Wear tracksuits/P.E clothes – Bring £2 for Yoga Day and Young Minds.**

Thanks for your support with these events.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

This week the children have been enjoying finding out about our class authors – Judith Kerr and Michael Rosen and writing Fact Files with the information they have found out. They have become 'book experts' and can talk about fiction and non fiction books, authors, illustrators and poets as well as describe all of the parts of a book including the spine and the blurb. We are very lucky to have a new Reading Shed and the children have loved sharing stories inside it with their friends or reading quietly on their own. In maths we have been comparing numbers and using words like more, less, fewer, equals and the same as to describe them.

It's really important that the children continue to practise the letter sounds and tricky words they have learned during their phonics lessons and therefore have opportunities to do so during their independent learning time. It's equally important that they read regularly at home with an adult, complete their home learning and bring their reading folder to school every day. We thank you for your support with this 😊



What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year 1 have settled back in after the holidays amazingly, ready to start some hard work again! In maths we have been focusing on some addition and subtraction using numbers that we have been learning up to 20. This has included using physical resources such as ten's frames, counter, number lines and part whole models to practice. In writing we have been using an exciting story to spark out writing, called 'Daisy's Dino Egg'. We even managed to innovate it this week by changing the character of a dinosaur to an alien to make it even more exciting! In the afternoons, we have started our history topic surrounding 'where we live'. The first lesson both classes were able to label places where we and our families are from in the world, so we could discuss just how diverse we are as a class and a school! Our science topic this term is 'everyday materials'.

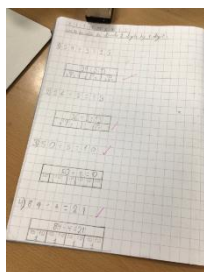
Please continue to keep up the reading at home with your children. A reminder that it is recommended to be reading the book they have been provided with at least 3 times to gain fluency before bringing it back to be changed. Our day for changing books is a Thursday. Thank you 😊



What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have had a brilliant start to the term in year 3! We have all returned to school refreshed and ready with a fantastic attitude for learning. In maths we have been focusing on our multiplication and division and with our determination we are doing an excellent job at multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers with a 1-digit number! We have enjoyed writing a non-chronological report about dragons in writing and produced some lovely work! In geography we are looking at our topic 'Where does our food come from' and have created some lovely comic strips detailing the journey of a banana from growth to our stores. Our science topic this term is plants, this week we have planted some seeds, which we will be watching grow!

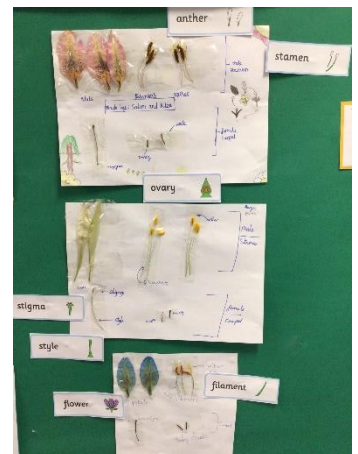
Many of our children have done a good job completing their homework and are bringing their reading records ready for a new book. Please carry on encouraging your children to do their TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and MyMaths, and encourage them to read weekly, completing their AR quiz after each book.



What have Year 5 been learning about this week?

Year 5 have made a great start to the new by returning to school with a such positive attitude. They have demonstrated such resilience as they've readjusted to our school day and we are very proud of them. Many children have completed their homework this week but we had quite a few that needed reminding. Please encourage them to do this at home as it really does have an impact on their learning. All children should

be completing: TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Mymaths and reading weekly. This week, Year 5 have been learning all about plants in Science. We dissected flowers so we could investigate how pollination takes place. It was such fun! In French, we have been learning all about food and how to describe which foods we do and don't like. We played a board game to practise our vocabulary and got very competitive.





TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

It's the end of our first competition of the half term. The slates have been whipped clean – who will be chalking up the first point today? All children from Year 2 – Year 6 have TTRockstar usernames and passwords and the system works to their ability level. Even if your child knows their tables it is beneficial for them to keep practicing as it builds up automaticity and tests them on division facts too. It even stretches into larger times tables too. That and the competition is about teamwork 😊 Without further ado, let's see who our winners are this week!

Ahlberg 19 MVP: Chidinma, Kashif & Sharvaree	Butterworth 307 MVP: Shanaya, Miray & Divina	Ahlberg v Butterworth
Benjamin 26 MVP: Mahnoor, Rupa, Aarna	King-Smith 280 MVP: Andrew, Gadi & Hasnat	Benjamin 0 v 1 King-Smith
Binch 92 MVP: Arjun, Chinonye & Ronnie	Pullman 93 MVP: Samaran, Jessica & Inesa	Binch 0 v 1 Pullman
Hughes 629 MVP: Andriah, Ahmed & Sayuri	Morpurgo 378 MVP: Godwin, Bassit & Callum	Hughes 1 v 0 Morpurgo
Horowitz 208 MVP: Lufurano, Wahaab & Joel	Lewis 227 MVP: Chisom, Vidya & David	Horowitz 0 v 1 Lewis

- Well done to our MVP's again! Please keep up the great work you are doing! - Miss Gundry 😊

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
93.5%	97.5%	67.6%	84.6%	86.1%	78.4%	80.5%	92.7%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
70.4%	90.2%	93%	91%	87.7%	88.2%	93.5%	96.9%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92.5 %

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from KS2, KS1 and Early Years will be selected and win a special prize. We are always looking for exciting prizes so if you have any new items which would make good attendance prizes please feel free to donate to the office.

The winners this week are Jacob, Abdulhameed and Ahmed. Well done 😊