School Newsletter: Friday 7th Feb 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in nursery, the children have been exploring a variety of stories as part of our celebration of National Storytelling Week. They have enjoyed listening to and sharing stories, engaging in thoughtful discussions about the books, and expressing their ideas.

In addition, we have been focusing on developing fine motor skills by practicing how to use a knife and fork to cut and chop playdough. This activity has not only strengthened their coordination but also helped them build confidence in using cutlery during mealtimes.

Key Stage 1

This week the children enjoyed taking part in a workshop led by the former Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho which inspired the children to write their own stories. In science, Year 1 and 2 learnt about the different types of vertebrates and how these are grouped. Art was great fun this week, as the children had the opportunity to explore making marks in thick paint.
In Reception, the children have enjoyed learning about vets and how they help us. They then applied this learning during their play where they looked after the poorly animals.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

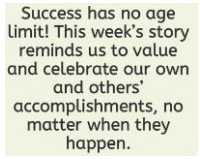
This week in Maths, we have moved on to a new topic of Measurement and length. We have practised our measuring skills by measuring classroom objects and we have learned how to convert centimetres to metres and millimetres.
In English, we watched a news report about how plastic waste in the Ivory Coast is being turned into plastic bricks and used to build classrooms. We also took part in a National Storytelling week activity, where we created our own superheroes. Everyone really enjoyed this activity.

Key stage 2 – Upper

As part of our National Storytelling Week celebrations, Class 3 have enjoyed participating in an online workshop with the author Tọlá Okogwu to create a story book superhero!
In art we enjoyed recreating a post-impressionist painting of Van Gough's Water Lilies picture.
In science we have been finding out about the role blood plays in the circulatory system.

General

In assembly this week we looked at the story of tennis player, Emma Raducanu, who claimed a grand slam title at the age of 18 and Luke Littler, the youngest ever Worlds dart Champion. We talked about perseverance and determination along with Article 29: the aims of education and the protected characteristic of age.



In our Music appreciation we listened to Mars from The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst a piece of music composed in anticipation of the outbreak of World War I and performed immediately after the war in 1918.

Week Commencing 10th February

Monday – Y6 SATs Revision Club - 3:15 to 4pm
Wednesday – KS2 – Gymnastics Before School Club*
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y3+Y4 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school
Friday 23rd May 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025 – Return to school
Friday 18th July 2025 – Break up for Summer break
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Return to school
Friday 24th October 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd November 2025 – Return to school
Friday 19th December 2025 – Break up for Christmas holidays

Please check dojo for further dates and details